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Student S&A budget balanced, student fee hike vote postponed

by Sue L. Sholin

The student senate overwhelmingly approved its revised 1982-83 budget at its Nov. 23 meeting, but decided at its Nov. 30 meeting to delay a vote on a proposed student fee hike. The increase had been introduced, discussed and tabled for one week at the earlier meeting as required by senate rules, but was left "on the table" rather than voted on the following week.

A feared budget deficit has thus been avoided, but as yet there is no solution to the lack of carryover funds needed for the 1983-84 school year. The senate will begin work on the budget early next year.

The revised budget trims \$74,376 from the originally approved 1982-83 budget of \$344,259. According to Larry Townsend of the senate budget committee which determined how much each student-

funded department would be cut, all of the department heads conceded to the cuts and were "very cooperative." The revised budget, voted on by the senate as Resolution 82-7, now goes to the Board of Trustees for approval.

A few departments budgets were cut entirely; some of those had already spent a small amount of their money which accounts for the unusual appearance of their reductions. For example, the intramural activities budget was reduced from \$325 to \$25, the amount already spent.

Other services and activities that were cut entirely are: Continuing Education, Off-Campus Centers; Summer Programming; the student arts annual, Trillium; Washington Association of Community College Students (WACCS, formerly CORP); Conferences; Special

Project, a fund of \$45,000 that had been set aside for investment in Tacoma Dome performances until other investors bid too high.

At the Nov. 23 meeting, the senate drafted a letter to the student lobby group WACCS explaining that the TCC student government would not participate in its meetings this year because of lack of funds and lack of a response to senate inquiries. Slightly more than \$100 had been spent on membership fees for WACCS, but the remaining \$1328 in that budget, mostly for travel expenses, was cut.

The only budgets that passed unscathed were Activities Programming, maintaining its \$19,000 budget; the Capital Project with \$29,963 for the Childcare Center building; Clubs and Organizations with its \$1000; the Summer Arts Workshop

with \$3,800; all of the individual athletic budgets, totalling \$19,120; and the Artist and Lecture Series with its \$23,000. Most of these departments are considered by the senate to be revenue producing or, in the case of the Childcare Center building, must be funded at the present level.

Nine of the remaining 13 budgets which include the Challenge, music, drama, and the general athletics fund, were cut by \$1,100 or more. All of the proposed cuts were approved.

The anticipated shortfall, which the revised budget now averts, was the result of both an over-estimation of the full-time equivalent students (FTE's) that would be enrolled this fall quarter and an over-estimation of the projected carryover from last year's budget to this year's. The Continued on page two.

College Council discussing changes in late registration

by Sue L. Sholin

A battle may be brewing over proposed changes in the current five-day period allowed for late registration. A proposal has been set before the college council that the period for late registration either be reduced or eliminated entirely. Any changes in late registration would most likely effect changes in the drop-add period as well.

Executive Dean-Educational Services and College Council ex officio member David Habura introduced the idea to the council. The College Council representatives of TCC's faculty, staff and students were assigned the responsibility of polling their constituents to determine each group's feelings about possible changes. At the Nov. 17 meeting of the council, staff representative Rae McIntire and faculty representative Paul Clee presented the council with the printed results of their respective surveys. Apparently the council's student representative Jeff Chandler hadn't done his homework as well, as he had only an oral report of a casual survey.

Although a comprehensive survey of students' opinions is not yet available, the feelings of the faculty and staff are well-documented.

All of the full-time faculty members were sent questionnaires by Clee. Of the 62 responses he received 53 favored limiting the late registration period to three or fewer days or eliminating it altogether. Of those 53, 26 favored eliminating late registration.

Clee similarly polled the faculty on the drop-add period now allowed during the first 10 days of each quarter and of the 53 responses, 35 were in favor of reducing the period. Only six of those responding favored elimination of the drop-add period.

Clee says the faculty "have been talking about it (the changes) for several years," and "talked about it some" at this year's faculty retreat.

Clee says, as an English teacher, he expects to have students dropping and adding his classes because students are often confused by the various levels. He says that the faculty's general feeling is that late registration causes too much disruption during the first week of class and that there is much concern for the "rate of success" of students who register late and may miss a few days of instruction.

A sample of faculty comments presented to the council by Clee seems to indicate there is faculty concern for discrimination

between late registration and drop-add. Allowing late registration and drop-adds with instructors permission only and allowing students to register without paying tuition until the first day of classes were two of the alternatives to elimination offered.

The staff survey conducted by Rae McIntire produced six main concerns that the staff has about late registration.

The first concern listed is that at least four reports are made either incorrect or incomplete by late registrations. These include class rosters and advisor lists.

The second concern is that if students are not registered and reported by the 10th day of classes, the college loses funds.

The third concern is that extra staff must be hired to handle late registrants and that there is not much money for this.

The fourth and fifth concerns are that late registrants miss important classwork and that classes are disrupted by late starters.

The final concern is that late registrants do not get appropriate testing and advising and therefore enroll in the wrong classes.

The student senate has been watching the discussion closely and intends to question and rebut several of the faculty and staff assertions about late registration. As an example, senators

believe that money and effort could be saved by producing only an initial student roster and then a final one at the end of the first week of classes rather than one every few days. The potential loss of funds to the college through the loss of late registrants is another factor the senate would like the council to consider.

ASTCC President James Martin has devised a threefold plan to fight any changes in the late registration or drop-add periods. That plan calls for increased student involvement, circulation of petitions amongst students and a campaign to emphasize the students' point of view on late registration.

The petitions are available on a desk by the outside door between the cafeteria and the student lounge (Bldgs. 11 and 11A) and on the back page of the Challenge. Petitions must be signed by currently enrolled students only and must bear the student's Social Security number for verification.

The issue will be discussed again at the next meeting of the College Council on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 2:30 p.m. in the Binns Room behind the library.

James Martin, in the meantime, has two speeches on the subject planned for Dec. 6 and 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

TCC presidential search one week ahead of schedule

by Keri Siler

An estimated 200 applicants may be applying for the position of TCC president according to Interim President Dr. Mel Lindbloom.

The presidential search procedure began with the Board of Trustees who established a tentative time table in which to select a new president. After approving the time table, the board then selected a screening committee to review and recommend applications to the board. The process is currently one week ahead of schedule.

The screening committee is made up of 12 members, two from the Board of Trustees; Robert Hunt Jr. and Ellen Pinto; two administrators, Frank Garratt and David Habura; two faculty members, Dr. Paul Jacobson and Joan Wilson; two classified staff members, Lorraine

Hildebrand and Chris Sypher; two students, James Martin and Larry Townsend; a foundation member, Ruth Correll; and a community-at-large member, Charles Weatherby. Each department was given responsibility for choosing its own representatives with the exception of the community-at-large member which is selected by the chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The screening committee is to maintain complete confidentiality throughout the entire procedure of reviewing applications until there are only four to six applicants left. These final applicants will then be invited to TCC for interviews with anyone interested in the next president of TCC. The Board of Trustees will then make the final candidate selection.

To help it determine the criteria for presidential applicants, the Board of Trustees employed a consultant from the

University of Washington, Dr. Fred Giles.

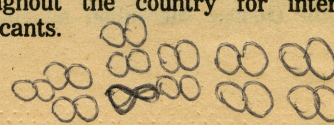
He devised a survey which was given to students, faculty, classified staff and administrators. After all the data was compiled, it gave a broad overview of what each group felt were the most and least important characteristics a community college president should have.

