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## See the campus — become a senator

All students who are interested in the Student Senate are encouraged to attend their meetings each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Bdg. 15-A. Attendance at three consecutive meetings makes any student eligible for voting rights on the Senate, which disburses the Services and Activities fees paid by all students as they enroll for each quarter.

# Elisa remembered by friends

## Murder of former TCC student shocks school

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By SYDNEY JACKEL  
Challenge Staff

"People that knew us, knew us together. We were two sides of one whole. Now, one half of the whole is missing," said a serene Ceresse Allen, TCC student.

Elisa Tissot, former TCC student, was the other half of that whole. On a calm April 17 morning in The Evergreen State College cafeteria, "a special person who made a big difference in those whose lives she touched," said Cindy Ozanich, was slain.

But her best friend Allen looked at Tissot's death in a spiritual way. "For me, she is not dead. Her body is dead, but all that is Elisa will always be with me."

The 21-year-old Edmonds resident had lived with Allen and Allen's husband John Nelson, also a TCC student, for several months, according to Nelson. He said the three met at a meditation retreat at the time Tissot began her two-year education at TCC in the fall of 1980. Since then, "it's like the three of them were one person. With a capital 'O,'" commented Ozanich, a friend of Tissot.

"We had a special relationship," said Nelson. "It's impossible to put into words."

Devon Edrington, philosophy instructor at TCC said that Tissot had "taken every course I offered. I worked very close with her for the two years that she was here."

Tissot, a 1980 graduate of Woodway High School in Edmonds, was studying psychology and comparative literature at Evergreen, according to Judy McNickle, director of information there. Tissot was an honor student at TCC, and was also interested in comparative mythology and religion, Allen said.

"She was an outstanding student," Edrington said. "Very warm, very vivacious. Friendly to everybody. A bubbly personality." She was considered a "leader" in the honors program" by Edrington, as she was "responsible for any number of innovations." For example, he said, Tissot organized an "honors retreat" in May 1982 "which was very successful." "She was 'the spark.' She kept everyone else excited about studying. She added life to the whole honors program. Very energetic. Boundless energy."

"Elisa was outgoing. She knew how to talk to people. She



The "Honors Retreat" at Black Diamond in May, 1982, was organized by Elisa Tissot, first row, kneeling, third from left. TCC English instructor, Dr. Richard Lewis, who accompanied the group, is lying in front.

understood them," Allen said.

"We used to say she was emotion and I was intellect," Allen continued. "She felt. That's what she did easiest. She feels people. She can talk to them." Allen spoke in mixed present and past tense of her friend.

"Everyone needs a sympathetic shoulder to cry on, and Elisa has a sympathetic shoulder."

Allen emphasized that Tissot was not "altruistic." "She knew there is no such thing as altruism. She did what she did for herself. She knew her motives."

Yet, Tissot "did not pretend. She gave everything," Allen said.

Nelson described Tissot as "beautiful," but "it was not so much physical as it was this 'glow' she had. She was like a flower. She was magnetic."

"Everyone tht knew her fell in love with her," Allen said.

According to Edrington, Tissot had been a counselor at the YMCA's Camp Seymour the past two summers. "She did skads of things with them (the young campers)," he said. "... swimming, all kinds of sports."

"She had a unique ability to develop a relationship with teenagers — especially girls. She was able to

touch them deeply. She could understand them, and bring the best out of them," Ozanich commented.

Edrington related the events prior to Tissot's death. "It was the 6th of April. She appeared at my door here looking pale and shaking. Visibly trembling.

"I said, 'Come in,' and she said 'Can I close the door?' I said yes, and she said 'Put some paper in the window.' 'Okay.'" Edrington noted that Tissot had never mentioned her slayer, Michael Lawrence Pimentel, before, as she had visited Edrington constantly since transferring to Evergreen in Sept. 1982.

Edrington continued: "She said 'I came to see you. Before, I went to get a cup of coffee. In the cafeteria was this man who's been following me for weeks. He showed up at my house. He finds out where I'll be on campus.'"

Pimentel, an on-and-off Evergreen student, and Tissot had dated between fall 1982 and spring 1983, according to Allen, and "from the beginning she knew the relationship was not healthy," Allen said.

Nelson and Allen stressed that Pimentel is not "crazy."

"He is completely rational," Allen

commented. "He was a mercenary. He planned it out."

"He was cold and calculating," Nelson said of Pimentel.

According to the Tacoma News Tribune, 27-yr-old Pimentel claimed to be a corporal in the Rhodesian army, and a U.S. Army veteran. The Tribune stated, "Students said Pimentel told them he had been a mercenary and a Vietnam combat veteran, although the Vietnam war ended before he would have been old enough to enlist."

Edrington indicated that Tissot had said "He (Pimentel) has threatened to kill me on several occasions."

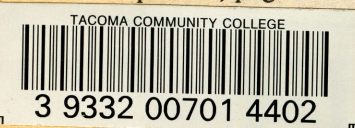
"I called the (Tacoma) police," Edrington continued, "and had her talk to them. They told her they couldn't do anything about it (being followed-threatened)." Edrington said the police suggested Tissot contact the Olympia police. They asked, "Has he done anything (actions)?" Tissot said, "No." "We can't do anything," Edrington said, quoting the police in Olympia.

"So I had Ralph Slanina (TCC security officer) talk to her (Tissot)," Edrington said. "She described the

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## Americans disinterested in world?

By CATHRYN SHIPLEY  
News Editor

Places with exotic names drift before the mind's eye. Abu Simbel, Ouagadougou, Nouakchott, Guayaquil . . . Paris, Brussels, Rome, and Madrid all seem breathtakingly inaccessible. Yet places such as these are vital components of our increasingly nuclear world.

The news comes to us as much from London as Olympia, as much from Moscow as Seattle. Despite this fact, how many young Americans can speak a language other than English, or eat food successfully with chopsticks or with the hand? If we do pick up skills and visions like these along our way, isn't it usually the result of family heritage, or making the acquaintance of a student from abroad?

We seem to have difficulty gaining access to two things, our own history and the world surrounding us. If we stopped to consider how our ancestors almost all came from or intermarried with people from abroad, might we not gain more ease of insight into the other places of the world?

Besides, they are all so interesting, so utterly different. Who can resist Mexican or Italian meals occasionally. Or hand-loomed shirts, espadrilles? It's possible to get caught consuming the products, while knowing nothing about their origins or the conditions under which they were rendered.

