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Grounds crew deserves round of applause
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500 calls jam phone lines

'Snow kidding, message center was very busy

By AURA GILLMER
Features Editor

Monday morning, Nov. 25, the TCC "snow line" received more than 500 calls from students and faculty members wanting to know if classes would be running on schedule.

Dan Small and Don Gangnes were there along with a message machine to answer the calls, 80 percent to 90 percent of which were from students.

Small, the head of public relations, stated that although the message system used for answering the phone is less than perfect, it does do a relatively good job.

The decision of whether or not to close campus is made at 5:30 a.m., taking into consideration such things as road conditions, weather forecasts for the day, and the personal opinions and observations of President Opgaard and Frank Garratt, dean of instruction.

A major source of information about school closures is the local radio stations, which broadcast daily the information given them by the individual schools or districts. It is radio policy, however, to only mention schools which are closed. If no mention of TCC is made, more than likely classes will be held.

No injuries were reported on campus due to the heavy snow, and with road graders having cleared the parking lot, possible accidents were avoided.

Due to the class cancellations, many courses will not cover as much material as planned, and students should check with instructors for any deviations from the planned material.

By DOUGLAS BUELL
Sports Editor

The cold, wintry weather wasn't a factor in the Titan soccer team's final bout with Skagit Valley for the NWAACC Championship title. While other outdoor athletes statewide awaited the calls that fields had been cleared, the NWAACC Southern Division Champion Titans went into action last Saturday in the humid, indoor surroundings of the Kingdome.

Unfortunately for the Titans, however, the warmth of the Kingdome didn't heat up their scoring.

After a rather uneventful start in the first half, Skagit Valley scored a goal resulting from what Titan Coach Tom Keegan called a defensive mixup, giving Skagit Valley a 1-0 lead which lasted until the final whistle, giving the Titans a defeat.

As had happened all too often this season to TCC, the game was decided by one goal — which often came in the form of a penalty kick. This time, one goal prevented the Titans from emerging as NWAACC Soccer League Champions.

"It was not a real pretty game," said Keegan. The physical, defensive struggle that dominated the game left little room for offense, resulting in 15 shots on goal by Skagit Valley to TCC's 11.

Mike O'Leary, athletic trainer for the team, elaborated on the holdover due to snow.

"The layoff really hurt," he said, also adding that not only was the snow a factor,



Photo by Dan Small

but so, too, was the fact that the Titans' Nov. 2 match against Shoreline was in many aspects the last hard game for the team to win.

But what didn't always show up in win-loss columns and on college scoreboards this year was the breaking of a number of long-standing personal and team records, some of which had stood for four years.

Forward Bill Pethick broke a two-year record of 16 goals with a dazzling 28 goals. Terry Edwards broke and tied two assist records, including most assists in a season with 10, and tying the most in a single match with three. Goalie Mike Reed recorded five shutouts to tie the season record in spite of his painful mid-season shoulder injury.

Team records also fell.

The team was never beaten by more than one goal.

The average number of goals scored against the Titans in any one game was 1.05.

The team also broke shutout record for one season with five.

Five Titans were chosen for the all-league first team: Mike Reed, goalie; Andy Miller and Will Brands, defenders; Jeff Moser, halfback; and Bill Pethick, forward. Toui Nguyen received honorable mention.

"The strongest team in the south," said Keegan.

In spite of the loss, "The Titans had a strong year," Keegan said, "finishing as first-division champions."

This is the second year in a row and the fourth in five years that the team has made the final four in the championship playoffs.

The Titans have twice been division champions.

Keegan said the team may be disappointed now, but will be able to look back on the season as a good one. He called the team, "The strongest team in the south," and he "really wanted to see the group as state champions."

Cheers for all the shovelers

Students returning to school last week may have noticed the relatively snow-free condition of the parking lots and roadways at TCC. This was the result of a massive effort by TCC groundskeepers to make the campus safer for students by clearing away the snow and ice left behind by the previous week's winter snowstorms.

According to Ron Pickering, building and grounds supervisor, the effort started Wednesday, Nov. 20, when snow first started falling, and has continued in order to keep up with the weather. Through Monday the 25th, TCC's six groundskeepers have spent 320 hours, much of it voluntary overtime, shoveling walks, clearing parking lots, and spreading salt and sand on slippery surfaces. They were assisted by TCC administrator Don Gangnes and Security Director Jim Kautz, who helped by shoveling walks.

