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Photo by Carl/Jon Goodwin

Campus showers bring Bldg. 2 flowers. For more campus captured on film, turn to Visions.

## Anti-apartheid activist speaks

By **BILL TURNER**  
News editor

Sathasivan Cooper, president of the South African/Azanian student movement's Institute for Black Research and a chairman on the National Forum committee in Johannesburg, South Africa, spoke before students April 6, in Bldg. 3.

"A meeting like this would not be allowed to happen (in South Africa), except in white areas," Cooper said.

Cooper has been arrested over three times in his native country, South Africa. He has served a total of up to nine years imprisonment and has been accused of fomenting racial hostility, terrorism and conspiracy to overthrow the government.

Cooper was elected executive of the Black People's Convention in 1972, and vice-president of the Natal Indian Congress (NIC) in that same year. He also served as both deputy-president in 1984 and president of the Azanian Peoples Organization (AZAPO). But Cooper placed credit on the younger generation in South Africa.

"Ages 10 to 18 are the people occupying the streets at the forefront of the struggle," he said.

Cooper, 37, talked of struggles of the black majority during a wedding that took place on a street corner in Johannesburg.

"The police arrive and a shot is fired, then another," he said. "A father is shot in the leg and the bride is shot in the chest. A few days later, they are charged with public violence."

Incidents like these, Cooper said, happen "regularly."

"It's not that often a speaker comes in and talks about people getting shot," Shepard Cline, an undecided major who attended the lecture with his class, said. "It was very eye-opening."

Cooper went to primary school in his younger years and later attended Sastri College in Durban. He then registered for a baccalaureate degree at University College, also in Durban. He talked about black students and the results of breaking school policies.

"(Students) have to be in school. If they are found outside of school they are usually shot at," Cooper said. "The children are the target."

When the floor was open for questions by the students, many asked about the apartheid system and how the international community has affected it.

"If it had not been for (South African Prime Minister) Botha's white face... we would have a speedy recovery," he said. "They would have intervened if it was a black man in power."

Cooper told of a classification system that the South African government uses to categorize the population.

White, colored, African and Asian are the four major classes, he said. But these classes are divided into smaller sub-titles, except 'white'-which has no other smaller titles.

**'It cannot be a figment of imagination what I am telling you.'**

**-Saths Cooper**

"You will find a person classified as 'colored' in a family with a 'Zulu' and an 'Asian'," Cooper said. "And there will be a person blond and as blue-eyed as they come...classified as 'Colored'. It's an absolutely crazy system."

David Alger introduced Cooper to the audience and was the main force in bringing Cooper to Tacoma.

"We coordinated (the Saths Cooper visit) through the network ecumenical," Alger said. "In this case...the South African Council of Churches, (NCC)."

## 1987-88 proposed budget \$35,275 less than 1986-87

By **DEBBIE SNELL**  
Editor

The proposed Service and Activity fee budget for 1987-88 is \$341,310; \$35,275 less than was approved for 1986-87.

The money for the budget comes from fees from the 3136 Annualized Full Time Equivalence (based on S&A fee of \$2.85 per credit), miscellaneous revenue and interest.

"We had \$35,275 less money this year," Ravuth Tuy, vice president of finance, said. "We spent more money on miscellaneous and didn't include the special project carry over."

The three areas of the budget are programs, activities and services. Activities received the biggest decrease of \$58,928 to \$51,961 while services increased from \$115,578 to \$128,970.

Under programs, the biggest cuts were for Student's Access to Growth & Earning (\$22,380 to \$20,000) and *The Challenge* (\$19,100 to \$18,000). There were minor increases in some sports programs for new equipment and/or uniforms.

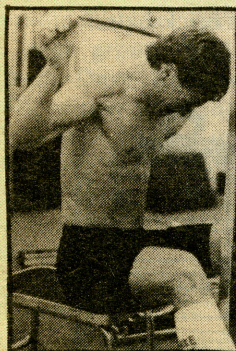
The two main cuts under activities were for activities (budget title) which decreased from \$28,669 to \$25,780 and the Artist and

Lecture Series which decreased from \$18,200 to \$15,900. There were also small cuts for publicity, outdoor recreation and clubs. Awards received a small increase.

Under services, the biggest increases went to child care (\$66,670 to \$80,000) and equipment and facilities (\$3,700 to \$6,700). "The child care center increase is all salary," Chris Farler, ASTCC president, said. "There was a state increase (in salaries) and we had to pay it."

According to Tuy, "The increase for equipment is

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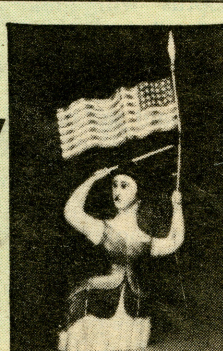
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# On Campus & Off

By GERIE VENTURA  
On/Off campus



## For your enjoyment

Don't miss the **TCC Ping Pong Tournament**, Monday, April 20, at 12:45 p.m. in Bldg. 11-A.

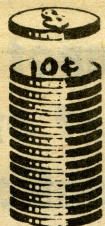
**About Last Night** is the feature presentation, Wednesday, April 22, at 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 11-A. Grab a friend and enjoy this **FREE** movie.

TCC's **Chamber Orchestra** perform works by Mozart, Boyce, Mendelssohn and others during an April 22 concert, 7:30 p.m. in the college theater, Bldg. 3. Invite a friend and enjoy this **FREE** concert.

Sing and swing along with the **Swing Choir**, Thursday, April 23, at 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Sign up now for the **Hiking Trip** to Gobbler's Knob, at Mount Rainier, scheduled for Sunday, April 26, at 10 a.m. The cost is \$3 and is brought to you by student programs.

## Free time?



"Psychological Wellness," a **counseling center** workshop, is planned for Friday, April 24, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., in Bldg. 7-11. Gene Harvey, a clinical social worker in private practice and a staff member at Western State Hospital, will show you how to step away from the hectic pace of life to a more relaxed state.

**Jobs available**, workers needed for excellent work-study on the job training opportunities. Salaries range from \$3.35 to \$6.09 per hour. Students eligible for college or state work-study should go to the Financial Aid Office, Building 18.

**March of Dimes Team** walk is set for Saturday, April 25. There's still time to get your pledge sheets and participate! Let's show the community that the TCC team is the greatest. Contact team leader Ron Pickering at 756-5172 for more information.

## Seminar city

The **TCC Gourmet Cooking School** will offer a "Traditional Italian Cuisine" course from April 23-May 7, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Hunt Jr. High School. Chef Dean Wilkey from "Grazie's" will introduce you to Northern Italian cuisine. Call 756-5020 for more information.

TCC's **Institute for Business and Industry** hosts a special seminar, "Humor in the Workplace," May 6, from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Tacoma Sheraton. Fee is \$60 (advance), or \$70 (at the door). Call 756-5018 for more information.

## Etc.

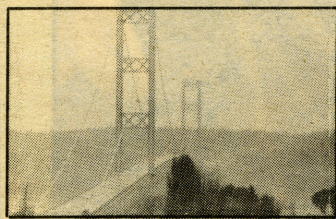
**Gwen Overland**, TCC music department chairman, will star in the Tacoma Little Theater production of *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg*. This story of a couple with a severely disabled child is told with warmth and humor. The show will run through April 25 with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; and Thursday, April 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and \$7. Call 272-2481 for information.

**Comedian/actor** Jimmie Walker wants to give a break

to college writers who think they know how to write jokes for stand-up comedy. He is now soliciting material. If Walker uses the material, he will pay the writers. Any student wishing to submit material should send it to Walker's Hollywood office at: 9000 Sunset Blvd., Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA, 90069. Be sure to enclose your name, address and phone number, so that Walker can locate you in the event that he is interested in your material.

## City of Destiny

## Let's do Tacoma . . .



**The Camera, The Zoo & You** is offered at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 25. Capture zoo creatures on film. For beginners or parents and children, 12 years old and up. Advance registration required. Adults, \$10; kids 12-16, \$5. Call 591-5333 for information.

The 29th annual **Ebony Fashion Fair** presents "Fashion Scandal," Sunday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in the Tacoma Dome Convention center. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at: The Bon, Tacoma Mall; Penny Lane Records, 11013 Bridgeport; or the Tacoma Urban League, 2550 So. Yakima. Call 383-2006 or 564-6897 for more information.

The **Tacoma Art Museum** presents the "Art Quilt," featuring art of 15 contemporary artist working in the quilt medium. The show runs through April 26 and will be

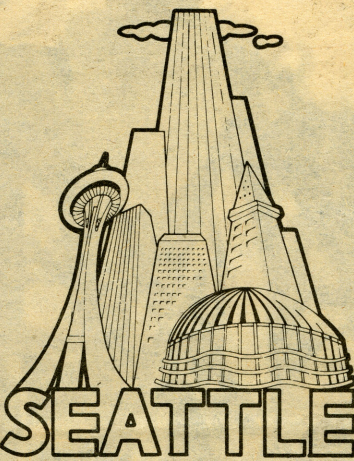
accompanied by a large, full-length, full color format book which is available for purchase in the museum shop. Admission is free. Call 272-4258 for more information.

The **University of Puget Sound's Women's League** annual **Flea Market**, boasted as the largest of its kind north of San Francisco, will be held Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the UPS Fieldhouse. Call 472-8504 for more information.

The **Seymour Botanical Conservatory**, at So. 4th & G. St. (Wright Park), features Easter flowers on display through April 29. Featured are Easter lilies, hydrangeas, tulips, primula-malocoides, bleeding hearts and daffodils.

## Emerald City

## Let's do Seattle . . .



The **Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center** is now recruiting volunteers to provide support for bone marrow transplant patients and families. An orientation will be held Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.

The two-hour orientation will be held in the FHCRC auditorium, 1124 Columbia St., on Seattle's First Hill. It will cover information regarding the center and the responsibilities of a volunteer.

The volunteer program has special needs, in addition to family support, for foreign language-speaking individuals, especially German, and volunteers with some background in art or therapeutic services.

**Juilliard String Quartet**, the internationally-acclaimed "whiz of the chamber music field," performs Friday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in Meany Theater on the University of Washington campus. Tickets are \$15. Call 543-4880 for more information.

**Little Eyolf**, the rarely seen classic of Henrik Ibsen's later years, will be presented by the University of Washington School of Drama through April 25, in the Penthouse Theatre. Performances are 8 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m., Sunday. Tickets are \$5, Tuesday-Thursday; \$6, Friday-Sunday. \$1 student-senior discount available. Call 543-4880 for information.

