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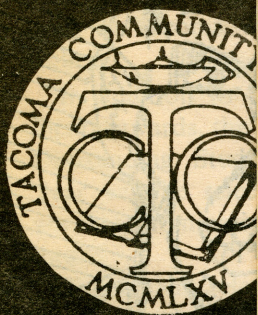
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# The Collegiate Challenge

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## New computer lab more than byte-sized 2½ million dollar addition to TCC

By James Cospier  
Staff Reporter

The new computer lab should be big enough to take care of our computer students for years to come. According to Gary Sigmen, Director of Information Systems, the new computer lab "will approximately triple our academic of computing capacity."

The new computer lab will be made up of several kinds of spaces. There will be 75 stations for the general computer lab, a 30 station computer-

equipped classroom, two demo classrooms with 45 seats each, technical support and office space will be in the basement.

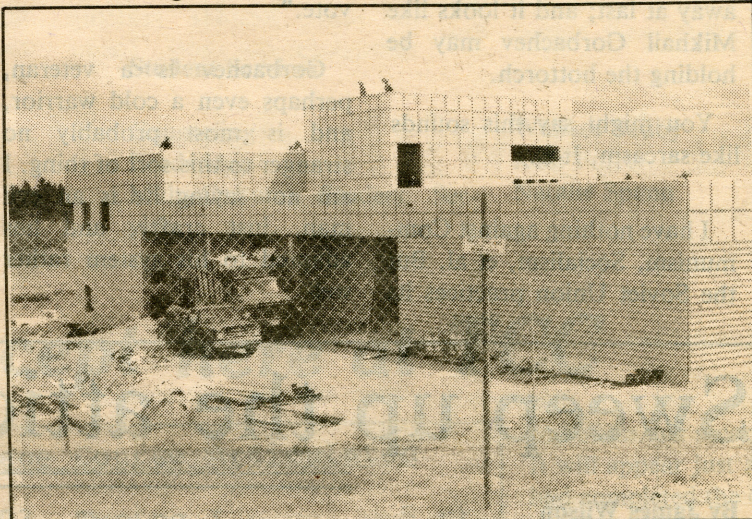
There will be approximately 15,000 square feet of usable space. According to Sigmen, "Most will be taken up by instructional spaces." Sigmen also said, "Our computers now are housed in what used to be classrooms, not equipped to house computers."

The project cost \$2.5 million, with \$1.8 million for

building and equipment. The rest of the money is to be spent on the construction of walkways, parking, etc.

They have not decided on which computers they will buy for the new lab, but they have decided that two-thirds of them will be IBM compatible and the other one-third will be Macintosh.

An IBM model 30-286 microcomputer has been made available from the IBM Corporation for faculty testing and evaluation.



Construction workers making steady progress on the building that will someday house the computer lab. This project will be finished for the 1989-90 school year.

Photo by Karlene Johnson.

## Deterioration: Campus comes apart at the seams TCC buildings show signs of age, neglect and "settling"

By Deborah J. Ernst  
Staff Reporter

In Building 7 carpet pulls away from the floor and long sheets of carpet are attached to the wall for no apparent reason. Buildings across Tacoma Community College's campus are similarly deteriorating. Why?

According to Bob Blankenship, Building and Grounds Supervisor, "That's just normal building settlement." Of the mysterious hanging carpet

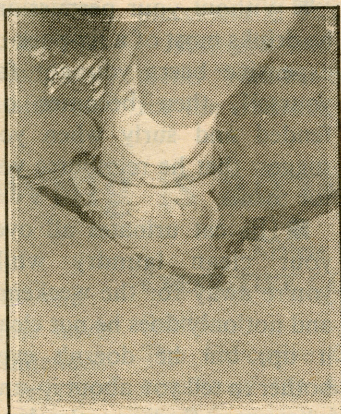


Photo by Holly O'Brien.

he said that an instructor requested it for "acoustical reasons."

*This loose carpet in Bldg. 7 did not trip up the photographer, but it could cause injury to an unsuspecting person.*

However, one of the strips covers an electrical outlet. According to an electrical employee of the Tacoma School District, that (covering the outlet) could create problems in case of a fire, or it could cause problems with the

maintenance crew in case they have to work on the electrical circuit.

Blankenship added that it (building maintenance) is always a concern within their department, but admitted that, because of a lack of funds and manpower, the buildings aren't maintained as well as they could be. He added, however, that none of the deteriorations is thought to be a safety risk to students.

Where do the funds come from for building repairs? According to James Call, TCC's

Business Manager, there are approximately 20 separate funds which make up the budget. From one of these, Capital Allocations, comes the money for building maintenance.

The buildings, according to Blankenship, are checked often in the on-going process of building maintenance. Donald Gangnes, TCC's Vice President of Planning and Operations agreed, adding that the buildings are checked daily and problems should be promptly reported.

## Board meeting honored by surprise visitor from sister city

By Kathryn Halfman  
Staff Reporter

At the Board of Trustees meeting held on May 11, the mayor of a Tacoma sister city made a special appearance.

Mayor Sueyoshi from Kitakyushu, Japan was in town regarding a number of issues and had been visiting with TCC president Dr.

Carleton Opgaard prior to the meeting.

Possible construction of 92 additional parking spaces with access to both the new computer facility and 19th Street was one topic presented for consideration.

The total amount needed for the project is approximately \$85,000. The college currently has \$35,000 available.

The additional \$50,000 could be allocated from the Pierce County Transit Fund.

