

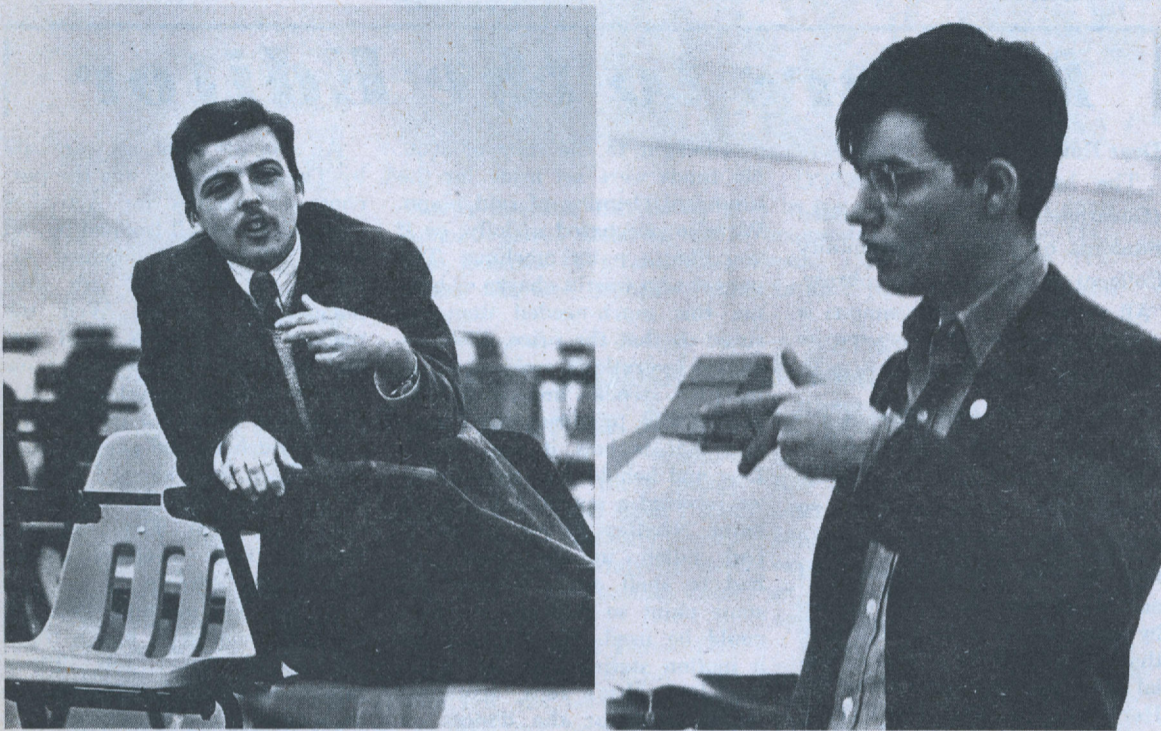
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REVOLUTIONARIES SPEAK—A and L hears SDS education chairman and his assistant orate on their policies and objectives.

TCC Board of Trustees Reviews ASTCC Academic Policy

The Tacoma Community College Board of Trustees members agreed to review the rules adopted by the student government regarding student invited speakers.

The board has been attempting to stay out of student activities as much as possible. Trustee John Binns said, "When we start setting ourselves up as censors we're in trouble."

TCC Gains New Soc. Instructor

By Carl Zook

Mrs. Ann Shea Sundgren has recently been appointed instructor in sociology at Tacoma Community College. Announcement of the appointment was made by Dr. Paul E. Jacobson, dean of instruction.

Mrs. Sundgren has taught for four years at the University of Washington, where she received a masters of arts degree in sociology in 1965. She also worked in research and consultant capacities for the State Departments of Health and Highways.

Mrs. Sundgren is a member of the American Sociological Association, the Pacific Sociological Association and Alpha Delta Kapp, national honorary society.

However, Frank Cooper, another board member, raised questions about such speakers as LSD advocate Tim Leary and black power advocate Stokely Carmichael.