The most important characteristics indicated by students and classified staff is public relations. The faculty chose the ability to get maximum for the dollar and those in administration chose credibility and maintaining poise and stability in pressure situations. The least important characteristics to students is the ability to unify groups (county-board, community and staff). The least important characteristic according to the faculty survey shows skills in managing negotiations with employees. The ability to obtain federal, state, and private grants was ranked least

important to the classified staff. A strong background in vocational and academic curriculum was ranked least important to administrators. These characteristics were based on a one to 10 ranking system. The survey contains much more information that the screening committee will have to review to help in the aid of selecting a good president.

Applications for the position of TCC president will be accepted Jan. 4-31. Announcement of the open position will be published in several nationally known educational magazines such as The Affirmative Action Register, The Chronicle for Higher Education and the State Board for Community College Education. Along with advertising the open position in these publications Dr. Lindbloom will be contacting universities throughout the country for interested applicants.

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Social Security forum videotaped at TCC sparks lively debate

by Mike Robbins

Two of the most controversial issues in the country today are high unemployment and the Social Security system. Both issues were discussed recently at the annual Community Forum, part of a nationwide series of town meetings held to sample public opinion. TCC was singled out as the only community college in the United States to have its forum videotaped along with those of universities.

TCC's community forums have been used since 1977 and have always been concerned with national issues. The forums were conceived by Tanya Brunke, head of TCC's Office of Continuing Education, as a non-credit program. Last year, Pierce County, and the city and Port of Tacoma presented their long range plans for this area to the public. This year's series was (1) Jobs and Productivity, held Oct. 21, (2) Coping with Inflation, on Nov. 4, and (3) Should Social Security be Voluntary?, held Nov. 18. The meetings were held in Bldg. 18, Rm. 2, and the Social Security forum was taped in the TCC Rehearsal Hall, Bldg. 7.

Jobs and Social Security seem to be appropriate topics of discussion this year. According to Ron Magden, TCC's head of Telecommunications Courses, very soon only high technology jobs will be available to the general public in this country, so people need to be trained for them. The question is, should private industry or schools train them? Also, he said, every 30 minutes Social Security sinks \$69,000 deeper into debt.

About a year ago Magden was invited to participate with 10 universities in developing a community forum. The universities were chosen from across the U.S. to get a representative population. TCC was chosen to represent the Northwest. The University of Georgia represented the Southeast, the University of Chicago, the Midwest, and Museum of Science and Industry in New York, the Northeast. Magden was on the steering committee and attended three national meetings, two in Chicago and one in Washington, D.C., to set up the forums.

Approximately 85 people attended the last forum, where a panel representing various sides of the Social Security issues discussed the ailing system and options for its future. Panel members included Alberta Canada, a Social Security Administrator; Beth Murphy, President of the Tacoma Grey Panthers; Edward McMillan, Chief economist for Rainier Bank; and moderator Linda Stahl, public affairs director for KSTW-TV. There was a great deal of interaction between the audience and the panel. Tanya Brunke, who was at the forum, says it went very well.

A lot was learned at the meetings. For one thing, people are less worried about inflation today than a year ago. Older people would rather not see any changes in the present Social Security system, while younger people feel that if some changes aren't made soon, the system will be gone by the time they are old.

The forum results are going to be summarized with surveys and then sent to the Kettering Foundation's Domestic Policy Association (DPA), which will then send the information to the Congressional Budget Office. The results will then be disseminated to the U.S. Congress for the Congressional Review of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Social Security Solutions.

"TCC is the only community college to have its forum videotaped along with national universities," Magden says. Excerpts will be included in a network television program, the Kettering Foundation's DPA Closing Leadership Conference, which will be co-chaired by former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford. The conference will be held at the Ford Presidential Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and televised on PBS Feb. 10, 1983. At that meeting the audience which attended the first meetings will reassemble for discussion with government officials of the major findings.

The forum was co-sponsored by KSTW-TV (Channel 11), Rainier Bank, TCC's Office of Continuing Education, and the Kettering Foundation. Another forum will be held next year on three new issues, which have not yet been decided.

Handicapped office gets braille sign



photo by Robin Minchew

Student Alvin Silva is making a sign for the Handicapped Resources Office in braille.

by Melanie Rook

A new and different sign for TCC's blind students will soon hang on the wall in Bldg. 18 next to Rm. 9, the Resources for the Handicapped Office.

The sign, which was suggested by Alvin Silva, will be in braille. Silva, who lost his sight 14 years ago in Viet Nam, described the difficulties blind students presently have trying to locate the office of Joann Savitz, advisor at the Handicapped Office. Together Silva and Savitz designed a sign to display information in braille for the blind and in calligraphy for the sighted as well. Silva says the confusing numbering system used for the buildings on Campus and the lack of braille directories either inside or outside creates a frustrating situation for blind students. The sign will be of plastic laminated paper with a pocket

for informational brochures. It will be produced at no cost to the Handicapped Center. Sound Press is donating the paper and Joann Savitz's son, Todd, has volunteered to do the calligraphy. Silva will produce the braille on TCC's braille machine and Tahoma Industries, sponsor for the center, will laminate the sign with plastic to increase durability.

Silva has expressed the need for more braille signs not only on buildings and rooms but also on sign posts spread throughout the campus. He feels that the signs would have to be made of steel, like the ones in the County City Building, to deal with persistent vandalism.

Advisors-coordinators for the Resources for the Handicapped Office are Donna Pugh and Joann Savitz, office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the phone number is 756-5075.

Illinois town wants to tax university students' tuition

EVANSTON, IL (CPS) — It would be "a dangerous precedent that could catch on like wildfire," says one observer.

And if it does, students all over the country might soon be paying taxes on their tuition payments.

The Evanston, Ill., city council is currently considering adding a \$90 to \$150 tax to the tuition paid by students at Northwestern University.

But Northwestern officials say the university and its students contribute \$1.5 million more a year to the Evanston economy than they take out in municipal services.

Moreover, opponents of the tax warn, the tax could spread to other college towns similarly short of cash.

Evanston officials argue the university costs the city more in municipal services like sewage and fire protection than the university pays to the city. They say they can no longer afford to subsidize the campus.

"But it's the only option we have open to us," complains Jack Korshak, the Evanston alderman who is proposing the 1.5 percent tuition tax. "We're carrying the university on our backs, and the president (Robert Strotz) has refused to sit down and talk with us about establishing a fair relationship and deciding who pays for what."

Korshak contends Northwestern costs the city over \$600,000 a year in services

and maintenance. He adds "the way university officials talk Northwestern is some kind of cultural oasis surrounded by a vast desert. They have key people living in expensive homes, and not paying one penny in property tax."

But administrators say Korshak is more concerned with balancing the city budget at the expense of students than he is with seriously weighing the impact Northwestern has on the Chicago suburb.

"We're the largest employer in town and the largest utility payer," says NU spokesman Chuck Loebbaka. "Many of our students live and shop in town. According to our figures, we contribute over \$1.5 million more to the local economy than we cost the city."

Loebbaka admits the school owns about 250 acres of tax-exempt property, but says it is far less than the 2500 acres it is entitled to own under state law. The university is concerned and willing to help the city any way it can, he says, but not by taxing students or paying more taxes itself.

The tuition tax proposal, he adds, "would be a serious burden on our students, the vast majority of whom have to obtain loans and work part-time just to come here. It's nothing more than an anti-education tax that penalizes people who are trying to better themselves. Such a tax is a serious threat to all institutions."

"It does constitute a very dangerous precedent," agrees Sheldon Steinbach,

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actual carryover was \$45,037 less than anticipated. There is strong disagreement in the senate over the cause of the over-estimations.

It is not expected that the previously planned-for number of FTE's will enroll the next two quarters as fall quarter usually has highest enrollment level and the current enrollment has lowered expectations.

The proposed increase in the Services and Activities fee, which is included in students' tuition, from the current level of \$18 per quarter to \$20 has hit a few nerves in student government. Debate at the Nov. 23 meeting was impassioned and grew more heated afterward. The Nov. 30 vote to keep the resolution on the table until the next meeting was strangely quiet, however.