According to Pickering, the workers have spread more than 1200 pounds of salt and 10 yards of sand in just six days.

The crew also used a hired road grader to clear the parking lots and roads on campus.

Considering the size of TCC (approximately 40 acres), the number of sidewalks and roads on the campus, and the depth of the snow, preparing the campus was a monumental task. But through hard work, personal sacrifice and a well-organized effort, our TCC groundskeepers got it done. Good Work!

Letters

On people and bulletins

To the Editor

Why is it that when people in general find out certain things about themselves, as far as the unknown things concerning them, the state of rejection causes them not to accept that which is true about them?

The best way to know themselves is to know other people. Certain things about them they can't see, but those who they do not know can see, certain things about them that are true, but don't want to accept them.

How can they hear, unless they listen to the things that will help them understand more about themselves?

Examine yourself! What is the reality about yourself that will help you, that you do not know?

Are you trying to find yourself, but going about it in the wrong way?

Should you find out about yourself or continue to be deceived by your own self?

Are you only allowing yourself to accept that which only satisfies you instead of understanding the reality about yourself, that will

benefit you from within and around you concerning the things about yourself?

Darius L. Norfleet

To the Editor

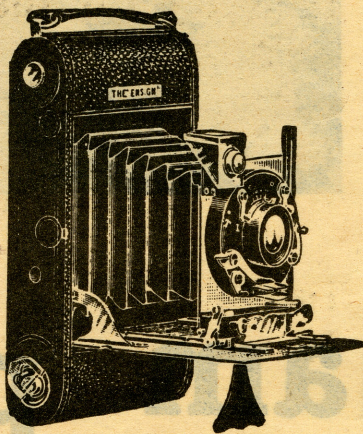
I would like to respond to the article in the November 15 issue regarding student government's posting policy and procedure. We were aware of the unkept bulletin board in Bldg. 7 and, as a matter of fact, had cleaned and updated the board before the article was printed. The problem was personnel related and that situation has since been resolved. In addition, all material posted on the board is being updated and monitored. In the future, if there are any comments or suggestions concerning student government or activities operations, they can be handled in a more professional manner if they are brought directly to our office instead of publishing them in the Challenge.

Thank you

Bobby Barnette
President

P.S. When did Jacques Cousteau visit TCC? We thought it was Jean-Michel?

Positions open at Challenge



Well, Christmas is coming and it's time to get the books out and start studying for finals. Here at the Challenge it's time to put the last paper of the year out. Next year there are going to be some changes on the staff. Aura Gillmer as features editor and Michael Casey as news editor will be retiring to be replaced by Scott Granse and Doug Buell.

The position of photo editor will be open for anyone interested in working for the Challenge. Applicants should own a 35mm camera and know darkroom procedures.

Also needed are a new ad/business manager and a typesetter. These positions are work study positions and applicants should talk to the financial aid office for further details.

Happy Christmas to all our readers and we hope to see you again next year!

Counselor's Corner

Are you successful, or are excuses your failure?

By DICK PATTERSON

Special to the Challenge

Your reasons for not succeeding might just be excuses.

"The dog ate my homework" is a standard joke about an elementary student's excuse for not submitting his homework assignment.

"They changed my shift at work."

"My car broke down."

"I don't have any money."

"My kid was sick."

"My mother is in the hospital."

All of the above statements have been given as reasons for nonperformance. Are they legitimate, or are they excuses? It depends on your perspective.

Why do some students with the same given problems manage to overcome the obstacles to succeed? There are no physical or sociological reasons apparent. Academic ability is not a factor. Family background is not a factor. Physical ability is not a factor. The literature is full of stories of individuals who have succeeded in spite of being school dropouts, being confined to wheelchairs and coming from broken, impoverished families.