The **USA/USSR Goodwill Tour** comes to Seattle for one show, Saturday, May 2, at the Hec Edmundson Pavilion, University of Washington. Besides giving a preview of each nation's hopes for next year's Olympic games and the 1990 Goodwill Games, Seattle will also get a rare look at the world's greatest gymnasts. Tickets are \$17.50 at any Ticketmaster outlet. Call 285-3212 for information.

**Seattle Opera's** regular and auxiliary chorus audition dates and times for the 1987/88 season are: Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 to 4 p.m., 5-7 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 1:30 to 4 p.m., 5 to 7:30 p.m.; Monday, May 3, 1:30 to 4 p.m., 5 to 7:30 p.m.; Monday, May 4, 4 to 6 p.m., 7 to 9:30 p.m. Auditions will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, lower hall, Number 15, Roy St.--one block east of Queen Anne Avenue. Prepare two arias from the opera and/or oratorio repertoire. To sign up for a time, call 443-4700.

## Butschun + mathematics = enthusiasm & dedication

By BARBARA J. COHEN  
Staff reporter

Who is the best kept secret on Tacoma Community College campus? Suzanne Butschun, mathematics teacher.

Butschun, who earned her B. S., from the University of Puget Sound, M.S., Oregon State and M.B.A., from the University of Puget Sound, taught high school in Corvallis, Oregon before coming to TCC in 1967, two years after its opening.

A four-week class on the use of the Lotus Computer is being taught by Butschun. The class is being conducted for faculty, staff and professionals on campus. There is room for 10 students but 11 are enrolled in the class.

Butschun said she was called in on the project by Gary Sigmen at the downtown center, and that the objective of the class is to do something useful for the students, and to free the teachers to do course

while business people get to do budgets.

"We have a new computer system, and the system saves time if you know how to use the Lotus," Janet Luxtrum, accountant in the business office since 1981, said. She explained that other schools use computers and that "we occasionally borrow back and forth. I can borrow if they have a work sheet; I don't have to re-invent the wheel."

Luxtrum said that at the end of the year, her job is to monitor expenditures to make sure "we don't overspend." "Lotus will make that job easier," she said.

The text being used by the class was written by Butschun who said the book isn't like a programmed book, it is designed for use with a leader, not self study.

"The book is designed to be easily understood without much detail. Too much detail and people go crazy," she said.

Butschun credits husband Hans, who majored in ar-

chitecture and fine arts, with cartoons and graphic work. Each picture corresponds with a command gone wrong. The book looks semi-professional. It can be kept on the desk as a reference, she said. Articles and clippings will be given to the class.

"Vision is important in being able to comprehend easier," said Butschun.

"I'm lucky that Hans was professional," she said. "We have to be a team. He does the hardware and I do the software."

She also credits Hans with getting her started with computers, her first being the IBM which he suggested she get.

D'Ann McCurdy, accountant assistant and a June 1986 graduate of TCC, said, "The book is user friendly."

She said she first became familiar with the Lotus when an instructor brought his in to class. "Once you get the format set up, it's just one simple button and it's recall and that eliminates all calculations and

is much more accurate."

The TCC system is going to be a plus, minus system and "teachers are pulling out their hair," said Butschun, they only need to learn the part that they need. For the division chairperson and for our own records it is easier.

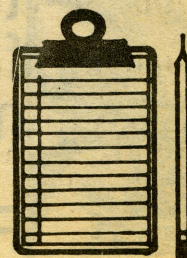
"With a formula typed in, take the average of the best grades and throw out the rest, said Butschun," "but you gotta get the right formula. It serves as a double check time saver." She said she usually runs from one to six test which she brings all up in the computer.

"Once I get the teachers automated, they can use it quarter after quarter," said Butschun. "The teachers could be better spending time for the next quarter, improving instruction rather than doing clerical. If the teachers become comfortable, they will encourage their students to learn about computers. Diffuse that feeling of error, then people can relax and learn," she said.

John Dodson, former stu-

dent of Butschun said, "She is enthusiastic, dynamic and really good with the magic markers. I feel that she did more that just get up and talk, she taught mathematics," he said. By taking math here is how I became interested in engineering. I'm sure that her enthusiasm and the clarity of her lectures really contributed towards my enjoyment of math."

Butschun said pre-reading assignments of "no-nos" will be given. She will see how well the book is received. "If they ask me back again, I may modify the book. You either get roses or brick bats."





# Opinions & Letters

## Should teachers be expected to shape students' career plans?

The opinion expressed below is the opinion of *The Challenge* editors.

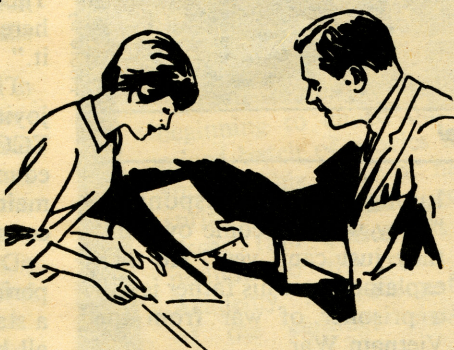
Does this scene bring back any memories? You're in line to register along with countless others. You arrive at the counter and they ask if your adviser signed your registration form. My adviser? you ask. They inform you that there's a list of all enrolled students with their advisers' names next to them on the wall around the corner. They tell you to come back when it is signed.

You find your name on the long list and go make an appointment to meet with your adviser. You enter his office and sit down. What is your name? he asks. What classes are you signed up for? What are your career goals? You answer. Why? he asks. They sounded fun, it was required, I wanted to, etc. OK he says. He signs the form and you leave.

Do you leave feeling confused? Do you think your meeting was a waste of time? Would your adviser have signed any schedule you presented him? Do you

feel mistreated or cheated? Like maybe your classes are the last thing your adviser had on his mind?

All advisers are not the same. What you don't realize is that your adviser is a teacher first and has to fit hundreds of students into his teaching schedule. Many times it is between classes and it seems as if they could care less who you are or what you take. Actually, they probably do care but don't have much time to show it.



to someone who knows nothing about him or much about professional advising.

No one is at fault for this situation. There aren't enough counselors on campus to see everyone and tell

them what course their education should take. Something needs to be done to change this so that it's fair to all those involved. Until a better, more efficient way is developed, here are some suggestions for registration:

Somehow there has to be a better way to advise students what to take. It isn't fair to the teacher or the student. The adviser is expected to meet with large masses of students and tell them what courses to take when they know virtually nothing of the student or his interests. On the other hand, the student is expected to meet with and trust his college education

Visit and talk with a teacher or professional in your field of interest. Find out the benefits and disadvantages of the field firsthand. Remember, be patient and take responsibility for your academic choices.

Before you see your adviser, see a counselor. Discuss your interests and goals and have them help you develop a program that is best for you.

## Parapsychology Club welcomes anyone

The opinions expressed below are the opinions of individual writers.

To the editor:

Thank you for publishing Miss Buxton's letter (March 13 issue) I found the content of her letter and the reaction to her letter by others very interesting.

As the person who started the TCC parapsychology club I want to assure her that I am not angry at her for removing our outdated notices. I was intrigued with her statement, "I'm not sure how God sees the right to equal speech, etc." as well as the general attitude of unhealthy and unwarranted fear her letter projected. I further found it ironic that her letter was published next to an article entitled "End the Holocaust" since her condemnation of everything nonchristian as being evil and satanic is reminiscent of the paranoia and fear which resulted in the death of over six million human beings during the Holocaust of Nazi Germany.

Gayle Buxton and others of her faith have a right to their belief system, however, the rest of us have a right to be

here as well. This nation is a nation founded on the principle of religious freedom and tolerance and has never been an exclusively Christian nation. TCC is operated by the State of Washington which is sworn to uphold the rights of all people regardless of racial, ethnic, or religious backgrounds. Our students come from Jewish, Buddhist, Islamic, Hindu, Baha'i, Native American, and Unitarian Universalist backgrounds etc., as well as from Catholic and various denominations of Protestant Christianity too numerous to list.

The TCC Parapsychology Club is not associated with any religious affiliation or group and welcomes anyone interested in helping us attempt to create a warm, friendly and comfortable atmosphere where we will be able to discuss a legitimate area of academic study referred to as parapsychology.

I would wish to add here that our club is currently looking for two even-tempered, caring individuals to work as team advisors.

**Ms. Irene R. Bartlett**  
Computer major

## Smaller classes should be top priority

Dear Editor:

Virtually every time I talk with parents, teachers, and students, the one thing they ask is: "When is the Legislature going to do something about our crowded classrooms?"

Washington State ranks 48th in the nation in pupil-teacher ratios. Only two states have more crowded classes than we. That is simply disgraceful.

How can any teacher do his or her job without the ability to work with children individually? Does it matter if a teacher has a Masters Degree, as so many suggest should be a requirement, when that teacher spends most of the day as a disciplinarian or a traffic cop?

We have some excellent programs in our state for children with special needs: the handicapped, the gifted, those who need special help with English or other academic subjects. But these programs are very expensive. Most of those

children would do better in a regular (less expensive) classroom, if only the teachers had time to work with them individually.

The 1987 Washington State Legislature is rapidly approaching its final days. Priorities are being made, and I believe smaller classes should be our top priority in education. The very least we should do is approve Governor Gardner's request to emphasize the early grades. I think we can do more than that, but the Governor's proposal is a good start.

It is critical that your views on these important educational issues be known. You can contact your Legislators by using the legislative toll-free Hotline: 1-800-562-6000.

Let's give the kids a chance. Let's do what the parents demand, what the teachers need, and what the students deserve: smaller classes.

Sincerely yours,  
**Marcus S. Gaspard**  
State Senator

from 8:30 to 12:30.

Sign up today in Bldg. 11, the cafeteria, at the information booth. The Blood Mobile of Tacoma-Pierce County is counting on your support for this campus-wide event, and so are the people that need blood as a life saving measure every day.

Who knows, it might be your life or a loved one that you save.

## Information available

By **CHRIS FARLER**  
ASTCC president

Hopefully, by this time in the year, you have all visited or at least seen the information booth in the cafeteria. The booth is an attempt to provide a place where students can get information about activities on campus without having to go all the way to Bldg. 6. The student programs office staffs the booth, although there are some hours which the booth is unstaffed. Those unstaffed hours have now been posted on the booth. The students who work at the booth have been instructed to be behind the booth at their assigned times and try to help you in any way they can. Sign-up sheets for any of the events that are going on can be found at the booth.

