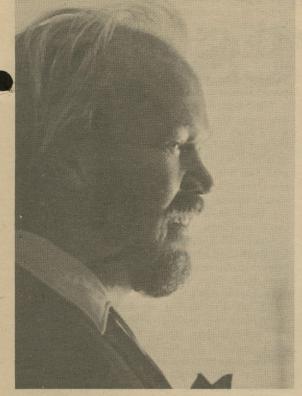
## **Jules Feiffer's 'Little Murders'** a definition of 'black comedy'



Jerry Shulenbarger Portrays Henry Dupats, the godless minister

#### By Bob Arpke **TCC English Instructor**

If one were seeking a definition of the term "black comedy" he would need to look no further than the presentation of the Jules Feiffer play "Little Murders" by the TCC drama department at the Little Theater Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. What Feiffer is saying in the play is that the institutions of our society are disintegrating and as he shows us their crumbling, he forces us to laugh. And this is the essence of "black comedy," that we should laugh at what we ought to regard as monstrous.

Feiffer sets his play in New York City against a background of noise pollution, air pollution, power failures, muggings and murder. And what we watch against that background is a middle class family at home. The "Little Murders" of the title, however are not the 345 homicides that have been committed in the city in the past six months and that remain unsolved. Feiffer is concerned instead with all of the little murders that are committed daily within the circle of the family. Father cuts down Mother; she slashes at Father. Daughter is Mother's rival for Father's affection and they cut and thrust at each other in their verbal fencing. Sonny is Father's rival for Mother's affection and in the struggle he loses his' masculine identity. The battle for control which lies at the center of the courtship between Patsy, the daughter, and her boy friend, Alfred, is not less intense because Alfred opposes only his passivity to Patsy's forcefulness. And when Patsy is killed by a sniper's bullet immediately after her wedding, her death is paralleled by a symbolic kind of death of Alfred which makes possible her reincarnation in Alfred in the final act of the play.

But these family relationships are not the only objects of Feiffer's satire. He uses his scalpel (occasionally a carving knife, at least) on law and order, avant-garde religions, middle class views on religion, morality and long hair, advertising, art, and the American dream.

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Larry Bommarita and Caryl Corsi **Portray** Alfred Chamberlin and Patsy Newquist

## The Collegiate Challenge debate the issue

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## May 18, 19 forums slated, Topic: all-campus senate

TCC students and faculty have been invited to two open meetings next week to discuss a proposed all-campus senate.

The open forums will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18 and 19, beginning at noon in Building 15-8.

Steve Whitbeck, recently elected ASB president, has made the all-campus senate a top proirity for his administration. In the following notice Whitbeck explains the all-college senate, along with his other top priorities:

"As student body president, I would like to announce my three major priorities and report what is being done about them.

#### An all-college senate

"1.) An All-College Senate; the fancy word for it is unicameral-meaning one governing body.

"I believe this form of governance would best represent students and faculty on this campus. With the present system, faculty and student voice is lost in the shuffle before it reaches the top of the hierarchy.

"An open-forum, to discuss the pros and cons will be held in Building 15-8 at noon May 18 and 19.

#### A student union building

"2.) A Student Union Building. "A telegram was sent by the members of the Board of Trustees to Olympia, requesting funds for S.U.B.

"There are form letters in the cafeteria requesting a S.U.B. All you have to do is sign the letters and leave them in the box; we will forward them to Olympia.

"There was a benefit concert a week ago Sat-urday to raise money for a S.U.B. Thank you for your contributions. A special thanks to the groups who donated their time and music.

#### Day care, etc.

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'3.) Day-Care and other Volunteer Programs. "If you are interested contact the V.I.S. office in Building 17A. To have on-campus day-care we need a S.U.B.

"TCC needs a W.A.C.C.S.G. representative for next year. The purpose of the W.A.C.C.S.G representative is to keep the college in contact with any bills in Olympia affecting the colleges.

'The student body now has five representatives the Instructional Council, three of which are on not filled. Needed is one student from Community Services, one from Occupational Programs and one from Arts and Sciences. It's your education, and this gives you the opportunity, as a student, to be represented. Instructional Council meets Wednesdays at 3 in the Northwest Room of the Library.