ASTCC President James Martin has vowed to veto the increase if approved. And there seems to be a good chance that it will be approved. Some senators have declared that Martin's veto would be overridden by the senate.

Martin likens the increase to all governmental increases, including taxes and tuition. At the Nov. 23 meeting he said, "... it's just a half cent here, a half a buck there . . . we have to draw the line somewhere." He favors maintaining just a few services and activities at a "quality" level.

Senator George McMullen added, "It

seems the more we raise, the more we need."

Senate and former ASTCC President Dave Johnson, however, warned that, "If certain parts of the budget aren't maintained, certain people won't be able to attend school."

There is talk of making more cuts in the S&A budget to eliminate quantity in favor of quality. At least a couple of people in student government would like to eliminate funding for athletics. Athletics now gets a total of \$55,675 from the S&A budget.

In other senate business, at the Nov. 30 meeting, the senate decided by a 6-3 vote to give the Hiking Club \$560 out of the contingency fund. Four senators abstained from that vote.

A core research group of senators was formed to study the possibility of TCC participation in the Washington Public Interest Research Group and then make a presentation to the entire senate. It is expected that participation in the independent student group WAPIRG would replace involvement in WACCS.

The issue of a student evaluation of faculty and classes, patterned after the University of Washington "Surveyor", was revived by Martin and discussed somewhat.

The senate also approved a plan for a permanent student information table in the cafeteria.

Two views on co-existence

PLO and Israeli representatives, not surprisingly, offered differing points of view on the Middle East situation at recent UPS lectures

by Skip Card

Israeli journalist Daniel Pattir said that in the Middle East today there are new opportunities for peaceful solutions.

"I do believe firmly that, looking at the Middle East today, we are firmly on the threshold of new chances, new opportunities," said Pattir to a group of slightly more people than had attended the lecture by a Palestine Liberation Organization representative two days earlier, at the University of Puget Sound.

Pattir, who has worked as a journalist in and for Israel since 1951, and who accompanied Prime Minister Begin to Camp David in 1978, talked about avenues for peaceful solutions in Israel, possible gains in that area for the United States, and his opinion of the state of the PLO since the Israeli military action into Lebanon.

Speaking only for himself, Pattir expressed his opinion that what is needed in the Middle East is negotiation. "I'm very biased," he said, "in the sense that I participated in the process called the peace process in the Middle East.

"What's needed to be, in my mind, is the opening of doors for a process of negotiation. I'm mainly concerned with the opening position which means participation." He warned that, historically, negotiations have only succeeded when the two sides came together with the primary objective being merely to meet. He used former Egyptian President Anwar Sadat as an example, and told the audience that Sadat said, when he came to Israel in 1977, "My agenda is my very coming to Israel. The rest will follow."

Pattir also stressed the importance of seeing historical precedents in the Middle East. "Look back and examine what has happened," he said, "look back and try to find out what has been missed in terms of opportunities missed."

Said Pattir, "For me, the main lesson is that those forces in the Middle East who base themselves on the negotiation of dialogue lost momentum throughout the years."

But he said that any proposed solutions would also have to be practical ones. "We have to live with realities," said Pattir, "We cannot sink ourselves in dreamland, and we have to find some avenues for solutions."

"One has to look forward and find out what is feasible," he said, "what can be envisioned realistically in the future."

Pattir has been working with the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. since May in a special research project on the peace process between Egypt and Israel. He has been a counselor to the Israeli embassy in Washington, D.C., and was a member of Israel's delegation to the United Nation's 20th General Assembly.

Speaking of the recent Israeli military action into South Lebanon, Pattir said, "The United States is the main gainer in terms of spheres of influence and in terms of leverage." He went on to say the big loser in the war in Lebanon was the Soviet Union, which he said tried to break up work done by western powers and to stir up radical units in the Middle East. "Soviet Union Military technology was supplied to Syria," he said, "more than it was supplied to their eastern satellites."

Pattir said that the Soviets lost the battle of "technology versus technology" with the United States, and added, "I doubt today that King Hussein will go and shop for missiles in the Soviet Union."

He also complimented both Henry Kissinger's and Jimmy Carter's work in the Middle East, and pointed to the fact that they both went into negotiations without "pre-conditioned platforms that cannot be reconciled." "I've always

believed," he said, "that the U.S. has enough leverage to enhance this kind of process." He added that the U.S. has enough "clout" to bring Jordan into future negotiations, but he felt that the U.S. should not use its military power.

"I would not like to see American military forces in combat in the Middle East," he said, adding that it would be the "blackest day" when Israel had to rely on the United States in order to defend itself.

During the question and answer portion at the end of Pattir's speech, a Middle Eastern student asked Pattir if he agreed with the Israeli army's decision to go beyond their stated goal of 40 kilometers into Lebanon. Pattir said, "If the Israeli's work had stopped at the 40 kilometer line, the fighting would continue."

Pattir also said that estimates of civilian casualties were exaggerated. "Many civilian casualties," he said, "were not civilians. They were PLO."

"The PLO in Beirut," he added, "caused more casualties by holding hostages."

Pattir also spoke on the subject of the PLO and said that the Israelis cannot sit down and negotiate with such an organization. "Israelis cannot accept the PLO as a representative because the PLO is entirely dedicated to the negation of Israel," said Pattir, "A representative whose premise is the negation of Israel cannot be a partner for negotiations. Israel will not sit down with the PLO."



He also said that the PLO is "pro-Marxist in ideology and certainly connected with the Soviet Union," and added that because of the Israeli invasion into Lebanon, the PLO has definitely lost its military leverage.

"Now moderate elements will be able to stand up and state their views," said Pattir, "Peace did not come out of peaceful situations. Peace came out of military confrontation." He added that the United States, as part of the multi-national peace-keeping force, did nothing to get the PLO out. "The (peaceful) evacuation of the PLO from Lebanon is impossible," he said.

"The platform of the PLO is total negation of Israel," said Pattir, "It's not a premise that can be accepted." He defended recent Israeli action by saying, "When you come to the premise of survival, you do what must be done."

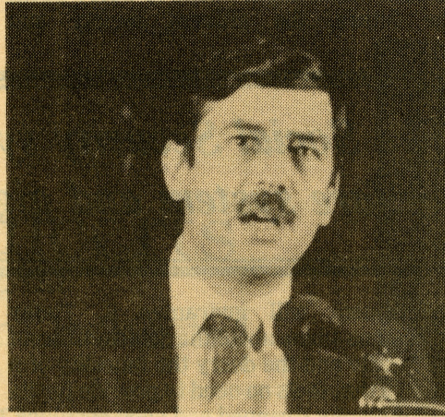
"Israel," he said, "cannot afford losing a war — the equilibrium is not there. If Israel loses one way, that's it. As long as there is this inequality between those who want co-existence, the conflict is there."

After his lecture, when he was asked about whether he felt that the U.S. government would continue to give aid to Israel in the race of rising criticism of its government's actions, he said, "U.S. interest is to see that their interest is protected elsewhere. As long as Israel is strong, U.S. interests are best served."

"Israel, one way, like it more or less or not at all, but it's there."

by Skip Card

Dr. Hatem Hussaini, Assistant Palestine Liberation Organization observer at the United Nations, urged a policy of co-existence with Israel in a non-secular state, condemned the recent Israeli invasion into Lebanon, and suggested that the United States should stop sending military aid to Israel.



Hussaini, who spoke for one and a half hours at the University of Puget Sound on Nov. 16, has been with the United Nations since August. The PLO was given observer status at the United Nations in 1974.