Another issue presented for consideration, was South Puget Sound Community College's (SPCC) offer of a facility to be used as temporary office and classroom space during TCC's remodeling. This facility would have to be moved from SPCC and set-up here

at TCC. The cost was estimated to be approximately \$100,000, depending on the amount of installation requirements needed for the facility to be functional.

The proposed Services and Activities Fee increase from \$2.85 per credit to \$3.85 per credit was approved.

A one-month study of the 1989-90 Services and Activities

Fee Budget was approved.

The 1989-90 Auxiliary Enterprise Budgets (included are the Bookstore, Food Service, and Parking) were also accepted for a one month study.

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 1989 at 4 p.m. This will include the Presidential Evaluation as well as the regular meeting.



## Freedom at last?

By Eric Wirsing  
Editor-in-Chief

One of the oddest (and unprecedented) situations has cropped up in the past few months: the freedom of a country.

I talk here about the "libera-

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tion" of Soviet Bloc countries and the extension of rights given to those inside the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

As I sit here even now writing this I hear a talking head on the radio telling me how wonderful the situation in "Russia" is right now. They have so many rights there. The Iron Curtain is being stripped away at last; and it looks like Mikhail Gorbachev may be holding the hottorch.

You might say this sounds like sarcasm. It is.

I have nothing against Communism, Socialism, et al. But the Soviet Union practices its

own brand of social cooperation, and likewise has its own political philosophy, one that has a tried and true history: totalitarianism.

Mikhail Gorbachev is of the old guard, a veteran in the Politburo, and has seen enough to know what goes on behind closed doors. Political intrigue is strong in both the United States and the Soviet Union, manifesting itself in deadly form in both instances.

In the US, reputation is everything, and rivals could easily put an end to one's political career if things swing the wrong way.

In the USSR, political rivalry sometimes means you are dragged off in the middle of the night; the result of a Politburo "no confidence vote."

Gorbachev is a veteran, perhaps even a cold warrior, and is most probably no stranger to this sort of thing. I am not saying he is an evil man, just crafty, and has adapted to his system rather well.

His plan is simple and old-fashioned. He is slowly uncurling the totalitarian fist which has for so long held the Soviet people in check. And he has loosened the choke-chain which has now allowed the dog to run more freely ahead of its master. And he will allow the people to keep these rights for as long as he remains in power and perhaps beyond that, if he can arrange it. But if he is deposed in favor of a more conservative leader who will give the Soviet Union its due respect and not preach of peace, the dog will once again be on the leash. Once the nectar of freedom is tasted, simple wine will not suffice. Open rebellion will be the result.

I could be wrong. Gorbachev might indeed be on the level, and I have perhaps fallen victim to paranoid fantasies. The cold war is off, and America and Russia are enjoying relations that no one remembers since the end of the Second World War. But there is no reason not to be cautious and examine all the angles, right?

### GORBACHEV: AN EVIL MAN?



## Sweep up the attic dust

By James Wilson  
Staff Reporter

RACISM: Dust in the Attic.

A blind man may not have the ability to see, but he has the use of other senses. He is further blinded if he fails to use those senses.

Any shard of light burns

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his eyes and dries up his mind of any kind of progression that tries to rain upon him.

Not long ago, there was a special man who had a special dream for everyone, and many strive to keep his dream alive today by also making it their dream. But for many Americans the dream seems harder and harder to become true because there is still dust in the attic.

### Have they ever seen a rainbow?

With the 21st century just around the corner, it is a dollar. It has been said many times before that money is the root of all evil.

Balls of confusion are rolling in childrens' minds, they are not sure of the roads to travel: the old dusty trails of yesterday or the paved roads of today. Most are heavily influenced by their environment, and that can be scary.

Believe that there are many backward humans that view life through a black and white television. Some are still not aware of the fact that color television has been around for some time now.

Is there room to wonder what they see when they look at a rainbow? Have they ever seen a rainbow?

Not that much has really changed since the torrid peak of racism. Racism has just found a more modern mask to hide behind, backed mainly by

There are probably some half-minded people thinking that this is just another tune of the same old song, but be sure that the song will continue to play until the lyrics are understood and accepted.

Those who can relate to a better way of life for all keep fighting for what they believe in, not just for what is right.

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## Of mice and men

By Autobia Graffi

You know you should ditch  
your boyfriend when...

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■ He claims to be a "Feminist man," yet confides to you that Date Rape is "just N.O.W.'s anti-male propaganda."

■ Without your permission, he drinks most of a six-pack of expensive beers you got for yourself, then becomes offended and surly when you suggest that he reimburse you for them.

■ His cat urinates all over your clean laundry while you're away for the weekend, and not only does he not clean it up, but he doesn't even bother to tell you about it--and when you find out the hard way, his defensively whined response amounts to, "It's not my stuff."

■ He tells you he can't pay this month's phone bill yet because he's "broke," then goes off to O'Leary's and spends fifty dollars on comic books.

■ He screams at you for serving him a plate on which a

few of the peas have rolled on to the rice, and a couple of grains of rice are brushing the chicken, because "mixing foods" always "ruins their flavor."

■ He humiliates you, snipes at your religious background and family, and insults your intelligence, calling it all "jokes," then when you return the favor, it's "petty character assassination."

■ He asks you for an objective critique of his latest story, and when you give him one, snarls that you're "just trying to tear him down," and "undermining his confidence," yet if you praise it in any way, he screams at you for "being a yes-man."

■ After repeatedly ridiculing every original thought or idea you espouse, he tells you he wishes you'd "use your brain for once."