"If you are interested in any of the above petitions, I can be reached in Building 6, before noon and after 5 p.m. or phone LO 4-7200, ext. 216 or 217.'

# Tanner, students

#### By Chris Eby

"If you are a member of a minority, you better hope there are some laws that will protect you." This advice, addressed to TCC students, came from Jack Tanner, president of the Tacoma Chapter of the NAACP.

Tanner, a Tacoma lawyer, participated in the Political Science Forum's Law and Justice Week program May 4. He said that in a "government by consent," such as America's, all people have a moral commitment to "faith," "family" and "fellow man."

Fanner did not elaborate on what the commitment was, but added that Americans have a "moral to obey valid laws" and a "moral duty to respect other citizens." If this is all done, he said, "equality has to follow.'

Tanner said there are two concepts for making changes. One is revolution. The other is reform. Under revolution, he said, "the social compact between people will cease." "If you favor violence, that violence will consume you." He added that in his opinion, all the progress that blacks have made has come "under a system of law."

Tanner said that the NAACP's goal in Tacoma was to "cut down on crimes in the black community by black people." He said that blacks were afraid to go to church for fear of purse snatching or burgulary of their homes while they were away.

Crime has to be stopped, Tanner said, before you (the black people) can control the politics and economics in the black community.

Arguments arose between Tanner and black students during a question-and-answer period following Tanner's talk. Although there were many questions, there were few answers.

One student, who said he had been trying to see the chief of police for six months, questioned Tanner as to why it took so long. Tanner replied with a question of his own, "What makes you think you can see somebody, rather than somebody else.

Most of the black students agreed that there were too many police covering the Hilltop area. Tanner insisted there were not.

He was asked, "How can we control the Hilltop area?" Tanner replied, "You have to do it." Again Tanner was asked "How?" But there was no answer.

In apparent desperation one of the black students said, "We need help." " I'll do anything you want me to," Tanner replied. "Then why don't you answer our questions?" he was asked. "Some questions you just can't answer", Tanner said.

In closing, Tanner commented, "I never have or never will turn my back on black people."

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### **Debauching press freedom**

Control of the press directly by a legislative body is, for most Americans, an ugly and repellent idea. In fact most legislative bodies recognize the wisdom of the guaranteed freedoms from restraint.

This does not appear to be the case at Tacoma Community College.

Last week Senator Benito Sanchez introduced a motion to remove Collegiate Challenge editors Doten and Winter from office.

It is always difficult to understand fully Senator Sanchez's motives, yet this time they smell strongly of revenge.

Due to his demagogic approach to both politics and "journalism" (see recent issues of **Senate Raps**) Senator Sanchez has been the much deserving target of well-earned editorial criticism by the Challenge staff.

To allow Senator Sanchez to completely debauch the freedom of the press on this campus, is an insult to all students, and can achieve nothing more than to complete the disintegration of a crumbling trust in **any** form of student "government".

-Pete Pugh

### **Button power**

In the past month we have seen governing bodies use new and imaginative ways to signal that changes are forthcoming. The Chinese have recently used ping pong players to draw attention to the fact that their government wants to play a new role in world affairs. The full impact of this gesture is still open to speculation.

In scanning the minutes of April 29th student senate meeting, I see that the student senate wants to signal a change. From the minutes it appears that our elected representatives felt a need to change the decision making process on campus and voted to take steps to draw attention to this proposed change. They chose not to use ping pong players, but something new for the Tacoma Community College campus — Buttons — one thousand of them at \$82 per. It was pointed out additional buttons could be obtained at a reduced price.

I am sure the elected representatives in student government had our best interest in mind when they made this historic decision. But I am left with a few questions, just as I was on the Chinese affair. I was wondering what they will say and what color they are? Will the ASB fund buttons for the opposition on an equal basis? Will the faculty get to wear them? What about the other 2,700 students, can't they have buttons? What happens if no one wants them? I have other questions but space does not allow there print.

It is with great enthusiasm that I await the outcome of the ping pong experiment. It should be interesting also to see what the effect of \$82 worth of buttons will have on the destiny of the TCC students.

-Walt Bowen

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#### More thoughts on 'Raps'

Dear Editor,

Concerning the interview with Bob Zink and the editorial by Walt Bowen, I too feel Senate Raps has overstepped its boundaries. The original purpose of Senate Raps was to present students with Senate news. In this it is sadly lacking, having instead become a propaganda sheet for a select group of people.

