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Find out all about new
student activities center!

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New center is

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Managing Editor

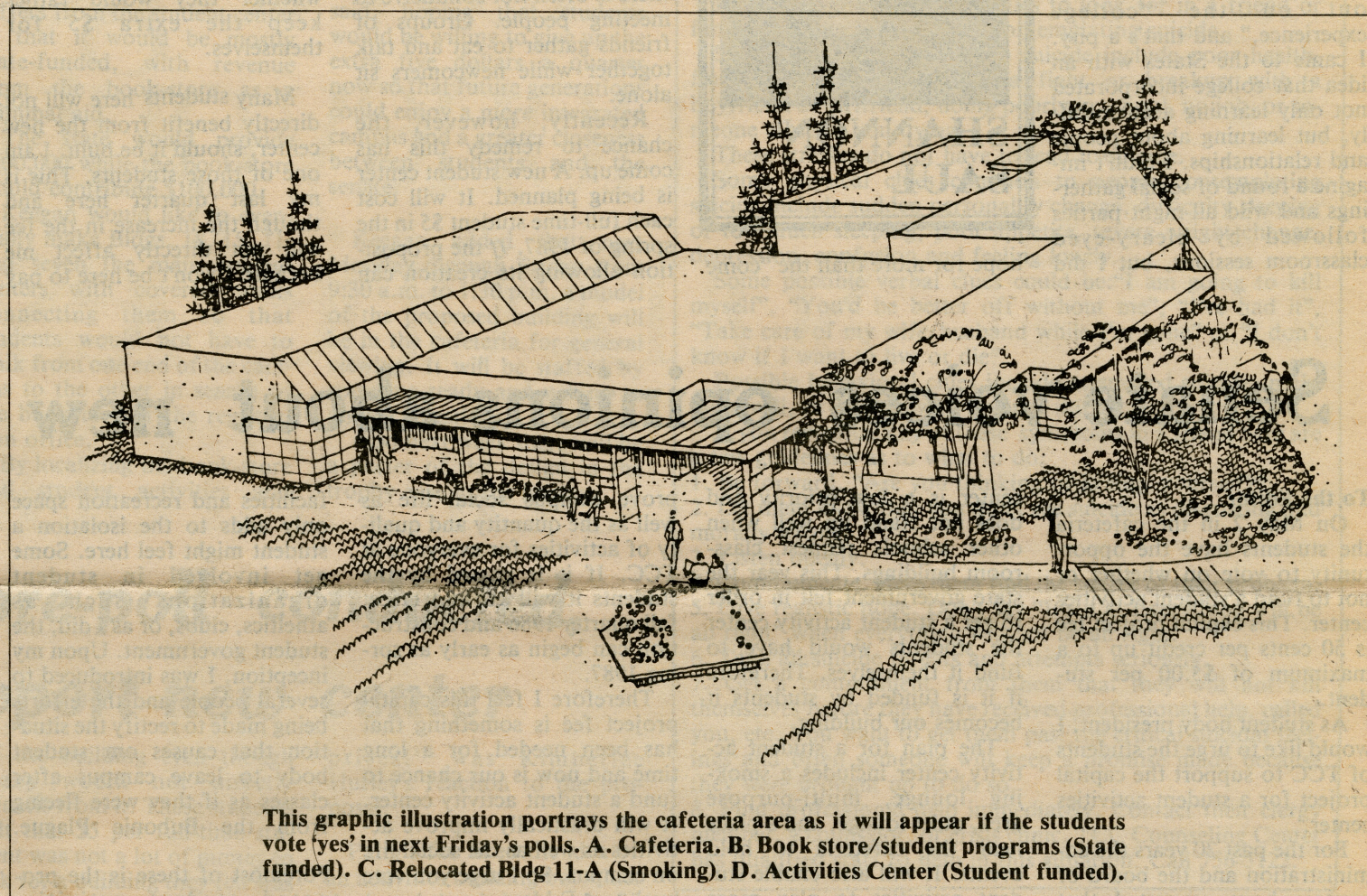
Tom Keegan, director of student program and activities, hopes his dream of having a student activities center on campus will soon become a reality. Students at TCC will have a chance to voice their opinions on this matter in a series of pollings to be held May 1 and 2. The May 2 polling will be from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the foyer of Bldg. 7 to benefit evening students while day students will have their chance to vote from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on May 2 in the cafeteria.