Student body president Phil Tate touched off the discussion when he presented a policy on student-invited speakers, a one-page document hammered out by the TCC student government, which was adopted at the end of last quarter.

The policy allows any recognized student club or activity to invite any speaker it wishes to hear as long as no statutory law forbids it.



Phil Tate

Dr. Thornton M. Ford, TCC president, told the board he has received an occasional objection to student-invited speakers, but added that he is sure that "the vast majority of the community"

agrees with the college's policy of allowing free expression.

The policy was formed because TCC has never had a speaker policy and did not want to be caught in the same situation as other colleges when their administrations formed a policy for the colleges.

WSC To Sponsor Ice Skating Party

By Marji Williams

Tacoma Community College's Winter Sports Club is holding an ice skating party on Friday, Jan. 12 from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m., at the Lakewood Ice Arena. Admission is free to TCC students and fifty cents to all others; ice skates may be rented at the Arena for a charge of 40 cents. It will be a great after-the-game activity, so I hope everyone turns out.

WSC has a night ski trip planned for all interested skiers. It will be on Saturday, Jan. 27 and will leave TCC at 5 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the GAST CC office, Building 6. If a minimum of 30 people sign up, a bus can be used; otherwise car pools will be organized.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 12 noon, in Building 15-1, WSC will hold a meeting to discuss these and other ideas.

SDS Focus Interest On End of Viet War

By Loman West

Under the auspices of the Artist and Lecture Series, representatives from the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) spoke at Tacoma Community College in the closing days of the fall quarter. George Arthur, Education Chairman of the University of Washington chapter, presented a two-hour speech which was largely devoted to providing information about his organization.

According to Arthur, SDS is a national organization of some 24,000 members. In Washington there are chapters at the University of Washington, Washington State and Western Washington.

SDS is a political organization with three major policy interests:

1. An end to the Vietnam war and an end to a war-gear economy.

2. An end to racial discrimination.

3. Greater academic freedom in American universities.

These are national aims. The local chapters have almost total autonomy and pursue these ends through their own methods according to their resources.

Various local chapters, at times conjunctively with the national, are involved at this time in developing a number of corollary policies to those stated alone. According to Arthur, these include:

1. Pressure to achieve the withdrawal of American troops from Europe and Cuba.

2. Dissolution of the draft system.

Withdrawal of American business interests from Asia and Latin America.

4. Insurance that the United States will not attach political "strings" to foreign aid.

5. A foreign policy which would prohibit the commitment of American troops to put down "wars of liberation."

Arthur further explained these policies by stating that the U.S. defense effort is controlled extensively by big industry. He stated that our commitment in Vietnam is closely related to our economic interests in Southeast Asia and also that our domination of Latin America is made necessary by our business investments there.

SDS was the first of the newer student-oriented political organizations to openly accept avowed

communists in their organization.

In addition to their sponsorship of the April, 1965, peace march in Washington, D.C. and other large urban parades, SDS is currently active in directing and assisting those who feel the present U.S. draft laws are not justifiable.

On a local level, the University of Washington chapter has been instrumental in organizing a conference of Negro voters in Seattle, promoting an open-speaker policy in the University Forum and supporting the free University experiment in Seattle.

The presentation was well attended and listeners were active in the discussion segment of the speech.

Academic Program Rated Fourth In State CC Report

Tacoma Community College, now into its third year, has climbed to fourth among the state's 22 community colleges in the size of its academic program.

In preliminary figures compiled by the State Board for Community College Education, the number of students in TCC's academic program during the fall quarter ranked behind three other community colleges: Highline, Shoreline and Everett. TCC's full-time equivalent enrollment in the academic program was 2193.

The total number of students enrolled at TCC, 2630, was 11th in the state. Green River Community College with 3143 was eighth. Clover Park Community College, which opened in September, was 16th among the 22 with 1621.

Seattle Community College leads in total number of students with 16,511 and in full-time equivalents with 7398.

Unlike most community colleges in the state, TCC does not offer vocational classes.

When enrollment figures are converted to full-time equivalents, TCC ranks 10th among the 22 schools. TCC's FTE figure is 2193. Clover Park's FTE figure of 756 was 19th. Green River with 2248 ranked eighth.