■ He reveals his grandiose plans for your future: when he graduates next year, you'll abandon your ambitions, quit school, marry him, take a job, and support him while he completes his Master's degree; and he has so brainwashed and brow-beaten you into submission that you almost, almost, find yourself agreeing with him...

### If you think this is wasted space

then you're absolutely right. It is airy, spur-of-the-moment and really not worth even putting in. But, it serves one useful function: telling you about ads. They're \$3.50 per column inch and price breaks for larger ads. Buy an ad in the Collegiate Challenge today! You'll be glad you did.



# Foul Ball

Recently the student government of TCC, otherwise known as ASTCC, OK'd an increase to the Student Services and Activities Fee, which automatically raises our tuition by a small amount. I don't have a problem with this increase, but...I do have a problem with where "our" money goes.

Unfortunately, it looks like that age-old institution of athletics has snapped its jaws on our academic institution. But why should we be any different than any other higher educational institution? We pay indirectly for a minority of students to play games, and do we ever pay! Almost 1/2 of this fee goes directly to the athletic department.

While it is true that most schools have athletic departments, some of which actually bring in revenue and publicity for the school (the U.W. is a good example); on our campus this is not the case. Yet, scholarships for jocks are three times the amount that all clubs on this campus get to work with annually.

Just how many Titans go on to make it in the 'Big Leagues?' Or for that matter the 'Minor Leagues?'

The clubs and organizations on this campus appear to be doing more for the good of the campus than the athletic department, yet the amount of money actually set aside for their good deeds is miniscule compared to the amount just allotted to the athletes and athletic supporters.

Even still, I don't have a problem with funding sports. But, I do have a problem with what appears to be discrimination on the part of our elected governance.

Discrimination? Yes, discrimination! The amount of money that these clubs ask

for usually runs into Senate roadblocks. If it isn't tabled (meaning "we don't want to make a decision right now") then it is slashed by our governance. Sound familiar? It's just like our State and Federal Governments: Bureaucracy in action. When an unidentified athletic supporter went before our "beloved" student government to send baseball boys to a tournament (this is outside of regular league play) her request for \$1750.00 for room and board for our Titans was immediately granted; yet the radiological technicians received half of what they had asked for and only after much tabling.

So I must question the integrity of these self-elected officials, as to their motives. Why did their amending and tabling not apply to the baseball boys? Are they really representing the average student?

As a solution to this hypocrisy, I suggest that ALL students go to ALL athletic events. Why not? We are paying for it (are we ever) in our decision to obtain higher education. Remember, it's America's pastime.

Another alternative, as opposed to attending these events, is to join the Student Senate and have a say in where your money goes. Only by becoming involved in something, can changes be made. Though it is too late for next year's budget, the year after would be a good place to start.

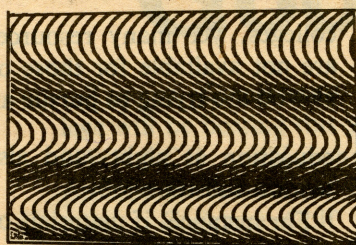
It is time to reverse the tide of discrimination and hypocrisy that has been so wrongfully forced on us by our "supposed" student government.

R. Evergreen

# X-Rayer's vision clear

I am writing this letter as a member of the "Image Intensifiers." Well, recently I have been informed by the senate committee that my club isn't very visible on campus. But as club president, I feel that the club is as visible as necessary to those who need to know about it, since the only way to become a member is to enroll in a 27 month long radiology program here at TCC. Those interested can apply to Mr. Royal Domingo, program director. However, I believe it is too late for next year, but if you hurry, the class beginning in September, 1990 probably has a few seats left. So, if you submit your paperwork early, you will probably receive an interview. OH...did I forget to mention that you had to go through an interview process and be selected for this program? Those of you still interested in club in club membership step right up. I suppose before before I sign you up, I should tell you a little bit about the program.

I'd be the first to admit the first quarter is pretty cushy since you only have class five days a week. But after that you attend clinical at a local hospital sixteen hours a week your first year and 24 hours a week your second year. Class meets on the other days of the week. Summer quarters vary, this year the second year students are putting in 40



hours a week for 13 weeks, then we have a two week break and return for the fall quarter.

Granted, we would love to make little posters and banners announcing the things that we take part in, for instance, our T-shirt sale. But somehow, I didn't think too many people on campus would want an X-RAY-TECH-ASAURAS shirt. Even if we did have something that would be of interest to the entire campus, when could we be there to promote it, since more than half of the students in my class have families. We work very hard to become radiologic technologists and most of our time on campus is spent in class.

Recently our club went to the ASTCC Senate to obtain funds to attend the 38th Annual Washington Society of Radiologic Technologist Convention. After a long battle, we were allotted \$684.75, a sum we were happy to receive. But it didn't cover even our registration fees, making it very difficult for some of our students to attend. Other schools that were represented were: Bellevue CC, Wenatchee

Valley CC, Yakima CC, and Holy Family Hospital of Spokane. There were 90 students represented statewide. TCC presented 10 exhibits and 1 essay, placing in both events.