A major goal in my campaign for the Senate was to incorporate the Raps into the Challenge. However, I too agree with Mr. Bowen that this would be a penalty the Challenge doesn't deserve.

It is obvious though that the Senate Raps, if it is to be continued as a publication, must be set back on its original course.

I would like to know the views of the student body concerning this so-called publication. If I can't reach you, and you would like your views known, I may be contacted in the Political Science Forum office in Building 17A, room No. 2, or a message may be left in Building 6.

> —Dann Tillinghast ASB Senator



#### Ex-editor defends Challenge Dear Editors,

Having been informed that the Challenge has been charged with "covert racism", I feel it necessary to comment on this issue, having been editor in spring of 1970, and having been accused of the same thing, from time to time.

Such a charge must be looked on with an open mind, and the thought that, "Well . . .maybe", but, after all is said and done, it will undoubtedly be found that no such condition exists. In the case of the Challenge, it never has.

Racism is a value judgement, unfortunately. I do not know those who have made the accusations, but I feel that they undoubtedly think they

are justified, but can they prove it? I think not. I have long felt that the trouble with newspaper is that they print the news, but now how the people would like to read it. That is the problem: the news is factual, but not with the right "facts". As far as I know, the Challenge has carried out and on with the tradition set down by editors like Grant Fjermedal, and myself. That is, to present news as fairly as possible.

In regard to the specific charge, I would ask you, the Challenge editors, "Do you leave space open for minorities to voice their opinions? Do you allow prompt reply? Do you have a minority affairs reporter on the staff- Are your relations with Obi and Chicano students good?" If you can meet these criteria, then don't worry about "racism" charges. It's all pure fertilizer.

However, if the Challenge has failed to offer these positions to minority poeple, than some changes will have to be made. If you offer these positions, and they are not filled, or the opportunities are not taken advantage of, than it is not your fault. You can't force people to write for the paper, so don't try.

What I'm saying is this. There are some individuals no matter what color, who would rather bitch than fight. They find more enjoyment and power in complaining and leveling charges than in doing something to change it.

Guys like Jimmie Lee of Obi, Barry Sheridan and Dave Bannister have all done their part and more in working for the common goal of all students at TCC. They command my undying respect. Guys who piss and moan when trouble arises, rather than meet it head on turn my stomach.

Last year, the Challenge was heralded as the "best damn college newspaper in the state." I think it still is, and you don't achieve a status like that by being "covertly racist."

> Yours, Dave Workman Challenge '70

## Bail system favors the rich, Judge tells TCC audience

#### Drew Mooney

Several guest speakers participated in the Law and Justice Week program last week sponsored by the Political Science Forum.

Judge Filis Otto of the Justice District Court discussed the judicial aspects of the law and the various courts in our state.

The district court handles traffic, some civil, and criminal cases, including preliminary hearings for misdemeanors and felonies, Judge Otto said.

#### District courts self-supporting

She said that district courts are self-supporting, in a way which is only one step removed from the old justice of the peace system, formerly declared unconstitutional. The salary of the justice was taken from the fines he imposed. However, the present system is the only feasible way of funding these much needed courts.

It is wrong for a rich man to post bail and

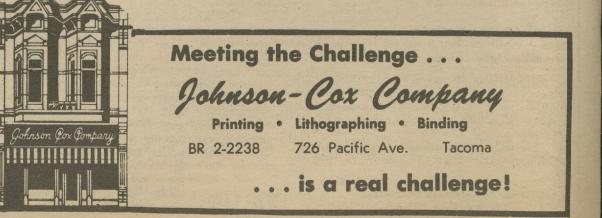
walk away, while a poor man sits in jail, Judge Otto said. Also, she said that a conviction is wrong in the presence of the slightest possible doubt.

#### Military law discussed

Lt. Col. Ray W. Berg, provost marshal, discussed the military law enforcement practices. He described a typical handling and investigation of a military crime.

In the military the rights of the accused are well protected, Berg said. In his words, "We have certainly guarded the rights of the accused. He has, at least, equal rights or more in the military than in civilian law enforcement."