EDITORIALS . . .

During the Dec. 7 meeting the Government of Associated Students of Tacoma Community College gave Sophomore Class President John Conrad and Sophomore Class Representative Gary McDuff until the date of Jan. 18 to "shape up or ship out."

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It is unfortunate that the student government must go to such extreme measures to literally force two of its members to fulfill a job which the entire body does of its own free will. When a step such as this is taken, it is rather obvious that these members are not doing their duty.

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Conrad has extremely improved in his position of representing the sophomore class. However, McDuff has not. McDuff has continued to be absent from GASTCC meetings; when he is present, which is rare, he offers little or no debate. McDuff, during his GASTCC career, has served on only two committees. He resigned from the Credentials Committee because "he didn't have time," which automatically took him off the Artist and Lecture Committee. McDuff has even played cards during student government meetings.

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Thursday will be the day that GASTCC will decide whether Conrad and McDuff have improved in their positions. It is public knowledge that Conrad has greatly improved. It is also public knowledge that McDuff has not.

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McDuff has said he will not hand in his resignation. He has stated this, not because he feels he has improved, but because of a personal conflict between himself and another member of student government.

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It is also extremely unfortunate that McDuff and other members of GASTCC feel that this is a personal attack. It is hoped that any action taken against Representative McDuff is not considered by other members of student government as an attack on him personally, but a move to make the Government of Associated Students of Tacoma Community College a more effective and powerful organization.

— Marshall Vigus

Speech Classes Hold Debate

By Mitzi Rochester

Jamie Grenier won first place in a speech contest sponsored by the Speech 100 and 220 classes at Tacoma Community College on Dec. 12.

The judges — Donald Hiatt, Richard Lewis and a representative from a California college— presenter her with a trophy for her speech on "Blind Nationalism."

Members of each class chose two representatives to compete

in preliminary rounds in Buildings 12 and 16.

Anton Brecek, Jim French and Rod Berk were chosen from 11 contestants to compete in the final round; they finished in that order.

Contestants prepared speeches on topics ranging from juvenile delinquency to the purpose and function of a mortician, lasting from eight to ten minutes, and were presented extemporaneously.



Jamie Grenier

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The battle cry of GASTCC (Government of the Associated Students of Tacoma Community College) is the well-worn phrase, "All we've got on this campus is APATHETIC STUDENTS!!!" We herby would like to scream at the top of our lungs, "All we've got on campus is APATHETIC STUDENT BODY OFFICERS!!!" Never have so many sat around for so long and done so little. The authenticity of our statements may be doubted by some, so let it be stated here that the co-writers of this editorial letter are also members of the Herd on the Hill (GASTCC). Pardon us, we don't even classify as a herd, for a herd usually has one individual who is designated the leader, but in the case of GASTCC, we are a multi-headed Meduca and every head is out for its own gain and profit.

In the case of GASTCC, money spent is usually money wasted. This money is student money and they should be aware of some of the "neat" ways that we have spent it. At the beginning of the year, a beautiful piano

was bought to the tune of \$650. No funds were set aside for the tuning of cleaning of said piano. We also purchased a dolly, or if you like, a paint machine. The person who was in charge of buying this much-needed item assured us that the price, \$360, included everything we'd need — machine, stencils, and paint. This is how the purchase order read and that is how it was signed. Low and behold, two weeks later we received a machine minus the paint. Needless to say, GASTCC had fallen in the mud and had to shell out \$50 more for some paint so that the machine could be used. We then passed a motion stating that we would buy four, that's four, spotlights to be used for the dances on campus. When they arrived, we were the proud owners of two, that's two, lights. Once again we rushed back to the conference table to vote more money, about \$90, for two more lights so that the total received would read four like it was supposed to. Granted, we've merely picked a few of the bad examples, and granted, nobody is perfect, but it seems to us that GASTCC is being a terribly expensive, imperfect group.