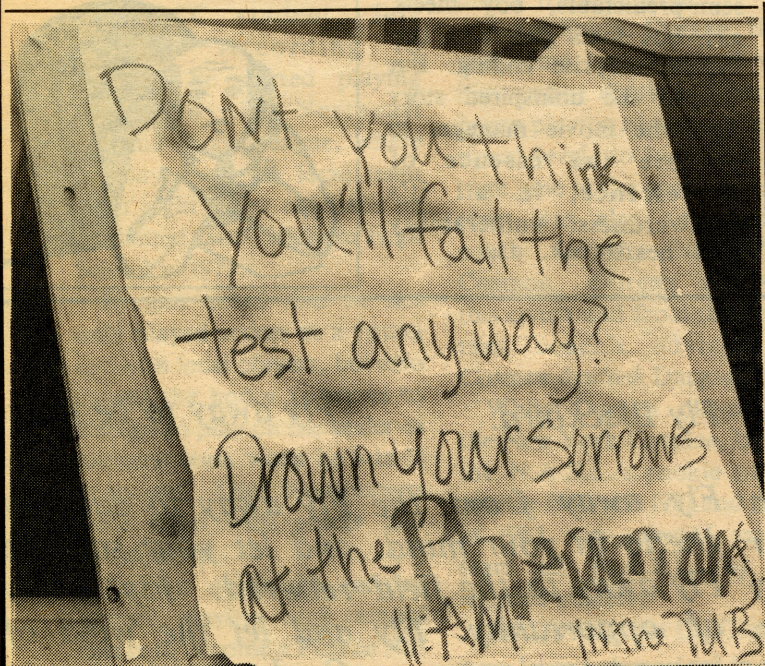
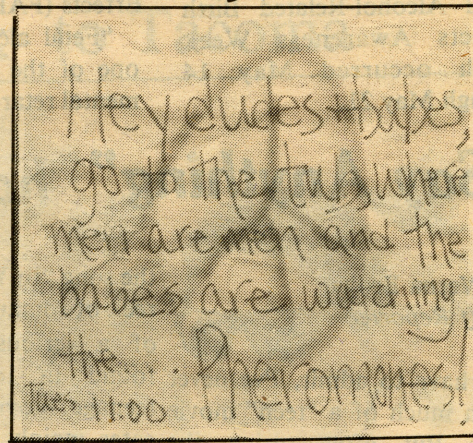
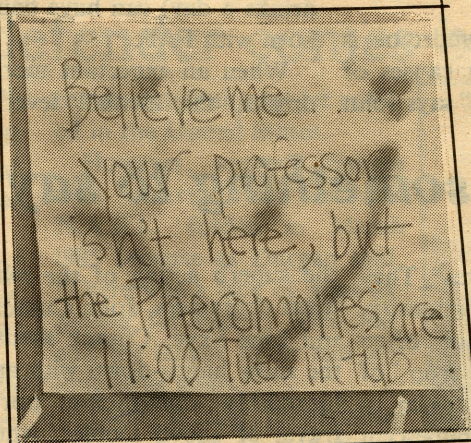
The main point of this letter is to suggest the senate designate separate funds for social, athletic, and academic clubs. The ISO club was allotted money for field trips to places like Victoria, BC. I think clubs are worthy, but I don't see how their needs compare to academic clubs. Then we have the athletic groups. A spokesman for the athletic department requested additional funds due to the success of one of our teams. She received the money without debate.

Although I cannot offer a brilliant solution to this problem, I do feel that I had to stand up for my club and other allied health groups. Although we are not visible like the baseball or basketball team, we represent TCC everyday in all the major hospitals in the area.

I feel that groups like our deserve as much recognition for a job continually well done as a baseball team that ends the season with a good record.

Sincerely,  
Tammy D. Gregory  
Club President

# We ain't in Kansas, Toto



This very sign is an example of the advertisements for the Pheromones. The Student Programs staff should not quit their day jobs. Photos by Damon Rosencutter.

The current Student Programs staff has attempted this year to bring entertaining as well as educating activities to the campus. The publicity for these activities has been intense and well prepared. I would like to address the publicity that was used for the recent presentation of the comedy group The Pheromones. My complaint, specifically, is about the way the Student Programs staff advertised this event.

It seemed to me that the people wanted to give the student body of TCC a taste of the comedy that the Pheromones would be presenting. In doing this, they opted to use such slogans as, "I don't think we're in Kansas anymore," and "Hey! Where is everybody..." While these two particular slogans are harmless enough, other slogans were of

another vein.

The majority of the slogans that I saw seemed, to me, to be on a more anti-academic theme. Two specific slogans stand out in my memory; the one slogan that was the most offensive, to me, stated, "You'd flunk the test anyway, so why not go see the Pheromones." Another prominent anti-academic slogan was phrased, "Your instructor won't be there anyway, so go see the Pheromones."

While it is important to have a balanced life consisting of academics and social activities, I do not believe that one should be slandered for the advance of the other. This is an institution of higher learning, and I believe that the Student Programs staff should aid the faculty, staff, and students interested in

academics-not hinder them. I am not saying that such groups as the Pheromones should not be brought to our campus, rather I am saying that the Student Programs staff should have tried in a less offensive manner to advertise the activity. It is not behooving to this college for the Student Programs division to treat academics in such a light manner. It seemed to me to be going a bit too far to try and persuade students that it is more socially appealing to go to a social function than to attend class.

Many of us are here at TCC for one reason, an education, and I do not feel that the Student Program staff should look down on or criticize us because of it. Help us, don't hinder us.



# Night students left in the dark

By Kathryn Halfman  
Staff Reporter

Everyone has seen the commercial on television where people are lining up to "buy time," whether it is minutes, hours, or days. Even if you haven't, "time" is the most precious and yet the most lacking ingredient in our day-to-day lives.

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Time is just one thing, among many others, that evening students are lacking.

Students registering for classes may find that even if they indeed make the time, many classes offered during the day, cannot be taken at night.

Evening classes are sponsored quite enthusiastically in the media and brochures of almost all major community

colleges, yet many resources are not available for those of us who are trying to pursue an

education at night, and also work a full-time job.