In addition to the booth, there are other ways we try to get information out to you. Flyers are posted in most all of the buildings and on the three kiosks around campus. Since there

are so many events happening, sometimes it is impossible to post a flyer for every event in one place, let's say a classroom. So stop by other classrooms or the kiosks to find out what else is taking place. The flyers are generally posted one or two weeks before the event. We also try to make posters advertising the events.

Look for the posters in Bldgs. 7 and 11. They can also be seen on the sandwich boards, which are placed around campus.

Furthermore, watch for information about campus activities on the electronic reader board in the cafeteria, and the reader boards on each end of the campus. We also try to publish news about the events in the *Challenge*.

So keep your eyes and ears open. Who knows? You might just hear about something you would enjoy.

## Corrections

The article published in the March 13 issue titled "Campus entertainment leaves much to be desired in comparison to Pierce College" was the opinion of one individual, not *The Challenge* staff. We apologize if it offended any person or group.

The article published in the March 13 issue titled "Sports funding facts exposed" was not intended to sound misleading concerning sports funding. We apologize if it offended any person or group.

## LETTERS POLICY

The *Challenge* encourages letters to the editor. If you would like to reply to one of our stories or editorials, or express your opinion about something else on campus, please follow these requirements: Letters must be typed and your name must be published. Please also include your phone number and address for verification (they will not be published). The editors reserve the right to accept or reject letters, and to edit letters based on content or length. Send letters to: Editor, *The Challenge*, Bldg. 14-13, Tacoma Community College, Tacoma, WA, 98465.

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## ALL CAMPUS BLOOD DRIVE

By **BRIAN D. MYERS**  
Vice president of personnel

Now is your chance to get involved with Tacoma Community College. The Associated Students of Tacoma Community College are sponsoring a blood drive on May 12 in the Binns room



# Vietnamese students tell their story

## An ordeal of escape

By LARKIN CAMPBELL  
Staff reporter

If you were 17 years old or younger, and you knew that on your 18th birthday you would be forced to join the military to serve your country, and you also knew that almost all of the young men in the military never made it through their first week alive, what would you do?

This is a question that two young men on campus had to ask themselves less than five years ago. These two men are Minh Dang and Minh Luong, both escapees from their home country of Vietnam.

They came from different cities but the stories of how they escaped are basically the same. Planning their escape by boat, stealing away from their homeland with hope that somehow, some way they could escape the nightmare they called communism.

"I knew if I went in (the service), I would die. But I had no choice," Minh Dang, a TCC student, said. "I knew that if I went in I would be dead within a week. We knew that almost all of the men who were sent to Cambodia died."

Dang did not want to die for his country or even be there, for that matter. That is why when he was only 16, his family started planning his escape.

Knowing that people to trust were very hard to find was the hardest part.

"You can't trust nobody," Dang said. "You had to really plan it out because you couldn't just say I think I'll leave tomorrow."

According to Dang and Luong, when the communist takeover took place in 1975, it not only changed the way they lived their lives, it changed the



Vietnamese students find a home in Washington. (Dang, left, and Luong)

way they could think about their future.

For Luong, he knew there would be no future for him in Vietnam. When he was only 17, he was handed the paper saying it was time for him to join the service. He knew all about how bad the military was and had already begun planning his escape.

"I didn't want to go in because I knew I would die. My uncle went in and he died so I just said no," Luong said. "My mother knew someone with a boat who would take us out for a price."

Soon after that, Luong was on a boat with 32 other refugees heading for Thailand. He told of how, during the 10 day boat ride his boat was robbed three different times by the Thailand boat people.

He explained how the boat people would make them

believe they were offering help.

"They would pull up along side us and then rob us," he said. "They had guns and we didn't, so there was nothing we could ever do."

He went on to say that they usually just stole what gold there was on board and whatever American money they could find.

The boat finally landed in Indonesia where Luong decided to stay for a while. He ended up staying there for one year and studying English before coming to Washington.

Upon his arrival in Washington, Luong moved in with his foster family who lived in Gig Harbor. Since then he has gained another foster family so now he gets to take part in two families.

When asked about his real family back in Vietnam,

Luong quietly responded, "They want to come over but they just can't yet." He then explained how his father is still a prisoner of war from the Vietnam War.

"They said he was working for the CIA. That's why they hold him." He then added, "They're holding him in what

## TACID hosts Arbor ceremony

By TED MILLS  
Features editor

At noon, on Arbor Day, April 8, the Tacoma Beautification Committee presented a planting ceremony at the Tacoma Area Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities, TACID, Center.

This is the 11th year in the 13-year history of the Beautification Committee that they have presented Tacoma's Arbor Day Celebration. The Committee is an advisory group of private citizens made up of nine members who were appointed by the mayor and the City Council.

The primary purpose of the TACID Center is to improve the quality of life for Tacoma's disabled residents. They do this by encouraging independent living and increasing the range of opportunities available to disabled adults living on their own.

Arbor Day is an annual tree planting day which was started back in 1854 on the plains of Nebraska. J. Sterling Morton, a lover of plants and nature of all sorts, and the editor of Nebraska's first newspaper, encouraged people to plant trees. Ever since then, the second Wednesday in April has been devoted to Arbor Day.

"The people who we really want to honor today are those from the Pierce County Landscape Contractor Association," Toby Olson, executive director of the TACID Center, said. "They were generous enough to donate thousands of dollars worth of labor and materials to TACID."

The Association, which is comprised of 31 private firms, is volunteering countless hours, aside from regular

they call a correction asylum. They have him digging holes or something."

Dang also had a hard time adjusting to his new land.

"When I got over here, I had to start my life all over again," Dang said. "It was easier for me because I was so young. A lot of it depended on how old you were."

As far as the family situation was concerned, Dang had an advantage over Luong because he had relatives with him on the trip. His brother came over with him and they lived together for two years with a foster family. His real family made it across in 1984.

He now lives with his five brothers and sister at home in Tacoma. "It's beautiful over here," Dang said. "And I love it."

They both are currently enjoying school right now at TCC. Wanting to further their educations was one of the main reasons they left their country.

Dang has summed up his experience so far in the U.S. with a statement he feels we should all believe in. "Over here you can reach your goal. If you are patient, you can reach any goal."

business operations. They are also donating somewhere in the neighborhood of \$20,000 or more dollars in planting materials and equipment to provide to the TACID center maintenance and upkeep of the property surrounding the facility throughout 1987.

Association members present at the ceremony were Royal Waldock, chairman of the Association, Todd Watson, owner of Hardie Irrigation, who worked with Waldock in the installation of the irrigation system, and Kevin Merrill of Attractive Landscaping Services, who contracted the job.

"You can replace trees, bushes and buildings, but you can't replace the time and effort that the people of TACID and those from the Landscape Contractors Association have put into this place," Mayor Doug Sutherland said. "Thank you, it's a gift that will last for years."

After Mayor Sutherland's speech and dedication of the center, he presented a plaque to Waldock for the work of the Association. Alice Trerice, chairman of the TACID Board of Directors, then presented Waldock and the Association a plaque to thank them. Sutherland was then proclaimed an honorary member of the Association and given an official jacket by Waldock.

Next, Sutherland and Waldock each grabbed a shovel and proceeded to plant the trees. They were assisted by a few smiling first and second graders from Wainwright Elementary School who seemed eager to be part of the planting festivities.

The ceremony was followed by a reception and tour of the newly finished TACID Center.

## Student parents persevere

By DOROTHY M. GORDON  
Staff reporter

Single parents encounter many problems while attending college to pursue a degree. First, a single parent already has a difficult job of raising a child alone because it is hard work. The parent has to play the role of both mother and father and often works a full-time job. Second, if the single parent is employed full-time and attempting to meet every financial obligation, plus taking on the added expense like paying tuition, books and supplies, can lead to a tremendous struggle.

"One of the most common problems that I hear is the parent feels like they are trying to wear several hats while being a student and parent," Bob Weller, peer counselor at TCC, said. "Other problems from the parents are money problems, babysitting problems and trying to spread themselves too thin."

Many single students find it difficult to find competent babysitters at reasonable rates, especially at night. The rates are higher, which require more money to be spent. In essence,

single parents not only have to try to stretch themselves to meet every need, but also try to stretch their pocketbooks. Another pressure for single parents is not being able to spend more time with their children.

"I'm concerned, because I don't get to spend more quality time with my daughter," Tammy Ryan, a single parent and student at TCC, said. "She complains that she doesn't get to see much of me anymore."

For parents who work during the day, the only time that is left to spend time with the children is in the evenings, sometimes very late, with very limited time. Some children feel left out, lonely and abandoned when they are left under the constant care of a babysitter and will do anything to get the attention of the parent. That is why it is important to make every moment count when the parent and child are able to get together.

"Single parents who work and attend college often feel guilty and are often grouchy and irritable when they do see their children," Dick Patterson, a counselor at TCC, said. "If parents could learn to

workout some type of time management, where there is more quality time spent with the children, there will be less guilty feelings and the parent and child can develop a closeness."

Single parents who do attend college, whether working or not, are still faced with many problems; there is a very limited social life, there are often feelings of loneliness, depression and fatigue. Parents often feel like they are in this all by themselves and feel the need to share these feelings with someone else.

"I hold the highest admiration for these single parents," Patterson said. "I feel that they deserve a medal. One thing I can say, absolutely none have dropped out that I know of, because they have very strong goals, or else they wouldn't be able to do all of it."

One consolation for single parents who are seeking a degree, even though the fight is a long one, and there are many problems along the way: it does pay off in the end; and remember that you're not alone.



# News

## Student lounge to be built by May '88

By BETTY SINGLETON  
Staff reporter

Tacoma Community College is constructing a new multi-purpose lounge in addition to the cafeteria. The project is currently being called the new student center.

The center will put more things at the students' disposal rather than having the most important parts of the campus scattered about. The center will seat 600 people, have a stage, recreation area and a place to lounge. The main purpose of the center is to increase lounge space, hold activity programs, and have a meeting place for the students to socialize in while not in class said Tom Keegan, director of student programs.

Construction of the center will start soon and will be expected to be completed at the end of May 1988. The center will be ready for use for the summer quarter.

