



TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY

# Does the Bookstore "rip off" students?



Students check out the price of an education.

Photo by Charlie Brown.

by Jean Cyr

The TCC Bookstore suffers from student mistrust and suspicion. Faculty as well as students express dissatisfaction for a variety of reasons and in varying degrees.

The illness seems to be chronic, according to Mary Kennedy, manager of the bookstore; the complaints are ever-present.

Suspicious caused for some by the presence of a security guard; for others high prices and low trade-ins are part of the seemingly incurable symptoms.

**Pleasant place**

There are students that find the bookstore a pleasant place. Sherry Groth, TCC student, believes the books are reasonably priced and "perhaps below the average commercial bookstore," Sherry said. She finds the store well run and orderly.

Many students, however, are annoyed and angered at their experiences with the bookstore.

Beth Albrecht was embarrassed when she failed to deposit her books in the "cubby hole" upon entering the store. "It makes you feel like a criminal to be halted by a security guard," she said.

**Obsolete books**

Liza Pollen would like to know more about the store's policies. "Just when are we supposed to take books in for resale and how are you supposed to know when you buy a book that it may be obsolete next quarter? You can't resell it; you're stuck," she said.

Both students would like to see a student exchange of books. Perhaps students could get together and trade books or sell them for a little more money than the bookstore allows for the used books seemed to them to be a good idea.

# Collegiate Challenge

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What is it like to travel the world, room in strangers homes, and be in college at the same time. Read the Up With People story in our next COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE. Continued on page 4

## Up With People singing "globetrotters"

Combine a group of 130 young adults, age 17 to 25 years old, with live concerts of original rock, jazz, country and folk music (complete with choreographed staging), and the end result will be one of the most active, interesting, and entertaining "globetrotters" in the world today: "Up With People".

The group, which is on the road 10 months a year and performs in approximately 130 American cities annually, arrived in Tacoma on Sunday, January 13, facing a hectic week long schedule of constant performances. They will culminate their stay with finale performances to be held in Olsen Auditorium at Pacific Lutheran

University, Friday, January 18 and Saturday, January 19, at 8:15 p.m.

Up With People has been described by one press release as an "Independent, nonprofit, educational corporation, designed to combine the best of academics through mobile education and world travel with relevant social involvement."

As well as performing on the road, many of the group maintain high school and college academic standards by studying as they travel. The group also is given the hospitality of local residents, who serve as "hosts" to the members while they are in the area.

**Difficult to arrange**

Kennedy is agreeable to that suggestion but from experience knows it is difficult to arrange. "Students have tried to figure out a way to serve each others needs in regards to books," she said. Whether it will work or not is not easy to predict especially at a two-year college. This kind of program takes a great deal of time and preparation."

The faculty have their share of complaints too, according to Ms. Kennedy. "A constant gripe is their request for discounts," she said. The faculty is allowed a discount on very special orders, though. But on textbooks, they must pay the same prices as the students," she said.

**Gulch**

John Evans, TCC instructor of Logic and Philosophy, finds a "gulch" between faculty and bookstore. "There should be improved relations between not only faculty and bookstore but also with the records and admissions office," he said.

The problem is in ordering enough books in time for the new quarter, Evans said. "It is a disaster when a student can not obtain a textbook until two weeks into the quarter."

**Five week wait**

"Most book publishers are located in the East and it takes from four to five weeks for delivery. If not enough textbooks are ordered originally, the time element would prevent easy correction of the error. Some students are likely to be without a textbook," Evans said.

"Bookstores obtain estimated enrollment figures for the upcoming quarter as their guide for ordering textbooks. Instead of using those figures as they stand, they may arbitrarily knock off 20%. This is a bad policy that leads to mistrust between faculty and bookstore and can only perpetuate the situation," stated Evans.

**"A good policy . . ."**

"A good policy for the bookstore," Evans said, "would be to obtain, with the cooperation of the faculty, three or four copies of a textbook for the library. Students would have a textbook available to them if needed. I would like to see this become a standard practice."

Are the disorders that plague the bookstore of the permanent variety? Kennedy thinks there will always be some complaints. "We are ready and willing to welcome suggestions," she said.

**Computer problem**

"One of our biggest problems is the computer system. It is the cause of a great many snafus. Most publishers no longer identify a book by the title and author but by composer coded numbers", she said.

Some complaints of the store's patrons are directly connected with the stores operational set-up. Students often confuse an optional textbook with a required one and when the instructor informs them that the expensive book was optional; they demand their money back from the bookstore, ac-

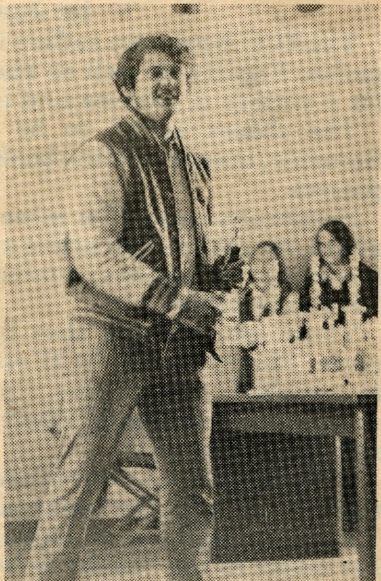
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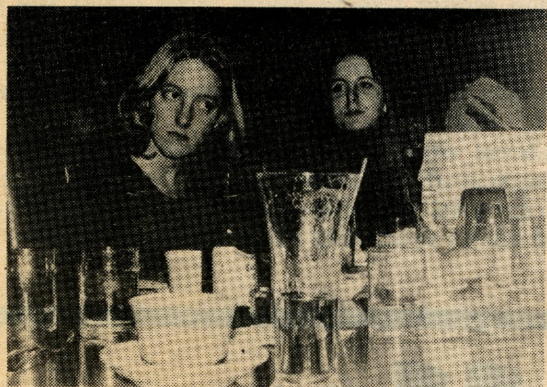
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# Forensics team w

# for Jerry



They prepared, competed, won, and lost.