An absolute must, we were told by Timmy O'Grady, was the purchase of plaques for Activtites Council. So we all tramped in and voted \$65 for these plaques. After all, if GASTCC can save plaques, so can AC. Well, the plaques were bought, paid for, and delivered. Tim O'Grady now has the biggest collection of AC plaques of any kind in the city. These much needed plaques have never been used by AC; in fact, to our knowledge AC has never even seen them. They sure are helping those meetings sitting home in his bedroom.

At the last meeting, Dec. 14, GASTCC moved to buy a thousand-pound felted tub. Three ping pong tables hanging unused in a closet were not enough, we had to add a pool table. The administration wouldn't give us a room big enough to set up the ping pong tables, so why let us have a room for a pool table? Maybe O'Grady can put the pool table in his room and set up the AC plaques on it. It's lucky for the student body that the motion was completely out of order, even though it passed, or you people would be out between \$800 and \$1,000.

"Let's pull together!" Oh, how many times we've heard these words. It's pretty hard to pull together when just a few people hold all the power. There are very few individuals on GASTCC and block voting is the usual thing. There is very little communication between officers. This can be shown by the fact that motions concerning money are never discussed with the treasurer.

GASTCC is a very disorganized group. Although we have the potential, we've yet to show it. Basic needs of the student body are often overlooked so personal vendettas can be carried out. Instead of working to solve campus problems, we chop at one another and merely cause many more problems. In closing, speaking just as students and not officers, we say—GASTCC, "SHAPE UP, OR SHIP OUT!!!"

Respectfully submitted:

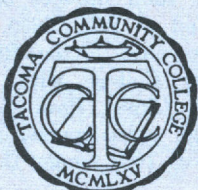
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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS




"SEEMS CROWDED UP HERE — WHAT SAY WE HOP IN THE BACK SEAT?"



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TCC Hoopsters Host Highline

Heinrick Sets IM Program

By John O'Malley

"Fall quarter's intramural program was very successful," stated Jack Heinrick, physical education chairman. "It started out slow but soon there were 30 to 50 students coming out every afternoon."

Volleyball, badminton and basketball were offered for the noon recreation program. Heinrick said this quarter basketball will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, while volleyball and badminton are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday. He said teams will be formed for basketball and volleyball, while there will be singles and doubles matches for badminton. The first meets will start Jan. 22.

Interested Students

Anyone interested in starting a team should contact Heinrick in the gym at noon or Don Lehman, intramural manager. The first person that comes will get a team roster and will recruit people from the campus for his team. "This way people who enter the program will be interested," commented Heinrick. He noted that the people who get the roster will be responsible for the team he organizes. There is no limit on the teams but each squad may only have eight men.

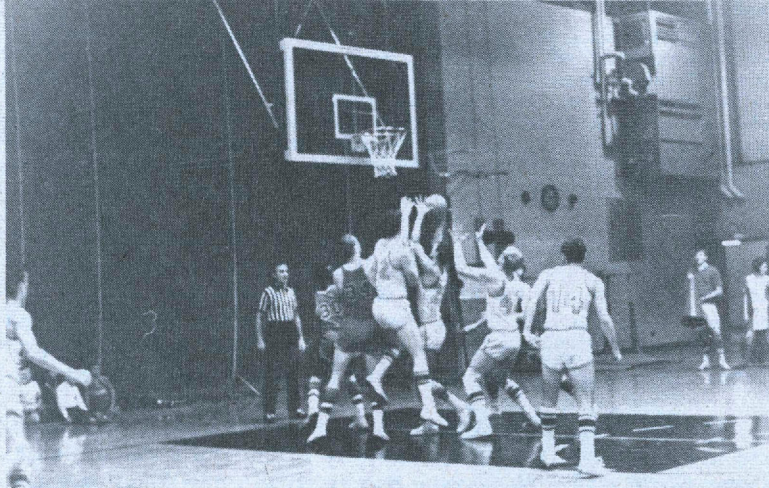
Game Schedules

After each student has received the number of players desired he then turns the team roster in to Lehman, who will set up the schedules for the games. There is even a chance of having intramural games as a preliminary to varsity games, according to Heinrick.