Maj. Ralph L. Lurker described the different military courts, comparing them to civil courts. According to Maj. Lurker, a major difference between the civil and military courts is that in the military courts, unlike civilian courts, the jury not only decides guilt but also pronounces sentence.



# TCC forenics team wins again, successful season reviewed

The TCC forensic squad ended a winning season on a happy note by collecting six more trophies to add to an already overcrowded trophy case.

The team traveled to Portland Community College this last weekend to meet 11 community colleges from Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

The individual winners were Dave Ray, who took first place in extemporaneous speaking, third in speech analysis, and third in radio news commentary, and Scott Williams, who won first place in radio news commentary.

Since this was the last tournament of the year, trophies were given to the six men and women who had achieved the highest cumulative speaking scores. Dave Ray and Lew Schrawyer, described at the awards assembly as the "terrible twosome" won first place and second place respectively.

Here is a recap of the speaking year for the top-flight TCC forensic squad:

Centralia: Dave Ray, second place interpretive reading, and Lew Schrawyer, second place salesmanship.

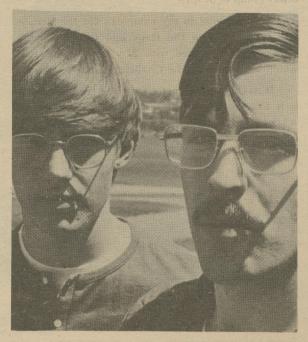
Clark: Dave Ray, second place after dinner speaking.

Tacoma: Dave Ray, second place impromptu interpretive reading, third in expository speaking, and Lew Schrawyer, first place expository speaking.

W.W.S.C.: Dave Ray, first place interpretive reading.

Mt. Hood: Dave Ray, first place impromptu speaking, and Lew Schrawyer, second place humorous interpretive reading.

Longview (State Meet): Dave Ray, first place impromptu speaking, third extemporaneous speaking; Lew Schrawyer, first place extemporaneous speaking; Jim Adams, third persuasive; Lou Horton, second place interpretive reading, second place expository speaking; Mary Ann Schrawyer, second place after dinner speaking; Marti Kafeshaw, second place interpretive speaking; and Wendy Simpson, third place interpretive reading.



#### -Challenge staff photo by Gaulle Dave Ray and Lew Schrawyer Forensic's "terrible twosome"

third place expository speaking. Dave Ray and Lew Schrawyer placed first in debate with a record of 10-0.

Yakima: Lew Schrawyer, first place expository speaking and third place interpretive reading. Dave Ray and Lew Schrawyer, second place in debate for all year with a record of 17-8.

Montana: Dave Ray and Lew Schrawyer made the quarter finals in debate with a record of 6-1 against four-year universities.

Northwest forensic squads beware for the return of the "terrible twosome" next year!

## Recall of editors sought

A motion by ASB Senator Ben Sanchez to recall the current Challenge editors was temporarily stalled by opposing senators at last week's meeting.

Sanchez brought up, among other things, the opinion that the current system of co-editors is not working. He was countered by another senator who stated that the staff and editors of the Challenge should be allowed to be present to hear charges. After further discussion, the motion was

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Other business considered by the Senate included a decision to open up the position of WACCSG representative to the student body, and a decision to leave the selection of Activity Council representative to the clubs.

After some discussion, the senators decided to support a move by members of the Los Unidos Club to seek a meeting with Challenge staff members concerning charges of racism.

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#### New city manager to speak today

Newly appointed Tacoma City Manager William V. Donaldson will speak on the Tacoma Community College campus at noon today. Donaldson's talk, which will cover the duties and roll of the city manager, is sponsored by the Political Science Forum.

The program is scheduled to be held in building 15-8, but if the weather permits and the arrangements can be made, Donaldson will give his talk outside in the area near the "rock." The lecture is free and questions are invited.

#### AWS Luau May 28

The Associated Women Students of TCC announce a Luau on May 28 in the cafeteria. It will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. The dinners will be \$1.25 for each person.

#### **Bicycling Club needs members**

Tacoma Bicycling Touring Club, in cooperation with the TCC Winter Sports Club, announces that memberships are now open to students and the public.

Probarbly the first club of this nature in the state, the cycling club hopes to generate enthusiasm for health and group fun.

In promoting bicycling, the clubs hope to take some short overnight trips, with camping and fishing.