The center is being funded by the Associated Student Body fees that students are currently paying while registering for classes. The ASB fee was recently changed to capital project because it is confusing to some students, Keegan said.

The entire funding is not done by student fees alone, the fees were added to secure a loan in order to first get the project on a solid ground.

Some of TCC's students are looking forward to using the new center. For others, it's a little different because they are

graduating and will not be around to benefit from it.

"I'm for the ASB fees, but I'm not for the means for how they went about getting them. It should have been more up to a choice to each individual," Robert D. Baugh II, architecture major, said. Baugh also stated that the new center will give more room for the students to study while providing an additional place to socialize.

"I was stunned at first. It just seemed like a charge from out of nowhere," freshman David Carter, environmental science and engineering major, said. "I had my second thoughts about the charge whether it was really valid because I didn't really see any information about it, but then

I figured, this is only my second quarter and what do I know."

"I think it's good that they charge five dollars for the ASB because it will go towards a building that will be a good benefit for the students," Nga Nguyen, business and data word processor major, said. "I am looking forward to using the new student center."

The new center will bring a lot of new students to the campus and can be enjoyed by the entire student body along with the staff and faculty members.

"I don't see anything wrong with taking out \$5 right now," TCC student, Michael Ware, said, "and I should be around to enjoy the new student center."

## Student positions in government

There are five Student Government positions opening up for next year. They are vice president of finance, vice president of legislative, vice president of personnel, secretary, and student body president. For more information about each of the positions contact the student government office in Bldg. 6 at 756-5123.

The applications are available in the student government office. The application deadline is May 12 and elections will be held May 19 in Bldg. 22-12 at the senate meeting.

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for a new computer that will be used by student programs and Dan Small's office."

The funding for peer counseling was eliminated. "Last year's Senate decided not to pay it," Tuy said. "It is paid from another fund." There was an increase for student loans and a decrease for I.D.

"We had to look at

revenues and programs," Farler said. "We didn't feel justified to cut programs that were going well. We looked at what was actually spent and went from there."

In order for a budget to be passed, it has to go through five steps. First, the budget committee takes requests from clubs and programs. The budget committee consists of three vice presidents, three

senators and the ASTCC president (non-voting). The budget committee analyzes the requests and recommends budgets. It then goes to the Senate for approval. Next it is approved by the ASTCC president, President Opgaard and finally, the Board of Trustees.

The sum of \$30,386 is paid every year for the 1980-81 child care center lease agreement. The

special contingency fund was cut from \$6,241 to \$5,916. The fund is reserved for special needs, such as the Trillium, which was not budgeted.

According to Tuy, if a club is dissatisfied with their budget, they can appeal it. The club has to go before the budget committee and explain why they need the money and it is then up to the committee to approve or not.

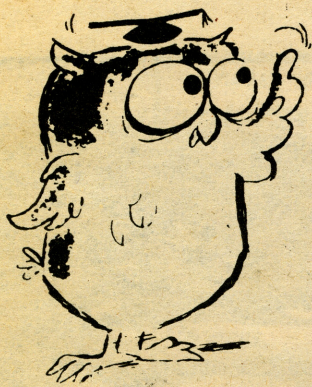
## Whitt's End

By WILLIAM W. WHITT  
PhD  
Director of PHoolery

Dear Dr. Whitt,

We're studying poetry in English 102, and it's weird. It's not easy to read, and it's impossible to understand. Why does everything have to mean something else in poetry?

signed, S.I.Mile



Dear S.I.,

Poetry should be fun and it should have as much hidden meaning as a cold beer. Here's my idea of good poetry, submitted by a student a few years ago:

I really want to meet the man who had the gall to invent the toilet paper you can't get off the wall.

He must have been a miser a man so cruel and mean what other kind of person would invent that fool machine.

You know the one I speak of its double rolls devised so when the first one's empty the second one's disguised.

And should you get real lucky and the new roll falls in place the paper's sealed with superglue so none will go to waste.

To further insult user he's added one more treat for no amount of scratching renders more than one small sheet.

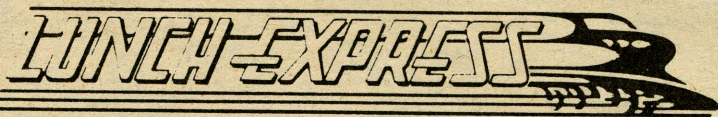
How dumb the public restrooms look with confetti-covered floors from frenzied public patrons behind those private doors.

But I believe in justice and in my heart I know that those who pray on others get back the seeds they sow.

When God calls him for judgement I hope he plans a caper by sealing him inside...a bathroom with NO PAPER.

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## CHALLENGE REPORT BELLINGHAM --

"We want you" is the message Western Washington University is sending to ethnic minority students throughout Washington state.

Western is announcing its Minority Achievement Program Scholarships (MAPS) in which \$1,000 scholarships are available for up to 30 students from Hispanic, Black and Native American backgrounds who show strong academic promise. Additional help may include waivers of room and board fees.

A special feature is the mentor program, matching students with professors in the area of the student's academic interest. The new student is also assigned an ethnic minority student mentor.

According to Western's president G. Robert Ross, "Western has a tradition of excellence in undergraduate education, a strong commitment to serving students, and is located in an unusually attractive setting. The Minority Achievement Program," Ross said, "is designed to make Western more accessible to promising ethnic minority students and to enhance our educational programs by widening the cultural perspective of all students."

To request an application for MAPS, call Western's admission office at (206) 676-3350 or write to: Admissions Office, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225.



# Visions



Photo by Wesley C. Farrison

On a windy spring afternoon, students breeze their way along the pathways on campus towards their next class, greeting their fellow students as they go.

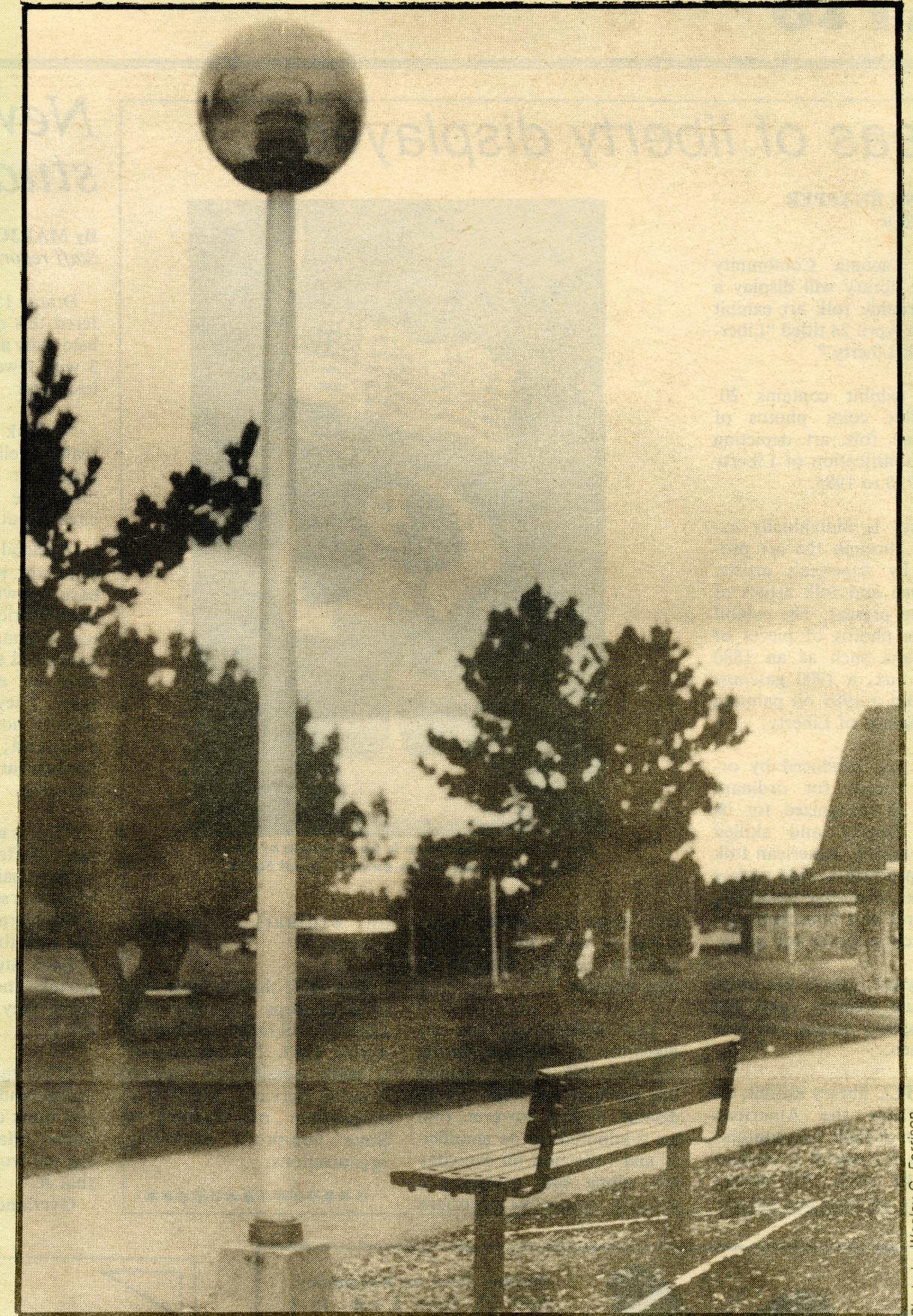


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A solemn lamp post awaits the night, ready to shine its guiding light.

