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## New scholarship

Nominees are being sought for the Richard Bangs Collier Pleneurethic Scholarship, which provides a full tuition-and-books scholar-ship to TCC for one academic year.

Financial need is not a criterion for the award, according to selection committee faculty members Devon Edrington, Dick Lewis, Ivonna McCabe and Dick Perkins.

Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, and must have completed 36 quarter hours of college transfer-level

Applicants must intend to contentrate on philosophy, literature, journalism, natural sciences

provide the selection committee with convincing evidence of that intention.

Recipients will be required to complete at least 12 credit hours during each quarter the scholarship is used, and will have to complete a formal research paper of at least 2,000 words.

Other details are available from committee members.

## The Titans triumph!

TCC men, women win basketball tournaments



Special issue about victory

For the first time in Tacoma Community College's history, both men's and women's basketball teams have captured state basketball championships, winning their respective NWAACC victories last weekend in Yakima and Walla Walla.

See inside this issue for stories and photos.

## Editor turns B-Ball fan

By SHANNON SAUL Managing Editor

This weekend I had the honor of watching the Lady Titans at work. Doug Buell and I attended the state championship as reporter and photographer for the Challenge, never imagining that we would be watching the creation of a bit of TCC's history--a double win.

The experience, especially for one who has never seen a basketball match, was enlightening to say the least. I went because I thought it might be mildly interesting, and because the Challenge was lacking a photographer, not because I was a fan. During the course of the tournament all that changed. Doug and I arrived in Yakima and after getting settled in our motel headed on over to the Yakima Valley Community College gym where the championships were being held.

I wandered around taking pictures here and there and getting acquainted with the feel of the place. Banners welcoming the eight teams were hung from the ceiling, and a group of Lady Titans were warming-up at one end of the gym, while the opposing team, Skagit Valley, practised free-shots.

At seven the game began. I

panned the gym from the bleachers and took shot after shot of the medley of players down below. The teams seemed to be fairly evenly matched at first. First TCC would score, then Skagit Valley, then TCC again. At half-time TCC was leading. The second half I saw a definite improvement in the Titans. They were obviously gaining confidence.

I still couldn't figure out the scoring or the exact meaning of the word "foul", but I was really starting to get into the game. It was fast, exciting and surprisingly hard to follow with my camera, especially since I had moved to the floor to get pictures of jump shots. The ball zipped back and forth from player to player with incredible accuracy. There were few misses, few fumbles, few drops.

By the time the clock ran out TCC had pulled a little ahead with a score of 63-59. Not a great difference, but enough. They had won the first round.

The following night TCC played the favorite Spokane team. The Yakima Herald-Republic had predicted that Spokane would be state champions, and that they would fight it out at the end with the defending Green River Gators. After all, Spokane had won might. At one point TCC was



twice running in '83 and '84, and they had a strong team. How could the Lady Titans, in their first try at the state tournament, be expected to beat a team that had been a regular participant and won twice? Nobody, not even the team, according to Holly Hovey, expected to beat them.

Even I, a rookie at basketball, could tell that the Titans were playing better their second night. I could also tell that Spokane was a much more aggressive team than Skagit Valley. Right from the start they were out to win, and for a while it seemed they

behind by ten points, but by half-time the lead had shorten-

In the second half the Titans, as in the night before, played much better, and gained a lead of nine points in the first few minutes of the second half. Spokane, though they pulled back up to within four points once, eventually lost to the triumphant Titans with a score of 61-55.

The most amazing thing about the Titans' win against Green River was the psychological boost Green River must have got from the bunch of green and yellow balloons floating by their bench...and by the good-luck balloons above each player's chair...and by the rose they each got before the game...and by the huge crowd of noisy supporters in the stand. Psychologically, TCC was at a disadvantage. Their fan crowd was small, though loyal, and nobody had thought to wish them luck in the effusive way of Green River fans.

To top it all off, they played the whole tournament with only eight players, while all three other teams had about eleven.

The championship game against Green River did not

worry the team too much; they had beaten them twice before. And though at half-time the score was even at 33-33, the Titans pulled ahead to win with a 13-point lead of 70-57.

I was screaming hysterically for TCC by then. My jour-nalistic reserve might as well have been left behind in the

Looking back over the records it becomes obvious that TCC's powerful win has another surprising factor to it. All the other teams had played in the tournament before. They worked their way up the ladder to winning. The Lady Titans were total outsiders at the tournament as it was their first time there. Had they been following tradition, they would have placed somewhere lower, come back next year for a higher placing, and eventual-

The Lady Titans broke all the rules in a powerful, emotion-packed win they well deserved. They came from nowhere, together with the men's team, to put TCC on the map in basketball.

And they turned one ignorant photographer into a confirmed fan! Good luck to all of the players in the future. They deserve it.

## Quiet blackmail at TCC

By SCOTT GRANSE Features Editor

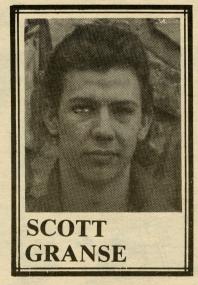
During my investigations pertaining to other stories that I have covered, as well as casual conversations, quite a few TCC employees have confided some interesting "off the record" information in me. This information involves the difference in treatment between pro-union employees and anti-union employees. All of these individuals stressed the fact that they were not eager to voice this injustice. lest they find themselves in even more trouble with their

An example: Two employees, under the same supervisor, one pro-union, and anti-union, are late for work by the same amount of Joe, our pro-union man, is told that if it happens again, his pay will be docked or he may even be fired. Jack. our anti-union man, is told not to worry about it, just be a little more careful next time. not in the union, they don't get

Another example: A prounion supervisor is scolded by administration for "being too hard" on one of his anti-union workers for shirking his duties, while told later he was't stern enough with a pro-union worker with the same problem. Each of these, to me, are interesting inconsistencies.

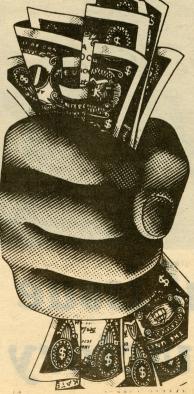
Administration tries to defeat the union every year, and is always unsuccessful, though usually by a very small margin. Yet, with each year's vote the administration gets to see who is on what side. Does this effect the treatment of employees? I, as well as a number of unnamed workers, say yes, however quietly, it does.

Last summer, three security personnel were laid off. They have since appealed the decision. Now, part-time, nonunion employees are doing some of the jobs that security used to handle, such as parking tickets. Because they are



any union benefits, and don't cost the administration as much money. It's obvious that the administration here wishes there was no union, as most do. But do other administrations stoop as low as ours?

The administration is not stupid. So far, they have done nothing that can really be pointed to (without endangering the jobs of confidential sources). Everything is done



deviously and subtly enough to keep involved employees wanting to keep things quiet. I have my own description of what is happening, I call it quiet blackmail. These hardworking employees stay quiet for fear of losing their jobs. Administrators (no, not all of them) use subtle, unfair pressure to convince prounion workers that life could be easier if they change their opinions. One source even said that his blood pressure has risen to risk levels since these practices began. Nothing ever can be proven, so the injustice goes on.

Not all of our administrators subscribe to practices such as these. But some do – and they know who they are. So far the only thing that can bring some justice to these practices is their consciences, if they exist. This is for sure; they must not care about their employees' opinions of them. If I'm speaking to you, here's my message: Shame on you.