We, on the other hand, live in one of the richest countries of the world. Knowing our own importance, can we see how important others are to us?

A small college in West Virginia recently invited representatives from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., to speak to and visit their campus and surrounding schools. The Russians came, with many security precautions and much local fanfare. The leader of their delegation was quoted as saying Americans put themselves first, even before their neighbors; they aren't interested in foreigners.

Is this criticism true of us? Are we that disinterested in the world beyond our classroom and living room? It's difficult to gain access to plain information about the other places. If we like, we can go to libraries, classes, watch television and movies, or talk to people who have been to other countries. We must develop our fractured, inaccurate or propagandized versions of the world's other places from a hodgepodge of secondhand sources.

There's just no substitute for being there. So the voyages to China, Mexico, Egypt are arranged. Those who can afford it, and have the interest, can get a little taste. Contrast this practice to that of African and Middle Eastern countries where children learn English as a second language if they are allowed schooling at all. It isn't unusual for Europeans to speak two or even three languages with a degree of fluency that could only come from hard study or early ex-

### Sparky's soapbox

## People pass, feelings stay

By LANCE WELLER  
Features Editor

For a few hours of one day, the entire world squinted its eyes and focused on the city of Tacoma. Our city. Why? Because a "great" leader was to pass through it while on a quest to a foreign country of intrigue.

And so the world watched as the president got off Air Force One. Perhaps he squinted himself as he let his vision sweep across the pollution-filled panorama that is Tacoma, Washington. Perhaps he smiled and waved to the crowd of proud Tacomans and maybe knelt down to shake the hand of some wide-eyed youngster sporting a button that featured the smiling, confident face of good ol' Ron. Perhaps - maybe - but probably not.

More than likely "good 'ol Ron" was separated from his adoring on-lookers by several barricades and not-a-few Secret Service men. But he probably still smiled and waved, even if only for the press and the photographers.

And the press. Perhaps they were nearly foaming at the mouth, trying to get the clearance that would allow them to get near and actually talk to the leader of one of the two greatest powers on earth. Perhaps there were reporters waiting in the corners of our city's emergency rooms, hoping to be

posure. There are foreign governments which finance undergraduate study abroad for their nationals, in some cases down to the last dime.

It would improve our understanding and appreciation of our own national heritage if our government, and the institutions of higher education placed more emphasis on learning a second language and encouraged undergraduate study abroad. There are at present almost no sources of funding, grants or scholarships for study overseas prior to gaining a bachelor's degree. Costs are prohibitive, and often the only chance for foreign study is provided by a sponsoring U.S. institution.

As a step in the right direction, community colleges could begin to provide financial assistance to students who wish to take advantage of study-abroad programs, even if those students would be ineligible for other forms of aid. After all, two-year colleges like TCC exist to provide a foundation for further study in the sciences and liberal arts. It is not designed primarily as a trade school or job preparatory program.

A portion of tuition monies could be set aside in a fund to provide scholarship assistance of this type. Think how much students of history, political and social science, or languages could benefit from the experience of study abroad.

Another, perhaps less costly step would be to expand the offerings in the language department. TCC now offers only first year French and Spanish. This is not enough. A person who plans a major in a foreign language, or one requiring proficiency in a second language, needs the first two years of study if he or she is to complete progress toward the degree in four years. Additional languages such as Japanese and Arabic could be offered for credit and thus integrated into the regular student's elective schedule. German, French and Spanish should be offered as effective two-year series.

We cannot afford to ignore the rest of the world and its people; we cannot afford to deny ourselves and our American identity. Perhaps we are not so much disinterested as distracted. Stop for a moment to consider our Japanese cars, Mexican wedding shirts and German-made stereo headsets. We have to concede that our enjoyment is part of world interdependence.

Wonder is the first step toward attaining knowledge, and new knowledge is a catalyst that readjusts priorities. More furniture can only fit in a larger room. In preference to sleeping in the closet of someone else's house, may our room be the world and everything of it our minds can grasp.

"bigger" comes along. Regretfully, that's the way of things.

That's what happened to Elisa Tissot. Her murder was "big" news because she was a TCC graduate. Big, ugly, terrible news. News that those who knew her didn't want to hear. But the campus buzzed with it, heedless of the pain it was causing her friends and her former instructors. But the campus can't be blamed; bees buzz, and for about a day the campus was a hive.

I never knew Elisa Tissot — I never had the chance. But that doesn't mean that I can't feel the acute pang of loss and regret and bitterness. And that doesn't mean that I can't recognize the misery on the faces of those who were close to her, who really knew her.

Maybe Elisa didn't pull as much media coverage as the president, maybe she didn't get the same special protection, but that doesn't mean she didn't warrant it. From the quotes from her friends that I've read, Elisa would mingle, not separate herself from people. And when she was running, scared and alone, the Tacoma and Olympia police told her they couldn't help her.

Elisa's death, like the president's visit, set the campus buzzing, got us talking and sharing our feelings, even if those feelings hurt, even if it was just for a day.

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## Elisa lives on in friends' memories

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fellow to him. He (Slanina) went to the cafeteria looking for him. He had left."

Edrington said that Slanina advised Tissot to contact the Olympia authorities and get a restraining order, but they would not issue one.

Tissot had told Edrington she had dated Pimentel about a year ago, and that he was "some of kind of mercenary. A member of the Rhodesian army."

"He knew how to use weapons. He threatened to kill her, and she believed he would. She was very frightened," Edrington said.

"We'd been hiding her for two weeks trying to keep her safe,"

Nelson said. "We knew what was going on."

Allen said the events prior to the slaying were "cliche" and were described by Tissot as a "B movie. A very bad one," according to Allen. However, Allen said Tissot knew what was going to happen. "She said she was afraid he was going to walk into the (Evergreen) cafeteria and put a gun to her head," Nelson added. But Tissot was not frightened by the knowledge of her own fate, but by the "physical reality," Nelson said.

Ozanich said Pimentel had "threatened her with (his) suicide. He used that as a tool to manipulate her. He could not really be manipulated, though. She called his bluff."

What "specialness" Tissot had, according to Ozanich, "became a drug" to Pimentel. "He was completely hooked on it. The idea of going through 'withdrawal' was unbearable."

"When they were together," Allen said of the couple, "she was a goddess (to Pimentel). When she ended it (the relationship) she turned into (was considered by Pimentel) a bitch, a whore . . ."

"She was in a very strange, depressed state when she went to Evergreen, and so she found Michael. Because of complex problems . . . she was in a state where she had to be with Michael," Allen said.