For instance, if materials or supplies are needed, you may be informed that the bookstore has already closed. In other instances, you may need reference materials from the library, only to find that this too, has already closed.

While some buildings close early, other services like a restroom, you may find, can be quite some distance away from major classroom areas.

If you haven't grown accustomed to vending machine food, your choices for something to eat, which may become expensive after awhile, are the restaurants located near the campus. Unfortunately, the cafeteria is another facility that closes rather early, even though many classes are still in pro-

gress and others haven't even begun.

Seeking help with any representative of this college, whether it is an advisor, counselor or registrar, can be a problem for those who balance a full-time career and a full-time education. Many times there are no advisors or other officials available during the evening hours.

Many activities that are held during the day, are not readily known or made available to those that attend in the evening.

It is very easy to become disorganized, and easier still to not become involved. Those who do choose to become part of this school, through various activities, may find it is hard to do so.

Council meetings, school board meetings and school projects are some of the activities that are abandoned during the evening. This is dif-

ficult for those of us who choose to become involved and find that they cannot.

Personally, I have taken on the task of 'killing' myself by continually taking a full class load at this college, committing myself to write in the school paper, and assigning myself to as many activities as I can find in order to feel a part of this small community here at the college.

It is easy to 'float' through the system, by taking a class here and there and not really comprehending the information you may need to transfer to a four-year college or receive the requirements need-

ed to achieve your two-year degree. Without assistance, you may soon realize you have been here longer than you thought.

It is unfortunate for those attending classes in the even-

ing, that most of the facilities and activities do not correspond with the class schedules, on a basis as equal as possible

Another issue that is indirectly related to the college, is the fact that the bus service established at this college is not as efficient as it could be. Students have to leave their classes early in order to 'catch' a bus. In some cases, this is the students only means of transportation.

If there are no solutions to the many questions the evening students have presented over the years, maybe someone can find it in their conscience to fulfill on request to those evening students everywhere, who have met these and other obstacles, along their path to self-fulfillment and higher education.

Does anyone have any "time" for sale?

## Expectant moms can harm their un-born by drinking.

By Shanna Kossman  
Staff Reporter

Expectant mothers who consume as few as two alcoholic drinks a day run the risk of seriously harming their unborn babies. The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, which works to prevent birth defects, stressed this important message during National Alcohol-Related Birth Defects Awareness Week which occurred May 14 through May 21.

In observing that week, the

March of Dimes joined the National Council on Alcoholism to call attention to the dangers of drinking while pregnant. At least one baby in 750 is born with the serious combination of birth defects called Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS). It is estimated that 10 times that number experience problems called Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE).

"Fetal alcohol syndrome is one of the leading causes of mental retardation," says John

Felix, Chairman, March of Dimes Board of Trustees.

Drinking alcohol during pregnancy increases the risks of miscarriage, stillbirth, and death in infancy. As many as 30 percent to 40 percent of children whose mothers drink the equivalent of three ounces of pure alcohol (six cans of beer) daily, have FAS. Moderate drinkers (two to five drinks a day) can have babies born with FAE.

When an expectant mother drinks, the alcohol level in

fetal blood gets as high as the mother's does. But fetal alcohol damage is greater because their organs are immature. The March of Dimes urges women planning to have a baby to stop drinking before they get pregnant.

Babies born with FAS usually are small and fragile with widely spaced eyes and an abnormally small head. These babies suffer from organ malformations, particularly heart defects. As they grow, babies with FAS act differently from other children. Most

are mentally retarded and many are hyperactive or have poor coordination and learning problems. Babies born with FAE may be small, restless, slow growing, display abnormal actions and have below normal IQ's.

The March of Dimes works to prevent birth defects through grants and educational community service programs. The March of Dimes dedication to child health began over 50 years ago when the foundation was established to eliminate polio.

## "Say Anything" has something to say to everyone

By Verna Brown  
Staff Reporter

I have to admit, I've never been much of a "teen" movie fan. But after seeing the previews of "Say Anything" on television, I was more than a tad bit interested; this one seemed different. You've seen the commercials, the ones with John Cusack standing defiantly in a darkened yard, serenading his girlfriend with a jam box booming Peter Gabriel's romantic lyrics from

the song "In Your Eyes". They reek of romance and intensity, of a seriousness not often found in today's crop of teenage movies that seem to cater mainly to prepubescent boys.

So down I trudged to my local theater and one huge tub of buttered popcorn later, despite my initial skepticism, I found myself enchanted with the sensitive portrayal of a young love story.

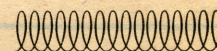
It isn't the plot of the movie that will steal your heart, but

the superb acting of the two main characters, John Cusack and Ione Skye. Cusack steals the show hands-down with an incredibly convincing portrayal of Lloyd Dobler, who falls hopelessly in love with Diane Court, a brilliant, beautiful, and isolated untouchable played by Ione Skye, who's shyness and outstanding achievements in school separate her from her peers. Lloyd manages to convince a reluctant Diane to attend her senior class party with

him, and so begins their romance. During the course of their date, Diane begins to open up not only to Lloyd, but to her peers that she has been distanced from for so long.

The rest of the movie is semi-predictable, boy meets girl, boy loses girl, with the typical surprise ending. But despite the uninspired story line, the movie manages to capture the essence of adolescence, in all its awkwardness, vulnerability and heartbreak.

Enliven your humdrum, everyday existence. Join the Collegiate Challenge



### Blackbird

Fly Blackbird.

Fly Blackbird.

Fly Blackbird.

Fly Blackbird.

Fly away to be free.