## **`Little Murders'**

#### (Continued from Page 1)

The cast was rather stiff at first but seemed to warm up as the play progressed. Carol Bradley as the mother was convincing as Patsy's rival, somewhat less so as the mother of a 28-year-old girl. Steve Guthrie was more convincing as the blustery but ineffective father. Marty Tenesch played the transvestite son so well he may get into fights about it. Caryl Corsi conveyed very well the forcefulnes of Patsy Newquist. Larry Bommarito was for me, the player who seemed most comfortable and competent in his role. Feiffer also created two cameo roles, those of the Judge and of Henry Dupas, the minister of the First Existential Church, which were portrayed with loving care by Charles Summers and Jerry Shulenbarger.



## Smith still undefeated, team loses to Edmonds

Edmonds was no push over this time.

The Titans tennis team found that out last week as they were on the short end of the 5-2 score.

Two weeks ago the Titans defeated Edmonds by the same 5-2 score.

Mike Smith remained undefeated for the season as he defeated Phil Lewis 6-4 an d6-2 to give the Titans a 1-0.

#### Titans tied the score

Edmonds, as they did earlier this season against the Titans, took the lead 2-1 as Howard Hulst lost to Greg Casper 5-7 and 2-6 and Heinz Ortiz lost to Scott Morgan 3-6 and 6-7.

The Titans then tied the score 2-2 as John Cornell defeated Chris Carroll 6-3 and 7-6.

Edmonds then grabbed the lead for good as Stan Weston lost to Fred Durbin 3-6 and 0.6 in the final singles match.

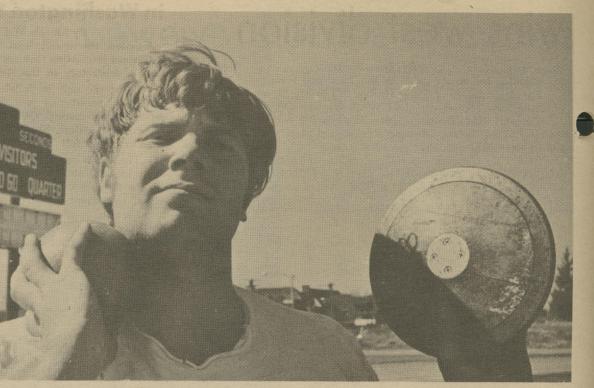
The Titans lost both doubles matches thus giving Edmonds the win. Mike Smith and Howard Hulst lost to Phil Lewis 4-6 and 3-6 and Heinz Ortiz and John Cornell, lost to Scott Morgan and Chris Carroll in three sets 3-6, 6-3, and 3-6.

#### Loss doesn't count

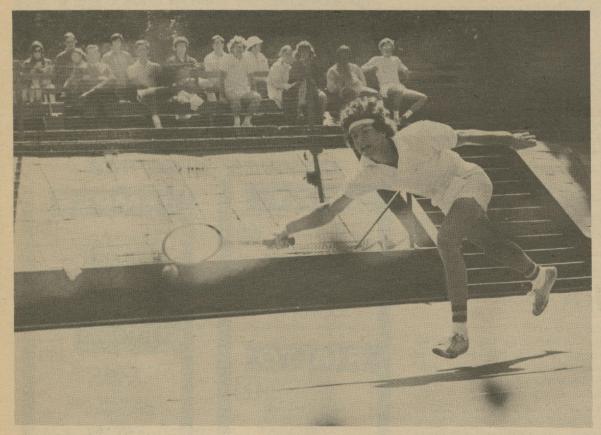
Mike Smith lost his first match of the season to UPS's Pete Haskins 5-7, 6-4, and 3-6 but it doesn't count in Smith's overall season record because the match with UPS was never completed.

Next Monday the Titans travel to Bellevue for a 1 p.m. match and close out the Tuesday by hosting Skagit Valley in a 1 p.m. match





Challenge staff photo by Tom Winter **Mike Smith** Reaches for hard smash by UPS's Pete Haskins as spectators look on at the Tacoma Lawn Tennis Club



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Lou Abberger Titan shot and discus thrower hopes to qualify for state meet tomorrow at Shoreline Olympics

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## Track team wins four way meet, at Shoreline Sat.