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### What a week-end!

By LARKIN CAMPBELL Sports Editor

It all started the day my good friend and trusted colleague, Douglas Buell, asked me if I wanted to go to the Boys State Basketball Tournement to write it up in the paper. He also mentioned that the school may cover most of the expenses. Well, I said yes, and the Senate said yes (that it would pay our expenses), so I was on my way to that thriving metropolis, Walla Walla for three days. Doug and Shannon Saul (our beloved managing editor) were heading to Yakima to cover the women's games, and Scott (Scoop) Granse and I went to cover the men in Walla Walla.

Following a 6-hour drive filled with wrong turns and loud music, we finally arrived at our destination, the Tapadera Budget Inn. A nice, convenient motel located directly across the street form the Whitman Hotel, where the men's teams were staying. We arrived Thursday afternoon, because the first game was Thursday night against Edmonds. For the game, we broke out the famous Hawaiian pants, along with my buddie's "surf naked" shirt and my Rozelle headband. Upon entering the gym, I had no idea how the team would react. Either they would be embarrassed or would love us. When we walked by the team during warm-ups, we were cordially greeted by "high-fives" and other salutations that made me feel great. The game went well, as we won by a close margin. In this game, "Corny" had his now-famous slam dunk, which was the pressive to see how the men's



highlight of the game for me.

After this first game, I realized how cool these guys really were. Not only were they happy to talk to me about the game, they all took time out to thank us for coming. Not knowing the players very well, except for earlier interviews, the team made me feel as if I was just one of the gang. It was a great feeling.

The second game went about the same, except for the blowout of overrated Columbia Basin, who came in ranked number one, and left number five. Ha, ha, ha.

After winning two games, the stage for the finals was set. Tacoma would face up-andcoming Clark Saturday night. Tacoma managed to hang on to a win and the celebration was on. After cutting down the nets, the commentator announced that the girls had won their final game also. This made the team even more jubilant. It was really im-

team was concerned with how the girls were doing. At one point during the second game, during a timeout, the Tacoma men stopped their timeout discussion to hear how the girls were doing.

The games themselves were really a treat to watch. Being a big college basketball fan (go Maryland), I loved every minute of every game.

Bobby Barnette and Dan Olson made so many longrange jumpers I ran out of ink trying to keep track. Talk about the Sultans of Swish. Andy Snyder and John McIntyre worked hard every night with all three games being very physical. Talk about the Sultans of Sweat. Cornelius Williams won the tournament MVP award and also won the coveted "sir-slam" award.

All in all, it turned out to be a great weekend, from the great weather to the top-notch basketball, it was a blast.

I would like to end by thanking all the people who helped me and made my trip possible. The TCC Senate members for granting us the money, Tom Keegan, Phyllis Templin, Ron Billings, the managers of the Tapadera Inn for not booting us out for our boisterousness, Andy, Big Mac, Danny-O, Bobby, L.C., Disco D, and Rob for the party after, Scott, Doug, Paul, Eric, Shannon, the Bellevue cheerleaders and my good friend Julie.

Thanks for the help all season long and good luck next year, sophomores!

Counselor's Corner

#### Set your goals within reach

By DICK PATTERSON Special to the Challenge

**QUESTION:** Do you know why most people don't achieve their goals?

ANSWER: They don't set them in the first place. QUESTION: How do you eat an elephant?

ANSWER: One bite at a

QUESTION: How are setting goals and eating elephants related?

ANSWER: People don't set goals because the overall (total) picture is too large to be believable and they are afraid of failure. No one person could pretend to eat a whole elephant. But what if we cut it up into bite size pieces and consume it over a period of years?

OUESTION: But what's the use of setting goals?

ANSWER: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 95 percent of the people in this country (those who have held jobs and pursued careers) reach age 65 with only Social Security benefits for retirement income. Was that their goal?

THE TRUTH: If you don't know where you're going, you probably won't like where you finish.

Dr. Maxwell Maltz, plastic surgeon and bestselling author of Psycho-Cybernetics, compared the mind to the homing system in a torpedo or an automatic pilot. Once you set your target, this selfadjusting system constantly monitors feedback signals from the target area. Using the feedback data to adjust the course setting in its own navigational guidance computer, it makes the corrections necessary to stay on target. Programmed incompletely nonspecifically--or aimed at a target to far out of range-the homing torpedo will wander erratically around

until its propulsion system fails or it self-destructs.

The individual human being behaves in very much the same manner, writes Dennis Waitley, author of the book Seeds of Greatness. Once you set your goal, your mind constantly monitors self-talk and environmental feedback about the goal or target. Using this negative or positive feedback to adjust your decisions along the way, your mind sub-consciously makes adjustments to reach the goal. Programmed with vague, random thoughts or fixed on an unrealistic goal too far out of sight, the in-dividual will wander aimlessly around until he gives up in frustration, wears out, or self-destructs.

How about it? Do you want to hit a target or wander aimlessly? If you would like help setting goals, visit the Counseling Center in Bldg. 7 or sign up for Human Relations 100 this spring.

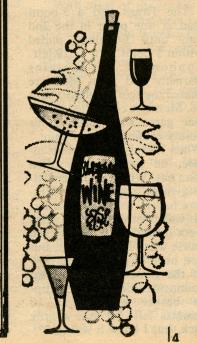
Some of the most important ingredients are:

- 1. Decide where you're going (build the dream).
- 2. Write down your goals.
- 3. Review your goals dai-

The words of the Cheshire Cat in "Alice in Wonderland" give all some good advice. Alice, upon coming to a junction in the road, asks the Cheshire puss which way she should go from there. "That depends a good deal upon where you want to get to,'

says the cat.
"I don't much care where," replies Alice.

"Then is doesn't matter which way you go,' remarks the grinning cat.



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## Men bring 1 more home

By LARKIN CAMPBELL

Sports Editor

With talk of building a new basketball team dynasty, the Tacoma Titans' men's team headed into the Dietrich Dome in Walla Walla to participate in the NWAACC state regional tournament for the third time in the past five years.

Entering the tournament with an impressive 11-1 league record, 19-3 overall, the Titans were confident. TCC had played with confidence all season long and were expected to do well at the state tournament.

Do well they did. With sharpshooters Bobby Barnette and Dan Olsen constantly launching and hitting their outside shots, Big-men Andy Snyder, John McIntyre and Cornelius Williams controlled the "paint" throughout the the "paint" throughout the tournament to bring the title back to Tacoma.

In the opening game against Edmonds, Tacoma clung to a slim lead throughout to win 67-65. Columbia Basin was Tacoma's next victim as TCC flew right past the CBC Hawks, winning easily 82-59. The Clark Penguins were the last team to fall to Tacoma in the final game 74-66. Bobby Barnette scored a tournament high 22 points as the Titans raced away with the win.

By LARKIN CAMPBELL Sports Editor

Opening the game with a full-court press, the team from Edmonds knew they would have to get the early lead and hang on to beat Tacoma and repeat as last year's champions...They did neither.

TCC came away with the victory last Thursday night 67-65, after a long, hard-fought game. Earlier this season, Tacoma blew a 12-pt lead and finally lost to Edmonds.

