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Trio ties for top honor--Three students with unblemished 4.0 (straight-A) grade point averages shared the coveted President's Medal at TCC's seventh commencement ceremony June 3. They were Duane Ottgen (a Tacoma policeman), Billie Jean Gates and Mrs. Marlene Prosser Critch. It was the first time there's been a tie for the President's Medal. Fifty others earned a place on the President's List with a grade point average of 3.6 or better. A record 566 Associate degrees were conferred. Ninety-six diplomas were presented to graduates of TCC's new high school completion program, initiated last fall.

Trustees OK building request--TCC Trustees approved a request for \$1.9 million in capital funds from the State Board for Community College Education at their May 25 meeting. Projects requested are a \$1.6 million addition to Bldg. 19 to house faculty offices, general classrooms and occupational education space...and a \$300,000 addition to the food services bldg. that would double its capacity. Funding depends on passage in November of Ref. 31, a \$50 million bond issue for community college construction... By the way, TCC President Thornton M. Ford has praised both the Democratic and Republican parties of Pierce County for endorsing the bond issue.

Good news in the mail--TCC has been notified by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare that it will receive nearly \$200,000 in student aid funds next year--substantially above this year's level... TCC has received a \$30,800 grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop an Associate Degree nursing program. Mrs. Joan Royce, R.N., has been hired as planner. It's expected that the first specialized nursing classes will be offered next spring.

Summer's nearly here--TCC will offer more than 100 courses during the 1972 summer session, scheduled to begin June 20. Registration for the nine-week session is scheduled for June 19. June high school graduates are welcome to enroll even if they plan to attend another college or university in the fall. Thirteen courses will be offered during evenings, and 18 courses will be offered on a continuous progress, individualized study basis through the TCC mathematics laboratory. The math lab will be open two evenings a week, too. For more information, contact the TCC Records and Admissions Office in Building 6.

People in the news--Carl R. Brown, minority affairs director at TCC, has been re-elected chairman of the Puget Sound Minority Affairs Consortium... Russell E. Clark, chairman of the math-science division, and Donald A. Hiatt, speech instructor, have been selected to appear in the 1972 edition of Outstanding Educators of America... Loren Hille, a TCC freshman, has been chosen to join the 1972 America's Youth in Concert group for a six-week tour of Europe this summer... The Rev. Elijah Hankerson, TCC history instructor, has received a community service award from the Tacoma Urban League.

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