#### **By Dan Lentz**

Victory elusive thus far in the track season, finally came to the Titans last weekend in a quadrangular meet with Clark, Lower Columbia, and Grays Harbor.

Tacoma ran over Clark 76-69, while Lower Columbia and Grays Harbor could only manage 18 and 17 points respectively

Greg Nigh was Tacomas double winner taking the 440 in :52.5 and the mile relay teamed with Steve Berg, John Wynkoop, and Bob Lopez.

Don Rinta cleared 13 feet to nail down the pole vault competition and Dave Stubblefield grabbed the high jump, needing only a 6-2 to do it

The Titans will travel to Shoreline Community College tomorrow for the Shoreline Olympics.

#### Concerned with getting more qualified

"We are mainly concerned with getting more of our boys quali-

fied to compete in the State meet," said Titan coach Ed Fisher. "To date," he went on to say, "We have 9 men qualified in 14 events. Whether or not we run all the events we are qualified for, remains to be seen. Part of this decision will be based on the number, of men we can qualify at the Shoreline Olympics." he said.

The goodness of victory has finally looked favorably upon the Titans. Perhaps she will again.



## Titan golf team wins west division

#### By Tom Winter

Lighting has struck twice for the Titan golf team. By easily defeating Grays Harbor 309 to 336 Monday the Titans captured their second straight NWAA Western Division golf crown.

Currently the Titans' league record is 9-0 with one match remaining in the season. Olympic is in second place with a 7-2 record and Clark is third with a 5-4 record.

The Titans guaranteed themselves no worse than a tie for the division championship Friday as they edged Clark 302 to 308. But Monday's victory erased any chance of division co-champions.

#### Bloom paced the Titans

Russ Bloom paced the Titans against Clark as he took medalist honors with a par 72 at Royal Oaks, Clark's home course. Tacoma's other scorers were John Theilade 75, John Gazecki 77 and Harold Bonnell 78.

Clark's scorers were Jeff Lines 74, Dave Siedelman 77 and Bob Simpson and Todd Young 78.

Monday John Theilade paced the Titans' division, clinching victory over Grays Harbor with a one-over-par 72 in a home match at Oakbrook. The Titans' other scorers were Russ Bloom and John Gazecki 78 and Joe Krasinski 81.

Grays Harbor's scorers were Scott Johnson 79, Mike Hermson and Ron Sheets 83 and Steve Benzing 91.

"No pitch and putt . . ."

Coach Robert Dezell praised the team for their win over Clark. "They played well with few mistakes," he said, "Royal Oaks is not pitch and putt. It's one of the toughest courses in Western Washington."

Dezell was pleased with Monday's division clinching victory, but not overly so. "We had our chance to break 300, but we made too many mistakes and weren't really up for the match," he said.

John Gazecki has been chosen team captain for the remainder of the season.

Today the Titans close out the season as they travel to Longview for a 1 p.m. match with Lower Columbia.

### Ethnics Studies Lab first of its kind in Washington State

By Marcia McCormick

One or the newest, least well known, and perhaps most interesting features of TCC is the Ethnic Studies laboratory in the Resource Center.

Being the only such lab in operation in the state (it opened this past September) makes it especially interesting. Other schools are developing culture centers, like the UW, but it won't be open until next fall.

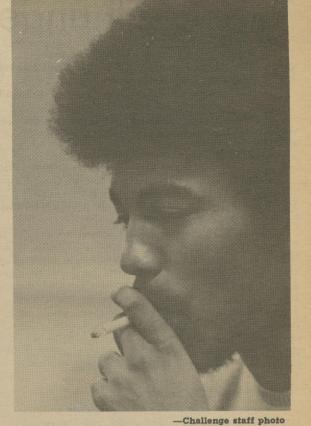
The lab is operated by Larry McIntosh. It is open to both students and community members.

In the lab one may make use of the audio visual equipment, listen to records, read, use the sheet music, or participate in the discussions held there each day.

The lab itself acts as a supplement to various courses such as Black History, and as McIntosh put it "It is a place where an individual can come in and learn about himself as a race of people."

Because of a lack of interest, the films and daily discussions that used to take place in the lab were discontinued. McIntosh expressed a desire to see more students make use of other facilities offered in the lab.

There is a complete list of materials available on the desk right inside the door. The lab is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. All students are urged to get in and learn about the lab.