"We have always spoken of coexistence in a secular society," said Hussaini to the crowd of roughly 50 people in the UPS student union building lounge, "The Begin government is rejecting all proposals for peace."

"Today close to 600,000 Palestinians," he said, "live without any shelter. In South Lebanon it is bitter cold weather. For Palestinians, this is a very difficult time." Hussaini went on to say that 16 percent of the children in South Lebanon suffer from malnutrition and described a refugee camp holding 12,000 Palestinians as having "sardine-line conditions."

Hussaini said that the Israeli military invasion into South Lebanon and West Beirut has been a public opinion victory for the Palestinians. "The war in Lebanon has led Israel nowhere," he said, "Israel has lost credibility and appears to be a power that uses unlimited military power and commits genocide against other peoples."

"The Begin government does not view the Palestinians as human beings," said Hussaini. He also said that Begin once called the Palestinians "two-legged beasts."

"The end result of this policy," he said, "is to try to wipe out the population. The Jews, ironically, have been through the same situation in the 1930s."

Hussaini spoke of Israeli bombing raids that have been a regular occurrence since 1970. "That's not terrorism," he said sarcastically, "That's a civilized, nice way of killing people. That way you don't see their faces on television."

"It is easier to make war," he added, "It is much more difficult to make peace."

Hussaini also argued against the existence of a nation based on religion. "Judaism is a religion," he said, "It is not a nationality." He used the United States as an example, saying "You did not work for a Black state in Alabama or for a Jewish state in Mississippi."

"Israel is not a democracy," he said, "Maybe it is a democracy for the Jews. . . It is not a democracy for the Palestinian Arabs — they do not have equal rights. Israel is a racist, supremacist society."

Quoting PLO Chairman Yassir Arafat, he read, "Begin and Sharon are not Jews. The crimes they commit do not conform to Israeli tradition."

"God has nothing to do with this," said Hussaini, "with the F-16 and Begin and Sharon. God does not deal in real estate."

Hussaini also said that the American people are largely ignorant of the problems of the Palestinians. "Americans do not know the history of this problem," he said. "The American people should identify with the Palestinians who are homeless." He suggested that the American media was largely at fault, and pointed to the eight-hour mini-series about Golda Meir by ABC. "The story of the Palestinians is not told in this country," he said.

Speaking of U.S. aid to Israel, he said, "Israel is a liability. It has damaged America's image in the Middle East."

"There will come a day," he said, "when the U.S. will tell the Israeli government, 'no more aid.' He said that the U.S. already sends \$7 billion to Israel, and added, "American taxpayers will end up paying that bill."

Hussaini briefly outlined what the PLO believed U.S. policy should be in the Middle East. "The first step," he said, "is for the U.S. government to say, 'no more cluster bombs and F-16s and tanks to the Israeli military. First you end the massacres and killings; second you say, 'what do we do with the Palestinians?'"

During a question and answer period, when a member of the audience asked about lost U.S. jobs in the event of reduced arms sales, Hussaini replied, "The role of the U.S. government is not to be policemen of the world. I'm sure the American people have had employment without shipping arms to Israel or South Africa or other repressive regimes." He called U.S. aid a "big stick" and said that Israel will "continue to use that big stick to expand."

He said he thought that traditional U.S. policy had sided with the oppressed. "U.S. aid should go to the victims of wars," he said, "The greatness of a nation is the ability to identify with the have-nots." He called for a "clear, strong policy" and added, "A lot would depend on American foreign policy that says, 'no more arms.'"

Although he appeared weary at this, his second appearance of the day in front of college students, the first being in Portland at Lewis and Clark college, Hussaini still showed that he knew how to get through to the American people's emotions. His talk was peppered with references to the living conditions of the refugee children, and he stressed historic U.S. policies which sided with the downtrodden, at one time referring to the inscription on the Statue of Liberty.

Several times he referred to the Palestinians as a nation without a flag, without a state. "If you don't have a passport," he said, "you can't travel — you're dead."

Hussaini was also confident of the future of the Palestinians. "You can't destroy the Palestinians," he said, "A new generation of Palestinians has been born in exile."

Hussaini did not evade questions from the audience, and would answer questions that were shouted out while he spoke. Once, while refuting Israel's military action based on religious grounds, he said, "You do not take a gun and take over the Vatican because you are a Christian."

Toward the end of the talk, someone yelled from the audience, "What about Munich?" referring to the PLO murders of Israeli athletes at the 1970 Munich Olympic games. Hussaini finished answering the question he was originally speaking to, and then said that the Palestinians were the only people that did not have flag or nation represented at the games, and that, if the situation had been different, the murders would not have occurred. "And that is the message of Munich," he said.

"Doesn't justify murder," answered a voice.

The problems of the Social Security system

The following is a guest editorial written by TCC's Student Body President and Libertarian Party political activist James Martin. The usual editorial page disclaimers (see staff box) apply.

The topic of Social Security has finally managed to become one of the most heated and controversial subjects in the country. To discuss its reform or any proposed cure is perhaps still a bit premature. People have to recognize the system and its problems for what they are, before any reasonable line of discussion can be formulated. As long as the Social Security system remains a sacred cow in the political arena, it will indicate that the populace as a whole has yet to evolve past a point of emotional subjectivity on the issue. The current level of emotional attachment, which usually shows itself by finger pointing and cheap smear tactics, depicts the still immature and bankrupt mentality with which the majority of Americans seek to discuss the system.

The Social Security system must be recognized, not for the supposed good intentions that created it, but for what it has become. In other words for what it is. The Social Security system is a grand collusion of two fundamentally fraudulent programs. It is essentially a combination welfare system and a gigantic pyramid scheme. Independently either one of these approaches have shown themselves to be ones with a host of glaring shortcomings. (I say "shortcomings" only in an attempt to remain polite and yet offer a graphic analysis of the subject.) The point is, that in combination they are a fatal prescription, instead of a cure, for the evils that they proposed to eliminate.

Welfare: The Social Security system is welfare at its premium. It is a system that despite the official dialogue of contributions to one's account, is nothing more than coercive scheme that forces a younger generation to pay for the economic welfare of an older generation.

In addition, it is considered welfare because the first recipients had paid nothing into the system and because benefits today are unrelated to how much a worker personally contributes.

It is an inevitable horror to watch the hypocrisy of our politicians. Social Security has been, and continues to be, part of the psychological package deal called "entitlement." This notion, overwhelmingly espoused by our politicians and transformed by them into public policy has been translated into a belief that the individual doesn't need to worry about the future, the affluent society and

community liberty, that will generate an increasing bitterness between generations.

It currently takes the taxes of 3.2 workers to support one Social Security beneficiary. By the year 2015, it is estimated that there will be one beneficiary for every two workers. The idea of having a personal retirement account by participating in the system is a myth. The money you pay in goes directly out to those who are eligible for benefits. Couple that with the fact that the Social Security system faces a \$4 trillion unfunded liability and you are faced with a

love. When sex is forced on someone we call it rape. The same can be said for benevolence. It is an admirable and virtuous characteristic that we call charity. When this is forced upon us we call the act welfare. Is the brand of morality by which we expect to promote humanity?