Succeeding seems to be a choice. Success or failure is the choice of any individual. Those who succeed seem to possess the following characteristics:

They:

- 1) feel good about themselves
 - 2) visualize and constantly reinforce their dream of success
 - 3) contribute consistently to the best of their ability
 - 4) read, study and learn about whatever they need to know
 - 5) set realistic goals
 - 6) communicate with and understand other people
 - 7) expect to succeed, don't dwell on failure
 - 8) turn problems into opportunities
 - 9) work at doing things others are not willing to do
 - 10) live life with balance of perspective
- How many of these qualities do you claim? Do you realize that whatever qualities you find lacking can be easily learned?

Are you willing to try? Success or failure — it's your choice. There are people in the Counseling Center who are able and willing to help you.

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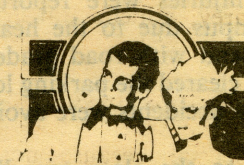
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Titans blow out Fraser in early tournament

By LARKIN CAMPBELL
Challenge Staff

With their first three games of the season postponed, the men's basketball team was ready for any opponent.

In the opening game, the Titans challenged Bellevue last Friday night. The game was the first of two the men's team played last weekend in the four-team Green River Tournament.

In the first game the Titans barely got by Bellevue, 99-97, with TCC's scoring led by Bobby Barnette's 24 points. John McIntyre also helped, tipping in 20 points. But the hero of the game turned out to be Anthony Butler who nailed a 20-foot baseline jumper with four seconds left in the game to secure the win.

Saturday night's game turned out to be less of a thriller with the Titans bombing Fraser, 80-34, to grab first

place in the tournament.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams left Wednesday for the Cypress Community College Tournament in California. But unlike the women, the men will be travelling by bus. After a two- or three-day stay, the teams will return in time for finals week.

The men's team will then ready themselves for Edmonds, where they will play on Dec. 11.

Coach Keegan discusses strategy with the soccer team in their try for the N W A A C C championship title. The Titans were defeated 1-0 last Saturday in the Kingdome.

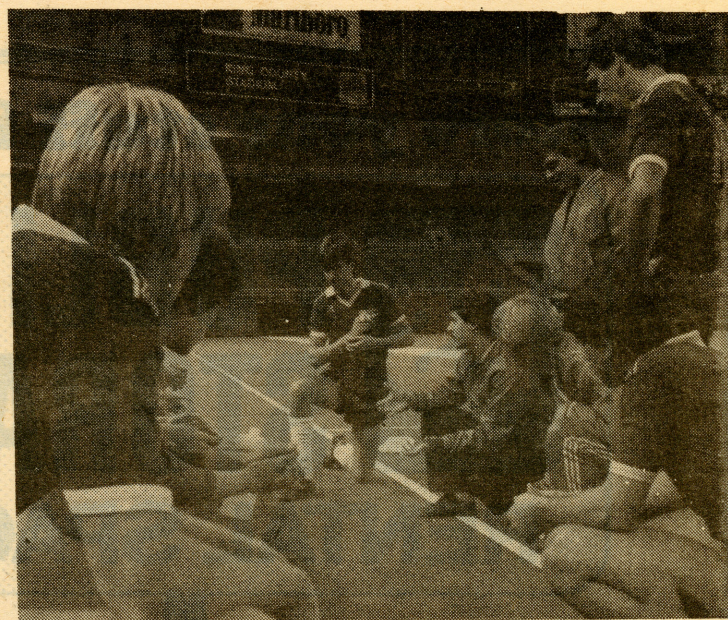


Photo by Dan Small

Girls at 1-1, set to travel

By LARKIN CAMPBELL
Challenge Staff

With an opening season victory over Edmonds of 80-50 last week, the Titan women's basketball team is off and running to another productive season.

Following the 30-point trouncing of Edmonds, the women lost a close game against Wenatchee, 63-59.

Travelling usually means bad news in the basketball business, but not in this case. The Titan women's team left Wednesday for an invitational tournament to be held in California this weekend. Cypress Community College will be the location for the 8-team tourney. After the tournament, the women will fly right back to TCC to be ready for finals week. Mike O' Larey, athletic trainer for the team, commented on the trip.

"Early trips are good for the team," he said. "These trips are special because not all community colleges get to travel."