Fly away from hard white clouds. Fly away to unchain your spirit. Fly home to me.

Fly away with shameless pride. Fly away with determination you have within your heart. Fly home to me.

Fly away with thoughts of your ancestors. Fly away with strong beliefs. Fly home to me.

Fly away from the ghetto in your mind. Fly away to the field of opportunity. Fly home to me.

Fly away to equality and let your soul be relieved. Fly away and let the wind of God guide your wings. Fly home to me.

JOHN ARTHUR.





TCC Athletic Director Phyllis Templin is flanked by Don Moseid and Harold Bonnell, who display two of the seven banners purchased by the ASTCC to commemorate past athletic championships. Moseid coached the TCC men's basketball team for nine seasons, reaching the state tournament eight times and winning two state titles in 1970-71, 1973-74. Bonnell, who is the current TCC golf coach, was a member of Coach Bob Dezell's 1970-71 state champions. To date, TCC has fielded an impressive total of 20 state, conference, and league champions.

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## Athletics and academics mix

New York Cosmos star defender comes back to Tacoma

By Scott Bender  
Staff Reporter

You may be surprised, but you might have a former professional soccer player in one of your classes who, according to many soccer experts, was one of the world's "best" at his position.

Meet this former pro and now TCC student, Jeff Durgan. According to Durgan, he started playing soccer in the Northeast Tacoma soccer league, where he played on his local team from eight years old until he graduated from Stadium High School in 1979.

Durgan noted that he not only played soccer at a young age with local players, but also earned the honor to travel to Europe to play on the under-18 national team when he was 14 years old. Thus his summers were filled with soccer and world travel.

Durgan continued earning honors playing high school soccer to become a Parade All-American his senior year at Stadium High School. Even though he did not play any college soccer, by his own admission, perhaps his biggest honor was that he was selected

the fourth pick in the first round of the collegiate draft by the New York Cosmos of the North American Soccer League (N.A.S.L.).

Sure, Durgan played a lot of soccer in his youth, but how on earth would a team such as the New York Cosmos, which had many of the world's best international soccer players, draft a high school player from Tacoma?

According to Durgan, there was some luck involved with him getting drafted. When he began playing soccer at the national level, to his good fortune, one of the coaches on his team was also an assistant coach for the New York Cosmos. Durgan impressed this coach and from this assistant coach's advice, the Cosmos drafted Durgan.

While Durgan played for the New York Cosmos, he was the N.A.S.L.'s rookie of the year in 1980 and 1981 and then in 1982 was selected second team all N.A.S.L. by the league's players.

Add to this that the Cosmos were league champions in 1980 and 1982, and one can see that Durgan was right in the middle of one of North America's most successful soccer teams. And right about this time, soc-

cer was beginning to get noticed in the United States.

However, soccer's success was short-lived, as the N.A.S.L. folded in March 1985 because as Durgan said, "There was a lack of mass exposure for soccer; television, and the league never had any long-term goals."

There is still professional soccer in the United States today--known as the Major Indoor Soccer League (M.I.S.L.). So if there is still a professional soccer league in the United States, then why is Jeff Durgan not playing on it?

As Durgan told me, "I think it's great people have the opportunity to play soccer and support their family, and it is exciting for the fan who does not know a great deal about soccer and likes quick action and movement,...but I like to play soccer outside on a bigger field."

So presently, Durgan is taking courses at TCC and hopes to transfer to the University of Washington and earn his business degree. As Jeff said, "I had a good time with my (soccer) career, but it did not last forever."

Durgan had this advice for anyone pursuing an athletic career: "I would never

discourage anybody pursuing a goal in athletics, but do it when you are young because one day the athletic career ends--it's a given."

Durgan recently addressed some students in Keith Lewis' Careers class at TCC. "Although I wanted to speak to a group of athletes--it still worked out," Durgan said. According to Durgan, he believes that a person needs to enjoy what they are doing as well as the successes which

the 36-hole tournament.

The tee-off time will be at 11 a.m. on May 22 and at 9 a.m. on May 23.

The tournament will be highlighted by a catered barbecue, putting and chipping contests, and the presentation of team and individual trophies.

The presentation of the trophies will conclude this year's NWAACC Golf Championship Conference.



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Jeff Durgan, professional athlete, world traveler, Tacoma native and student at TCC. Photo by Damon Rosencutter.

they achieve in their occupation.

Durgan is not playing professional soccer now, but does he have any regrets? "I have no regrets and would be a fool to regret anything about my (soccer career) because I filled up two passports by travelling all over the world, where I saw great wealth, poverty, and sadness throughout the world; you cannot buy that kind of experience--it is part of me."



## A Way of Life

Hello,  
Please allow me to introduce myself to you.

I am a prisoner who likes to abuse his brain.

I am chemically dependent, a junkie by name.

I play with many cute toys to enhance my daily pleasure.

I have bongos and pipes of all shapes, but my favorite entertainer is the needle because it is easy to measure.

Some people look down upon me, really nasty and cold.

But they should dig the feeling I get when the rocket fires into my vein and explodes.

I wish you could escape reality with me on my cloud of smoke.

I guarantee that you would see your darkest fears, yet be ready for another toke.

Some think that I have no sense of responsibility, and yes it is true.

I value my fantasies of darkness, not society's confusion of blue.

Yes, I do try to take you down with me when I am up, you are my blame.

I cannot say that I am sorry for attracting the young, they love the way I call their name.

Sometimes I think that I am different from all the rest.

At times I cry for help, but then "Lady White" reassures me that her way is best.

Some think of me as dead, but I really do exist, I am not gone yet.