### Larry McIntosh

#### Brown elected chairman of minority consortium

Carl R. Brown, instructor at T.C.C., was recently elected chairman of the Puget Sound Regional Minority Affairs Consortium. Mr. Brown who teaches an Afro-American literature course is director of minority affairs here.

Eleven community colleges participate in the consortium which is governed by the college presidents. Each school is represented by two members of the native American, Black, Chicano and Asian communities.

The consortium is responsible for implementing programs for minority students. T.C.C.'s ethnic lab is an example of what the group has accomplished.



# Fund started for young TCC heart attack victim

A tall, gentle, human being recently died. Maybe it does not really mean much to many, but it meant a great deal to the many, who knew him. He was a student at Tacoma Community College and died at the age of 22 of a heart attack. His name was Jess Sutherlin. To many, Jess was the friendly 6'8" giant that often recited poems, loved the woods and mountains; to his wife, Jess was more. Jess was like many married students, every dime needed for existence. Because Jess needed a special casket and not having insurance, his widow has been hard hit with funeral expenses. If you care about another human being, you may make a contribution to the Jess Sutherlin fund, care of any Puget Sound Bank for the next fourtyfive (45) days.

-Challenge staff photo

Laurie Whipple Firstbase woman reaches for a low, hard throw

# TCC forms girls slow pitch team

"They're playing for kegs," said slow-pitch coach Denny Bitz. That's the normal procedure of most men's slow-pitch teams, but the team Bitz is coaching is made up from girls here at TCC.

Bitz said about 20 girls are out for the three practices a week. The practices are from noon until two Tuesday and Thursday and at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The team will close the remaining four weeks of the quarter by playing other teams from the University of Puget Sound, Green River, Pacific Lutheran University and Fort Steilacoom.

Sunday the girls travel to UPS for a 6:30 p.m. game.

Bitz said the team is by no means closed and girls interested in playing should contact him, Jack Heinrick, or come to any of the practices. I saw the sun go down today, On western hills it crimsoned lay; Emotion came and was my pay When I saw the sun go down today.

I thought of myself, my kids, my wife, And I thought of our place in time, in life. But this was in vain for my mind went astray When I saw the sun go down today.

They say that Ceasar ruled a mighty land, And that the life of Lincoln was something grand John Glenn saw the earth from space, they say, But "I" saw the sun go down today.

It was only a moment, so little time to give, Yet it's for these moments that I live. Can you concieve, from what I say? "I saw the sun go down today!"

Jess Sutherlin

There is a popular contention among us humans that sometime during eternity something happened. We tend to call it "the beginning." For our purposes, though, the pertinent consideration is that this earth evolved, was created, or in some way resulted from this something which we suppose to have happened sometime.

Jess Sutherlin

## The rock opera 'Tommy' a parable with a talented cast

#### **By Scott Williams**

Outstanding cinematography, a great rock band, choreography, a talented cast, and uh, us-oh, ya, a almost forgot-nudity, are all a part of the stage premier of the rock opera "Tommy."

Now playing at Seattle's Moore Theatre and running until May 16, and written by the English rock group the who, "Tommy" is an unforgettable experience in a multi-media environment.

Thematically it is a parable about a boy who grows deaf, dumb, and blind after watching his father kill his mother's lover. Because of his exceptional sense of touch, however, he becomes a pinball champion. Later, miraculously cured, he becomes a pinball messiah and finally the leader of an almost regigious-like following, when he insists that his followers play pinball with their mouths gagged, their eyes blindfolded, their ears plugged, the way he used to, they rebel and overthrow him. Tommy's kingdom crumbles.

#### **Strong points**

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The two strong points of the Seattle production are the use of film and slides, and the music.

The cinematic props are sometimes beautiful and often add tremendously to the "live" on-stage acting.

The music provided by a band named "Cannon Ball" is really unbelievable. In fact, the group's tight playing and skillful musicianship hold the opera together.

With few exceptions, the singing and acting can only be labelled as "adequate."