With the full court press, Edmonds jumped out to an early 6-0 lead. But Tacoma fought back and managed to hold on to a slim lead throughout the first half. With Cornelius Williams getting his third foul with 10:18 left in the first half, Billings gave the nod to freshman Rob Brown, who did a respectable job off the bench for the Titans throughout the tournament.

The first half was filled with aggressive play on both ends



Back row--Mike Parker, Danny Dizon, Andy Snyder, Brian Williams, John McIntyre, Bobby Barnette, Bret Vansikle, Rob McKinney, Cornelius Williams, Mike O'Leary, Chuck Jeffers. Front row-Dan Olsen, Dave Ahlers, Larry Cade, Rob Brown, Anthony Butler.

of the court for TCC. With Bobby Barnette nailing 20-ft jumpers and Dan Olsen dishing off assists, the Titans scored most of their first half points from the outside. "When our outside shooters are hitting, then we will score from the outside," noted sophomore Andy Snyder. "We have to go with the flow of the game." Snyder, simply known as the Rebounding Machine, pulled down a game high 11 rebounds, most of which came down the stretch in the second half.

Going into the locker room, the Titans had to settle with a 26-26 half time score. At half time Coach Billings had many things to say. "I just told them that we are the better ball club, which we proved," the coach commented. "We were standing around our defense and not getting back." Sophomore Co-Captain Bobby Barnette noted that Billings got his point across. "Coach definitely made his point, but he also complimented us on what we were doing right. He did a good job.

Coming out at half time, the Titans went on a run, outscoring Edmonds 8-2. From then on, the game would go back and forth. Williams started the second half but only played 4 minutes until he was called for his fourth foul and had to sit until the 9-minute mark.

The Titans had a 5-point lead at one point in the 2nd half until Edmonds pulled within 1 point with 12:19 left. Sophomore Co-captains Barnette and John McIntyre shared top scoring honors with 16. McIntyre controlled the inside game with most of his points coming "in the paint." When McIntyre posted-up inside, he scored more often than not. With the referees letting them play inside, McIntyre had to work ever harder. "It was frustrating, even when I got it inside. But it was even worse when I didn't get it. But you have to go with the flow of the game." McIntyre also commented on his crucial tipin basket with about 10 minutes left. "It was a little luck, but I knew it was in."

With 7:09 left in the game, Barnette scored on a back-

door lay-up pass from Olsen to regain the lead 52-51. The lead then switched hands throughout the remainder of the game.

And then it happened. Williams had only scored 2 points in the first half, but had come on strong with 10 second half points thus far in the game. The Titans were one point ahead, 64-63 and had the ball. Barnette and Olsen were busy working the ball around the zone, while Snyder and McIntyre were spread out on the other side of the hoop working for the easy back-door lay-up. Williams was all alone on the left side of the basket and he had the basketball. With the stage set there was only one thing for "Corny" to do, and he did it. It was your average one-handed, in your face hatchet job that will bounce around in the minds of basketball fans for years to come. Not only was it a great dunk, it was a crucial basket. Here's how it happened, according to Williams.

"I looked in and everybody was facing the other way, so I went in. DA DA AHHHHH--phoooom!"

During the last stretch Tacoma trailed many times. But, according to Olsen, the team decided to hang in there. "When we were down by 3, we just decided to suck it up," and they did.

Barnette rounded off the scoring story with a free throw

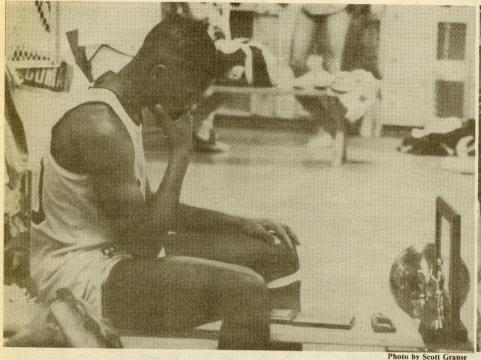
to end the game 67-65.

Coach Billings commented on the win. "What a pleasant experience. There were many times down the stretch when we could have folded, but they really hung in there."

"Coming in we knew we could win if played as well as we knew we could," noted Barnette. "We all have confidence in each other, and that really helps out.'



### Contemplation and jubilation—tasting victory



Cornelius Williams ponders over the team trophy while Liz Harris, Ruth Rufener, Terri Rock and Angela Sheppard enjoy the ceremonial post-game hugs

#### tans explode in semi-finals (Boom!

By LARKIN CAMPBELL Sports Editor

Coming into the NWAACC State Regional Tournament, Columbia Basin Community College was ranked Number 1. They left being a distant Number five.

During last Friday night's game against CBC, Tacoma's tough team defense, combined with balanced scoring throughout the starting five prevailed, as Tacoma pounded Columbia Basin 82-59

With the starting five all scoring in double figures, it only figures the Titans would blow anyone out of the gym. Cornelius Williams had his second spectacular game of the tournament, finishing with 21 points, 12 rebounds, 8 assists, a blocked shot, and 2 steals.

The Titan inside game held strong against the CBC zone. Controlling the boards for Tacoma were Williams, Andy Snyder and John McIntyre. "If I get the ball, I'll fire it up," noted Snyder. "If the offensive board comes off, it's mine." board comes off, it's mine."
Snyder, who finished with 10 points, also pulled down 9 re-bounds. McIntyre was second in scoring with 18 points, most of which came from offensive

Bobby Barnette and Dan Olsen were busy dishing-off all assists and drilling their 20-ft. jumpers. Barnette and Olsen finished with 16 and 10 respectively.

The Titans took control early in the game, running to a 22-8 lead midway through the first half. With only 4:55 left in the first half, Tacoma had doubled CBC's score, leading 36-18.

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Heading into the locker room for the half time talk, the Titans had coasted to a 45-29 lead.

At half time, Billings kept the team from getting over-confident. "He just kept reminding us we had another half of defense to play," noted Olsen. "Coach really got us pumped up at half time", said McIntyre. "It made us win."

Coming out at half time, CBC opened the half with a full court press. With quick steals and easy lay-ups, CBC scored six straight points. This built up their momentum and

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with only five minutes elapsed in the half, found themselves down by only 10 points 53-43. But Tacoma soon regained control by working their inside game.

With Barnette and Olsen hitting their outside shots, and Williams, McIntyre and Snyder scoring inside, CBC had little success trying to mount any sort of comeback.

By the time the 8-minute mark rolled around, the Titans were cruising with a 20 pt. lead

Teamwork, once again, was the key factor for the Titans as

was all season long. "Everyone got to play and it was just a great team effort," noted Williams. "We eat, sleep and play together."

Following the 23-point trouncing 82-59, Billings commented on the game. "They're a good shooting ball club, but we didn't give them any good solid shots or any second shots." When asked to com-ment on Williams' brilliant performance, Billings simply said, "He really lights up the place in more ways than one.'

Billings has stressed the motto "MTXE" all season

long. Mental toughness and extra effort. These things paid off for Tacoma against CBC, and were undoubtedly the determining factor behind the Titans' success all season long.