According to McNickle, Pimentel was to be arraigned April 18, and as of that date, he was being held by the Thurston County sheriff's office for the shooting death of Tissot.

Allen said Tissot had stayed with her and Nelson the weekend of April 13-15, and had given Allen advice: "In times of great stress," Tissot had said, "you do little things. You get a cup of tea. You light a cigarette . . . You don't worry about the big things. If you do enough little things, the big ones will get done."

"There could never be a friend to me like Elisa," Allen said. "She's the only one I would be close with. She knew that, too."

## NASA interested in Panagiotides' research



Heracles Panagiotides

By MOLLY LUM  
Challenge staff

Heracles Panagiotides from Salonika, Greece is Tacoma Community College's star researcher who believes computer analysis will significantly expand the number of physiological and psychological problems that can be diagnosed by the EEG (Electroencephalogram) often eliminating the need for costlier, riskier and more time consuming diagnostic procedures.

The TCC instructor and University of Washington Ph.D. candidate has almost completed a project aimed at expanding the usefulness of a common medical test EEG through computer assistance. He has built his own biofeedback computerized system. Wires are hung all over his office. These wires measure the brain-wave activity and the central nervous system's response is displayed in amps on a screen and entered into Heracles' computer.

The EEG, invented in the 1930's, uses electrodes placed upon the scalp to provide a record of brain-wave activity which can reveal, to a highly trained analyst (usually a neurologist), the presence of brain abnormalities. Panagiotides is excited about developing a diagnostic

procedure through scanning for the treatment of Dyslexia. Presently he is, among other projects, working with Devon Edrington, TCC Philosophy instructor, on language and specifically how sometimes the brain does not process some sounds; or does process language in a different way in some people.

In recent years researchers have sought ways to improve the EEG test by using computer technology to process data. A computer-assisted EEG analysis procedure developed in 1975, for example, made it possible to diagnose many more problems than are detectable through use of standard EEG methods.

A formidable obstacle, however is the high cost of necessary equipment. At TCC, Panagiotides has developed instrumentation and methods producing comparable results at far less costs. Aided by student assistants, he has designed and constructed a system of electronic devices interfaced with a relatively inexpensive microcomputer. Used in conjunction with a special EEG procedure he has also developed, the system provides a computer screen image showing the distribution of electrical activity within the brain.

Panagiotides has written a number of computer programs that, when used with this "map" - (EEG) of the brain, will aid in diagnosis of brain disease.

Hercules, as Mr. Panagiotides is respectfully called, is excited about the potential of his project for improving health care and for spurring further research in a number of different directions.

The young psychology instructor who has been quietly conducting research at TCC was surprised this fall by a call from an official of the national aeronautics and space administration - (NASA) - expressing interest in his work. The Albert Computer Co. has asked Panagiotides to design a computer assisted biofeedback system for use in health care. NASA the federal agency in charge of the U.S. space program, is interested in his fast fourier transform (FFT), a wave analysis program with applications in many fields.

Having carried out projects, sharing a computer and scrounging cast-off and secondhand parts for his equipment, he also hopes interest in his research will lead to some material assistance for new projects he is planning.

## Employers to help students gain that winning edge

By ROBERT REDEAGLE  
Challenge Staff

"It would be nice to have a good showing of TCC students," said Employment Resources Week coordinator Kim Emery. This five day program is designed to help students learn about employment opportunities that may benefit them. The primary goal of this program is to attract students who are interested in gaining a competitive edge in the job market.

From April 30 to May 4, a variety of activities including the Employer Fair, Dress for Success Program, and a Library Display highlight offerings intended to benefit students interested in learning the most effective

ways to apply for a job. Other programs offered during the week include a Career Center open house, a mock interview session, an employer's panel and Career Day.

The Employment Fair has been designed to attract students' attention. The fair is set in the cafeteria and will allow participating students to visit with potential career employers such as the Internal Revenue Service, West Coast Grocers, Washington Natural Gas, several hospitals, and the Navy Reserve. This particular portion of the Employment Resources Week will be offered May 3.

The TCC Library will offer books, pamphlets and job search skill films,

which are available for those interested in a more self-taught individualized basis. "The library has a lot of information but most people don't know that," said career services coordinator Susan Mitchell.

Also slated to occur during the week is a mock interview session. These are practice interviews, and will be held May 1 at the Career Center from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. The main priority here is for the student to watch themselves on television and attempt to improve on his or her poise and conversation.

On Wednesday May 2, an employer panel will assemble in the

John Binns Room in Bldg. 7, to answer any questions concerning what an employer looks for when conducting an interview. Among those in attendance for this panel will be Rose Faulk of Faulk & Associates, and Nila Gillespie representing Ernst & Whinny, a full-time employment agency. They will answer any questions on what an employer looks for from the beginning of the interview to the end.

Finally, on Friday, May 4, the Career Center will host an Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Building 7, Room 12. Refreshments will be provided.



## Letters, we get letters

### Bruzas burns at McCarthy's bonfire, fears students get shaft

**To the Editor:**

I have many responses to Joanne M. McCarthy's letter to the editor in the Challenge on April 12th. I believe Ms. McCarthy must have slept throughout the testimony; if she had paid proper attention, she would not have made such errors as those which follow.

The defendant in the hearing had formerly been both a student and employee. A Rights and Responsibilities hearing committee can only reach decisions on current students. It was associate dean for student development Priscilla Bell's notification (along with that of Shirley Moore - assistant attorney general) which brought the defendant back on campus. The defendant probably was not notified of her rights concerning Rights and Responsibilities hearing and student status.

Another case was not pursued this year when the ASTCC's computer

was stolen from 15A. After apprehension the guilty party terminated his student status at TCC in order to avoid charges.

The Rights and Responsibilities forgery hearing was conducted by assistant attorney general Shirley Moore, on behalf of TCC's administration. This was not an appeal on behalf of the defendant. I believe the hearing followed termination of both employee and student status. If this was the case, the hearing was a rather untimely decision by Priscilla Bell.

It is true that I was present to hear all that is within the tapes and non-existent transcriptions. What was not brought out by the Challenge, is that no one (the defendant or other perpetrators), was legally found guilty. We the hearing committee, decided for "most probable guilt based on

circumstantial evidence." This was not reflected in the final decision papers. In America, Ms. McCarthy, people are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

My contention, "the right to an education has been violated by the administration" is well documented. I will gladly provide the reasoning to yourself or to anyone else orally at any time.