Despite my chosen ways, I hope that you know me better, and me you shall never forget.

John Arthur

## Rock-and-Roll is here to stay

JEFF "FRO" TULL



By Shanna Kossman  
Staff Reporter

Rockers unite! It seems that a few rowdy rockers decided to get together and form a club. They call themselves the "Rock-n-Roll Appreciation Organization."

The club was founded by Jeff Baker, Carl Hess, Blake

Herring and Damon Rosencutter.

According to them, they founded the club because they saw a need to promote rock-n-roll on this campus. They also felt that it would be helpful in bringing fellow musicians together and allowing others to learn about rock.

These enterprising rockers

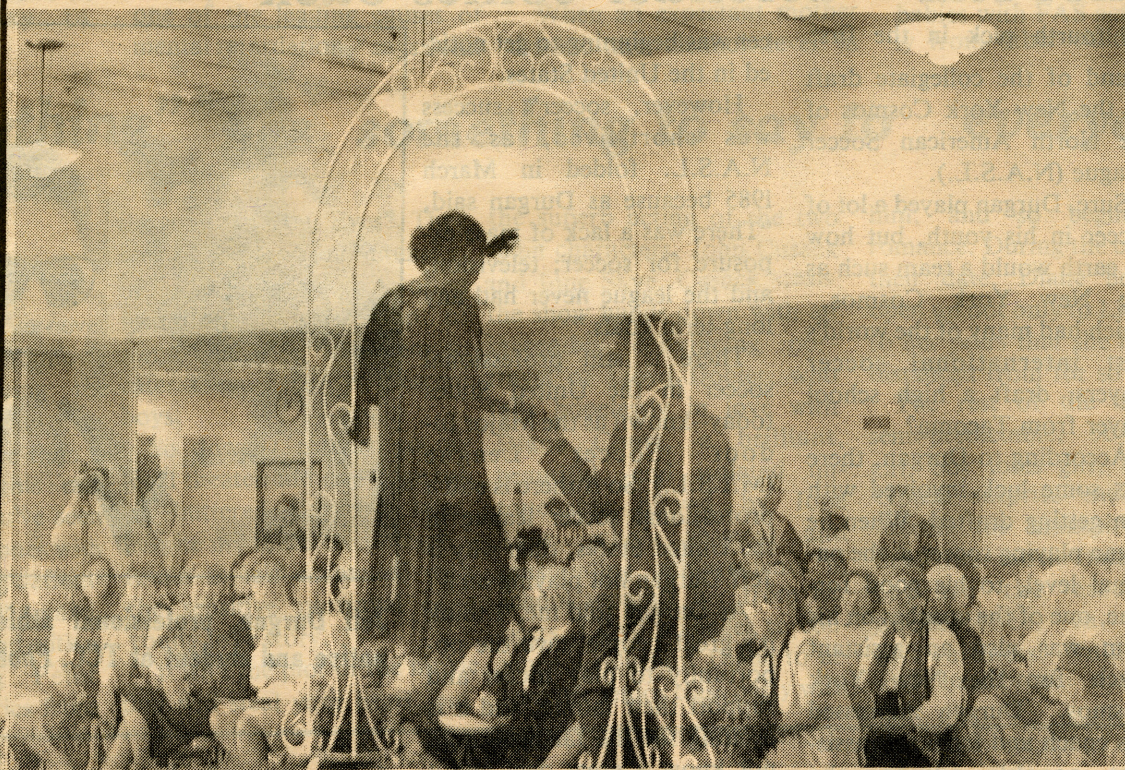
hope to bring disc jockies and rock personalities on to campus. They also hope to be able to use the campus theater to host small rock concerts.

It seems that many students have expressed their dissatisfaction with student programs. Many people feel that they (student programs) have not been representative

of the whole student population with the events that they have scheduled.

Whether you're a "metal head," a "pop-rocker," or whatever your thing may be, this could be your kind of club. Why not give it a try? The first meeting is Wednesday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m. in building 7-10.

## Centennial fashions shown



By Damon Rosencutter  
Managing Editor

The sounds of yesteryear, along with the sights, echoed through the Student Center May 10.

Faculty, administrators and

students modeled clothes from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

Paul Michaels, retired TCC art instructor, played Ragtime Scott Joplin piano before the show began.

Flapper dresses, hoopskirts,

top hats, and coneheads all made their appearance in a most distinguished way.

The event was sponsored by the TCC Education and Training Committee and was carefully orchestrated.

All in all the event was a success.

## Work of romantic poet on display in library

An exhibition on poet William Wordsworth and the turbulent era in which he lived will be on display at the Tacoma Community College Library Gallery (Building 7) May 8 through May 29.

Admission is free.

The exhibition, "William Wordsworth and the Age of English Romanticism," includes 24 graphic panels reproducing manuscripts, rare books, and some oil paintings and watercolors.

The exhibit examines the discovery of nature and other themes important during Wordsworth's lifetime (1770-1850)--the Age of Revolutions.

The display is on loan from Exhibit Touring Services, a non-profit consortium of exhibiting organization. It is sponsored by the Washington Commission for the Humanities.

Library hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday. For information call TCC at 566-5000.

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## Harry would have loved it

By James F. Wilson  
Staff Reporter

Judge Harry Stone would love to have been at Pantages on May 6 as Mel Torme and George Shearing ended their national concert tour in Tacoma.

Torme and Shearing flaunted their magic of music to an estimated crowd of 1,200 enthusiastic fans. The collaboration of Torme's reputable voice style and Shearing's versatile piano play gave the audience what was expected of the veteran entertainers and more.