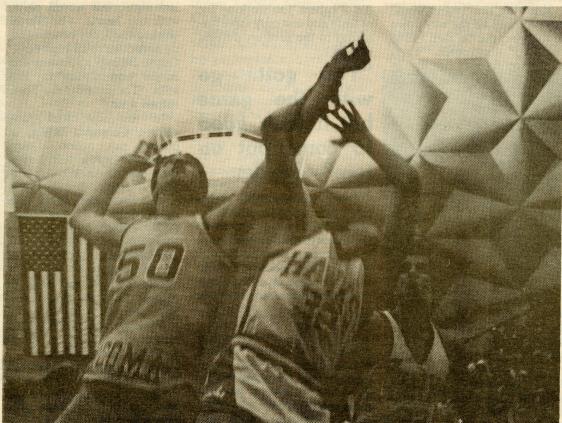
# Titans

a win

By LARKIN CAMPBELL Sports Editor

Sophomore Dan Fireman) Olsen, who regularly wears his socks inside out because he doesn't like them to fall down, wore his socks right-side out because he said he wanted to "look good at State." Look good he did, along with the rest of the Tacoma team. After beating last year's defending champion Edmonds 67-65. Tacoma Edmonds 67-65, Tacoma trounced Number 1 Ranked Columbia Basin 82-59, then out-gunned rival Clark 74-66 to become the 1986-87 NWAACC state champions.

The saying "The third time's charm" could be heard throughout the hysteria during the celebration after the victory over Clark last Saturday night. The Titans have won the title 3 out of the last 5 years. This gives head coach Ron Billings the distinction of being the first coach to ever accomplish such a feat. didn't find out, until I was reading a newspaper the morn-Continued on page 6



In a blurred whirl of motion Andy Snyder vyes for a rebound.

#### And as they say "nets to you!"



Coach Ron Billings, with help from Larry Cade, completes the ceremonial "rim-trim."

Photo by Scott Gri

#### Champs again

Continued from page 5

ing of the game, that I could be the first coach to do so," replied the coach. "I really wanted it."

He wasn't the only one.

All season long the Titans used unyielding team defense and an unselfish offense to win games. Just as if they were following a script, it worked again. MTXE, (mental toughness, extra effort, OK?) were the key ingredients once again in the championship game. By controlling the boards and keeping constant pressure on Clark defensively, Tacoma was able to hold a slim lead throughout the game and finally pulled away with the 8-point victory.

With Big-men John McIntyre and Andy Snyder getting in early foul trouble, the Titans had to turn to their outside shooting for most of the first half points. Bobby Barnette launched five longrange jumpers to account for his 12 first half points. Olsen finished the half with 6, but was constantly handing-off assists to Cornelius Williams and Rob Brown underneath. At one point in the half, Williams was the tallest man on the court for Tacoma. "When it was still close, and the big guys were down, I just said to myself I gotta play D, gotta play D."

The Chicago Bears deadly

4-6 defense could have learned something from the 6'2 forward. Williams, according to Coach Billings, did a great job handling Clark's Big man Eric Haggaud.

Tacoma headed into half-time with a 6 pt. lead, 41-35. Tacoma had blown leads earlier in the year, so Billings reminded the team that Clark could come back. "We thought we were off-and-running with the early lead, but when we got in foul trouble, we got tentative," said Billings.

Knowing the Titans would have to fight all the way down to the wire, the Big men had to "ease up" underneath. "Early in the second half, we had to give them easy shots inside because of foul trouble," noted Billings.

For the first 10 minutes of the 2nd half, Clark and Tacoma battled it out underneath. With 8:45 left in the game, John McIntyre took off for an easy tip-in to open a four-point lead 61-57. Less than 30 seconds later, McIntyre nailed a floating, fade-away jumper which made it 63-59. The Titan "Big men" worked hard throughout the (mac-) entire second half.

With 5:25 Dan Olsen drilled a 15-footer to make it 65-61 Tacoma. Then with 3:59 left, Barnette floated a left-side jumper that whizzed through the net to give TCC the lead 67-63. The next 2½ minutes were filled with some outstanding defense for both teams, including a blocked shot by Williams. During the last 1:30 of the game, Barnette, Andy

Snyder and McIntyre all hit free-throws to close out the game with a final score of 74-66.

In his last game as a Titan, Barnette turned in a brilliant performance shooting 7-13 from the field and hitting all eight of his free-throws. Barnette finished with a game high 22 points and was later named to the All-tournament team. "We knew we had to play defense. We did, and now we're Number 1," said Barnette. Olsen, who finished with 10 points and 6 assists, did a superb job working the offense and lost only three turnovers to the pressure defense of Clark.

# "You gotta go with the game but it feels good to come out on top."-- Snyder

Other seniors John McIntyre, Andy Snyder and Cornelius Williams summed up the victory. "All year long we won our games with defense." McIntyre then added, "We did what we come to do." Snyder noted that when the game gets tough, you have to play tough. "You gotta go with the game, but it feels good to come out on top." Cornelius Williams, who was named as the tournament's Most Valuable Player as well as making the Alltournament team, scored 16 points. Williams, who also grabbed 6 rebounds and dished-off 4 assists, found the



Photo by Shannon Saul

thrill of victory hard to explain. "I don't know how I feel right now. We were tired from last night, but we all played with our hearts. The starters worked hard, the bench worked hard...we're all Number I." Coach Billings also commended the "non-starters" for their help. "The kids off the bench helped a lot."

In the semi-final game against Columbia Basin, all players saw action. Danny Dizon (who saw less playing time due to illness), Anthony Butler, Rob Brown, who scored five points in the final game, Larry (L.C.) Cade, Dave (Disco) Ahlers, Bret VanSikle and Rob McKinney all contributed to the victories all season long.

The Titans, who shot 60 percent from the field, could have played better, according to Billings. "We didn't play as well as we could have, but it's great for the kids."

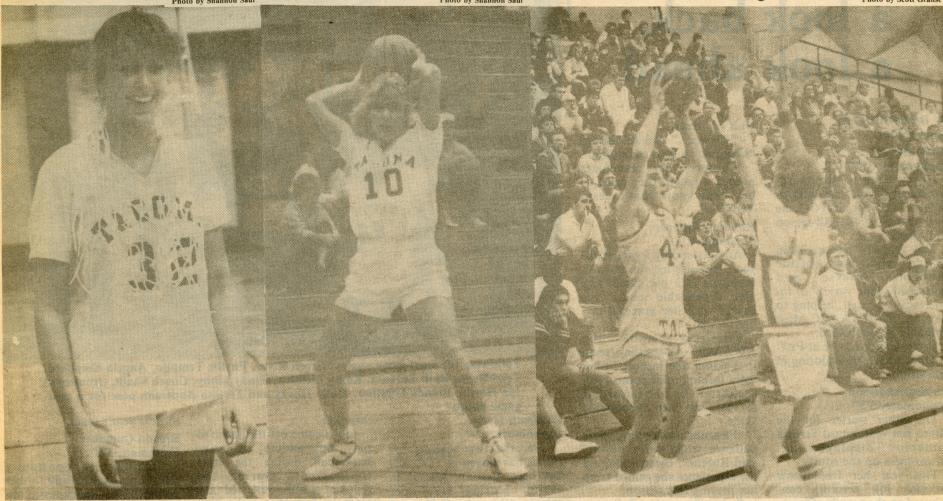
great for the kids."

I think Lee Iaccoa can sum it up best with his famous quote. "We have only one ambition (here at Chrysler) to be the best..." What else is there? How could TCC know, they are the best.



Coach Shain "net-nipping."

The work, the fun, the victory.



Holly Hovey relaxes while the laurels of victory rest upon her.