It does not mean that I want a transcript of the hearing. I do, however, want the proper administrators to read the hearing transcript in order to make the appropriate corrections prior to audit by an impartial registrar. My reason for charging administrative cover-up is clear. Our own campus officials refused to respond to previous requests concerning this incident or its corrections for over six

months.

Now that the Board of Trustees has requested an impartial assistant attorney general to advise and counsel myself and the Associated Students, possibly someone will understand the depth of the legal arguments incurred, obviously you do not.

In response to your final unfounded assertion, "What is his reason for making his charges of administrative cover-up a full two quarters after the hearing has taken place, and just before the end of winter quarter when students are understandably nervous about grades?" Students need not fear for current grades, but possibly for accreditation and integrity of past records. We may also make note of Persian students who may have successfully purchased educations at TCC.

**Bill Bruzas**  
ASTCC Student Body President

### A sports fan says, "no logic in Mairs Predictions"

**To the Editor:**

I fail to see any logic involved in the thought process of your sports editor Robin Mairs.

In the March 8th and 15th SERVE AND VOLLEY sports column Mr. Mairs predicted California last in the A.L. West and the Dodgers last in the N.L. West. What is this?

Anyone who knows baseball knows that the Dodgers have the best pitching staff in all of professional baseball and the California

Angels possess a varied all-star roster.

And what's with this business about the Seattle Mariners being predicted sixth? I will have Mr. Mairs realize that as of April 11, 1984 the Mariners, under the leadership of one Del Crandall, are in sole ownership of first place with a 5-1 record.

Mairs called the loss of Bill "the fin" Caudill "a big minus for the Mariners." Ha. That bum was simply fooling the American public.

The only consistency in Caudill's game was his ability to serve up the gopher ball in the late innings.

Mairs failed to realize that the M's can play head up with anybody. They cover all phases of the game. They run the basepaths with speed, can deliver the timely clutch hit, hit the long ball, and now with out Caudill, shut some teams down in the late innings.

I honestly believe that Del Crandall will guide the "Miracle Mariners" to the promised land in

1984. I can just hear Howard Cosell screaming "my-o-my" as Gorman Thomas beats the Atlanta Braves with a homerun the seventh game of the "fall classic."

I suggest that Mairs dig through his baseball cards and do a little more research before he pops off with any more of his so-called predictions. Leave the predictions to the pros or guys from Greece with names like Politakis or Pavolopolus.

**R.W. Conner**  
Oregon City, Oregon

**Stay tuned for details . . .**

**Challenge**

## Forgeries prey on staff morale

**By TOM FISHER**  
Challenge Staff

"The morale of the staff is gradually deteriorating due to unfounded allegations," surrounding a grade forgery incident early last year said Carl Brown, with a note of sadness in his voice.

Brown, TCC dean of support services since 1980, was referring to allegations by ASTCC president Bill Bruzas that TCC administrators were guilty of a "cover-up" (Challenge March 16, 1984 issue). Brown also said he could not understand why these charges were being made now, months after the investigations and hearing were conducted.

Brown said the transcript forgeries were discovered in 1983 by internal audit procedures and that ap-

propriate authorities were notified and an investigation was conducted. TCC officials have acknowledged from the time Bruzas made the charges that the unauthorized transcript changes were made, that a part-time employee was terminated as a result of investigations, and that procedural and security procedures had been improved.

Bruzas claims that the administration did not review all the transcripts before trying to fix the problems.

"The institution acted too slowly," Bruzas said in a recent statement. He also said he is still questioning whether all the problems identified in the student rights and responsibilities hearing, which deliberated the evidence in the forgery case, have

been completely corrected. "I want a review of the hearing transcripts by Dr. Opgaard, Carl Brown, Priscilla Bell, Don Gangnes, and both sides of the assistant attorney generals, and appropriate corrections made prior to an audit by an impartial registrar."

Bruzas said he is dropping his demand for access to a transcript of the hearing tapes. "I was there and I don't need to see it myself," he said. He does insist that problems in managing student records need to be identified before an audit is done.

According to Brown, he has had meetings with his staff to remind them of the need to maintain accuracy and attention to details as high priorities and to reinforce the need to follow established security pro-

cedures. He also pointed that he still has a high trust level for all the employees in his department. As he pointed out, the changes in the records were found by a full-time employee doing her job of monitoring the records.

Brown did say that one procedural change made was that now only full time staff members may accept data and make entries into the records. At the request of Dr. Carl Opgaard, TCC president, Brown is currently drafting a written report of specific actions his department has taken.

"You are the first person either from student government or the Challenge to talk with me about the management of student records," Brown told the Challenge reporter.



## McBrian plays TCC

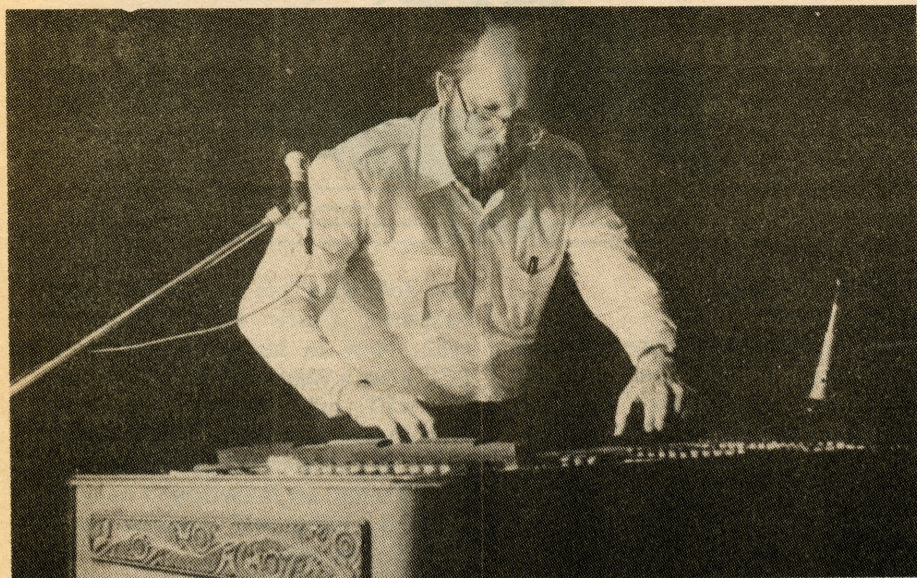


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By **SUSAN MORROW**  
Challenge Staff

The nooner concert held in the cafeteria on April 18, featured John McBrian, and his cimbalom — an antique instrument that has an origin dating back to the 11th Century, with a sound that combined the harp, piano, guitar, and just a hint of oriental tone.