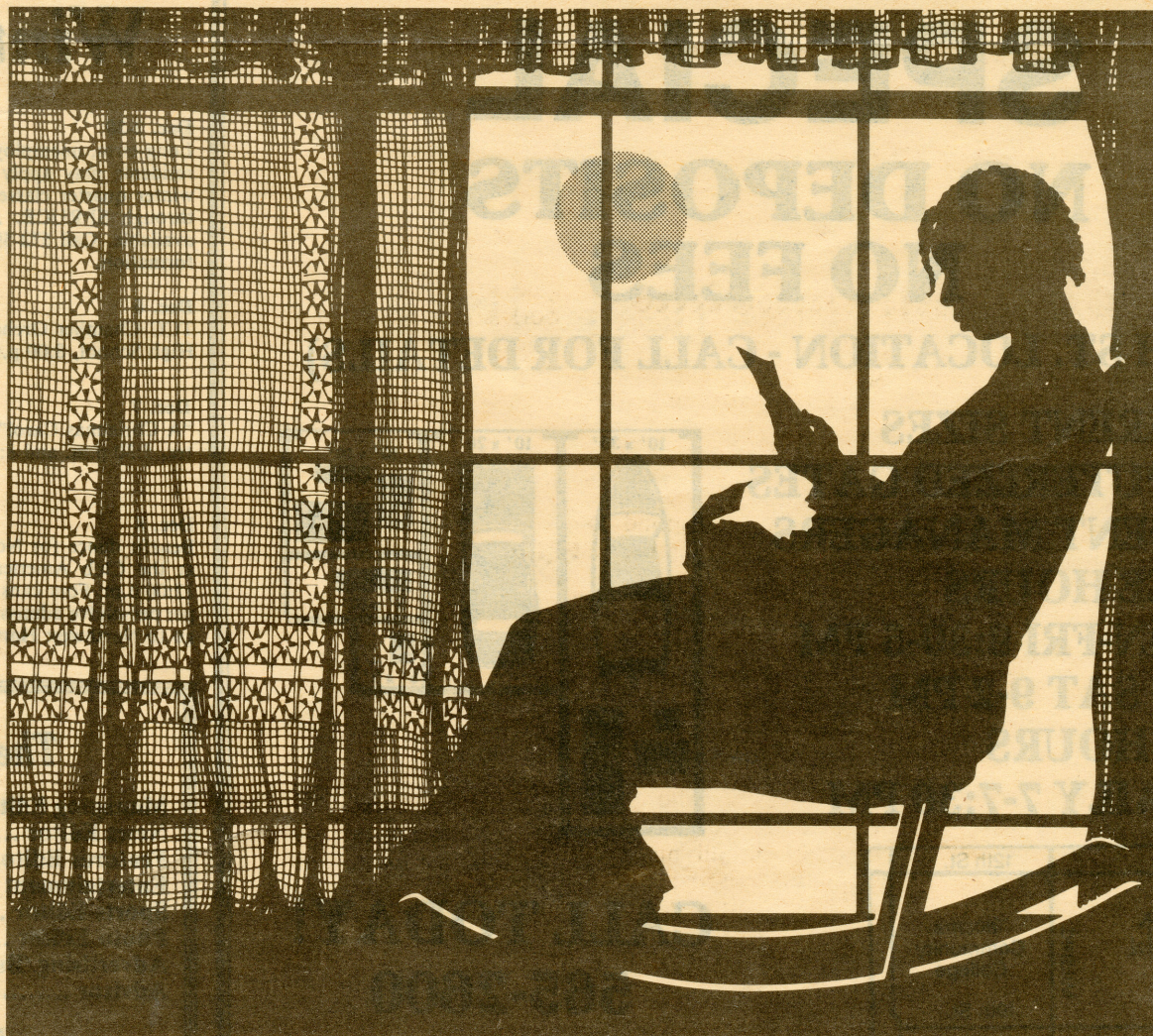
The Titans' next game will be on Wednesday, Dec. 11, when the women will travel to Everett.