## Stop for just a Heartbeat

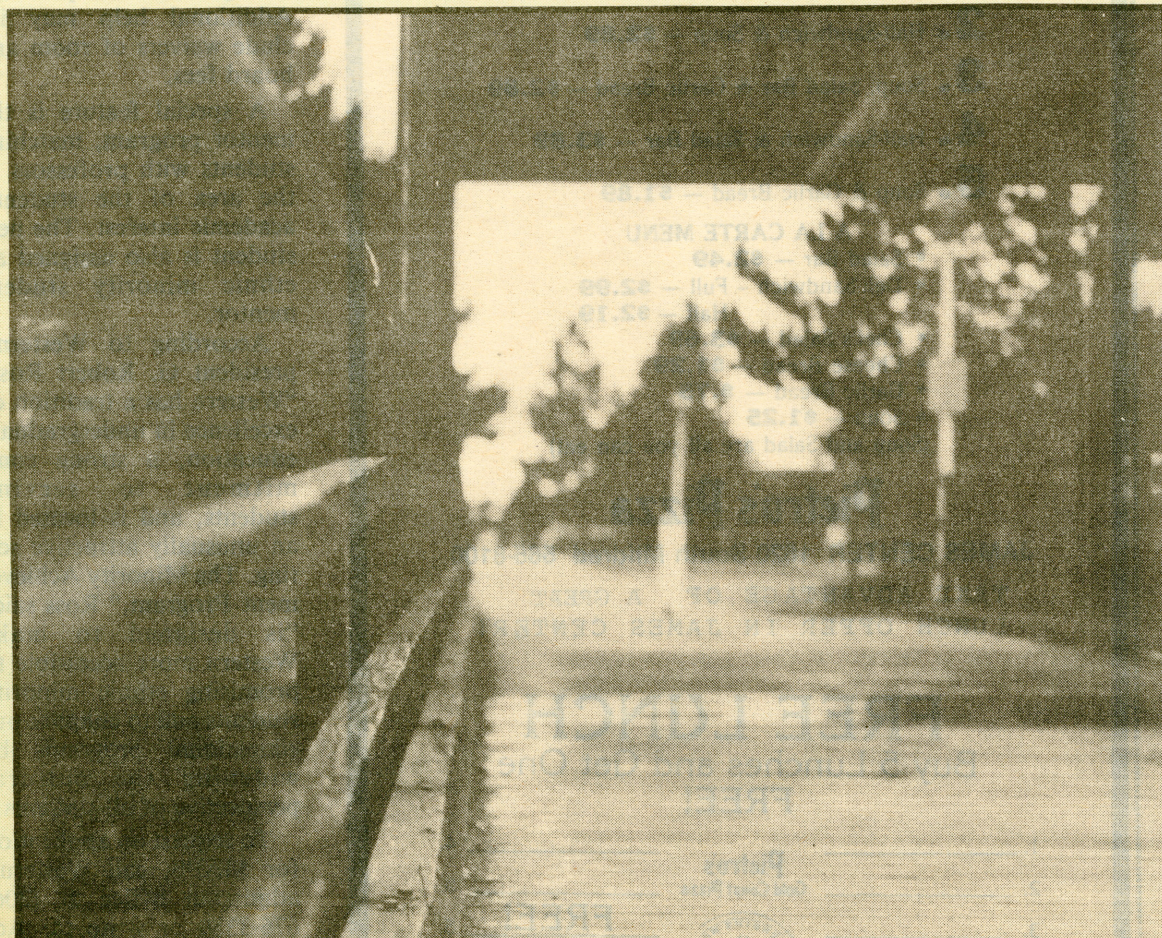


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The bridge on the road to knowledge is crossed by many travelers.

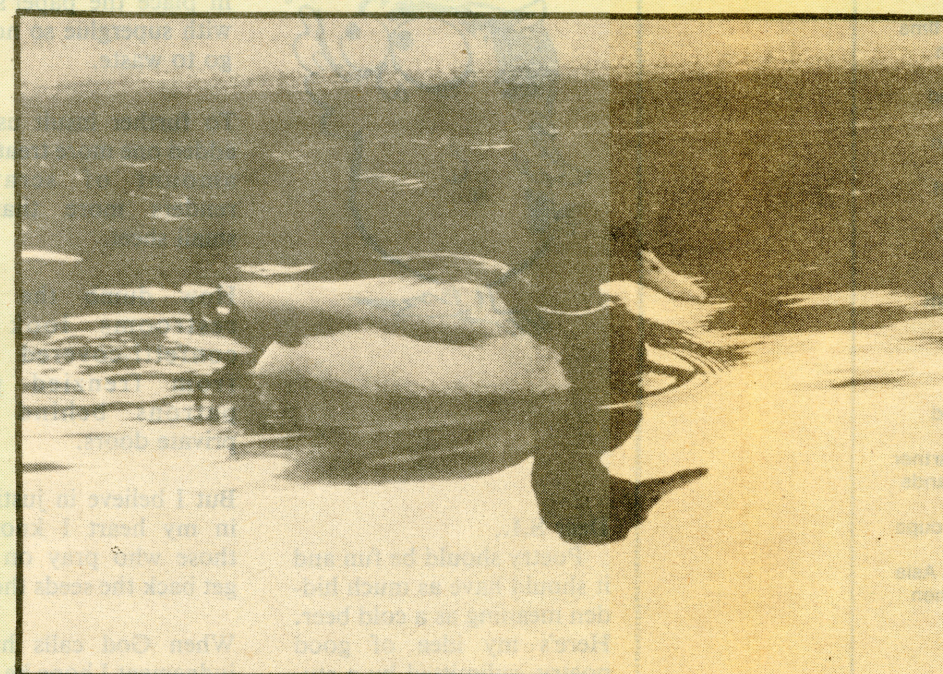


Photo by Wesley C. Farrison

TCC's fine feathered friend enjoys a day in the pond.

There are times on the bridge of life when you have to stop and watch the sun rise; listen for the rain on the walk; smell the sweet flavor of spring flowers.

Stop for just a Heartbeat to watch one of God's creatures playing in the sun. Then, pass into the storm with your fellow travellers, leaving nothing to say you were here.

by CarlJon Goodwin

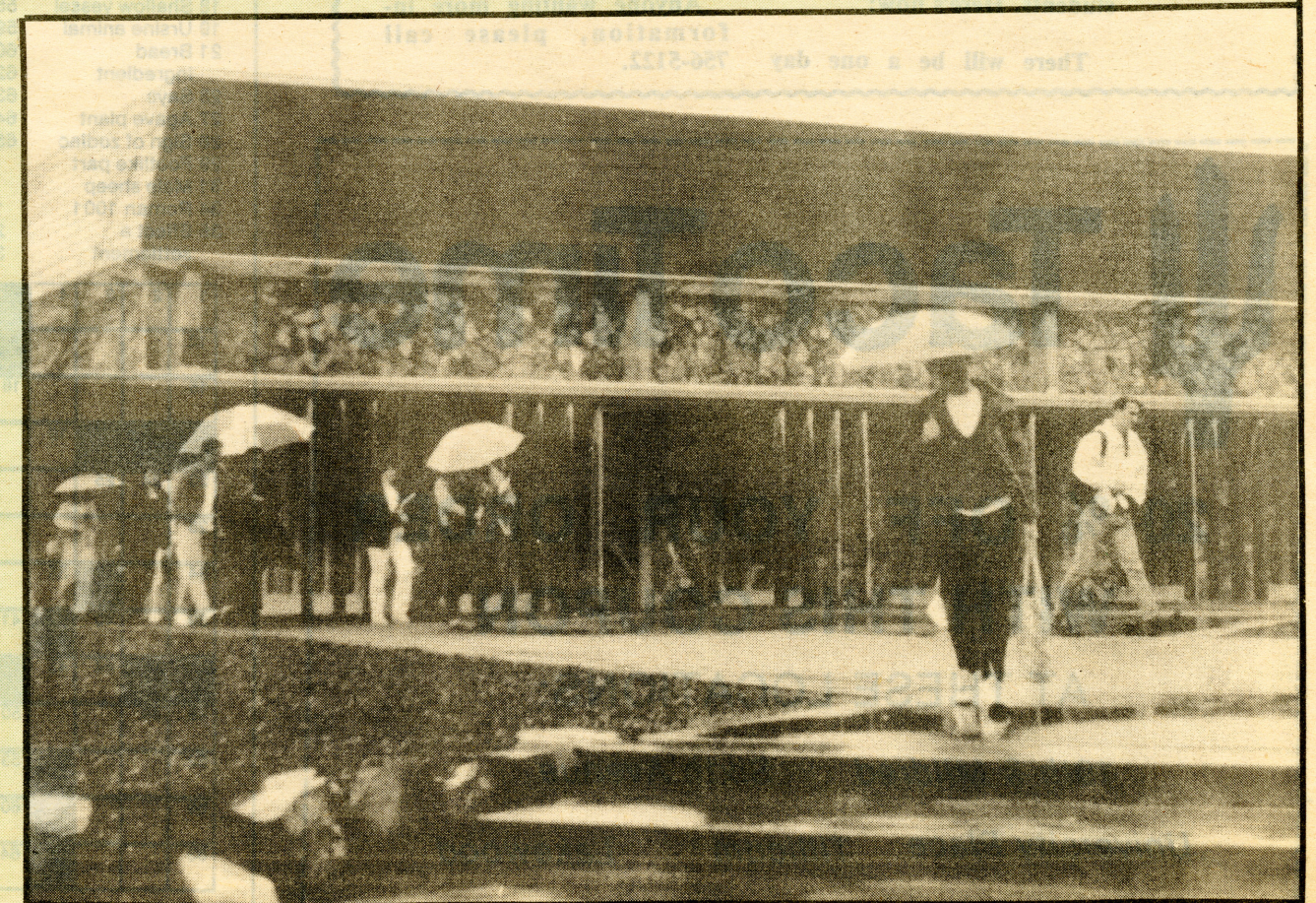


Photo by Wesley C. Farrison

Umbrellas spring up as students are caught in a light shower.



# Arts

## Ideas of liberty displayed

By JANE KNAPPER  
Arts editor

The Tacoma Community College library will display a photographic folk art exhibit through April 24 titled "Liberties with Liberty."

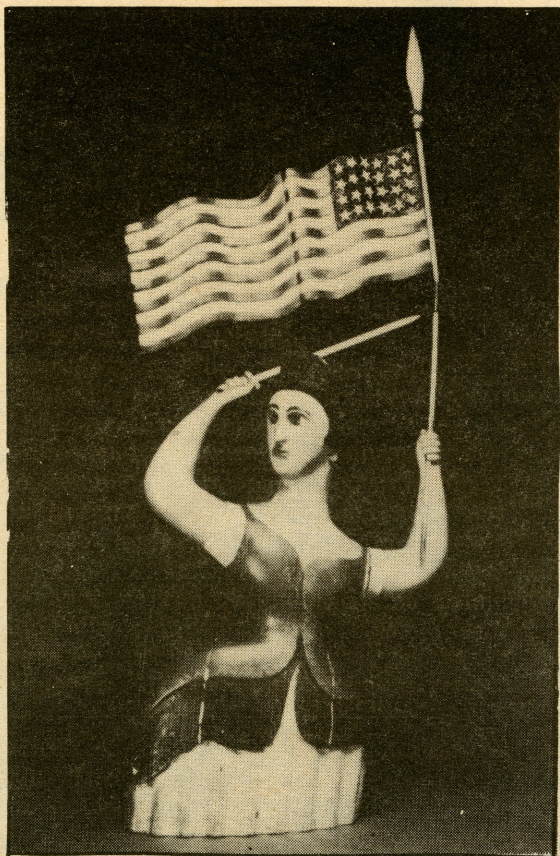
The exhibit contains 20 poster-like color photos of American folk art depicting the personification of Liberty from 1750 to 1985.