According to Keegan, the building would be constructed where Bldg. 11-A is now, while Bldg. 11-A, which is relocatable, would be moved and possibly utilized as a smoking lounge.

Keegan said that the new building, if the plans go through, would be connected to the cafeteria and would incorporate a series of rooms with moveable walls that could be opened up for big events.

The building would be funded by money saved for this purpose and by adding a 50 cent per credit fee, up to a maximum of \$5.00, to the regular tuition rate. This fee increase would be effective fall quarter 1986 if the students' votes next week are positive.

If the students decide against the fee increase, then building a student activities center would be an im-



This graphic illustration portrays the cafeteria area as it will appear if the students vote 'yes' in next Friday's polls. A. Cafeteria. B. Book store/student programs (State funded). C. Relocated Bldg 11-A (Smoking). D. Activities Center (Student funded).

possibility for the present, according to Keegan.

"If the students say 'no' then everything stays as it is. We program our events in Bldg. 11-A and students lose out on quiet lounge facilities."

The ASTCC applied to the state for funding for a student center several times in the past

but were denied because student activities buildings are prioritized lower than new classrooms or learning centers.

"Student centers are low on the priority list compared to classrooms or libraries...so schools that started out with student centers and are now

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Flasher on campus shocks TCC girls

By JOE CONTRIS
Opinions Editor

On April 14 a flasher exposed himself to two TCC girls in the vicinity of the tennis courts. He was chased off by the tennis coach and disappeared into the weeds. The flasher was described as a male caucasian with dark brown hair, about 26 years of age, five foot eight inches tall and approximately 175 lbs.

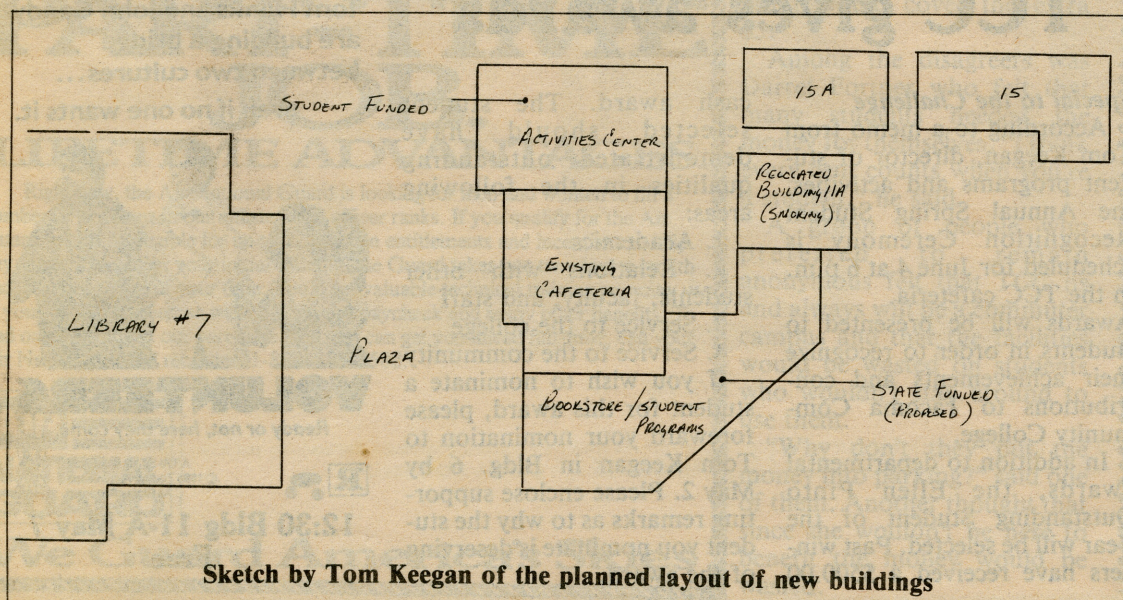
According to a memo from the office of safety and security he was dressed in white sweat pants with red stripes, and tennis shoes. He was apparently wearing no shirt.

A Challenge source reported

him as also wearing a trench-coat. The source said that he opened the coat and dropped his sweat-pants to his knees.

James Kautz, director of facilities and grounds, said that a couple of flashers have been seen on campus in the five years he has been at TCC. "The warm weather usually brings them out. They come, do their thing and then are gone, for the most part." Kautz said when asked if flashers are seen often at TCC.