Shearing began the extravaganza by displaying his talent as a master pianist. He had a wonderful way of keeping contact with the audience constantly with his hilarious and off-the-wall humor. For

his last solo, Shearing performed his most famous composition, 'Lullaby of Birdland,' which he received an enormous applause for.

After a brief intermission, Shearing introduced his friend and the man who pioneered the way for jazz vocals, Mel Torme.

Torme delighted hearts with his classic showmanship of old and new. At the age of 64, Torme showed that he still has the ability to electrify his fans. Oldies but goodies capturing the audience were "The Way You Look Tonight, Barkley Square," and "New York New York." A song recently released which Torme termed as funky was "Since I Fell For You."

A Torme performance would not be complete without the traditional sound of scat. Besides scatting throughout the show, Torme

added wood to the fire by doing a dedication of scat singing to the "lady of jazz," Ella Fitzgerald. Before closing an evening that created four encores, Torme stated; "May God take everything that I have if I lie when I say during our tour, we have never had a more of an appreciative audience as we had here in Tacoma."

Mel Torme has been a professional entertainer for more than forty years. He is critically and audience acclaimed singer, composer, drummer, musical arranger, vaudeville performer and author.

George Shearing was born blind in London and has created a reputation for his musical talent as pianist, composer and arranger. Although he is at home on the classical concert stage and the jazz nightclub scene, Shearing is recognized for his inventive, orchestrated jazz.

## Dudes with dreadlocks

By Damon Rosencutter  
Managing Editor

Shouting out against Apartheid, crack, gangs, and political bloopers, Jah Dread Posse brought their message to TCC.

The event was sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Student Services Program on May 18 in the student center.

The energy level was high as Jon, Guy, Mark, Willie, Jeff, and Malinzy mesmerized a medium-sized crowd. Those

sitting near the front seemed more relaxed as they tapped their feet and swayed their bodies to the tunes.

Sporting dreadlocks, long hair, liberal clothing, and cheap sunglasses these reggae poets wove their magic. Their instruments included a saxophone, drums, synthesizer, flute, assorted percussion, vocals, and an electric guitar which screamed its metal sounds, adding a nice rock edge to the event.

Nobody looked like they had a problem hearing Jah

Dread Posse thanks to a nice sound system and the talent working the boards.

Most students I spoke with after the event thought it was great. "It's about time we had something like this," said one student. "Good tunes."

Near the end of the show the lead vocalist interjected a thought about his music. "It's like a medicine that'll heal you." Well, after listening to the music a feeling of healing kept its place in my rock-n-roll veins.

## Villalobos finds fiesta

By Barb Villalobos  
Staff Reporter

I'm back on 6th Avenue again! This time for Mexican food. My best bet is Casa Bonita at 6104 Sixth Avenue. Again, this restaurant is on the way to the Narrows Bridge. It is located just about next to Denny's, across from Highland Hill.

The main dining room is cozy and intimate, seating about 80 guests. The booths are decorated as thatched huts. A warm fireplace glows in the winter at one end of the room. Two parrots (replicas) greet you as you walk in. Spanish music plays throughout.

The waitresses are super-friendly and super-efficient. Chips and hot sauce are immediately set on your table as you are seated. The menu is small, but certainly ample to get one's fill. Dinners range in price from \$3 to \$6.

My friend and I ventured first into the aperitivos (appetizers). I ordered quesadillas - large folded flour tortillas filled with melted cheese and jalapeno peppers, topped with sour cream. Tomatoes and onions were added for a minimal \$.60 charge. The total was \$3.85. Magnifico! We then ordered a Mexican pizza

consisting of a deep fried tortilla topped with melted cheese, refried beans, onions, tomatoes, olives and peppers priced at \$3.75.

Our main dinner choices were one combination dinner and one chimichanga. My partner ordered the mucho hungry combination which is any two of the following: beef, cheese, or chicken enchilada, chili relleno, tamale, tostada, or Bonita taco, which is a corn tortilla shell filled with taco meat, cheese, lettuce and tomato. He chose the Bonita taco and beef enchilada. The price was \$5.95. This was served with Mexican rice and refritos and an optional dinner salad for an extra \$1.25. To say the least he was 'mucho full!'

I chose their chicken chimichanga consisting of seasoned chicken combined with sour cream and cheese, rolled in a flour tortilla, deep fried and covered with verde sauce, topped with guacamole, sour cream, chopped onion, tomatoes, black olives and shredded cheese. The price was \$4.95, with Mexican rice and refritos \$5.95. It was more than I could finish.

We walked in at approximately 5:30 p.m. on a Sunday evening and by 6:15 p.m.

every table was occupied. A cute cantina (bar) is to your left as you walk in. They serve basic well drinks and of course margaritas (single or grande) in regular, strawberry, and peach. I was loyal to my Dos Equis Dark Beer. Other brews are: Carta Blanca, Pacifico, Corona, Michelob Draft, Bud, Bud Light, Rainier, and Miller Lite. Wine consists of white, red, or rose. Happy hour is Monday thru Friday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Desserts are especially good. I chose fresh homemade ice cream - Mexican chocolate for \$1 a scoop. My partner chose dessert de casa - a light pastry shell filled with ice cream, topped with fruit and real whipped cream for \$2.15.

Casa Bonita is open Monday thru Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Personal checks are accepted with proper credit card identification. Orders to go are also available with a 10 percent packaging charge.

For great Mexican food, great intimate surroundings, and a great price, you must visit this 'house' (casa). My best bet is Casa Bonita. Ole Amigos!

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