Liberty is individually expressed through the art produced by America's artists, craftsmen and folk artists of past and present. The exhibit contains photos of pieces of Americana such as an 1880 money box, a 1900 gatepost finial and a 1985 oil painting of the Statue of Liberty.

Folk art, produced by ordinary people for ordinary people, is recognized for its simple beauty and skilled craftsmanship. American folk artists produce a wide variety of works, including paintings, sculptures and household objects such as dishes and quilts.

Everyday objects like store signs and weather vanes are also popular among the folk craftsmen.

The TCC library exhibit, on loan from the American Museum of Folk Art, contains a photo of a pair of scrimshaw from the 1850s. The scrimshaw are carvings and engrav-



This 1886 weathervane is an example of what will be presented at the exhibit, April 13-24.

Photo by Information and Publications

ings done on whale bone, wood or ivory by American sailors to help pass the time on long voyages.

The widespread use of machines in America during the late 19th century caused the demand for folk art to decline. Today, however, folk art is admired for its simplicity and reflection on everyday life, along with providing a valuable source to historians

on ordinary American citizens.

The TCC show is only one of three stops "Liberties with Liberty" will make in the state during 1987. The appearance is made possible by Exhibit Touring Services, which is a consortium of Washington State non-profit exhibiting organizations.

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## New drama class gives students artistic edge

By MARJORIE McCRAVEY  
Staff reporter

Drama 153 is a new class offered this quarter. It is being held daily at 9:30 a.m. in Bldg. 3 with Gwen Overland as the instructor.

"I think the class is going really well," Overland, the originator of the class, said. "And the students seem excited about the class."

Overland hopes that the class will widen the students' basic knowledge of the artistic and historic pieces of 20th century drama works. The class is structured so that the students have an artistic freedom to grow. They pick scenes from plays of noted writers like Ben Johnson, William Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe.

"This is a new experience for me," Jeffery Hayden, drama student, said. "I never acted in plays this serious before. I feel I will learn to incorporate the old with the new."

Each student has a scene partner and they rehearse the scene they have chosen each day.

"The material is hard to understand sometimes, but I just think of it as one big term paper," Hayden said. "I'm going to work really hard for that A."

Overland relates to the

students ways for them to get rid of their inhibitions. She suggests various ways for them to let their emotions show through.

"I am going to become my character," Heidi Kerger, drama student, said.

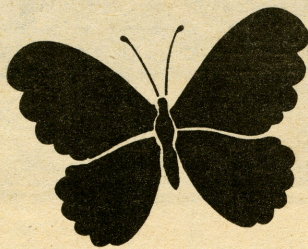
Overland informs her students that part of acting is not just reciting lines, but it is having fun with what they are doing. She makes sure each student understands what he is to be doing and is very willing to lend more helpful suggestions.

"She draws pictures for you to help you understand," Stacy McCullach, drama student, said. "She not only expresses herself with words, but with movements and expressions."

An accomplished actress herself, Overland keeps her students informed on the latest happenings in Tacoma's theater world. The drama students will be attending a play at Tacoma Little Theater in which Overland will be a part of. The play is titled *A Day in the Death of Joe Egg*. The play will run through April 25.

At the end of spring quarter there will be a production put on by the drama 153 students as a finale of what they have worked toward. The play will be on May 28 in the campus theater.

Reminder



Time to think of spring cleaning. When you clean out your closets you can help our students. Here's how:

There will be a one day

clothing drive on Wednesday, April 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Counseling Center (bldg. 7). The clothes will be donated to an off-campus facility which provides needy TCC students with clothing throughout the year. The clothes donated should be in wearing condition and for men, women and children.

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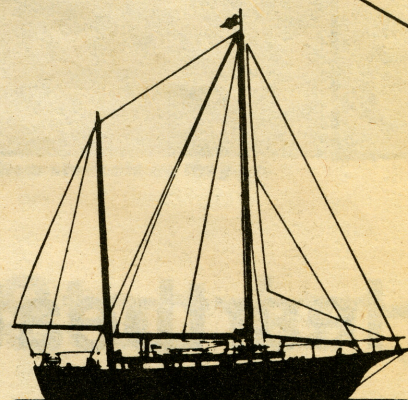
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# Gibson great with long hair in 'Lethal Weapon'

By **GORDON PETERSON**  
Movie critic

I know what yer thinkin'. Yer thinkin', "Does this make six **Dirty Harry** impersonators or only five?" Well, to tell you the truth, with corpses falling like bowling pins, products from Detroit smashing into each other left and right and houses blowing apart in the middle of quiet residential districts, I've kinda lost track myself. But bein' this is a tough and extremely loud cop movie that could blow your ears off, you've got to ask yourself one question: "Do I feel like enduring this?" Well, if your head is nodding in the affirmative, grab some earplugs and a flak-jacket because **Lethal Weapon** does not mess around. It dumps in two gallons of violent action while the recipe merely calls for one.

As he successfully proved in **Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome**, Mel Gibson looks great in long hair. He also possesses dark and rugged features which, at times, can appear somewhat cruel. This comes in handy because Gibson's **Lethal Weapon** character, L.A. Detective Martin Riggs, dispenses with more bad guys than the IRS disposes of revised tax forms. Riggs is a Viet Nam vet highly trained in the martial arts (in modern cop movies it isn't enough to simply get a college degree and pass the Civil Service exam) whose wife has died in a traffic accident. Now Riggs is alone in his dirty beach-side trailer, nightly contemplating suicide while watching Bugs Bunny blast Elmer Fudd. Unlike the Lone Ranger, Riggs' special bullet is made of gold and reserved for

himself when he deems the moment appropriate.

Riggs is also a typical movie maverick. He gets to wear faded jeans, a tee-shirt that Hanford would turn away, an old baseball cap that covers ungroomed hair, and that universal symbol of the inner-city street detective, dirty sneakers. As we follow the antics of this protector of the people, it takes about four seconds to discover Riggs is also Happy House material.

get out of that one is reserved for the chosen few willing to part with a fiver.

Danny Glover (**Silverado**, **The Color Purple**) is Roger Murtaugh. Family man. Mortgage bound. Middle-aged. Wants to retire and fish the hours away. Nice conservative cop who has never wounded a suspect. Has a trendy "End Apartheid" sticker on his refrigerator. Also a Viet Nam vet. Murtaugh just wants to do his job without a lot of worry

fectively together; they allow their characters to stray into each other's turf but never lose the premise that coming from opposite worlds binds them together and strengthens their relationship. It is fun to watch Riggs pull Murtaugh through the wringer wherever they go and have the former remind the audience on a regular basis that "I'm getting too old for this &\$%&!!!"

Oh yes, the plot. A group of mercenaries who were

executioner, Mr. Joshua (Gary Busey), dreams up quite imaginative methods to silence meddlers and traitors; sniping a man from a hovering helicopter while the hapless victim is in his study drinking milk is just one example. Needless to say, Riggs and Murtaugh try to stop these shenanigans. End of plot.

Director Richard Donner has also to his credit **Superman**, **Ladyhawk** (the film in which Rutger Hauer mastered the art of muttering dialogue and sleeping at the same time), as well as numerous episodes of the **Wild, Wild West** television show. Donner treats **Lethal Weapon** like a Western or, better yet, like an old Saturday afternoon serial. The story is kept purposely simple so as not to distract the viewer with ideas and sub-plots that require thought. The action moves along at breakneck speed rarely decelerating to allow the audience the chance to exhale. Why, oh why, however, do directors feel the need to wobble the camera all over Creation during a hand-to-hand combat scene? Rather than feeling part of the action, the audience merely gets confused and dizzy.

Indeed, regarding the category of What-Does-It-All-Mean, Ingmar Bergmann can rest easy. What **Lethal Weapon** does, it does well. The lines were not meant to be quoted by film students well into the next century, and with a film like this, offering only entertainment and little else, that is the way it should be.

Harry Callahan, take up thy .44 Magnum and walk; Martin Riggs has blown into town and the western hemisphere ain't big enough for the both of you. Bang.

## Cinema showings for spring

By **JANE KNAPPER**  
Arts editor

The movie madness brought about by the quest for the coveted Oscar has quieted; but not for long.

Movie studios are already beginning to churn out a mixed batch of movies for spring. This burst of new spring releases (the post-Oscar film season) is a prelude to the rush of Academy Award-hopefuls of the summer cinema season.

However, many of the new movie studio releases are not to be overlooked.

While anticipating the arrival of summer's sunshine, why not retreat to your local movie house and keep an eye out for these up-and-coming springtime surprises?

**Prick Up Your Ears:** The biography of Joe Orton, a British playwright, who was killed in a murder-suicide in 1967 by his male lover.

**The Right Hand Man:** A love story of the 1860s set in the Australian countryside.

**Extreme Prejudice:** A Nick Nolte action-packed thriller about six ex-soldiers listed as killed-in-action

who are actually conspiring against a small Texas town.

**Malone:** An ex-CIA agent, Burt Reynolds, saves a small town from a takeover by a right-wing survivalist group.

**River's Edge:** A group of teenagers is faced with the murder of a friend by one of their group.

**Hollywood Shuffle:** A fellow Northwesterner makes big as he writes, produces and stars in a hilarious film about rising to the top in the world of show biz.

When held hostage at gunpoint--Riggs has sent the crook's partners to the Great Beyond--he yells at the bad guy to go ahead and shoot. In one of the film's funnier (funnier?) moments Riggs handcuffs himself to a jumper and sends them both vaulting into the wild blue sky. How they

and pressure. Naturally, the administration is not concerned with Murtaugh's future plans and teams him with the psychotic Riggs. The results are predictable but the punchline-straightman routine has been around a long time and holds up here equally well. Gibson and Glover work ef-

previously (you guessed it) Viet Nam Special Forces commandoes have decided that shady Capitalism has its virtues and operate a heroin smuggling operation. These enterprising individuals are particularly nasty; especially to those who interfere with their business plans. The chief

## At a theater near you



Winner at the Academy Awards for Best Foreign Film and Cannes Film Festival victor, **The Official Story**, is making a limited appearance in Tacoma. This special movie presentation is part of Tacoma Community College's International Film Festival.