Titans Brenda Gunther and John McIntyre look inside for open teamates.

### itan women victorious

By DOUGLAS BUELL

News Editor

One thing was evident when the Northwest's finest Community College women's basketball teams converged at Yakima Valley Community College last week for the NWAACC championships-most of the teams had done battle here before.

Like old war buddies reunited at the card table again, they exchanged their moments of glory, and of sorrow...oh, the stories they exchanged.

But suddenly there was a new story to be told...it's a "Cinderella" story...a team out of nowhere.

In TCC's opener against an aggressive Skagit Valley team, the Titan bench provided the extra push needed to knock off last year's tourney's fifthplace Cardinals, 63-59.

The following evening TCC faced Spokane, favored by many to take the champion-

After the Titans fell to an 11-point deficit in the middle of the first half, they regained ground to go in at half-time trailing 25-27.

TCC proved to be a secondhalf comeback team when they buried the Sasquatch 61-55.

Tacoma advanced to the final bout, meeting defending champion Green River CC, a team the Titans downed twice during their regular-season meetings.

Many considered the toughest game (Spokane) already "was" behind TCC. Nevertheless, the Titans' eightmember squad took a few short breaths, wiped their glistening foreheads and asked of themselves, "just one

Throughout the early goings Tacoma ravaged their rivals in the western conference, the Green River Gators.

Tacoma came close to entering the locker room eight points richer, but turnovers allowed the Gators to even up the score at the half, 33-33.

With a long nine minutes to go in the game, TCC's center Ruth Rufener, who shot 11 out of 14 from the field, fouled out.

Despite the early loss of Rufener, the Titan squad turned on their trademark brand of "psyche" ball.

The Titans made "shoes" of the Gators in the final three minutes of the game and emerged the undisputed chamBy DOUGLAS BUELL News Editor

"This was one of the best games I had all season, admitted Holly Hovey, the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Women's Most Valuable Player. She was talking about her performance in last Saturday night's 70-57 win over defending champion Green River Community College for the NWAACC title game.

Throughout the season, Hovey's point total remained off the boards. She was also depended upon for her passing accuracy and offensive tactics, among other talents.

In tournament play Hovey showed the same consistency as she had during the entire season.

Nervousness in the Titan's debut game in the tourney hampered most of the players,

pions, winning 70-57

This was the Lady Titans' first invitation to the state tournament, and not content to place 3rd or 4th in their debut appearance, the Titans cut out the middlemen (or women in this case) and went straight for the gold.

but not Hovey.

"Being nervous makes me play harder," Hovey said, though she also added that she felt the team as a whole was tentative in the first game.

Besides averaging seven re-bounds a game, 5'10" Hovey also averaged 12.5 points per game and 4.5 assists in the first

two victories against Skagit Valley and Spokane.

Contributing to the outside shooting game, she clearly dominated with scoops of hoop swishes and unstoppable downcourt passing.

But Hovey really shined in the title match against Green

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Holly Hovey shakes hands with Spokane's Kathy Alley before the semi-finals game.

Photo by Shannon Saul

#### Titan ladies: a look back, a look ahead

By DOUG BUELL News Editor

Holly Hovey Sophomore, 5'10"

Hovey is one of two returning starters from last season. In her first year at TCC she was named to the All-region 2nd Team.

This year she led the Titan charge with her outside shooting finesse and shooting finesse and developed wide variety of inside moves as well, helping to earn her the NWAACC Most Valuable Player award.

Hovey expects to be at PLU or UPS next year, majoring in Education.

Teressa Anderson Sophomore, 5'5"

The other starter for the Titans last year, guard Teressa Anderson displayed aggressiveness on the court.

This year her free throw shooting (65 percent) contributed to the team's offense.

During the tournament she d in assists for her team, threatened opponents with her outside shooting and came up

with six steals.

"This year," said Anderson, "I learned to be a champion."

Whenever her teammates needed a laugh, they came to her. "You know what I mean, Vern?"

Ruthann Rufener Sophomore 6'1"

An outstanding forward this year, Rufener led the team in rebounds (8.2 per game) and was dependable under the basket with her graceful layups as well.

Rufender made the NWAACC All-tourney team in Yakima due in part to her team leading total points (54), success at the free throw line (8/11), and her rebounding skills.

"I learned how to have more patience when we're down, said Rufener, commenting on the experience she gained from her playing this season.
Rufener's sense of humor

kept the team's spirits up much of the time. relieving some of the player tension during the



Following the final game against Green River, Phyllis Templin, Angela Sheppard, Terri Rock, Ruth Rufener, Kathy Picinich, Sandy Libby, Coach Shain, (front row) Liz Harris, Brenda Gunther, Holly Hovey and Teressa Anderson pose for a postgame photo.

Libby came off the bench to

play outstanding offensive

basketball during the state tournament. During the

regular season, she led the team in free throw shooting

Terri Rock approaches the game with obvious intensity and enthusiasm. She is a

strong inside player with ex-cellent scoring and defensive

Rock's off-the-bench per-

formance played a major part

in the Titans' win over Skagit

Rock will be a definite asset

mistakes.

(75 percent).

Terri Rock

capabilities.

Freshman, 5'11"

Elizabeth Harris

Sophomore, 6'0"

Over the two seasons Liz Harris has played at TCC, she has been first or second in overall scoring (12.7 per game), rebounds (7.2), and field goal shooting (60 per-

Harris has always been an outstanding rebounder. This year, though, she improved her skills by shooting from more positions on the court and positioning herself against the offensive attack.

Harris will also be competing in the high jump for the Titan track team.

Kathy Picinich Sophomore, 5'8"

Picinich is known as a hardworking, disciplined athlete, and a consistent all-around player.

"No matter how much you're part of the team, no matter how many minutes you get on court," said Picinich, "you want it (winning) just as bad as all the team."

During season and tourney play, Picinich let her positive attitude rub off on her team-

Her outside shooting added depth at the Titan guard position throughout her playing at TCC, and she was a member of one of the best bench squads in the league.

She plans to attend PLU next year, to major in Physical Education.

Sandra Libby Sophomore, 5'8"

Libby was a pleasant surprise to Coach Shain this year. Libby is very sound fun-damentally and is an intelligent player that takes advantage of opponents' to next year's team.

**Brenda Guenther** 

Freshman, 5'2"
Guenther is constantly relied upon defensively for her unmatchable quickness, anticipation, and passing skills which all help to create the fast breaks.

Guenther's name appeared in nearly all the Titans' leading stats this year.

She led the team in assists (5.3 per game), averaged 11.6 points per game, and was se-cond in free throw shooting (67 percent).

During tourney play she managed to grab 13 steals and break down court for Titan

#### Holly hovers over hoopsters

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River, continuing to display her shooting and passing finesse.

It can't really be said that she led in any of the game stats. However, she was always just behind the leader in categories such as total points (17), rebounds (10), and steals (5).

The real magic was in Hovey's consistency, which never waivered, not in the trouncing of Green River, or the two games leading into the tourney final.

TCC defeated Green River twice during regular season play, beating them once by four points, and again by one. But the championship match against the Gators is the one Hovey will remember most.

"I didn't expect to make it to the state chammpionships,' said Hovey. "Our goal was to beat Green River again, because we wanted to get first place in league."

So when the opportunity came for the Titans to meet the Gators for the state title, Hovey said, "We were thrilled

to be playing against Green River again because we wanted to beat 'em so bad.'