McBrian says "I fell in love with the cimbalom. The sound is special. This is the instrument for those people who can't resist putting their hands inside a piano."

McBrian taught himself first to play the piano. From the piano, he taught himself to play the cimbalom, and very well I might add! He writes some of his own music, but has versatility in his performances with tunes ranging from traditional "Amazing Grace" to the upbeat of "Chariots of Fire" and lots of Beatles tunes.

The 200 pound, concert-sized instrument is nine years old, rests on four legs, has 133 strings pulled to about 36,000 pounds of tension, and appears similar to the inside string-work of a piano. The strings are struck with mallets that resemble large Q-tips, or plucked by the fingertips with precision. McBrian exposed his talent by playing duos with combinations of striking and plucking.

Gypsy musicians originally used the table-top-size cimbaloms, with the concert-sized version being created around 1870 in Budapest, McBrian said.

The origin of the cimbalom goes back to 11th Century Persia to an called a santur, a Persian dulcimer invented by a mathematician and a philosopher, he said.

After first hearing the cimbalom played, McBrian, yearned to expand his musical talents and set out to find one of the instruments. They are rare in the United States but are still manufactured in Eastern European countries. In Germany they call the instrument "hackbrett", which means block for chopping sausage. The resemblance is apparent.

When McBrian found his cimbalom, it was local. It was from a man in Concord, Calif. The instrument at the time was purchased for \$1,800, and was shipped to him, sight unseen. He then dropped his profession as a field engineer for a computer firm and launched his new life. He's been doing it for six and one half years now.

"Music is not an easy field to make a living, but it makes people feel good. That's my bottom line. That's why I do it. I could do something else like fix computers if I want to make money," McBrian said.

## Few audition for 'Island'

By **JOANNE FISHER**  
Challenge Staff

For anyone on campus who has ever aspired of becoming an onstage actress or actor, you missed your chance last week when auditions were held by Gene Nelson, director of the musical group the "Clef Dwellers," for the musical comedy "Kittiwake Island."

"It seems that there have been many opportunities for TCC students to, strut their stuff, yet very few students are auditioning for the plays on campus," said Nelson. "Usually I open it up to the community and we get a lot of response." He added, "The thing is that I wanted it internal, in other words, use just college kids. This is the third time I've tried it and it really hasn't been a good

enough response," he said.

As instructor and director of the "Clef Dwellers", Nelson has thought of handing the production over to the group. "My plan right now is to put it to the 'Clef Dwellers'," said Nelson. "It depends on how the involvement in that group is too. There is a lot of challenge there (in the play.). I decided rather than lose a production, we would base it around the class (Clef Dwellers) and give them another experience," Nelson said.

Because of the theme of the musical, Nelson felt that the play would fit nicely on a college campus. "It's kind of a spoof on college students and college teachers so it would fit well here," he remarked.

The play is slated to open May 30 and play through June 2 in Bldg. 3.

## SOUNDANDVISION

# TCC activities need participation

By **SYDNEY JACKEL**  
Entertainment Editor

Low student interest, and little or no faculty participation are two reasons of low turnout at TCC activities, according to student activities manager, Mark Turner.

"It's very common for people to be involved in outside activities," Turner said of the low turnouts. He said that he doesn't expect every student to attend events, that they have "jobs and families" to take care of, but because the activities are "built very heavily on campus" he doesn't understand why more people do not show up for the events.

For example, during the "World's Worst Films Festival" last month, only 20 people were in attendance at one of the featured films, "Lightning Swords of Death," and according to Turner, "14 of them were from UPS."

But a few students have a negative attitude toward having such on-campus activities, Turner said.

"People come to me and say, 'Why are you doing this? I come here to study.'" Turner indirectly replied that "part of being a student is to explore," and having such on-campus events is "a chance to do new things," he said.

Even the label "free" seems to have no affect on student turnout, according to Turner. He related a story of his past experience with a free-of-charge event at his former school, UPS:

"I got a free ticket to see a 'kabuki' dancer. He (the dancer) was the only American trained in the official school of kabuki in Japan. He told the history of kabuki and Japan while putting his make-up and mask on before the dance. It was very interesting.

"I learned more from that than from all my classes." Turner majored in European history and political

science, a minored in Asian history while at UPS.

Turner also felt that more faculty participation is necessary for a successful activities program. He said he understood the busy schedules of most instructors, but cited some of those who do take extra-curricular time to spend with students.

TCC English instructor Georgia McDade accompanies students to the Shakespeare festival that is held annually in Ashland, Oregon, according to Turner. Dr. Yun-Yi Ho, TCC history instructor, recently took students to the Chinese art exhibit in Seattle, and Gene Nelson of TCC's music department was involved with the Miss Tacoma pageant and is advisor of the school's performing troupe, the Clef Dwellers.

"At PLU and UPS," Turner added, "part of the deal is to spend time with the students in (extra)-curricular activities — the professors getting involved. That's the idea of clubs — involve faculty."

However, Turner stressed that some TCC activities have been successful. The dance on April 13, hosted by comedy-music group Mondo Vita, "went real well. Nice sound. Over 200 people — paid. And it was in the nick of time," he said. "If that didn't do it, that was it."

The General Westmoreland lecture in November attracted approximately 400 people, Turner said, and 600 to 700 attended Gene Roddenberry's ("inventor" of Star Trek) presentation in January.

Turner claimed, "I don't have any answers" in the problem of low student interest in activities.

"We're not promoters. Our goal is to break even," he said. "We give students a chance to see culture . . . and entertainment. We even hope to sneak in some education. There are opportunities available — they have just not taken advantage of them."

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## Two display the art of winning

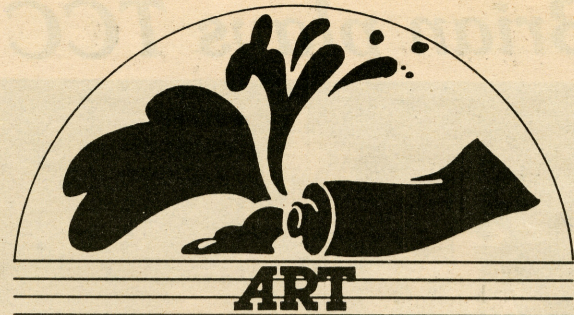


Photo by Tom Fisher

Patrick O'Neil stands by one of his entries, an untitled three-tone rendering of a man with a cigarette.