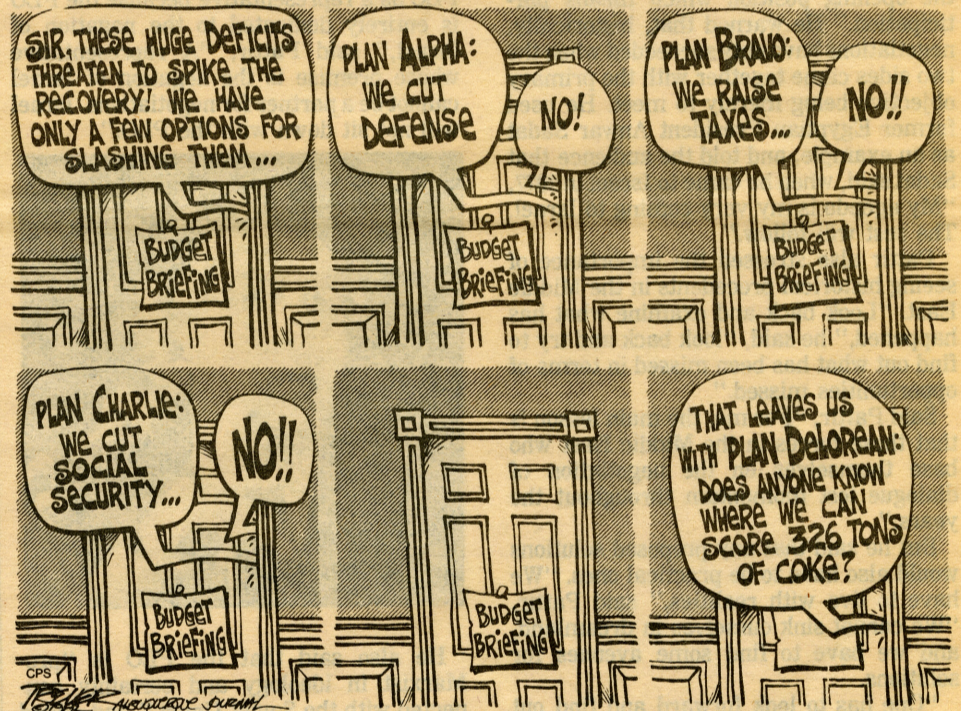
Pay-as-you-go: The pyramid scheme is an appropriate title for that aspect of the Social Security system that attempts to function as an insurance. The fundamental problem with it is its principle method of funding. It is what is called a "pay-as-you-go" system. A pyramid scheme works like this: someone offers to sell you an insurance policy. Weekly payments entitle you to benefits when you retire. Each week, when you send your money to the company, it turns around and pays out that money as benefits to others who were sold the same policy sometime ago. The company plans to pay you retirement benefits from the payments made by people who'll be working after you retire. This is exactly what a fraudulent pyramid scheme is. It is also exactly what you are participating in as a Social Security taxpayer. An additional thing that must be remembered is that Social Security has a history of a constantly expanding criteria for the benefit payments that cover a larger number of people.

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The Social Security system is a combination welfare system and gigantic pyramid scheme

government will guarantee it. Today politicians whine about the deterioration of the family and the decry the morality of a culture that feels no need to provide for its economically strapped and aged populace. Yes, these are the same people who continue to escalate the robbery they call taxation so that fewer than ever before will have the assets to care for their own. Since 1936, Social Security has been an illusion that has fostered the idea that the government would adequately care for our nations retiring citizens. Is it so difficult to understand how a generation could grow up and never give more than an occasional thought to the idea of providing for their parents? The reality of the current narcissistic culture, fed by the ethics of consumption and created by the corporate state, do not allow for such laissezfaire fantasies as individual virtue. The Social Security tax is nothing more than a cruel and ignorant invasion of individual and

program that is far from being a humanitarian program. The morality of our political programs professed humanity was contrasted with love and welfare by a friend of mine, it went something like this; "Sexual intercourse between two consenting people is a beautiful and wonderful thing, we call it



Names on the buildings?

'Nisqually' can't beat 'Bldg. 1'

Sue (for some odd reason) has been wanting some type of editorial on the editorial page and, although I'd rather not take a stand on anything, I probably should write at least one this quarter.

Recent administrative attempts to put names on the buildings at TCC could prove disastrous.

I've always appreciated the sheer simplicity and logic of the numbered building system at TCC. Far from giving the campus a "warehouse, barracks feeling" as sociology instructor Dr. Anne Sundgren said (Challenge, Nov. 19), they add a spot of order in what could easily become a confusing array of named buildings.

The other day someone called the Challenge office by mistake, yet nevertheless wanted directions to a seminar being held in Bldg. 7. I told him, very simply, that the buildings on the campus were numbered and went in a logical progression from 1 to 23 as they went from north to south along Mildred Street. Bldg. 7, I told him, is north of the center of the campus and, apart from being the largest building on campus (with the possible

exception of Bldg. 21, the gymnasium), it has a large white "7" on each of its sides, as do all the buildings.

"Enter by Bldg. 1." I told him, "the first building on the north side. Follow the road that goes along Bldg. 5. You can park by Bldg. 21 or by Bldg. 9. Bldg. 7, the one you want, is just up from Bldg. 9." That was simple.

How much more difficult it would have been to say, "Enter by the Nisqually Bldg., take the road past the Giardrone Fine Arts Bldg., park by either the Mt. Adams Bldg. or the Titan Gymnasium. The Pearl A. Wannamaker LRC is just up from the Mt. Adams Bldg."

I hope no one thinks I made these names up! They are actual names a committee of faculty, staff and students came up with.

Dr. Sundgren should examine her statement, "Names will give (TCC) a collegiate atmosphere." There are far too many times when I find the "collegiate atmosphere" to be confusing and needlessly bureaucratic. Names on the buildings, it would seem, would certainly fit well into such an atmosphere.

— Skip Card

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Social Security

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If one still insists that this system will pay up and that all this babble is merely a truckload of scare tactics put out by a bunch of fanatics, think again. The United States Supreme Court has already spelled out the obligations of the Social Security system. In the court decision of *Fleming V. Nestor* 363 U.S. 603 (1960), they held that the government has the power to renege on the Social Security benefit promises despite the payment of past taxes in anticipation of such benefits by the beneficiary. Chief Justice Black explained their ruling a bit farther: "They cannot conceal the fact that they simply tell the contributors to this insurance fund that despite their own and their employer's payments, the Government, in paying the beneficiaries out of the fund, is merely giving them something for nothing and can stop doing so when it pleases."

In addition to the former statements, which are a sort of icing on the cake

(pyramid?), one should remember that the Social Security system is a political institution. This illustrates some lucid facts about its operation. The entire program is an institution that depends upon the political arena for its existence. Every question that affects it becomes a political football. This means that irrational political considerations will enter into the determination of how the program will be operated. It means that it

will be run politically instead of economically. Which in turn means that if you do manage to get anything in return that, dollar for dollar, it will be a disastrous investment.

I have not taken the time to go into the alternatives, those abound by the dozen. I do recommend reading, "A New Beginning," by Ed Clark. It's in the paperback section of the library. I might add that if you expect politicians to cure the program,

you have never understood the nature of the status quo politician in the first place. Columnist Patrick Cox expressed a poignant thought on this subject: "It is significant that 1984 is the date when our government says the Social Security system must collapse, cut back, or greatly increase taxes. It's time to decide whether we want a government based on individual responsibility . . . or Big Brother."

Letters

It's your H&W

To the Editor,

Things people take for granted are many times things that shouldn't be. Such as fountain water, community condiments, like here at TCC; the plastic knives, forks, and spoons.

I overheard one of the cashiers saying how much they save by washing these things over and over when all they are really saving is a few cents on a dozen of each, less that the taxpayer's pay.

Well, actually this is not true. The taxpayers keep on paying but the kitchen dept. isn't. They're rewashing and rewashing, keeping the money in their pockets and all the while people are using there wares and not even realizing that what they're using now to load syrup-soaked pancakes into their mouth may tomorrow be used by somebody else to "enjoy" a delicious cinnamon roll.

I've not only found many wares with soil stains on them, but have used them like many others I've talked to. And after I've found out, after finishing what previously I had thought to be quite a delicious meal, had I realized that I had just used a soiled utensil. What a disgusting feeling it is!

Which brings me to the point of this writing.