Anyone who sees the flasher or has any information please notify security immediately. Call day security at 756-5111 or night security at 756-5008.



Sketch by Tom Keegan of the planned layout of new buildings

Get that 'real college' feeling

TCC has the same problem as many community colleges. It lacks atmosphere. It is mostly a commuter college and caters to students who tend to come to class and leave immediately afterward. There are no dormitories so students have no excuse to stay around.

This is all very well, but it means that many students miss out on the "college experience," and that's a pity. I came to the States with an idea that college incorporated not only learning academically, but learning about people and relationships. I didn't imagine a round of social gatherings and wild all-night parties followed by bleary-eyed classroom sessions, but I did



SHANNON SAUL

hope for more than the "come

to school, get out and go home or to work" attitude found here.

One of the main reasons for this lack of social friendship between students seems to be the lack of a central area in which students can meet and become friends. The cafeteria is one, but the atmosphere there is often not conducive to meeting people. Groups of friends gather to eat and talk together while newcomers sit alone.

Recently, however, the chance to remedy this has come up. A new student center is being planned. It will cost each full-time student \$5 in the spring of 1987. If the proposition allowing its creation can

be passed. The people in charge of passing this proposal are the students. On May 1 and 2 polls will be held to determine whether or not the majority of students at TCC wish to allow the creation of a new atmosphere and a new sense of camaraderie for students in the future, or whether they would rather keep the extra \$5 for themselves.

Many students here will not directly benefit from the new center, should it be built. I am one of those students. This is my last quarter here and though the increase in the fee will not directly affect me because I won't be here to pay

it, I know that should I be here I would vote for a student building. I would vote even if it were unlikely that I would ever see its completion or benefit from its existence. \$5 is not a lot to pay for a building that would turn TCC into a college with a "real college" feel for students of the future. I hope that students who will be here next fall, but may leave before the completion of the building, will still vote for it. TCC is a worthwhile college which could soon have a campus life to equal its academic strengths. The people effecting the possibility of this campus life are those that vote next week. I hope they vote positively.

Senate voices opinions about new building

To the Editor

On May 2 in the cafeteria the students have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to fund a student activities center. This capital project fee is 50 cents per credit up to a maximum of \$5.00 per student.

As student body president, I would like to urge the students of TCC to support the capital project for a student activities center.

For the past 20 years the administration and the board of trustees have requested that the state fund a student activity center. The state priority system is such that a student

center is a low priority and does not stand up well when other schools request classroom buildings. This year the state government felt in order to get a student activity center the students would have to fund it themselves. Therefore if it is funded by students it becomes our building.

The plan for a student activity center includes a smoking lounge, multi-purpose area, quiet lounge, and a place near the cafeteria to hold events. It will also enable student activities to plan more events due to a bigger and better facility. This fee is also a chance for the students to im-

prove campus social life as well as the quantity and quality of activities for everyone at TCC. If it is passed by the students it will go into effect fall quarter 1986 and construction can begin as early as spring 1987.

Therefore I feel this capital project fee is something that has been needed for a long time and now is our chance to fund a student activity center. It will drastically improve activities as well as the social life on campus. So I urge you vote 'yes' next Friday.

**ASTCC President
Bobby Barnette**

To the Editor

Being a new student at TCC can be a lonely and frustrating experience. The lack of

facilities and recreation space only adds to the isolation a student might feel here. Some get involved in student organizations such as athletics, clubs, or as I did, the student government. Upon my inception, I was introduced to several people and the efforts being made to rectify the situation that causes our student body to leave campus after classes as if they were fleeing from the Bubonic Plague.

Foremost of these is the proposed student activities building. As I asked questions and discussed alternatives, it became obvious that this project is the best idea to hit this campus in quite some time. Mr. Tom Keegan deserves more than our praise and play-

aits. He has earned our gratitude for painstakingly following the course of this building project. What we hope to have will be an outstanding facility that will be of benefit to both the students and the community alike. I trust the truly concerned students will support the new student activities building project and encourage others to do likewise. In conclusion, I sincerely hope and pray that we all will work together to make Tacoma Community College an institution worthy of high acclaim and far reaching reputation.

**Richard J. Rabe
ASTCC Vice President, Personnel**

Tom Hanks and John Candy are building a bridge between two cultures...

even if no one wants it.



Ready or not, here they come.

