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Tacoma Community College will have a new telephone number Aug. 10. It will be LO 4-7200.

TCC's accreditation has been extended until 1973. Word of the extension came recently from Dr. James F. Bemis, executive director of the Commission on Higher Schools of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. "The commission was well pleased with the excellent progress that has been made since the last evaluation," Dr. Bemis wrote to TCC president Thornton M. Ford. "You and your staff are to be complimented. We are confident that progress will continue under your able leadership." TCC first received accreditation in December 1967.

TCC's trustees at their July meeting gave the go-ahead to construction of two new buildings—a science complex and a maintenance building. They accepted the low bid of a Tacoma firm, Leo Finnegan Construction Co., of \$619,636 for both projects. Target date for completion is next June. Work is in progress on a \$280,000 faculty office building, scheduled for completion in September. The two-level building will contain 48 faculty offices. The science complex will involve approximately 16,000 square feet of new space, as well as remodeling of the present science facilities. The 6,600-square-foot maintenance building will provide office and shop space on two levels. It will be located at the north end of the campus. The projects will bring the number of buildings on the campus to 21.

In other recent actions, the trustees approved a document that spells out student rights and responsibilities, okayed adult education contracts for the next year with the Peninsula and Tacoma school districts, and decided that the college should operate its own on-campus telephone system.

Summertime, and the learning is easy . . . A record high number of 890 persons signed for on-campus summer classes—a 44 per cent gain over last year. Evening courses were offered for the first time in a TCC summer session. Some 230 persons signed up for classes offered through the Office of Community Services, making the summer total of individuals served about 1,100.

Money for jobs . . . TCC's Obi Society program to provide on-campus jobs for minority students is \$1,204 richer—thanks to the Tacoma Walk for Development in April. The 32-mile walk raised about \$10,500 for various projects. A similar walk is planned for Tacoma next spring.

THE CHANGING SCENE: Robert R. Rhule has taken over as director of community services, replacing H. J. Schafer, who is on leave to pursue doctoral studies at Washington State University... Carl Brown has been appointed director of minority affairs... Monty Jones, English instructor, will serve as evening school supervisor next year... Dale Wirsing has returned from leave to resume duties as public information officer... Russell Clark has returned to his post as division chairman for Math/Science... Donald Gangnes, chemistry instructor, has joined the Community Services Office as a coordinator. Additions to the faculty include Mrs. Georgia McDade, Dan McLachlan and Frank Weihs, English; Dr. Dale Potter, chemistry; Lorraine Stephan, business; Mrs. Vera Wiseman, biology; and Mrs. Carole Wines, reading and study skills.

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