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If Halloween and the return to standard time didn't unsettle your nerves, TCC dramatists have something that should do the trick. The campus players are presenting "Dracula," subtitled "A Vampire Play in Three Acts," on Nov. 13 through 16 in the TCC Little Theater. Drama instructor Charles Cline promises that the horror mystery will provide plenty of thrills. Cline is restricting practices strictly to cast members. He says he doesn't want to divulge any of the many special effects planned for the vampire play. The eight student actors are Steve Holmes, John Barker, Mark Ford, Jerry Hartman, Deanne Charlton, Ken Murphy, Debby Farrell and Kip Taylor.

Classroom space is becoming a scarce commodity at Tacoma Community College. Dr. Paul Jacobson, dean of instruction, reports that during the lunch hour this fall 31 classes, including science labs, are being taught. Joseph Kosai, admissions and records officer, says that a number of classroom buildings are booked solid between 9 a.m. and noon, and also in the evening.

With existing classroom space almost exhausted, additional buildings are critically needed to accommodate next year's enrollment increases. New buildings would add to the classroom space in two ways. First, a faculty building and a maintenance building would free space for small classes. Second, an addition to the science building would provide new facilities for medium and large classes. Construction on all three structures was scheduled to begin next January, with occupancy scheduled for the fall of 1970.

The future of all three buildings, according to Dr. Thornton M. Ford, college president, is presently uncertain because of the Governor's executive order of Oct. 10 to postpone currently scheduled construction until after June 30, 1970. The three buildings represent most of TCC's share -- or \$1.2 million -- of the \$22 million for construction in the state community college system this year. Present plans call for a reassessment of priorities and a reduction of the \$22 million to \$13 million.

Television equipment and a mezzanine will be added to the Resource Center this fall. Mrs. Doreen Amoroso, center director, reports that the regular shelves in the library are almost filled to capacity, necessitating the addition of the second level mezzanine. Statistics show that the Resource Center library continued to grow at a rapid rate last year, the fourth year of the library: 10,000 volumes added to book collection, a 33 per cent increase; circulation of materials increased 29 per cent; library attendance increased 51 per cent. In keeping with the college's commitment to serve the handicapped, the library mezzanine will be served by both a stairway and an elevator.

Some names: Mrs. Mary Pattee, manager of the campus bookstore, and George Van Mieghem, dean of administrative services, will attend a meeting of the Northwest College Bookstore Association at Fort Steilacoom Community College this Friday. Mrs. Pattee is president of the organization.

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