It's getting to be winter. It's getting colder, so bacteria that once was unable to live in other environments now must find new living quarters elsewhere; usually for its daughter cells by sparing itself.

One of these cells might cling itself to a passer-by wearing something like a leather jacket or suede. It may die; or it just may be passed on, hanging around for many days. Until finally being ingested internally and then may rapidly multiply, and God only knows what could happen if it is passed on to another or perhaps transferred to a work or knife and passed over in the washing process.

I'm not a health inspector or anything, I have just formed an opinion as would anyone who has a thinking, thriving mind.

Is it over-reaction or under-estimation? That is for you to choose and form your own opinion.

It's just like voting, your say does count, and yours could decide an outcome. Let your voice be heard.

If not, you're the only one, plus others, this may damage.

What the hell, it's only your health and welfare.

Signed
J.G.

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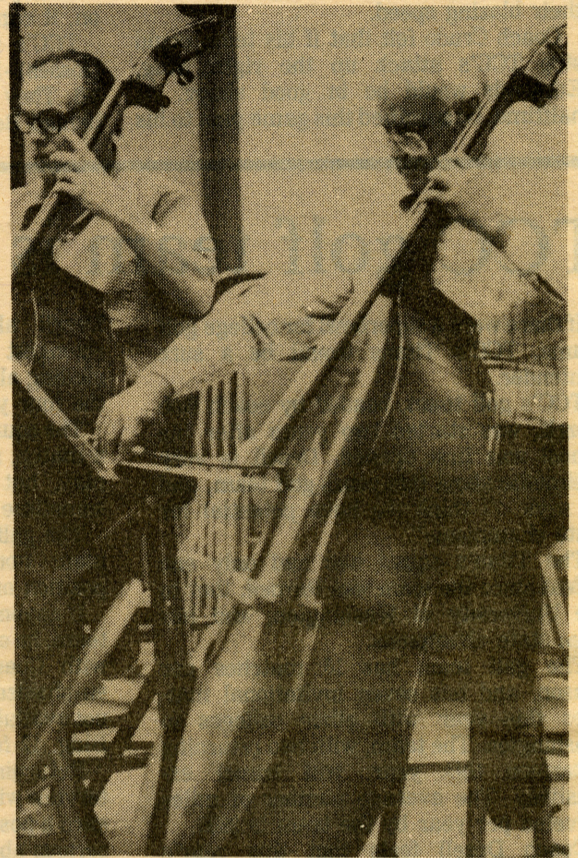
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Edmonds boots TCC out of playoffs

Edmonds Community College soccer team forced an abrupt end to TCC's season with a 5-1 victory in a quarter final game.

The lopsided game was a surprise for both coaches.

"I'm very surprised. This is the third time we played Tacoma, and though we won both previous games, it was close," said Edmonds coach Rick Crudo.

"Yes, I was surprised. I thought we were going to win," said TCC coach Tom Keegan.

The Titans were a step and a half slower to the ball than their opponents all day. Tim Satevleez and Al Espiritu of Edmonds especially gave TCC a rough time with their blazing speed.

Coach Crudo felt that if his team could stop TCC's attack up the right wing, Edmonds would be in good shape. At halftime, he specified this game plan to his

players and it worked chalkboard perfect.

Edmonds stymied the TCC attack on its strong right side and used superior quickness to score three goals in the second half. The end result was the conclusion of the TCC soccer season.

"Right now, we're probably the hottest team in the league," Crudo said. "We're a humble team. We're lucky to be in the playoffs. We forfeited most of our games (including an earlier victory over TCC)."

Edmonds had forfeited many games because of an ineligible player on the team.

"It's disappointing," Keegan said. "When you play one game to see who goes on, it can go either way."

TCC's final record was 9 (wins) - 7 (losses) - 5 (ties). The league record was 7-4-3. They finished second in their division behind Bellevue Community College.

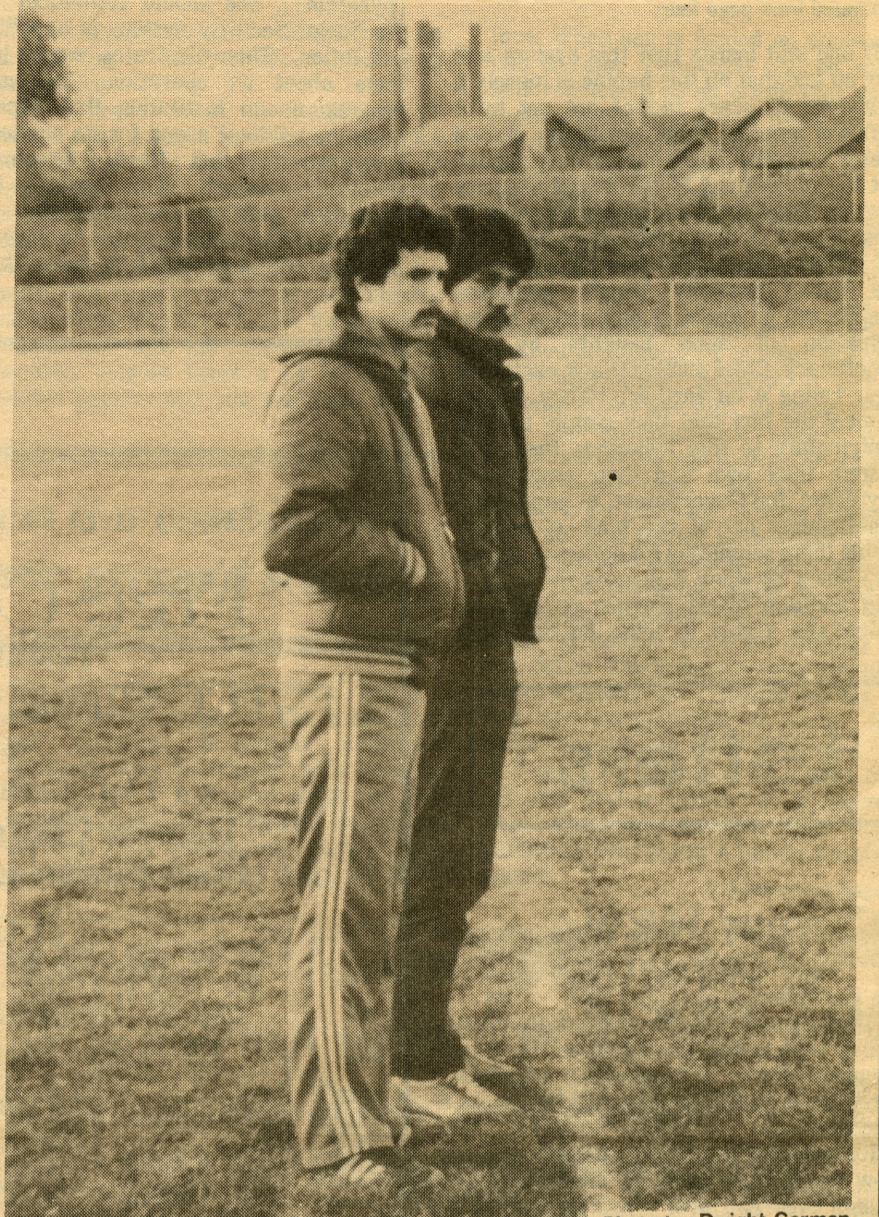


Photo by Dwight Garmon
Since Tom Keegan and Don Farler arrived at TCC, they have improved the season record every year.

TCC golf team is tops

If there were a superbowl for college golf teams, TCC's Titans would be a sure contender.

TCC's golf team, headed by coach Bob Dezell, was started two years after the school was first opened. Dezell is very optimistic about this year's golf team, and he says, "I think we have potential for state champions."

The Titan's squad has had only one defeat since the team was formed, that to the University of Washington, and has been state champions.