**The Official Story** deals with one woman's torment as she confronts a repressive government and her own values. The foreign film is from Argentina and is a 1985 release. It will be showing at the Bijou theater April 23 for two showings: 6 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Admission is \$4.

Also on TCC's film festival agenda will be the April 30 showing of a humorous British comedy, **Privates on Parade**, starring John Cleese and Dennis Quilley. An acclaimed 1985 Yugoslavian film **When Father Was Away On Business** will be another unique movie presented May 7 at the Bijou as part of TCC's International Film Festival.

Don't forget to mark your entertainment calendar for the local presentations of these award-winning foreign cinema attractions.

## Campus art guild sale

The Tacoma Community College Art Guild is planning an art display and sale Thursday, May 7 on the college plaza between the cafeteria and the library.

The Art Guild is a newly formed club on campus and is sponsored by the Office of Student Programs.

The sale will be scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature works by students and faculty in pottery, sculpture, jewelry, photography, drawing, painting and more.

Any student may participate in the art sale--beginners are welcome right along with the pros. Any legitimate art or craft may be entered. There will be co-op booths for those artists who are not prepared to set up their own displays but who are willing to donate some time to help run the sale. The TCC Art Guild organization will take a

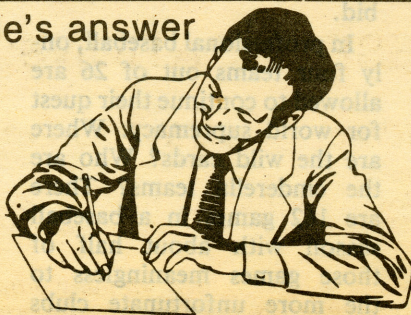
modest 10 percent commission on all sales.

For further information contact Helen Wilson, sale committee chairperson, or call ext. 5118.

Keep in mind that Mother's Day is just around the corner and a piece of art would make a unique and special gift!



## The Puzzle's answer



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# Golf drives for spectator support

By **THOMAS JOHANSON**  
Staff reporter

Team golf is an undiscovered spectator sport and while our golf team shows potential, with your encouragement we could rise in the standings.

On Monday, April 5, the Tacoma Community College Invitational Golf Tournament was held at Lake Spanaway Golf Course. Seven schools were represented.

The final scores were:

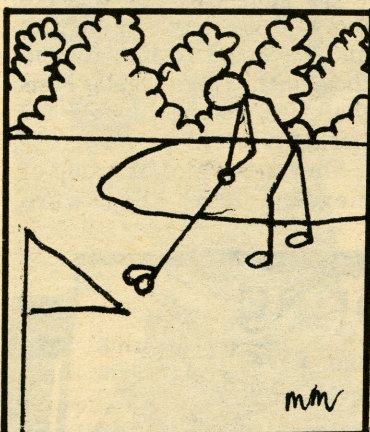
Green River	307
Clark	308
Bellevue	310
Lower Columbia	313
Grays Harbor	313
TCC	321
Everett	356

"In team golf, six men play but the team score is the total of the four best scores for the 18 holes shot," Bob Dezell, TCC golf coach, said.

Although the scores were respectable, none of the teams were playing exceptionally well. The previous week here,

Clark had won a 15 school tourney with team score of 299, according to Dezell.

Golf is more than unmercifully whacking a little white ball around a pasture.



Whether your passion is physics, art, poetry, sports or math, going to a golf team or tournament is a fascinating reason to get outside into a beautiful park-like setting.

Televised golf may be as exciting as "bowling for dollars," but television does not transmit the experience of golf well.

"Golf is the most stressful sport there is," a golfer from Lower Columbia College, said. "One bad hole and you

get down on yourself; your game can fall apart."

Imagine that you are at the Spanaway course. It's 10:30 a.m., a quiet tension fills the cool spring air as a large group of fit young men warm up for the tourney. Some are practicing their putts on the well-manicured green near the comfortable club house, while others are using the driving range.

Jerry LaPolla, a TCC liberal arts major, lines up a 10-foot putt. His concentration is obvious as he taps the ball toward the flag. Your breathing stops, the ball curves, it slows...plunk!, it drops with a satisfying sound into the cup. "Do it again, Jerry" you think to yourself, and he does.

Over at the golf-ball-covered driving range; SWOOSH...WHACK!! the balls sail 200 to 300 yards, straight and true, again and again.

"Our team is not up to last year's level yet," Dezell said. "They've got the physical, it's the mental holding back."

The men have to qualify for their position on the team. So

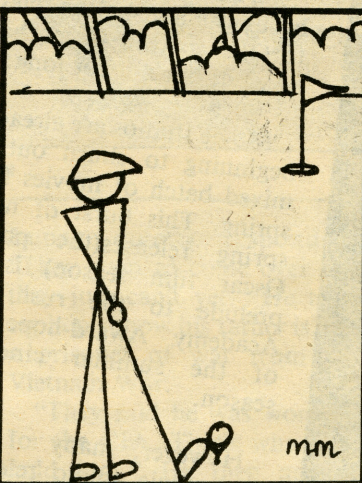
far this season the roster has been stable and the men are competitive.

Spirit runs strong and deep. A quiet sport on the surface, golf, like life, is not won on pure adrenalin but on concen-

tration, endurance, a cool head and finesse. This is a team sport and our players are supportive of each other.

"School support would help," Steve O'Hearne, from TCC, said. "When they're watching, you've got to see how close to the hole you can get it; that's incentive!"

Coach Dezell was the starter at the TCC invitational, sending the first threesome out at



about 10:45 p.m. The prolonged schedule of a tournament gives spectators many options absent from other sports.

"Golf is a good walk spoiled," to quote the irascible Mark Twain.

"It's fun, I like it," O'Hearne said. "You get to know the men from the other schools."

Two goldplated trophies sit in a cardboard box, the goal of today's activity. A sculpture of a man in slacks and golf shirt, his long club is frozen in backswing, a timeless moment, full of potential, to be displayed.

## TCC PLAYERS

Steve George	80
Tim Davis	78
Joel McNeely	84
Jerry LaPolla	79
Steve O'Hearne	87

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## Tennis team awaits tourney

By **TROY WOHLFEIL**  
Sports editor

Already in mid-season form, the lady Titans tennis team is looking ahead to the state tournament held in Yakima, where everyone gets a chance to participate regardless of their previous record.

With four matches already played, the Titans had one victory and three losses with two of the losses very close, by scores of 5-4, and in both instances, some of the deciding matches were forfeits causing Tacoma to lose their games.

With mostly freshmen on the team this year, improvement from match to match is making Tacoma very competitive in the league.

"We were a baseline team when we started but we are improving our net play consistently," Doris Claypool, TCC tennis coach, said.

For the state tournament, everyone gets to play, whereas in other sports, only the top teams in the league advance to

the playoffs. The players are seeded according to their regular season records and this enables them to have fewer games to play during the tournament. Other players not seeded may have as many as four games to play during the first day. The tournament is not single-elimination or double-elimination as everyone gets to play up to their expectations.

Being in Yakima on the 14-16 of May, the weather will be a factor as the heat is something that the Tacoma girls may not be used to, but Claypool believes that they will do well.

"We are a very exciting team to watch this year with a good possibility of placing high," she said.

At the end of play and the individual champions have been determined, team scoring will consist of the players who reached positions of point value. Once all the points have been tabulated, a team champion will be announced.

There are fourteen matches scheduled for this year not including the tournament and so far, Tacoma's no. 1 player, Jennifer Gilbert has not lost a match in four outings.

Also playing well is Felicia Vipond, the no. 2 singles player and together with Gilbert, they make up the no.1 doubles team.

Fan response has not been altogether fanatical and Claypool would like to have more student support.

"There have been a lot of parents that come to watch our matches and we would want everyone to feel welcome and see us play," she said.

Here are the scores of the previous matches:

5-1 over Everett
4-5 to Spokane
4-5 to Skagit Valley
1-8 to Bellevue

Hopefully, Tacoma will rebound and take a winning record into the tournament and do well to place high. Watch for a following story on the state tournament.



Jennifer Gilbert, a nursing major, smashes a serve, while Felicia Vipond, a physical education major, looks on.

## What if the Mariners were in the playoffs?

By **TROY WOHLFEIL**  
Sports editor

As we leave the world of college basketball playoffs, and head into hockey and professional basketball playoffs, not to mention MISL playoffs, it slowly dawned upon this sports fan that there might just be a way to save the Seattle Mariners from their inevitable doom and re-sale. Instead of going through the obvious problems of horrendous trades, poor performance and turncoat management, there might be another reason to blame the Mariners' woes on.

In pro football, there are 10 teams out of 28 that make it in the playoffs in pro basketball, 16 out of 26 make it. In college basketball, 64 teams have a chance to reach the final four, while in college football, everyone, it seems, gets a bowl bid.

In professional baseball, only four teams out of 26 are allowed to continue their quest for world supremacy. Where are the wild cards? Who are the cinderella teams? There are 162 games in a baseball season with about half of those games meaningless to the more unfortunate clubs

who have a terrible first half and find themselves out of the playoff picture in June. What then drives them to strive to win? And who is going to come out and see a losing team with no chance of making the playoffs this year?

And how about those teams who play great baseball all year long only to see their season end because another team won one more game than they did? Where is the justice?

If ballclubs had the idea that they could make the playoffs even if they didn't win their division, it could make for more exciting baseball as well

as post-season play with more adversity, not to mention added revenue for the ballclubs who weren't perennial winners and more loyal fans.

Imagine, if you will, the Mariners in the playoffs. What would that do for the declining attendance? Even to be in a race of any sort would bring out Seattle fans in droves. In fact, the Mariners need approximately 1.7 million fans to honor their lease with the Kingdome or they might be forced to move elsewhere.

So where is the logic in having only four teams able to

reach the championship through the playoffs? Is the issue open for debate or has the ownership in the league decided against it? If you feel strongly either for or against this idea, or you would just like to comment, please write to this column, courtesy of the Collegiate Challenge, Bldg. 14-13.