### By TOM FISHER Challenge Staff

TCC students Diane Schmeckpeper and Patrick O'Neill are currently sharing wall space. Both have art work on exhibit in the TCC library. They are also sharing the honor of being recipients of the David Lassoie Memorial Art Scholarship. The scholarship pays one quarter of full time tuition at the resident rate. For Schmeckpeper, this does not pay her full tuition as she does not meet residency requirements.

Schmeckpeper, 27, attended a design program at the University of Minnesota for a year before coming to TCC. "Design students were required to take a course in household equipment," she said. While in Minnesota she also worked doing energy audits for a utility company, and the two experiences "led to an interest in designing more energy efficient kitchens," she added.

Schmeckpeper said she will complete her studies at TCC this summer and attend Cornish Institute in Seattle next fall. There she plans to merge her interests in combining visual with functional design. She will major in interior design with a minor in architecture and energy. "Design needs to be more functional as well as aesthetic. America has a false sense of security about energy. We have placed too much emphasis on the belief that energy will always be available. I believe in designing for an energy efficient future," she added.

For Patrick O'Neill, art began as a hobby in school. Encouragement and support from teachers and his parents prompted him to pursue an art educa-

tion following his graduation from Tacoma's Curtis High School in 1982. Now in his third quarter at TCC after a year at UPS, O'Neill said he will transfer to Eastern Washington University in the fall to major in commercial and advertising art. "To me, art is exciting. I have no problem sitting and working on a project," he said.

O'Neill says he is still working on developing a specific style. He said he has learned much about technique both at TCC and UPS, "but I am doing lots of exploring and experimenting." An example of this is an assignment by Frank Dippolito, head of TCC art department, to use an inexpensive background. For this project, O'Neill chose paper grocery bags and incorporated the creases in the paper into the design of the art.

O'Neill has enjoyed some measure of commercial success as he has created paintings on commission for several local doctors' offices. He said he prefers to keep most of his present work for future reference. "I'd like to look back and learn from these paintings," he concluded.

The David Lassoie Memorial Scholarship is awarded to full-time students who are enrolled in, or have taken, Art 105, 110, or 115 and have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Samples of an entrant's work are submitted for judging by members of the art department faculty, usually near the end of the quarter preceding the quarter for which the award will be made. Additional information for applying for this award can be obtained from members of the Art Department in Bldg. 5.

## State receives request for TCC facelift

### By KERI SILER Challenge Staff

TCC administrators are asking for more than \$10 million in capital funding for the 1985-87 biennium.

Administrators want the capital funding for minor and major renovations on campus. The official title is known as "The facilities and master plan project." It involves regrouping and consolidating departments on campus, such as the administrative services, financial aid and other student services to save students from running to one building then another.

According to Executive Dean Don Gangnes, director of operations and planning at TCC, the master plan originated almost two years ago and is still very much in the developing stages.

Gangnes said that before any

changes are made, reports on what buildings are to be modified and estimated cost of modifications, along with drawings showing specific details, must be submitted to the State Board for Community College

Education before April 30.

The State Board provides capital funding for 27 community colleges in the state of Washington, according to capital-funding officer Bill Julius. Julius said that as of now no one is sure where capital funding for these colleges will come from. "If you were to ask someone right now where these funds were coming from they would tell you they don't know," he said.

In a telephone interview, Julius also said he doesn't believe TCC will be granted the full amount of its request. "We hope they receive part of the funding in 85 and the other part in

87, but we're looking at \$200 million for all the colleges, and other colleges will be asking for funding for their projects as well."

If TCC is granted funding, even partial funding, the state board will then take its recommendation before the Legislature for approval. The Legislature will then decide where this money will come from. Julius said it is possible the Legislature will raise tuition to cover some of the cost. Julius did stress that if there were an increase in tuition it would only be a "reasonable" one and would only be a very small piece of the pie.

According to Gangnes, TCC administrators should know whether they will receive funding and what type by March or April of 85. Although TCC officials will have a decision by March or April the

budget will not take affect until July of 85.

Plans are being made now to relocate departments such as admissions and student advising to Bldg. 18. Gangnes said there may be some temporary moves beginning in fall to begin renovations on other buildings but as yet no specific or permanent locations have been set.

The reason behind moving admissions and students services, said Gangnes, is the Pierce Transit Bus Center located at the end of the south parking lot behind Bldg. 18. "I definitely feel that the Pierce Transit Center has had a great impact on the design and the direction the campus is moving. More students are using the south parking lot and congregating closer to the bus for easier transportation access," he said.



# The Upper Volta: A close-up view

Former CHALLENGE staffer Yvonne Renz sends back this report on life in the Republic of Upper Volta, where she has been staying with her aunt.

By **YVONNE RENZ**  
Special to the Challenge

We as Americans tend to indulge and bury ourselves in our daily problems while foreign countries float past in a hazy blur. While we worry about our cars, in the Republic of Upper Volta people worry about the air in their bicycle tires. We have big problems when the washing machine or vacuum cleaner breaks down, while in R.U.V. the people have no such machines to break down. We worry about technology destroying our land while R.U.V. is at our former stage, looking for technology to improve.

Daily problems which Voltan people survive would be considered catastrophic by us. Seventy four percent of urban people and 100 percent of rural people survive without electricity. Ninety percent of the entire population does not have a safe or constant water source. Wood for



Photo by Yvonne Renz

cooking fuel must often be transported 80 to 150 miles by donkey cart. Agriculture is completely without the aid of machines.

The meager daily existence in R.U.V. is so foreign and difficult to

believe that most Americans can not even imagine such a country or life could exist. But the truth is that R.U.V. and other countries like it do exist. Americans need to focus their eyes when these unbelievable and

blurry facts float past.

R.U.V. is not a military base or a military threat to the U.S., and it is not a supplier of oil or coffee. It has no great seaports or mountain peaks, no internationally famous movie star, no automobile factories, and no huge indoor shopping centers. What is this country then? Why should we learn about the existence of such a poor and unproductive land?

The existence of the U.S. is known the world over. The time has come for Americans to learn about the world and who lives in it.