"I anticipate a strong faculty team," remarked Heinrick. "So far Jack Hyde, Lloyd Percy, Richard Perkins, Harland Malyon, Joseph Betz and Edward Fisher have approached me showing interest in a faculty team." It will probably be a basketball team that will challenge all comers. According to Heinrick the faculty doesn't have a coach yet, but they started to turn out on Jan. 8.



Students practice for intramural games during noon.



Varsity hoopster Bill Bailey goes in for a lay-in in recent game Action against Bellevue while teammates Tom Patnode (14), Don Lehmen (14), and Greg Freitag (32) look on. The TCC Titans will face Highline Friday in an 8 p.m. contest at Wilson High.

Malyon Appointed Tennis Coach By Tacoma Athletic Director

"Coaching tennis at Stadium High School for three happy years was where and when I first took the courts seriously," commented Harland Malyon, new tennis coach at Tacoma Community College.

According to Loyd Percy, TCC athletic director, Malyon was chosen not just because he was on campus but because he was qualified. As coach at Stadium he had successful years and this is the second reason he was chosen.

Malyon is now in the process of buying equipment and setting up schedules. The conference schedules are already set. March 1 is the first turnout for tennis. Tennis shorts, shirts and warmup jackets will be provided by TCC. The school will also furnish balls but the students will furnish their own shoes and rackets.

Tennis matches are limited to 14 per year with 12 meets (conference) and two (practice). Malyon is now trying to set up matches with the University of Puget Sound, University of Washington and Seattle University.

The state tournament will be held in Yakima. There is no definite date set yet.

"I have no idea what kind of place we will make for ourselves,"

speculated Malyon. "A number of fine athletes have indicated an interest in strong competition and we have some good high school experience from Peninsula, Clover Park, Mount Tahoma, Curtis and Lincoln."

Malyon was born in Aurora, Illinois on July 8, 1929. He has been a Tacoma resident since 1940. He studied at Pacific Lutheran University where he received his B.A. and then he studied at the University of Washington where he received his M.A.

"I turned out for every sport," laughed Malyon, "but I never made anything because I was too small or too late. I was a continuous intramural player."

TCC has a very good athletic program, Malyon stated. He said he was glad the school emphasizes individual sports like tennis, fencing, volleyball and golf instead of football, etc.

Mat Team Slated for Next Year

By John O'Malley

A new addition to the varsity sports program for Tacoma Community College next year will be a wrestling team, according to Jack Heinrick, physical education chairman.

Bleachers Arrive

Workers began last week to assemble Tacoma Community College's new bleachers which arrived here from Waupum, Wisconsin, Jan. 2.

The bleachers will seat approximately 255 students, and will be used for home basketball games, wrestling and other events held in the gym, said Physical Education Director Jack Heinrick.

A hydraulic system has been installed on the bleachers which makes them very easy to move from one part of the gym to another.

In the future, TCC hopes to purchase more of this same type of bleacher for the gym, according to Heinrick.

Division Leading T-Birds Visit Tacomans For First Encounter

By Walt Snover

Coach Don Moseid and his Tacoma Community College Titans will play host to the Highline Thunderbirds, Friday, in a Western Division contest at Wilson High School. Tip-off time for the community college tilt is scheduled for 8 p. m.

Golf Meeting Slated Jan. 17

By Mike Stork

Mr. Robert Dezell, the new Tacoma Community College golf coach, is calling a meeting of all interested golfers to meet in the conference room in Building 9 on Wednesday, Jan. 17. All interested golfers are encouraged to attend.

This will be the first year for Tacoma Community College golf matches, Mr. Dezell said. "The team will use the Oakbrook Golf and Country Club as its home course."

The TCC golf team will play six full conference match games and six non-conference games. The teams in the conference are the same that are played by the basketball team.

The first match will be on March 29 against Clark College in Vancouver, Washington. The team will play every week from March 29 to May 10. The winning team in each division will go to the state meet in Spokane on May 17. Coach Dezell feels that his team will have a good chance of going to the state meet.

