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After long years of doing without, FJC's nationally recognized track and field team will have its own facility, and a super one at that. At the APRIL 11, 1979 BOARD MEETING, FJC's trustees approved plans for a 400meter track and related facilities to be built at North Campus. Larry Monts, highly successful coach of FJC's track and field and cross-country teams, was in the audience with several of his runners when the Board acted. Coach Monts, who has produced a number of junior college All-Americans at FJC, was told construction on the track, which will be either six or eight lanes, should be under way by June. He said the new track will be "the finest in Duval County, possibly in North Florida." In another action, FJC's Mike Wachholz, who won All-American honors in the three-mile run at a recent national track meet, was presented a plaque by Board Chairman Dr. Walter G. Jarrell.

The Board's approval of a new position -- Personnel Counselor -- was hailed by President Ben Wygal as an action that will "help our career employees in their upward mobility." The counselor, who will be required to have a masters degree, will be assigned to the Personnel Office and will provide counseling and career planning services to all College employees. Applications for the position will be accepted immediately.

A report on FJC's extensive efforts to aid handicapped students was delivered by Dr. Ezekiel Bryant, North Campus provost, and a number of other speakers. The trustees were told about FJC's educational programs for the blind and deaf, as well as measures to help students in wheelchairs to get around campus facilities more easily. New measures include a driver training program for the deaf and special treatment for handicapped students at spring registration.