Net result -- this time the Titans won by a 13 point margin 70-57.

Hovey just laughs at the term "Most Valuable Player."

"I'm not MVP with all those people around (referring to the team) she said, The team is just that ... a team."

And behind every winning team are leaders who provide inspiration. Coach Jerry Shain did just that.

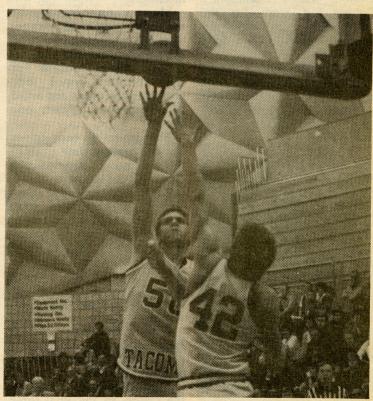
The team also needed to be kept up when down. Enter Assistant Coach Angela Shep-

According to Hovey Angela not only provided 'food for the mind," she worked the team vigorously.

"The sprints at the end of practice were really tough, said Hovey, "but it paid off."

The payoff for Hovey came in the form of victory in the state championship, and placement in the ranks of community colleges' basketball elite...the MVPs.

a secret lerviced Seeds all.



Andy Snyder shoots over CBC's Cory Schiller.

Photo by Scott Granse cvet an years) bas s

## Lady hoopsters finish strongly

By DOUGLAS BUELL News Editor

"The team seems a little more relaxed tonight," said assistant coach Angela Sheppard, indicating that the 22-4 Titans would be ready in the semi-final game against Spokane, winners of the NWAACC state tourney in '83 and '84, and runner-up last year.

She said they would be fine if they kept players out of foul trouble and improved their troubled foul shooting (9 of 21) from the night before.

The Titan's opened the Friday night match with a drill of superb passing to the net. TCC looked confident at the onset, but their shooting didn't.

Anderson livened up the Tacoma audience six minutes into the contest with the score even, when she put up a 25-foot jumper, then grabbed a steal and took the ball court length for two more of her nine points for the evening.

After a series of turnovers, Spokane went up by five at the eight minute mark, and TCC adjusted their defense.

TCC guard Brenda Guenther and Lanette Martin of Spokane handled each other impressively, snagging every opportunity for a fast break and a steal. However, it was the Sasquatchs' domineering outside shooting offense that put them up by eight with 10 minutes to go.

minutes to go.

The Titans' momentum surged when Terri Rock, Holly Hovey, and Liz Harris broke through a 10-point deficit with 2:50 left in the half

Harris got underneath the basket to score four of her 13 points on the evening.

Three seconds before the half ended, Liz put up a round-the-rimmer but missed. After two runs of eight points in the first half, the score was 25-27.

TCC continued to contain Spokane's inside-the-key game in the second half. At the opposite end of the court, Hovey and Rufener hit big, and TCC looked safe for the first time in the match. Guenther hustled the ball downcourt well but couldn't find her lay-up shot.

Suddenly, during a TCC timeout, hot dogs went on sale for half price.

Whether it was the hot dogs or coach Shain's talk, the Titans reentered the game and played their best ball of the season.

Guenther broke away twice to score and Hovey hit two

spectacular swishes from her favorite shooting spot.

Harris put in five as TCC ran off 11 unanswered points for a 46-33 lead with 13 minutes left.

Spokane relied mostly on forward Yvette Reeves as their main scoring threat (15 points), and a "good luck" play to the outside left corner at the net that threw off the Titan defense numerous times during the game.

As the time ran down, coach Shain stressed patience and reminded his team to watch the 30-second clock because three times already they were unable to get a shot off.

unable to get a shot off.
"Psyche" was the word as
the Titans put on the full-court
press and sealed up the game,
61-55.

As a result, Spokane was eliminated from the title game for the first time in four years.



Photo by Shannon Saul

Liz Harris controls the tip-off, as teamates Brenda Gunther (10), Ruth Rufener (40) and Holly Hoyey look on.

### Women make history win first state title

By DOUGLAS BUELL News Editor

The TCC women's basketball team took to the courts at Yakima Valley Community College a little shaky-kneed, but after their bout with opening half jitters, the Titans came out in the second half to roll over Skagit Valley 63-59.

Preparing for the tournament, there was no reason to believe a recent flu going around Tacoma might hamper the team. Fortunately, said Coach Shain, "There are no flus, and except for some taped ankles, everyone's okay."

But first half play didn't show it for either team. Judging by the Titan team's play in the first half, they wanted to dispense with their fouls, missed shots and turnovers yet to come in the first playoff game. The sooner the better.

The sooner the better.

Liz Harris and Ruthann
Rufener protected the net and
fed the ball downcourt well.

Though Brenda Guenther established early her reputation as a "guard to be dealt with," the Titans missed too many shots on their drives to the basket, and likewise were unable to follow up on their second-chance shots.

As a result, referees blew fouls left and right. In the first eight minutes, TCC was hit with five personal fouls to Skagit Valley's three.

Forward Sandy Libby came off the bench to add four quick points to TCC's score, then later shot in the comefrom-behind basket. Teressa Anderson added two more points for half-time security, so at the close of the half, TCC led 28-25.

With most of the team's initial anxieties trampled over and stamped out beneath their high-top Nikes, the second half got underway.

half got underway.

Skagit Valley, as the case had been most of the game, were forced to shoot from outside the key.

Foul trouble in the game stifled Rufener's and Harris' performance early; thus, both played conservatively for awhile under coaches orders.

"Liz had four fouls, so we had to keep her out most of the game," said coach Shain.

Libby came off the bench again, and combined with Anderson to open up the Titan's full-court drive.

The Cards' Rhonda Thomas

The Cards' Rhonda Thomas retaliated and with 15 minutes left put her team on

top...momentarily.

The Titan scoring drive exploded soon after, when Hovey put up two outside shots, and Guenther and Libby stole the show with consecutive steals. Skagit Valley's bench began responding with cat-calls to break TCC's concentration at the foul line. Undoubtedly, their bench was their team's best audience.

TCC added to their game plan, relying on Anderson and Guenther to shovel the bounce pass downtown to Hovey, to confuse the Cards.

Needless to say, Skagit Valley answered the drive with a succession of 20-footers.

With 38 seconds left and a four point lead, Anderson made a near-fatal throw-in that could have kept the Cards in the game, but their subsequent saving shot missed, and the Titans sewed up the game, 63.50

63-59.
"I was a little worried about the last turnover," said Anderson

Jokingly, she added, "I didn't get a reverse slam this game." She's been able to all season with the help of teammates like Terri Rock.

The bench contributed to the last-minute win. According to reserve forward Sandy Libby, "The first half was a walkthrough, I did better in the second half."

Libby had her own reason to relish the win. "I'm from Mt. Vernon (home of the Cardinals)," she said, "so it was fun beating them."

Coach Shain speculated on the problems that hindered the team.

"We just played awful...our free throw shooting was lousy," he said. "We know we're a better team, we just need more patience on offense."

Rufener had 20 points to lead the drive, and Hovey and Anderson sank 12 each, accounting for nearly two-thirds of the total points for Tacoma. Hovey, Rufener, and Harris recorded eight rebounds apiece.