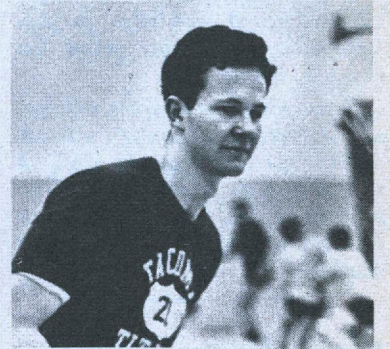
Prospective golfers who are unable to attend the meeting should meet with Coach Dezell as soon as possible to discuss the upcoming season. Dezell can be reached in faculty building 9.

The Titans will be trying to get back on the winning side following a 73-60 loss to Clark College last Saturday. The loss was the fifth of the year for the Tacoma quintet against three wins.

Currently tied for the top spot in the division, Highline sports a 2-0 conference record with a 7-2 season's log. The T-Birds will enter the game fresh from Saturday's 98-77 victory over Lower Columbia.

T-Bird Offense

Spearheading the speedy offensive attack for Highline will be scrappy guard Harold Ross and forward rebounding ace Mike Vernon. In the Lower Columbia contest Ross hit for 30



Greg Freitag

points while Vernon knotted 17 and grabbed 15 rebounds.

Moseid will be going with his regular starting five of Don Martonik and Tom Patnode at guards, Don Lehman and Bill Bailey filling the forward spots and Greg Freitag holding down the center position.

Concerning the Highline squad Moseid commented, "They're possibly the best community college team in the state and must rate as favorites in the division along with Green River and Clark."

School Record Set

Moseid had praise for Tacoma guard Martonik whose scoring talent has helped the club post their admirable record thus far this year.

The Titans set a school record of two victories in a row with wins over Clover Park and Lower Columbia on Dec. 29 and Jan. 3, respectively. In the Clover Park tilt, the red-hot Titans blistered the net for an unprecedented 123-68 victory, which set another school mark.

Disaster hit the Tacoma squad earlier this month as four players were ruled ineligible due to scholastic reasons. Lost from the squad are varsity returnees Tory Dillingham and Mike Elston and first-year man Bill Smith.

Also out for the year will be Travis Thorne whom Moseid termed as a player "he was counting on."

Vet's Urged To Use Insurance

Veterans of Vietnam and all servicemen recently separated from active duty are reminded by John B. Kirsch, Manager of the Seattle Veterans Administration Regional Office, of the right to apply for an individual life insurance policy within 120 days after separation from service.

More than 99 per cent of the servicemen participate in the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance program and are eligible to convert to private insurance when they are discharged, Kirsch added. Veterans are covered by the group policy for 120 days after separation, without further payment of premiums.

During the 120-day post-separation period any insured veteran may apply for an individual life insurance policy from any of the 540 participating insurance companies without taking a physical examination, the manager explained.

Because they are no longer paying premiums, many returning veterans forget about their life insurance and fail to apply for individual insurance policies until after the 120-day period has expired, Kirsch said.

These veterans lose the advantage of becoming insured without a physical examination and, if they have a disability, may not be able to obtain private insurance at standard rates, the manager cautioned.

New Form Tried In Student Gov't.

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. (I.P.) —The Wilson College Government Association has been remodeled in order to produce a more efficient and effective organization. Chief features in the new organizational framework are a Senate and a Coordinate Judicial Council, both of which bring the administration, the faculty, and the student body into their membership.

The new Senate replaces the Legislative Council, one of the major branches in the old student government system. The Senate, composed of more than 60 members, introduces a form of "community government" and draws its membership from all segments of Wilson. Serving in the Senate are three members of the administration and five faculty members, but most members are students who represent residence halls, classes, and other campus groups.

The Coordinate Judicial Council is composed of two members of the administration, six faculty members, and three students.

This week will long be remembered as "Laurel Koolsey" commemorative week.

—LAW

Musicians Needed For TCC Bands

Amateur musicians are invited to join the symphony orchestra, the concert band or the stage band at Tacoma Community College.

The orchestra meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays under the direction of Robert H. Dezell, TCC music instructor.