The golf team has 16 matches per season, and has seven invitational matches this year with other colleges in Washington. The team, with two returning lettermen this year, will travel extensively. The average number of miles traveled per year by the team is 2600.

Coach Dezell feels that this year's players are very talented, and that the team will be better than before. Coach

Dezell also noted that TCC has the strongest golf program in the state, including all of the community colleges and the four-year universities.

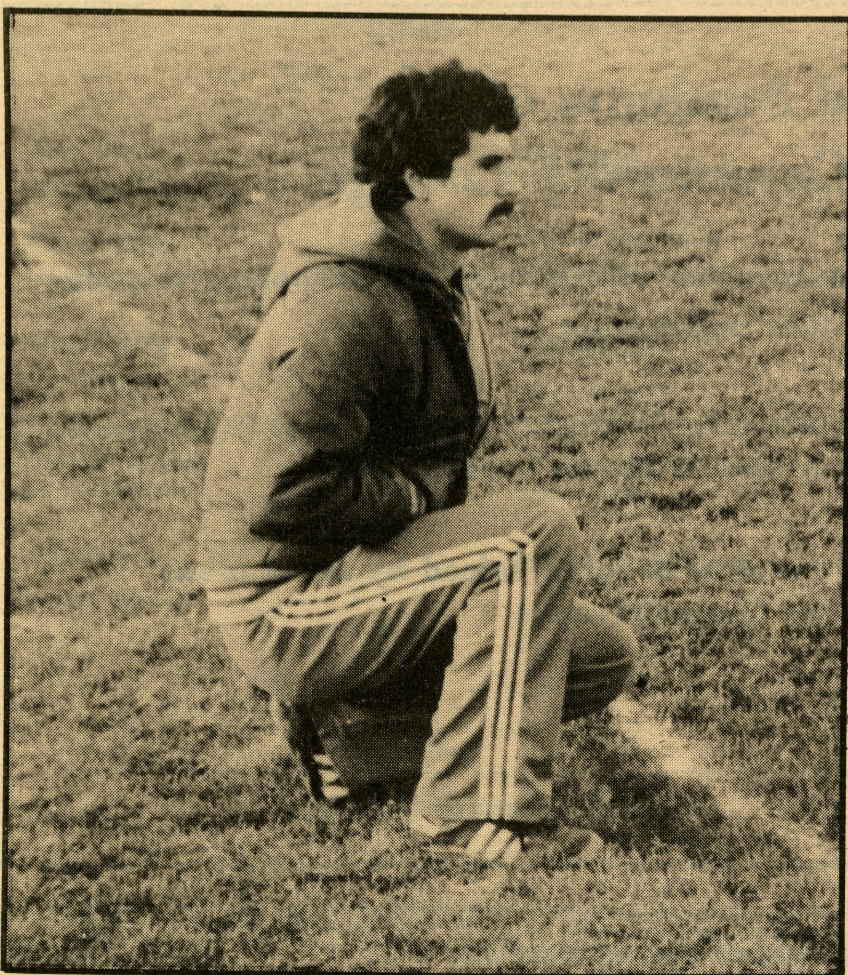
The squad consists of eight members. At a match, six of the players are chosen to play, but the whole squad participates sometime during the season.

The golf squad need not consist of just men; women are eligible to try for a position on the squad also.

If anyone is interested in playing for the team, he or she must have an appointment with Coach Dezell in Bldg. 12. Dezell emphasizes this greatly. If Coach Dezell is not available, sign up with the secretary in Bldg. 12 for an appointment.

Returning lettermen must have an interview with Coach Dezell also. They must earn a position on the team. Dezell is very serious about his team and their attitude, and says he expects the members to feel the same way.

Keegan comments on players and season



Tom Keegan analyzes the play on the field. photo by Dwight Garmon

The dilemma of community college athletics is that an athlete is eligible to participate only for two years. Therefore, the coaches have to essentially field a new team each year. Even the Freshmen players often never return for the second year.

Tom Keegan, the TCC soccer coach has been fortunate enough to have seven players from this year's squad who has played for him for two seasons. Keegan reflected upon each of these athletes.

Alan Velasquez: He played very well both years. His second year he was marked man because everyone knew he was the key to our offense. He was pretty well beat-up, worked-over and marked-up all year. So anything he did was very good.

Scott Akre: He scored his first goal in his first game last year at Santa Barbara and didn't score a goal since then. He is the first winner of the Scott Akre Memorial Award.

Valtyr Jonsson: He has tied the record for most career goals and career points. Last couple of games Valtyr started playing some halfback and really helped out, it's kind of the reason why we started playing well at the end. He holds the record for most points and goals in a single game.

Ron Jensen: He got hot at the end just like last year and played tough defense. Ron did the same thing this year as he did last year and really helped out in the end.

Lane Smith: He played for me my first year here and played defense and got beat up. He played the whole season taped up and taped together and braced together.

He went through a lot of loses in the first year of the program. He came back this year and played defense and offense and scored a couple of goals for us. He scored a game winning goal. It was kind of good for him to play on a winning team.

Chuck Watts and Mark Berry: They got into a tough situation this year. Playing with three goalies is pretty tough. They are both twice the goalie they were when they first came here. They each had their chance. All three keepers got their chance to show what they could do. Both Chuck and Mark got hurt after their good games and Bob stepped in did the job. Both of them hung in there and I think they can go to a four year school if they want.

Keegan feels bad for the sophomores that "we didn't get to go on in the playoffs." He "wished they could go out with more glory."

He said, "All in all, we had a good year but not a great year. Two goals for the season was to play our first playoff game at home and we did that. And we wanted to play as a team and we did that when we played well."

"Even though we didn't finish up as high in the playoffs as we did last year, we improved."

"I encourage every player to continue their education after leaving here. Every player who is interested in going on to a four year school, I'll help them out. As a matter of fact, every single person I've talked about to a four year college soccer coach."

"I think this year's team has a lot of class."

Titans win opener in spite of 28 turnovers

As defending state basketball champs, the TCC men were victorious in their season opener Tuesday night when they defeated Shoreline Community College 82 to 76 in overtime.

A game marked by turnovers, 28 for TCC and 17 for Shoreline, the Titans almost gave the game away. "A win is a win, I guess," says Coach Ron Billings. "I thought our strength was not turning over the ball, but we did tonight."

TCC lead most of the first half as it patiently worked the ball around to find the open man. Building a comfortable lead, Billings substituted freely by using 11 of his 14 available players to him. However, turnovers by TCC and a confusing Shoreline defense allowed the Samurai to comeback and knot the score at 29-29 by halftime.

"I hated to see us lose our ten point lead in the last couple of minutes," commented Billings on his team's play. "We didn't take care of the ball."

Staying with its man-to-man defense in the second half, TCC remained even with Shoreline as Mike Green, a 6'6" forward from Lincoln, kept the Titans in the game with his hot-handed shooting. During a 12 minute stretch, Green shot a blistering five-for-six from the floor, had two rebounds and a steal. He left the game with 8:37 remaining with 13 points and TCC leading 57-52. Green was replaced by 6'2" swingman Don Rasmussen, who picked up the slack by consistently hitting 15-foot jump shots from the baseline.

Nursing a slim four point lead with only four minutes to play, Billings exhorted his players to "play the clock" and not force up a shot. But, turnovers again raised its ugly head and the Samurai made the most of their opportunities. With a 1:46 showing, Shoreline had come back and tied the score at 66-66.