Because the people of R.U.V. exist; this is why we should know about them. They breathe the same air as we, they are born as we, and they die as we. While we struggle to buy new blue jeans or tennis shoes for the second time in six months, the Voltan people are struggling to have enough food, water, and fuel each day. Voltans continue to live despite the fact that one out of five children dies before the first birthday and the average life expectancy is 43 years.

## Political arena explored

By **VALARIE JOHNSON**  
Challenge Staff

The TCC Political Science Department offers a city council internship program to students interested in the political arena.

This program has been offered for the past 6 years under the direction of Don Moseid, instructor of political science. Moseid makes the decision in determining if a potential student has what it takes to handle this program. Moseid adds that, although the class is very flexible, "Those students looking for a soft touch, won't find this an easy credit."

Up to 15 credits can be received for this internship. The grade is deter-

mined by both the city council member and Moseid. Through this internship, students such as Bob Stevens, who is currently working with congress member Norm Dicks, has received paid positions in city government. A former intern, Dan Jackson, was led into politics by the experience, becoming a member of the Gig Harbor City Council.

Three to five internships are usually offered a quarter, and presently there is room for a couple more students in the program.

If you have an interest in city government and feel you meet Moseid's standards, contact him in Bldg. 9 Rm. 34, or call 756-5070 for further information.

## Bookstore Making profits

By **JUDITH BREWINGTON**  
Challenge Staff

A rule of thumb sometimes used by students to estimate the total cost for a quarters education is tuition plus half that amount for books needed. We sometimes get off with a lesser cost, and other times find the price of the required texts to look like the tuition fee itself.

In a comparative income statement for the six months ended Dec. 31, 1983, the Tacoma Community College Bookstore reflected a net profit of \$15,041.

James A. Call, TCC's agency accounts officer said, "State law mandates that the bookstore be operated as a business enterprise. It is not designed to make a lot of money."

The bookstore maintains five full time employees who's salary and benefits amount to 21.24% of its operating expenses. "We are all at the top of our state pay scale," says Guff McCray, the manager of the store. "The salaries being paid are in line with the National average median pay scale," she continued.

Any profits made by the bookstore are plowed back into the store, according to Call. Last year they added new shelving along the windows and new check out stands which cost the store in excess of \$8,000.

All equipment, cash registers, desks, display shelving, etc., are purchased by the bookstore out of their funds; not by the state, even though the bookstore is not a privately run business, it operates very much like one.

The bookstore pays rent to the school, is responsible for all its own repair costs, must pay its own insurance on goods, as well as the salaries and benefits mentioned before.

One of the reasons the six month net profit figure looked so high was because the insurance, security system, and some other annual payments don't come due until the second half of the fiscal year (around May).

There are two areas that sometimes seem a constant source of frustration in dealing with the bookstore. The first is their check cashing policy. In looking at the income statement, however, there were only \$269.00 in NSF (non-sufficient funds) in the given six month period. By keeping that figure at a minimum, it enables the bookstore to maintain a moderate mark up on its merchandise.

The second practice that seems to provoke some bookstore patrons is that of the refund policy, in which you must have your sales slip when you turn in your books.

"Theft on campus can be a problem. Can you imagine what it would be like if our policy did not require a receipt?" McCray said. "We are protecting the students by enforcing this policy, which, by the way is more liberal than Ft. Steilacoom, Highline, Green River, or U.P.S. I checked with them all," she added.

"The necessary items are made available to students at a lesser mark up in order to better serve the students," said Call. "The goodies are a higher mark up because they are an optional item to those people buying in the bookstore."

McCray added, "We even beat K-Mart on our prices for our stuffed teddy bears, and ours are prettier. That really tickles me."

## Scholarship still available

By **BETTY SINGLETON**  
Challenge Staff

The Betty Kronlund Scholarship Fund will award \$250 to any student of academic excellence, good character, and having financial needs, to be used toward tuition and books. Students must be presently enrolled at TCC and majoring in office education and business in order to qualify for this scholarship.

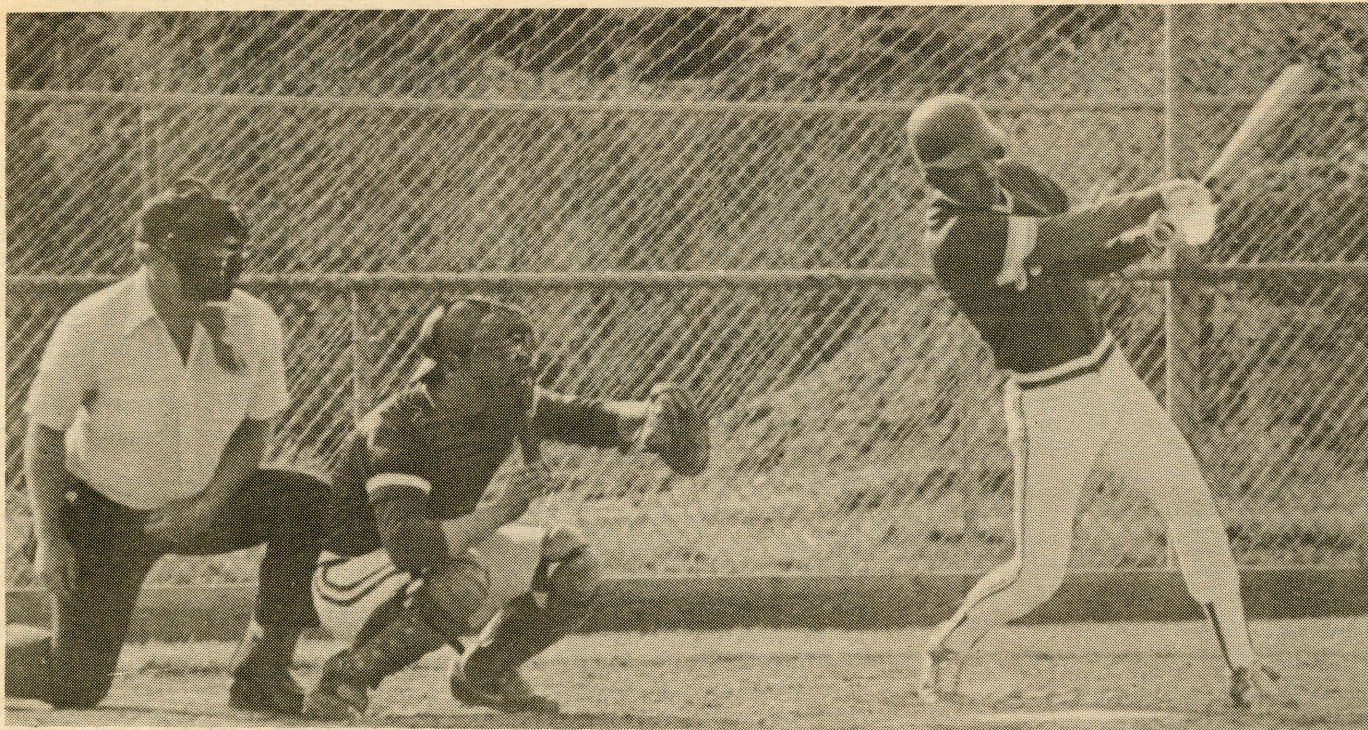
Applications will be accepted in the Financial Aid Office, Bldg. 2A, through Monday April 30. Both men and women are encouraged to apply. The final selection of the award recipient will be made by Friday May 11, by the Betty Kronlund Scholarship Committee.