Two cast members, however, merit praise for

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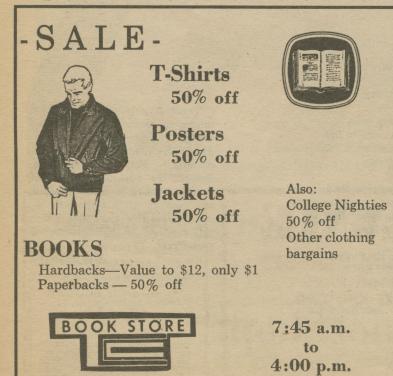
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their performances. The first is Bette Midler who doubles as Mrs. Walker and the Acid Queen. She emerges as the "star" of the show even though Tommy obviously should. The other notable performance is that of 300-pound Chesley Uxbridge who comically portrays Uncle Ernie dressed in a pink and white ballerina's outfit.

#### An added dimension

Actually seeing and hearing the different characters sing their parts is an added dimension to "Tommy" which cannot be found in the Who's album and which allows for an easier understanding of what is going on.

Act I emerges as the stronger of the two acts and involves Tommy's birth, handicap, cure, and rise to the top of the pinball world. For me, the highlights of this segment is during the song "Pinball Wizard" which deftly comments on America's heroes and institutions.

Act II moves quickly through Tommy's demise. The opera ends with the entire cast singing "We're Not Going to Take It," which creates a unified feeling of happiness and peace between cast and audience.

#### 'Tommy' enjoyed

I enjoyed "Tommy" but found myself at times paying too much attention to one aspect of the multi-media setting. It is easy to concentrate on either pictures, acting or music, while forgetting to appreciate the other two.

Time general consensus of the audience when filing out of the Moore Theatre last Friday night was that the one hour and 30 minutes of "Tommy" went by much too fast. I have to agree.

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# TCC book bank next fall? ecordsclothesbootsweavingjewelryca Students opinions sought

Why should students be required to buy books when they could be rented?

"A student book bank could be the result of this idea if it is picked up by students," asserts Pete Pugh, one of several students actively working to establish such a bank.

### Kosai outlines benefits to TCC veterans

Two informational items emerged from Tuesday's meeting between approximately 25 veterans and admissions and records officer, Joseph Kosai, at the TCC Little Theater.

First, veterans wishing to attend summer school as certified full-time students must take a minimum of 10 hours. This means that 10 hours must be carried for both four and one-half week sessions or that one five hour class be taken each session. Kosai urged veterans to pre-register for the summer session next week.

Kosai also announced that beginning next fall veterans in need of tutorial service will be able to take advantage of the benefits provided for by the G.I. Bill. The bill designates up to \$50 per month for nine months to be used for tutorial service if necessary.

The Veterans Association will meet next Monday, May 17 at noon in Building 6. By that time more information may be available on whether tuition increases will be waived for veterans. The association would like TCC veterans to indicate what days are most convenient for meetings

In the past few months the TCC Veterans Association has established (1) an employment information office for all TCC students, (2) a veterans information office and (3) a student discount card system.

The association is presently trying to establish an emergency loan funr and a textbook rental system.

After discussing the pro's and con's with the bookstore advisory committee, Pugh detailed the proposed operation and asked for immediate student response.

#### **Donate used books**

Pugh explained, "Students would be asked to donate used books with the provision that they would receive credit to be used against future rentals. When they come to the bank to rent a textbook they would be charged a deposit (about half the regular retail price of the book). When the book is returned at the end of the quarter the student would receive his deposit back, minus a very small rental fee."

Pugh went on to say, "This type of operation while not providing much relief in respect to books which are being used for the first time, will certainly reduce the students' expenses for all other books. It is, however, entirely dependent on student contributions.'

Would be self-supporting "It would have to be self-supporting," Pugh said, "but even so, I envision a \$10 text book costing no more than \$1 to use for an entire quarter."

Students are urged quite strongly, Pugh said, to indicate their support for such an idea by filling out the coupon below indicating whether or not they would consider donating books to such a bank, and whether or not they would use such a student operated service if it were established.

This survey is quite important," Pugh explained, "It will determine if we go on with the idea or just scrap it completely. It could, if adopted, more than offset the tuition increase that will take effect fall quarter."

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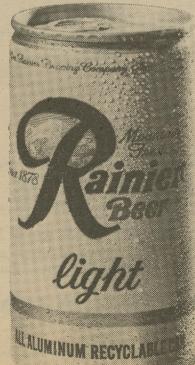
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