The concert band, also directed by Dezell, meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Directed by Robert Main, the stage band meets from 7 to 8:30 Mondays and Wednesdays.

All instrumental groups learn and perform standard works as well as contemporary music.

There are no tryouts for any of the groups. Permission of the instructor is the only requirement, Dezell said.

Each course carries one credit. Cost of registering is \$6 for the credit hour, plus a one-time-only \$5 records fee.

"These courses represent an opportunity for students of all ages to continue the musical education they may have received in high school and to enrich their college experience," Dezell said. He added that they are not limited to music majors.

Computers Error

By Jerry Gollinger

It is probable that a considerable number of Mr. Sheldon Gilman's Political Science students are, as Gilman put it, "suffering an injustice which they do not deserve." Gilman has already discovered a considerable number of cases in which students' grades were lowered from what they had actually earned and been assigned. This appears to be mainly due to a mechanical failure. Gilman contents, "So far, about ten per cent of the class has come in to see me about erroneous grades, and out of that number, only one error has been found that I was responsible for. I don't want to get in a fight with the computer people, understand, but I simply couldn't make that many errors."

Gilman urges any student who suspects that his grade is inaccurate to come in and have any possible injustice corrected as soon as possible. His office is in Building 17-21 and his office hours are 11 to noon, and 1 to 2 p.m. daily.

Jan. 12 — Basketball — TCC vs. Highline at Wilson gym 8 p.m.
 Jan. 13 — Basketball — TCC vs. Peninsula at Port Angeles at 8 p.m.
 Jan. 16 — Activities Council, Bldg. 6-1 at noon
 Jan. 17 — Sports Car Club — Bldg. 1-15 at noon
 Jan. 19 — Basketball — TCC vs. Centralia at Wilson Gym, 8 p.m.
 Jan. 19 — Dance — TCC gym sponsored by Freshman class The Saints and the Soutl Set, 10 p.m.
 Jan. 20 — Basketball — TCC vs. Green River at Auburn, 8 p.m.

Happenings!

By Loman West

Editor's Note:

This is the first edition of what the writer hopes will be a regular feature. It is conceived, hopefully, to alleviate the serious lack of communication between the people who plan activities and those who are expected to attend. This lack of publicity is the greatest flaw that exists in TCC's activities organization. Because of it, few of us realize just how many activities are taking place, not only here on our own campus, but on the neighboring college campuses. Many of these activities are open to all collegians. So with the statement of purpose out of the way, "What's Happening?"

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The *Literary Club* has been submerged (hopelessly-) in T. S. Eliot's work their last few meetings. It is a new club and has managed to exist only through the fidelity of a few, a very few, staunch supporters. From the club comes this word: Members of the club will have priority over non-members in displaying their work in the projected *Literary Quarterly*. Take heed, you with literary aspirations.

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The *Artist and Lecture Series* ended the fall quarter by presenting a well-attended lecture by members of the University of Washington *Students for a Democratic Society* (SDS), a new left organization composed of college students.

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The *Forum* presented some extremely interesting and controversial subjects (among them the "Relevancy of Religion") during the last quarter. This is probably one of the more "alive" activities on campus. The time taken to attend a meeting is definitely a good investment.

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Members of the *Forensics Club* have competed in several inter-collegiate speech tournaments. One member, Charles Canada, placed second at the Centralia College competition. Mr. Hiatt is the club's advisor.

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Members of the *Model U. N. Club* are presently involved in preparing for the competition which selects the most knowledgeable and proficient members to represent TCC's country — Peru — at the annual meeting, which will be held in Tucson, Arizona, this year. Not everyone in the club will be able to attend this meeting; thus the big individual push to learn as much as possible in order to make the trip. *MUN* representatives have also been invited to attend a regional meeting of Latin American representatives at Ellensburg on Jan. 26 and 27.

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The recently organized honor fraternity, *Delta Pi Lambda*, sponsored by Mr. Philip Griffin, is having trouble with its tutoring program for fellow TCC students who are having trouble with any subject. It seems that while they have many willing and available tutors, they can't find anyone who needs help. (Come on, now, there must be somebody out there who needs them!) Paul Stacey was elected president of the club during its first meeting last quarter. Congratulations!