Sponsored by the TCC classified staff, the scholarship is given annually in honor of Mrs. Betty Kronlund, former faculty secretary and first division chairmen's private secretary, who died suddenly on October 9, 1971, of a heart attack. She began work on campus in the fall of 1967 and was one of TCC's first employees. She was an exceptional secretary, most personable office manager, and a dedicated "Pioneer" of the campus.

Colleen Morrison was the 1983-84 recipient.

Committee members are: Millie Rohrs, Margaret Héaton, Rae McIntire, and Chris Sypher.





Titan Brad Wolten, who hit two home runs in the same inning against Ft. Steilacoom, is leading the team in hits, HR's and RBI's.

## Serve and Volley

### Is the USFL useful?

ROBIN MAIRS - Sports Editor



By ROBIN MAIRS  
Challenge Staff

Next week marks the midway point in the United States Football Leagues second season, and so far there have been many surprises.

The first is the USFL's surprising ability to sign "first-round NFL picks" to multi-million dollar USFL contracts. Take, for example, BYU's Steve Young, a sure bet to be selected by the Cincinnati Bengals as the first pick in the upcoming NFL draft. Young signed with the USFL's Los Angeles Express for something like 45 million bucks. Another example is Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier, sure-fire first round choice, who signed with the Pittsburgh Maulers of the USFL for five-million greenbacks.

Another surprise is the USFL attendance. So many people expected the attendance to decrease, (some saying by 50 percent) as the fans lost interest. But the truth is, attendance is up about 3,000 people per game from last years inaugural season average of almost 25,000 per game. That includes the addition of six new franchises and the increase of "promotional" tickets being given away. The big winners in the ticket war are the Birmingham Stallions who are

drawing almost twice as many fans as they did last season, and the New Orleans Breakers (who last year played in Boston), who are reporting an increase of more than 27,000 fans from last years USFL low of 12,000.

Still another surprise is the inconsistent and sub-normal play from some proven college and former NFL players who were supposed to become "stars" in the USFL. Rozier, who was supposed to "run wild" against USFL defenses has found the going tough. He is averaging only 3.6 yards a carry, 85 yards a game and has scored only 1 rushing touchdown. Hershel Walker, another mega-million dollar man who now holds most of the leagues rushing records, will have a hard time coming close to last years record setting totals. Walker is averaging but 3.7 yards a tote and a woeful 78 yards a game. Cliff Stoudt, former Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback, is the leagues 11th rated passer (out of 18) and has thrown only 7 touchdown passes in eight contests.

Although the USFL is usprisingly competing with the NFL, I don't think the league will be able to survive too much longer, and I see a possible merger or total demise of the league in the next few years.

#### HITTING

NAME	GP	AB	R	H	RBI	AVE
Strobl	7	14	4	6	3	.429
Wolten	14	53	14	20	15	.377
Vivanco	17	48	16	17	7	.354
J. Larson	15	43	4	15	13	.349
Lachemann	17	51	13	17	13	.338
Blowers	15	46	14	15	11	.326
Nelson	9	16	2	5		.313
Bartram	15	49	5	14	11	.286
Neumiller	16	39	7	11	13	.282
Hamilton	9	18	4	4	2	.222
Reyes	15	38	10	9	1	.237
Isom	13	29	2	6	3	.207
Gratzer	7	20	1	4	2	.200
Scott	8	11	1	2		.182
Waltier	12	27	6	4	6	.148
McCabe	13	10		1	1	.100

#### PITCHING

NAME	IP	AB	R	H	S	O	L	ERA
Tronson	12 2/3	54	8	10	3	1	1	0.71
James	48	199	26	44	41	4	1	2.81
Calkins	21 2/3	98	14	20	14	2	1	3.74
Clarsen	31	152	23	41	23	3	2	4.06
Keener	11	54	9	9	7			5.73
March	10	51	11	10	12	2	2	9.90

The Titan men's baseball team won four of the last eight games. Rich Calkins pitched the 12-4 win over the Green River Gators April 13. April 14 The Titans played a double header with the Centralia Trailblazers, winning the first one 4-3, and losing the second game 6-1. Troy James pitched the winning game and Cary Larson the losing game.

April 16 The Titans raided the Ft. Steilacoom Raiders for a double win, 6-5 and 17-4. Titan outfielder Brad Wolten had two home runs in the nightcap and ended up with 10 RBI's on the day.

Then April 19 in a makeup game with Shoreline, the Samural cut them down in the last inning with a grand slam home run for a final score of 6-3. The men are now 5-2 in league play and 12-4 for the season.

In a doubleheader at Lower Columbia the Titans lost a pair. The Titans lost the opener 4-3 as another grand-slam did them in. Troy James took the loss. The score in the second game was 4-1 as Carey Larsen was the losing pitcher.

The Titans are now 12-7 overall and 5-5 in league.

In the coming week the men travel to Olympic April 27 and Ft. Steilacoom April 28. Their next home game is May 1, when the Titans host the Bellevue Helmsmen.

#### MENS BASEBALL

April 27 - FRI At Olympic (1 game) — 3:00 p.m.; April 28 SAT At Ft. Steilacoom (2 games) — 1:00 p.m.; May 1 TUE vs Bellevue (1 game) — 3:00 p.m.; May 4 FRI vs Olympic (1 game) — 3:00 p.m.; May 5 SAT At Centralia (2 games) — 1:00 p.m.

#### GOLF

April 27 FRI At Shoreline (Nile GC) — 1:00 p.m.; May 4 FRI At Green River (Meridian Valley) — 1:00 p.m.

## CLASSIFIEDS

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