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TCC gives awards

Special to the Challenge

According to a memo from Tom Keegan, director of student programs and activities, the Annual Spring Student Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for June 4 at 6 p.m. in the TCC cafeteria.

Awards will be presented to students in order to recognize their achievements and contributions to Tacoma Community College.

In addition to departmental awards, the Ellen Pinto Outstanding Student of the Year will be selected. Past winners have received a \$500.00

cash award. The student selected should have demonstrated outstanding qualities in the following areas:

1. Academics
2. Relations with other students, faculty, and staff
3. Service to the college
4. Service to the community

If you wish to nominate a student for this award, please forward your nomination to Tom Keegan in Bldg. 6 by May 2. Please enclose supporting remarks as to why the student you nominate is deserving of the award.

Keegan's dreams

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adding classrooms are much better off than we are," said Keegan. The possibility of receiving state funding should the students vote against the new building is very small, he added.

The proposition has to go through several stages before the new building could become a reality. The first step was taken when the ASTCC approved the student poll with only one dissenter during a special senate meeting held April 15.

The next step is to get student approval through the upcoming polls.

If the majority vote for the building, then the proposition will be presented before the Board of Trustees on May 8. With the TCC board approval, the State Board of Community College Education will be notified and the \$5.00 fee will become effective in fall quarter. According to Keegan, after two quarters of

fee collecting "the proposal goes to the State Board in the spring for consideration and then construction begins."

The student center is only one of Keegan's dreams. He also hopes to add a second building onto the cafeteria's west wall which would house both the book-store and student programs. This building differs from the student center in that it would be mostly state-funded, with revenue from the book-store as a minimal aid.

The state would provide \$500,000 while the book-store would contribute \$100,000.

Keegan would like to eventually make Bldgs. 18, 15, 11, and seven the main student centers with covered walks connecting them so that students would not have to walk from one end of the campus to the other in search of the bookstore or the registration office.

By localizing the book-store and student activities and

making that part of the campus a central focus for students, he hopes to give TCC a better feel, and to encourage students to stay around and talk and meet others after classes.

"My hope is that they (students) will look to the future about this," Keegan said, hoping that students would be willing to give up the extra five dollars a quarter now so that future generations could enjoy a more integrated campus and a greater closeness between students and the senate.

Keegan added that next Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. a model of the proposed building will be in the cafeteria for general viewing. It will be staffed by someone ready and willing to answer questions.

Also next week there will be a poster of the design in the trophy case in the library.

Challenge pre-poll conducted, students support new center

By SHANNON SAUL
Managing Editor

A survey conducted by the Challenge Tuesday determined that more students were in favor of the \$5 tuition increase in order to fund a new student activities center, than were against it.

Of 21 students asked seven were against the center, and of those seven three liked the idea as long as it didn't involve the fee increase.

Most students were in favor

of the building even though many would not directly benefit from it. These students felt that \$5 per full-time student was not a lot of money to ask for a building they felt was long-awaited.

Karen McAvoy and Michael McMillian were two students who agreed that a student center was a needed commodity on campus.

"I can handle \$5, just as long as they don't raise book

prices!" was Kimberlee Hurley's reaction to the proposal.

Patty Pfau liked the idea of an activities building but when she heard that it involved a \$5 fee increase was less willing to support it.

"I'm for it!" was Vicki Rudolph's decision. Dave Kostecka agreed. "I don't see any problem with that," he said.

Stacey McGirt supported the building too, as long as her grant would cover the extra \$5.

Among the disagreeers was Darrel Fortner who felt that many students needed the money for themselves. "I think every cent counts when you're a student," he said.

A group of people who preferred to remain anonymous felt that TCC is and always will be a commuter campus and that the facilities would be wasted on students who wouldn't stay around to use them.

"Why don't they put the money into parking?" said one of them. Another thought that since she wouldn't be here to benefit the money would be wasted.

Counselor's Corner

Recognizing the clues of suicide

BY ALLISON KEITH
Special to the Challenge

Tuesday night I was watching "Spencer For Hire" on T.V. Spencer was investigating a suicide. The dead girl's family and friends were having a difficult time handling her death, especially since no one saw it coming.

I'd like to give you some clues to look for in a friend or family member who may be contemplating suicide.

Situations that may lead to suicide include poor health, financial troubles, divorce, a fight or breakup with a boyfriend or girlfriend, doing poorly in school, no job, or someone close to you dying.