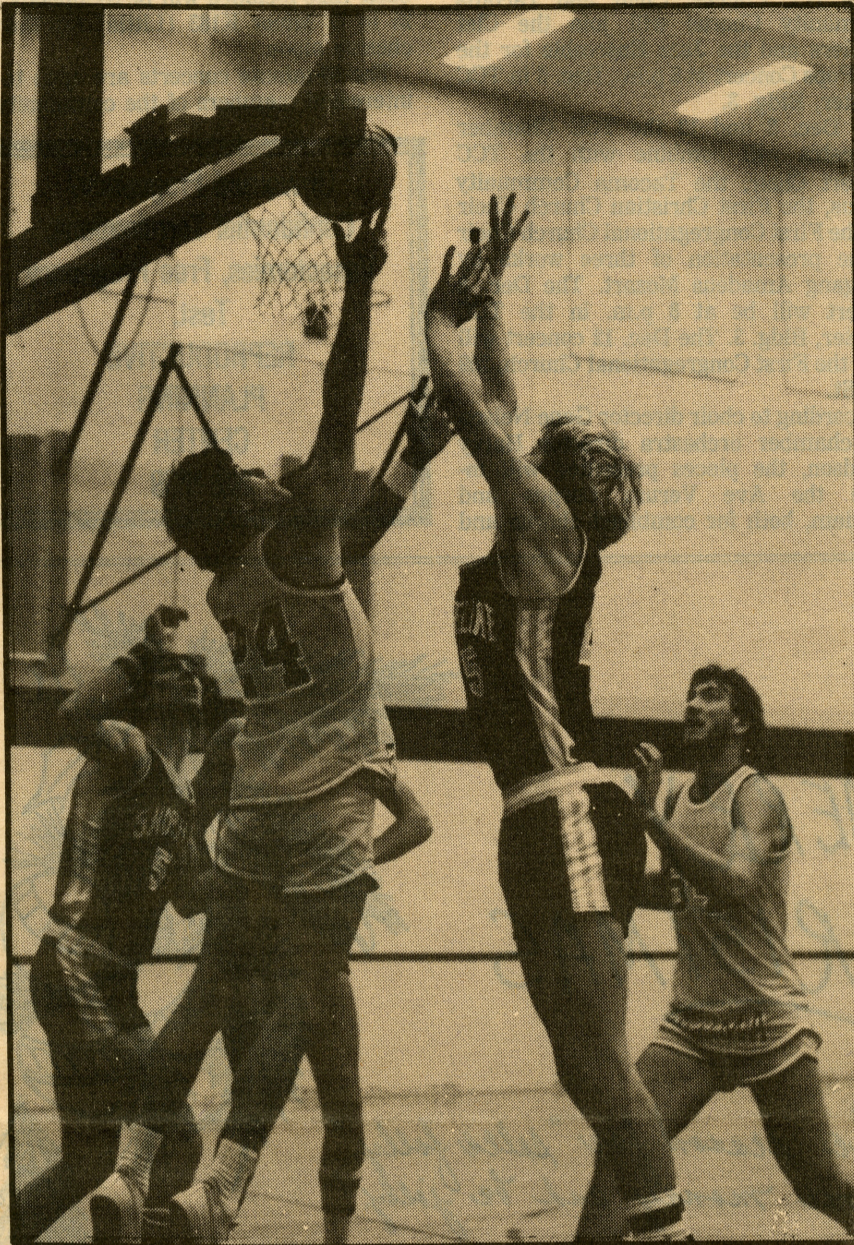


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Don Rasmussen goes up for a reverse lay-in. Rasmussen finished with 19 points.

The two teams continued to battle. With some clutch freethrows by Rasmussen, the Titans appeared to have the game in the bag. TCC had the ball with 15 seconds left and leading 72-70. Unfortunately, TCC's nemesis — turnovers — prevailed. Sam Tuttle's full court pass to Paul Koessler sailed out of bounds, allowing Shoreline a chance to tie-up the game. The Samurai inbounded the ball and ran down the clock to six ticks before calling a timeout. On the ensuing inbound play, Shoreline guard Mark Evans took the ball, drove left off a teammate's screen set at the top of the key and swished an 18-foot jump shot at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

In the overtime period, TCC pulled away by playing aggressive defense and out-scoring its opponent ten-to-four. TCC guard Rodney Abrams, slammed the coffin lid on Shoreline by making a pair of freethrows with :26 to go. That lifted TCC to 82-76. Finally, Rasmussen hammered down the nails with a lay-in off an assist by Koessler and insured the final margin of victory, 82-76.

In a happy locker room after the game, the leading scorer Mike Green, who finished with 23 points and nine rebounds, talked about his outstanding game. "I felt like I was hot. The guys got me the ball and I just put it up."

When asked what he thought was the biggest difference between high school and college basketball, Green replies, "College is a lot more aggressive and the players are a lot better. I fit in better here." Overhearing the conversation, Don Rasmussen who had 19 points, couldn't help but jokingly remark, "Yeh, in this league he scores 23 points, but in high school he didn't score at all!"

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Sports brief

TCC women's volleyball team lost to Ft. Steilacoom in three straight sets to conclude their season. They finished fourth in their division.

TCC women's basketball team lost their opener against Highline Community College.

Radio station KTNT is broadcasting TCC men's basketball games.

TCC men's basketball team thrashed Olympic Community College last Wednesday by the score of 96-42. Though almost all the Titans contributed to the slaughter, Greg Glenn (a freshman all-starter from Bethel High School) came off the bench to put on quite a show. By halftime, he had five steals, one blocked shot and three assists. Glenn appeared to be toying with the Olympic players as he did anything he wanted at will, and with a big grin on his face. At times it really seemed as if he was laughing at how easy everything was for him.

Glenn showed incredible quickness with his hands and feet. He showcased a pretty form on the jump shot. He also proved that he can play hoop with intensity and a smile all at the same time.

The bet here is that he will crack the starting line-up before too long. He is just too talented to keep on the bench!

TCC men's basketball team will participate in the Highline basketball Tournament this weekend. The tournament is scheduled for today and tomorrow at Highline Community College.

Jon Torgerson who has missed the first two basketball games with a leg injury, says he will suit up for the Highline Tournament.

Late Scores - Basketball

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Tuition tax

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legal counsel for the American Council on Education. "Municipalities which are strapped for funds will be looking for any potential funding source they can find, and students could end up being the victims."

But Korshak calls the charges "Total hypocrisy."

"We have a unique situation here, not something that can be applied in every city across the nation. Northwestern has become an institution with a major in making money and a minor in educating students," he quips.

"All this solicitude and concern for students is a ploy. The university has raised tuition by \$1200 this year. Now if you're paying the money to attend school, what's going to bother you: the \$90 tax we propose or the \$1200 the university is charging?"

Although the city council will vote on the issue in late December, Korshak says, "we're still willing to talk about it. Right now we just feel boxed into a corner."

Three free concerts slated this month

A free pops concert and two all-Mozart concerts are planned at Tacoma Community College in December.

The TCC Concert Choir and Tacoma Community Chorus will join the Clef Dwellers and the Jazz Ensemble for the Fall Pops Concert at 8 p.m., Dec. 6 in TCC Theater, Bldg. 3.

On Dec. 8 and 12 the TCC Chamber Orchestra will combine with the TCC Concert Choir, the Tacoma Community Chorus, the First Christian Church Choir and the First Congregational Church Choir in the presentation of three works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The Dec. 8 concert will be at 8 p.m. in the TCC Theater, Bldg. 3. The Dec. 12 concert will be at the First Congregational Church, 209 S. J St.

According to choir director Gene Nelson and chamber orchestra director Harry Davidson, the pieces presented will include the Ave Verum Corpus and Requiem, both for combined chorus and

orchestra. Four soloists will be Heidi Kankaanpaa, soprano, Joyce Knaggs, alto, Gerry Rapp, tenor, and Gene Nelson, bass. Also included will be Symphony No. 25 in G Minor K183 (Little) for the orchestra alone.

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