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For those who don't realize it, Tacoma has its own educational TV station, KTPS, Channel 62, which is operated from the Tacoma Vocational-Technical School by the Tacoma Public School system. There are several programs worth tuning in on next week.

On Monday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a one-hour examination of the organization and execution of an anti-Vietnam demonstration, "Profile of a Peace Parade."

On Thursday, Jan. 18, also at 7:30 p.m., the delicate feat of producing and selling a hit record is discussed on "Anatomy of a Hit." Following this, at 8:30, there is an interesting documentary of an American student's hitchhiking trip around Europe.

This writer's own pet program is the weekly foundation-financed experiment in television, the Public Broadcast Laboratory, which sounds dull but isn't. PBL has featured such personages as Walter Lippman and Dean Acheson in frank, spirited discussions. Yehudi Menuhin and Ravi Shankar, the Great Indian sitarist, were featured in concert before the United Nations, with a prologue conversation with the Beatles. PBL airs every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

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UPS and PLU, being on the semester system, have reduced activities considerably this month because of finals. There are a few things happening, though.

At PLU on Sat., Jan. 13, a local group, The John Poole Trio, will be featured in an experimental jazz concert. Stan Stenersen, PLU ASB president, who gave us the word, says all collegians are welcome. It'll be held at Xavier Hall, Room 201, at 8 p.m.

Coming up later this month at PLU is a *China Conference* with a number of Chinese and Far Eastern experts as speakers. This is on the 23rd and 24th of January. Also, on Thursday, Feb. 1, the novelist, Erskine Caldwell (*God's Little Acre*) will speak.

Clay Loges at UPS tells us finals have severely disrupted activities this month, but a few are scheduled. The *Pozo Seco Singers*, popular folk group, will perform at the UPS Fieldhouse at 8 p.m. on Jan. 19.

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Further information can be acquired by contacting the *Challenge* in Building 18-2. Comments (favorable) will be accepted as will any tips on activities. That's it.

Lowly "C" Grade Receives Prestige

Santa Clara, Calif. — (I.P.) — Students at the University of Santa Clara now have a new grade to shoot for: the C plus. The grade will carry a grade point value of 2.5 points, 0.5 points higher than the C grade.

According to voiced and written opinions of both the faculty and the administration, there are several advantages for adopting this new grade.

No longer will it be necessary to receive a B to balance out a D grade; two C pluses will achieve the same effect. It should also be noted that the majority of the faculty members were especially in favor of this new grade because it will allow them to separate the "C" students, into which category the greatest number of Santa Clara students fit.

In addition, some teachers welcomed the new grade for in it they saw a means of rewarding those students who border on a B, but have been receiving a C. Now they can be given a "near B" grade and an additional half a grade point.

When asked why this innovation had not come sooner, Fr. Alexis Mei, S.J., academic vice-president, answered that not until the university started on the 3/3 plan was such a grade needed. The fact that the pressure of the quarter system on students is greater than that of the semester system is well known by the faculty and the administration.

Improper Filing Slows Claims

Some people who get the fastest replies from the Veterans Administration may be disappointed, according to John B. Kirsch, Manager of the Seattle VA Regional Office.

Kirsch said that his office receives an average of 400 letters per month that can't be answered fully because the writer failed to include enough identifying information.

To deal with the problem, Kirsch said that his office will endeavor to get the needed information by sending a form letter to the letter-writer, specifying the details needed to act on the original request.

A blank form is included in the VA letter so that the letter-writer can give VA such information as — name of veteran, service number, social security number, dates of service, date of birth, branch of service and VA file number if the veteran has been assigned one.

Kirsch explained that the Seattle VA Regional Office maintains approximately 193,000 individual case files, hundreds with the same name. So that each can be located quickly when needed, a number has been assigned to each file. Once the veteran or other beneficiaries of VA benefits is advised of this number, he should use it in all future correspondence with VA.