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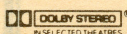
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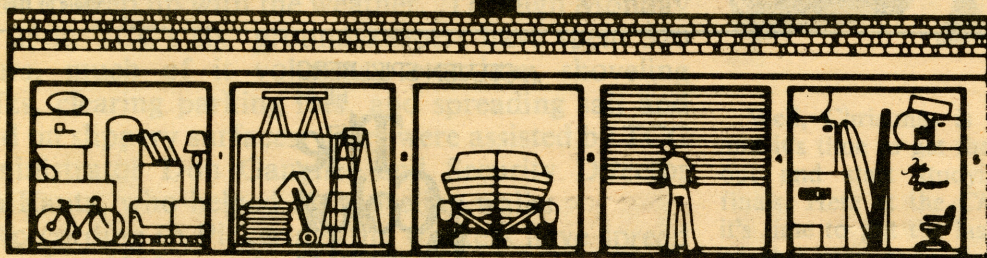


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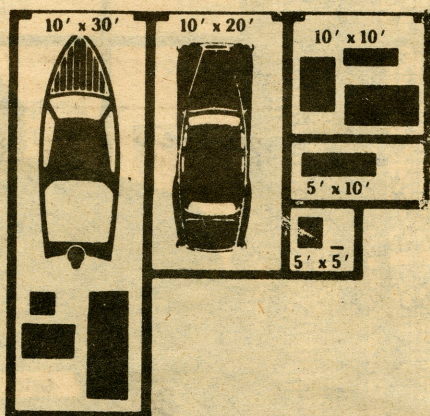
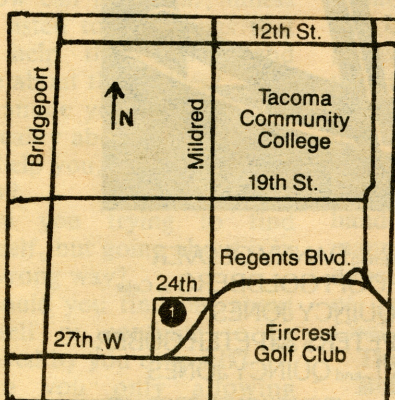
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Intramural sports are off to a good start

By CHRISTIE CALL
Challenge Staff

Intramurals, one of the various activities managed by TCC students as part of the STAGE (Student Access to Growth and Earnings) program, made its debut this past October with what Tom Keegan, director of student programs and activities, regards as a successful turnout. "All the (coed-volleyball) teams were full," Keegan said, with students and faculty or staff members filling the ranks.

Scheduled for the winter quarter are 3-on-3 basketball beginning Jan. 22, and a table-tennis tournament on Feb. 24 and 25. Both activities have separate men's and women's leagues. "No practices are held," Keegan mentioned, "and there are no coaches." He also included the possibility of a third activity in the list, but it

has not been announced.

Basketball games are scheduled weekly throughout the quarter. A registration form must be filled out by any team desiring a berth in the Intramural Basketball League. During the last week of the quarter, playoff and championship games will be played, and each member of the winning team will receive an award. In the past, he said, T-shirts have been awarded.

If interested contact Intramurals Coordinator Chris Farler at 756-5118, or stop by the Student Programs office in Bldg. 6 to sign up. Sign-up deadlines for basketball and table-tennis are Jan. 17 and Feb. 21, respectively.

Coed-softball, pickleball (eight separate leagues), and one other activity are planned for the spring quarter. The intramurals program does not run in the summer.

Winter happenings

Dec. 2-30

Long-term, unemployed Tacoma-area residents may apply to attend TCC winter quarter classes free of charge through SPRUCE. Applications are available. Call 572-5960 for more information.

Dec. 6

TCC Chamber Orchestra at Stadium High School, 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 7

"A Christmas Carol" - Pantages Centre, 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 8

Benefit dance for Northwest Harvest at the Club America, from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. Four cans of food or \$3.00 per person for admission. All proceeds go to Northwest Harvest.

Dec. 9

Rev. Jesse Jackson will be speaking at a student rally in the Tacoma Dome at 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 13

Reilly and Maloney/Uncle Bon-sai - Pantages Centre, 8:00 p.m. Also, Puerto Rican Night at TCC cafeteria will feature Puerto Rican food and music from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cost: \$6.00. For more information, call 756-5085.

Dec. 16-20

Academic skills courses offered during winter break. For more information, call the counseling center at 756-5122.

Jan. 14

The International Student Organization will be in effect winter quarter. For more information, call Bonnie Aghais at 756-5065.

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