These stresses do not have to lead to suicide.

Some physical clues common to people contemplating suicide include sudden personality change, difficulty sleeping or too much sleeping, poor appetite, severe weight change, depression, confusion and feeling lonely.

Some possible verbal clues could be: "I am going to kill myself", "You'd be better off without me", "I've had it", "Take care of my wife/husband while I'm gone" or "I don't know if I want to live or die".

Possible behavioral clues include attempted suicide, making a will, or giving away favorite things.

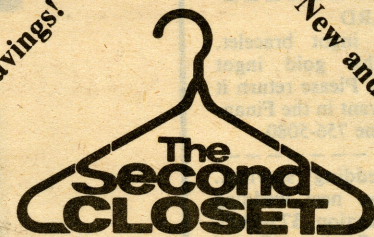
If you recognize any of these symptoms in a friend here are a few guidelines as to what to do:

1. Be forward. "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"
2. Let them know that you don't see suicide as disgusting and morally wrong.
3. Listen openly.
4. Communicate. Help them find the source of their problem.
5. Give realistic hope. Don't say "It's o.k. Everything will be all right" when everything will not be all right.
6. Take all suicide threats and attempts seriously.
7. Get a commitment from them that they will not kill themselves before they have received professional help, called you, etc. You want to get them past the critical suicidal feelings and often someone will keep a promise made because they were brought up to do so.
8. Find professional help immediately. Contact their clergy member, a counselor, or crisis clinic. TCC Counseling Center has qualified staff to help in this situation. Call 756-5122.

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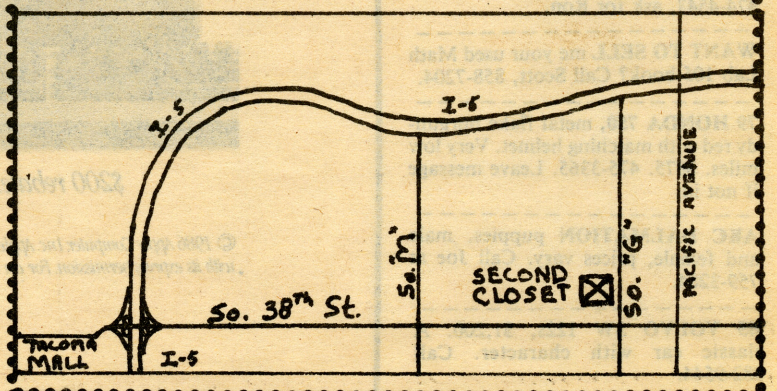
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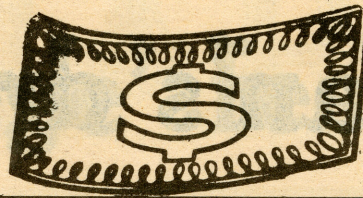
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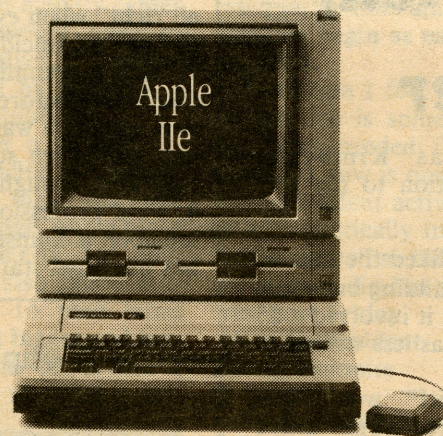
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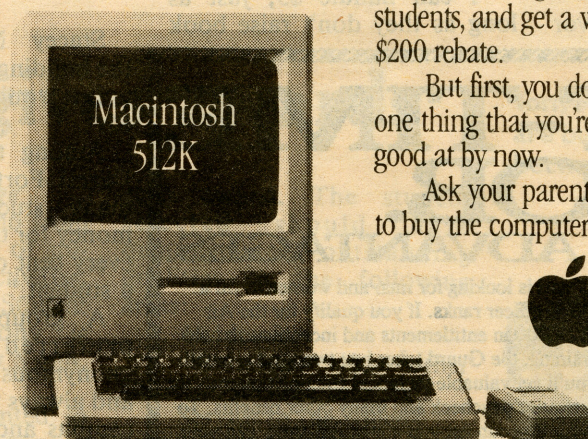
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