#### By DOUGLAS BUELL News Editor

The now-deemed "dark horse" Tacoma team, after their surprise win over Spokane, prepared to meet their rival in the Western Conference, the defending champion Green River Gators.

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## Cornelius Williams—a simply amazing player

By LARKIN CAMPBELL Sports Editor

"I don't know how I feel," noted sophomore forward Cornelius Williams after helping TCC beat Clark in the final game of the NWAACC title game 74-66.

He may not know how he felt, but we all know how he played. The Indian word for corn is maize, and that is exactly how Williams (Corny) played--simply a-maize-ing!

After getting in foul trouble early in the tournament opening game against defending champion Edmonds, Williams simply said he was "sorry" for his poor first half performance. From that moment on, Williams would dazzle teams with dunks, baffle them with baseline drives and astound them with amazing assists. Williams finished the game (Edmonds) with 12 second half points. Two of Williams' 14 points came on his flying, onehanded slamma-jamma that was rumored to have registered a 4.5 on the Richter Scale.

Following his heroics in game one, Williams proceeded to have his finest night as a Titan. "Corny" scored 21 points, pulled down 12 rebounds and dished off 9 assists. One assist away from the infamous "Triple-double."

In the final game Williams sparkled again with 16 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists.

On a team filled with stars, how can one player turn the momentum, you ask.

In the final game, big men John McIntyre and Andy Snyder were each called for 3 first-half personal fouls. Williams controlled the boards while TCC's big men had to ride the pine pony.

With his good sportsman-



Williams gets a "corn-basket."

ship, flashy, charismatic style and aggressive play, Williams soon became a crowd favorite and was voted as the tournament's most valuable player. His tournament statistics went as follows: 51 points (one dunk), 20 rebounds, 14 assists, 4 blocked shots and a number of defensive plays which also put him on the all-tournament team with Bobby Barnette.

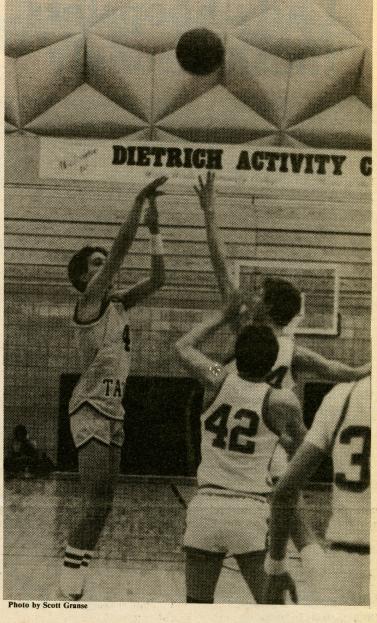
All season long, Williams exemplified the Titans with his hardworking defense and unselfish offense. His final season statistics were impressive and after 25 games Williams averaged 14.1 points a game, 7.1 rebounds and 4 assists a game.

Williams didn't ever play basketball until the 9th grade when he was cut from the J.V. Squad at Lincoln High School. He started his senior year and last year played the 6th man role for Tacoma.

Depending on his posttournament offers, Williams said if he played he would go to UPS to finish school to follow up on his hopes on a double major, social work and communications.

Williams was a treat to watch for everyone. A great team player, Williams summed up the season with an earlier season quote: "How about that W-Action...that's what it's all about."

Nice job, Corny.



With a flick of his wrist, Dan Olsen shoots over CBC's David Cubbage. Olsen and Barnette controlled the perimeter game and were key figures in the Titans success throughout the tournament.

## Barnette—sharpshooter extraordinaire for TCC

By LARKIN CAMPBELL Sports Editor

A returning starter from last year's team, (22-5), starting sophomore guard Bobby Barnette led Tacoma in the NWAACC final game against Clark with a tournament high 22 points.

Barnette, a graduate of Mt. Tahoma High School in Tacoma, led the Titans in scoring this season with a 16.3 average. He also led the team in shooting percentage, nailing 78 percent from the field.

All season long, Barnette was the sharpshooter for TCC. In the Clark game earlier this season, Barnette shot an unbelievable 17-24 from the field to end the game with his season-high 34 points.

In the state tournament opener against Edmonds, Barnette scored 17 points, hitting the game-icing free throw

with 16 seconds left. Against Columbia Basin, Barnette hit for 16 points while dishing off 4 assists. But Barnette saved his best game for last, hitting for 22 points against Clark. In his final game, Barnette also had 3 assists and pulled down 4 rebounds from his guard position. For his all-round consistant play Barnette was chosen for the all-tournament team Cornelius with Williams.

Barnette, who is the TCC Student Body president this year, was recruited by most of the regional community colleges but chose TCC over the others. "I chose TCC because it's close and mainly because Billings is a good coach with a good program, and they go to Hawaii," Barnette added.

Last year Barnette was an all-regional selection for the

NWAACC as a freshman. Barnette plans on playing ball at a four-year college. He said he was being recruited by Idaho State, PLU, UPS and Whitworth. He hasn't made any decisions yet, he said. "I wanna wait and see. I don't want to make any decisions."

Asked how he compared this year's team to last year's, he said, "That tough last year's team was more experienced, but this year's team has more chemistry."

Earlier this season, Barnette commented on how he thought the team would finish. "If we do as Billings tells us to think, we'll take it all."

After beating Clark to win the championship Barnette only had one thing to say. "We knew we had to play defense; we did, and now we're Number 1."

How right you are, Bobby.

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## Counselors here to help

By SUSAN ETCHEY
Challenge Staff

Challenge Staff
The TCC Counseling Center wants to help students who are struggling with academic or personal problems.

"If you think nobody cares, you can find someone who cares over here," said Dick Deyoe, the chairman of the counseling department. The center is located in the lobby of Bldg. 7.

Apparently many students feel that the center is a place to get answers to perplexing problems. In just one quarter (Fall of 1984) 907 students made contact with the center to obtain information or receive some type of counseling.

The staff at the center is experienced in working with the needs of students, said Deyoe. Some typical problems that occur are such things as the inability to concentrate on studies, anxiety and depression, loneliness and being home-sick. Some people have difficulty making friends, want more out of life, or feel their family expects too much



The cooperative crew at the counseling center.

If the couseling center did not exist, Deyoe beieves the "students would lose out." It is a flexible program that stays in touch with the changes brought about in a changing world. That is one reason why new workshops are constantly being introduced. "A need is brought to our attention, and a class or workshop is developed to help meet that need," explained Deyoe.

the counseling center.
the public as well as TCC students.

In addition to workshops, students can take classes in human relations or career and life planning. Individual counseling sessions are easily arranged.

Any complaints about services are taken seriously. "But," Deyoe said, "first we have to hear about them." He said that honest and open communication is their byword. "Like Avis, we do try

hard to give good service!"

The counseling center staff is comprised of 19 people who work in varying degrees of time and capacity. For example, the five full-time professionals who do most of the counseling all hold master's degrees in counseling. Of this group, Dick Deyoe has worked at TCC for 17 years, Phil Griffin for 19 years, Dick Patterson 17 years, Kathy Acker for three years, and Jim Carroll for almost one year.

The professional staff is backed up by two classified personnel; Program Assistant Clarine Kvamme, and the half-time clerical worker, Sue Harris.

There are three additional counselors who work in the center or in other facilities on a part-time basis who either teach or counsel students. They are Gretchen Thaden,

Miriam Cantor, and Rachel Brown.