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# Sports

## Titans poised to make championship run

By TROY WOHLFEIL  
Sports editor

This year's women's softball team has a hungry look after taking second in the league last year and had already won four games to no defeats entering into a grudge match with Green River for two games on the 8th, but the expected sweet revenge on the team that defeated them for the championship last year will have to wait until the Titans can meet them again on their home field later in the season as the Gators took two from the very determined squad.

After having beaten Yakima (11-0, and 7-4) and Olympic (3-1 and 3-2), the Titans were tied with Green River for first place in the league. The last time the two teams had met was the league championship where Tacoma was beaten 2-1.

"Last year we weren't expected to do anything and we took second in the league," Rich Salstrom, assistant coach, said. "This year we plan to win the championship."

While rain threatened play, the two teams matched each other with excellent pitching and superb defense that kept the first game in question throughout.

Linda Scholl pitched a great ball game and allowed only three runs in nine innings but



Patty Smith gives encouragement to Cyndi Johansen during the first game against Green River

it was one more than Tacoma could muster and they lost their first game 3-2, in extra innings.

For everyone on both teams, this was a preview of what they believed would be the championship game down the road.

Green River started the scoring early in the first inning after a triple with one out was driven in with a sacrifice fly to center field.

Tacoma quickly answered with two in the second as Patty

Smith singled and moved to second following a walk to Chelle Webb. Margaret Kram lined a single through the left side and Smith scored from second as the throw to home was high allowing Webb and Kram to advance to third and second.

Dawn Lanz hit a ground ball to second and was out at first, and Webb raced home on the play but a good throw to the catcher nailed her short; Kram advancing to third. With two outs, Heidi Ogden

shot a perfect single that drove in Kram for the second run, but was left stranded to end the scoring.

Green River tied the game in the third when a solid shot down the third baseline eluded Paula McPhail in left and because of the all-dirt field, it continued to roll without being checked normally by grass. By the time the ball could be retrieved, the runner was at third and a valiant effort to keep her from scoring failed.

"That's the problem with

this field," Salstrom said. "The ball will run forever."

Until that hit, Scholl had only relinquished one hit and the team's defense was playing with great intensity. In fact, both teams held each other scoreless for the next six innings of play.

Not that they each didn't have chances to score but great play and composure ended the threats to send the game past regulation. In the bottom of the seventh, for example,

Green River lead off with a double and moved the runner to third with a sacrifice bunt with one out. Scholl, with great composure, got the next to pop out even when Tacoma had planned an intentional walk, and then preceeded to stike out the next batter swinging.

The momentum was lost as the Titans failed to score and eventually, Green River scored in the bottom of the ninth after a leadoff walk and sacrifice bunt moved a runner to second that was allowed to score when a sharp single to right bounced past Lanz to the fence.

"That was the best game I've seen this year," Jim Reuther, ASA umpire, said. "The pitching was outstanding and the Tacoma pitcher was the best I've seen."

"This is the first time I've seen Tacoma (play) and on first impression, they're a really good team," Reuther said.

"Tacoma's attitude is better than last year and they have improved with their execution of play," John Mallory, ASA umpire, said.

Indeed, Tacoma's bench and starting players were supportive and vocal with one another and had many huddles to coordinate their game plan and to keep their intensity high whereas Green River looked methodical and downcast much of the game until the final decision was reached.

The second game could have been better off not played. An early season injury to Patty Smith, Tacoma's second pitcher, kept her off the mound but not off the field as the Titans tried several pitchers with little success as walks and passed balls caused unearned run after unearned run. The Titans were soon out of the game after the third inning.

Again, the Titans were ineffective offensively but their defensive play remained consistent. In the end, the game was stopped after the fifth inning by the 10-run rule and they left the field with an 11-0 loss.

"We would have liked to use Patty, our second pitcher, but we learned something out of this," Roxane Asay, TCC softball coach, said. "It's better to lose now, early in the season when we can benefit from our mistakes than late in the season when we wouldn't have another chance."

## Tracksters have high hopes

By TROY WOHLFEIL  
Sports editor

As surely as the sun in springtime brings out the flowers and sun-worshippers, so do the warming air and the beckoning practice fields bring out those dedicated athletes involved in track.

Already involved in training, the Tacoma Community College track team looks in shape to vie for top league

equally important in building strength and endurance.

"I'd like to be faster than I was in high school, and lifting is important," Susie Rosemaryn, an education major and 800-yard specialist, said.

"I ran in high school but here you're more on your own, and the weight room is better than in high school with good exercises," Barbara Lanning, a

includes the shot put and the discus. Shane Colglazier and Rob Collins headline TCC's weight corps with Colglazier already having qualified for the state meet in the discus with a throw of 137 ft. in the Everett meet.

"I barely missed qualifying for the shot put," Colglazier, a computer science major, said. "I've got more lifting to go but I should be ready to qualify soon."

"It takes a combination of speed, technique and strength in the weight events. We're getting excellent coaching on technique, we have more to go on the speed and strength," he said.

Robertson pointed out that TCC was in good position for scoring points with the decathlete spot as well with Brian Bailey. The competition with the decathlon will be held separately from the other events and Robertson sees only another athlete from Highline as being Bailey's only challenge, but Bailey realizes he needs more work.

"I'm not quite up to my expectations yet," he said. My muscles aren't in shape because I started late."

With the important meets coming up, everyone has incentive for doing well. As Colglazier explained, "If you don't work, you'll be embarrassed on the field."

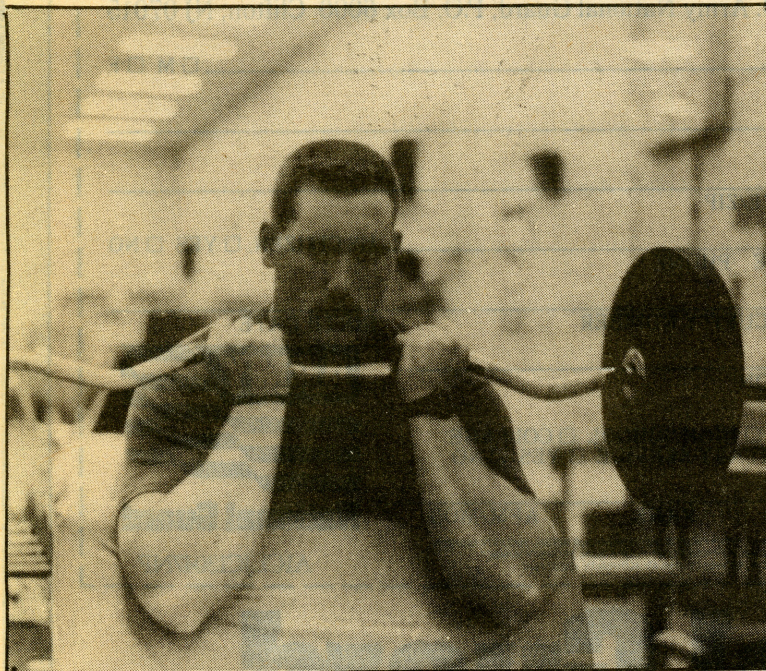


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Shane Colglazier, a computer science major, "Buffing up" for track.

honors this year. Although not a large group, quality, TCC coach Dave Robertson says, will be easy to maintain.

"We really have quality people," he said. "And I would rather have 10 hard workers than 20 people horsing around."

While practicing their particular events is necessary, many of the athletes said that weight training was almost

hurdles specialist, said.

At the Everett Invitational, schools including Bellevue, Highline, Everett, Edmonds, Green River and TCC, competed with the scores not tabulated but the tracksters from Tacoma felt they had an excellent chance on winning the meet.

One of the reasons for high expectations this season rests with the weight events, which

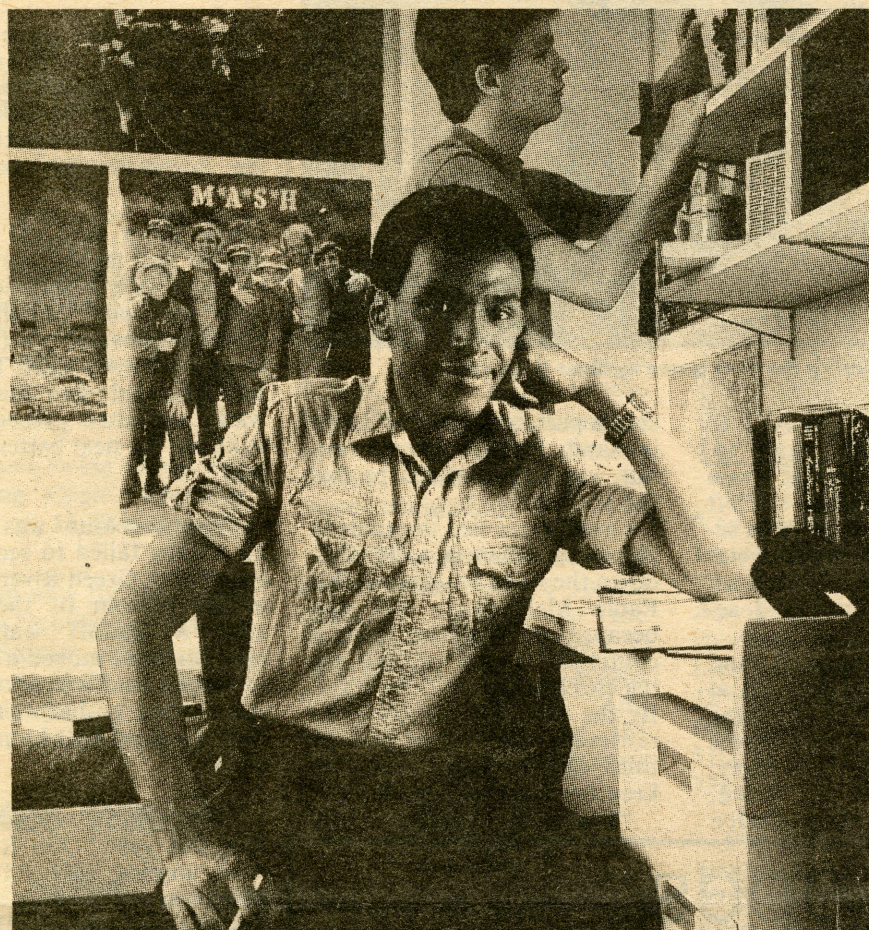


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Susan Rosemaryn, education major, trains for the 800 meter run.



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