The numerous helpful and smiling people who man the information and scheduling booth in the lobby are usually students. They are participating in the peer counseling program. The students supplement the professional counseling staff in providing services to students such as staffing the reception area and assisting with the administration of placement testing. Under the supervision of counselors, they also may provide some personal and academic counseling.

Deyoe stressed the fact that the counselors "help people to help themselves." and that many people benefit by having someone "listen to their problems, help solve them."

He did caution that there are times when it is more difficult to get immediate action. The center is more likely to be swamped with students during the first two weeks of each quarter and the last four weeks since the counselors do a great deal of academic advising at that time. But the center will always make arrangements to talk to anyone who has a need as soon as possible and with as little delay as possible.

#### Ordinary turns bizarre in modern day 'Trolls'

By DAVID E. FREEMAN Challenge Staff

The movie "Trolls is a modern fairy tale that is, overall, a delight.

After an opening montage of hunting scenes on the sort of tapestries found in castles, the story begins in a quiet old apartment building in a West Coast city. After a family moves into one of the apartments, two children set out to explore the building.

Workshops are also open to

From this familiar setting, the story gets strange, and we all find out where a modernday urban troll lives. The first appearance of the troll is fascinating as well as scary, and the creature's nature contains both the unusual and an awfully familiar magic.

The ordinary is made bizarre in a series of scenes that will delight parents

everywhere who have ever suspected their unruly child to be an alien pod person in disguise.

Then the stage is set for a battle between a witch, the troll and trollkin, and a young prince and princess.

The internal mythos of

"Trolls" is that this is only one more conflict in an ancient war between different, rival factions inhabiting faerie, or fairyland.

The special effects are very good, but not so realistic to frighten young children.

The story holds its own interest with a dual role played by Phil Fondareo. In the title role he played an absolutely believable horrible little creature of tremendous strength.

The other role he played was quite a surprise.

The troll is not simply evil for fun, but had a real motivation for the companionship if its own kind, and was occasionally gentle and showed a real sense of humor.

But the troll is not gentle with Sonny Bono, who played a convincing jerk, a self-avowed "swinger" with no time for children. In this movie, he took his job very seriously.

In her most interesting role as Eunice St. Clair, June Lockhart played an exprincess turned witch-artist witha fiery style she has never shown before.

#### Take the ultimate Challenge the best class you'll ever love

By DEL GIBBS Opinions Editor

Most of TCC students are currently engaged in what has become a familiar, frustrating ritual: registration. All over TCC there are students banging their heads on a desk top trying to figure out a class schedule that will fulfill their class requirements, yet won't overload their brain circuits or bore them to death.

To all of these students, I offer a bit of advice. Take out your yellow TCC Spring 1986 schedule, turn to page eight, and look halfway down the right-hand column. There you

will find one of the best classes you could ever take at TCC!

Journalism 100, better known as the Newspaper Workshop, is more than just a two-credit class. It's an opportunity to become an active, functioning part of TCC, while at the same time opening up a whole new world of possibilities for yourself.

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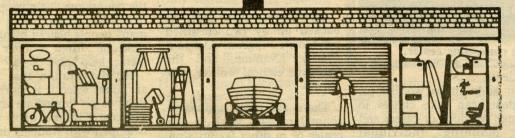
As you are doing all of this, you will also be discovering the fascinating world of journalism. You will learn how to conduct informative interviews, improve your writing, and use whole new sources of information that you didn't know existed. But the best thing about being a Challenge staff member is the feeling that you are an "insider." You know exactly what is happening at TCC.

Another advantage of

Journalism 100 is that it is a perfect way to round out your elective credit requirement. As most of you well know, the associates degree requirements of TCC includes 17 elective credits. This works out to three five-credit courses and one two-credit course. So what are you going to take for a two-credit course? Beginning Jewelry Making? Underwater BB stacking? Speed Reading? ROTC? How about taking the same PE course twice? Instead of taking a cop-out class, why not challenge yourself? Take the Challenge, it will be the best class you'll ever

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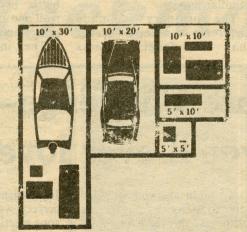
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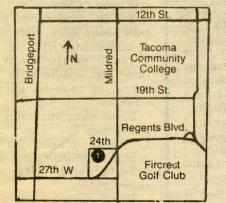
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#### Lady Titans take highest honors

The Titans were already familiar with the Gators, having defeated twice during the regular season play, first by four and again by one.

This final rematch of the year, Tacoma shined in their walkaway win over the defenthe first time in the women's team's history, they emerged State Champions.

hand at the start, though Hovey of Tacoma and Sonia

added a rebound to her stats.

achieving all they had done in the two games past, only now they were doing it better.

TCC dominated the field overall, and forced Green River to play their game.

The score at the 10-minute mark was 22-14.

One minute later, the Gators shot 3 from the outside and came within two points of

Both Green River and TCC players were reaching in more than necessary, which resulted in a wave of turnovers.

The Titans made the Gators earn their points, and towards the end of the half, free throws were the deciding factor in who would smile on the way to the locker room.

One player who wouldn't smile was Gator leading scorer Keli Srobeck, who didn't score at all in the first 17 minutes. Fortunately, Green River's bench was able to make up for the lack of points from their two star players.

At the half, Rufener had 16 points and Hovey had eight. Titans shot 56 percent and Hovey had eight. The field goals were Titans with 56 percent and the Gators with 41 percent, and the score was 33-33.

In the last half, Rufener and Hovey continued to led the offensive charge, often using a screen to produce baskets.

The Gators could not stop the Titan's inside game tonight, their best night under the net by far.

Rufener, on a close call foul by the referee, collected her fifth personal foul of the game and was ejected from play.

Harris, Rock, and Hovey sank one shot after another, including an underneath, behind the basket hook shot by Harris that, with three minutes to go in the game, put the score at 63-57.

With two minutes to go, the end of the beginning felt nea The fans could sense it, in cluding the Wenatchee tean, who looked forward to getting revenge on the Gators by seeing them lose.

They got their wish, and so ding champ Gators, and for did the Titans. Three games later it was all over.

The Titans took the game, tate Champions.

Neither team had the upper NWAACC Women's State

Swan of Green River established the pace for the game.

Anderson stripped the ball away successfully, and also added a rebound to her state.

Champions for 1986.

"It was pretty exciting around here," said Shain, "I don't think many people thought we could do it."

Green River head according to the state.

Green River head coach Mike Willis was in decent The Titan members were spirits after the game, thanking Shain for the game.

"Oh, we wanted to play Tacoma," said Willis, "We had already lost to them twice this season, and we wanted to get them back."

"I didn't get mad or yell as much tonight, maybe that had something to do with it."

Nevertheless, the Titans' valiant triumph over the Gators set the stage for next

Tacoma vs. Green River again? Why not?

After the game, the alltourney team was named, and Ruthann Rufener was among the six who were chosen. During the three day tournement, Rufener averged 18 points per game, 20 rebounds, and was 8-for-11 at the foul line.

Joining Rufener was the tournament MVP and teammate Holly Hovey, Sonia Sween and Kerri Strobeck of Green River, Highline's Mona Vili, and Spokane's Yvette Reeves.

Great job,
Titans!!