But whatever the outcome . . .

Photos by Tom Pantley



Jerry Vaughn



. . . they were always 'his kids'.

The word "forensics" tends to denote thoughts of horn-rimmed pimply-faced young men who often get "C's" in gym class. What could be the possible gain of being on a speech team?

Last week I was given the opportunity of answering that question. I found that warm, caring, and friendly people compose TCC's forensic team. I learned that participating in a speech event is one of the more competitive acts in life. And I learned that TCC is losing a man who has the rare ability of making students proud of being themselves.

This reporter traveled and competed along with 12 members of the forensics team in a tournament at Humbolt State College in Northern California, Jan. 10 thru 13. My main job was to report on just what a forensics team is and what goes on at a forensics tournament. But while covering this, an equally important story surfaced. That is of forensics advisor Jerry Vaughn, and the positive effect he has had on the people in his program.

### 17 hour bus

Early Thursday morning, the team loaded themselves on a chartered bus and began the 17-hour journey south. In Vancouver we picked up the debate teams from Clark College (Vancouver) and Mount Hood Community College (Portland). The bus became very crowded, and alive with the anticipation of these Northwest schools going south and beating the Californians on their home lectern.

TCC's team shared in this anticipation, but they had another motivation in their desire to win. This was to be Vaughn's last tournament. He was to leave campus the following week to begin work for Multnomah County, Oregon. His departure was to mark the termination of many close relationships that had developed over a period of two years between Vaughn and his charges. For this reason, all of the team was committed to the goal of "bringing home the gold for Jerry".

### Quite enjoyable

The idea of a 17-hour bus ride, with only a few short stops for meals, does seem a bit tedious. But on the contrary, it was quite enjoyable. The bus load of collegiate talkers proved to be good company. It was a friendly, communicative, and diverse group that headed south. On the long bus ride it could be discovered that a black former Vietnam medic who now gives insanely funny afterdinner speeches, in fact, had something

in common with a young interpretive reader fresh out of high school. Walking down the aisle, one could watch a veteran debater help a novice get over his first case of before-tournament jitters.

As the highway darkened into the first night, I had the natural anticipation of the long drive ending. I looked forward to arriving at Eureka, and the tournament the next day. But I could not help but think, sitting there with the subdued patter of the passengers, the slight rolling of the road, and the dim shine of the overhead reading light that somehow the peacefulness of the ride would and should not end. But I really hoped it would because my back hurt, I was hungry, and I had to go to the bathroom.

### Little sleep

Friday morning the team arrived on the campus, full of desire and about three hours of sleep. The lack of sleep was because most of the night was spent preparing speeches and vowing to win a trophy in Jerry's last tournament. Competition was being held in many different rooms all across the campus. For this reason the team had to separate. This took some of the team spirit away, until the hour-long rounds were over and the team would regroup, filling the air with "How did you do", "Are you going to make finals", and "Do you need any help on your speech".

It was during the three preliminary

rounds Friday that I left my role as reporter and became participator. It had been decided that I was to compete in an event called Novice Improvisation. This involved walking into a small room, inhabited by a judge, picking up a slip of paper with a current event topic written on it, studying the topic for a moment or two, and then giving a five to six minute speech on it. There were times when I felt I would rather eat snakes. But it was good for me. It quickened my mind, and made me sweat a lot.

### Well done

Each member competed three times in each of their events. A score on each round ranged from one to four points, and those with the lowest score after three rounds went into Saturday's final. TCC had done quite well, placing several people in the finals. But still there were many people sad in losing. And I had become one of them. For although I had been with the team only a short time, I knew that by failing to get out of preliminaries I, along with several others, could not give Jerry the going away present we wanted.

### Good day

The Saturday final proved to be a good one for TCC. The team had gotten the gold they wanted; five trophies, including three first place awards to John Carmen in Expository Speaking, Bill Wagner in Novice Expository, and Dianna Ellis in Novice Oratory. Laura Shomshak received a third place trophy in Oratory as did Nathan Jackson in After Dinner Speaking.

All that was left was the bus ride home. While the trip down was full of preparation, the journey back was full of conversation. Although everyone was extremely tired (we only got about two hours of sleep Friday night), few slept any great amount. Much of the 17-hour return trip was spent by small groups remembering what forensics and Jerry Vaughn had meant to them. It was a bit like one's graduation from high school; one recalls many happy thoughts, but is sad because they are, after all, memories.

Laura Shomshak touched on the feelings of the team best when she said, "Jerry is what makes us a team. We work for him, we struggle for him, and what we want most is to win for him. Even when you don't bring home the gold, you are still special to him because you're one of "his kids." Having him leave is like tearing a big piece out of your life. I've competed and learned from him for two years now, and the best feeling I can remember is him being proud of me."



# happenings

## Go over the brink—drink

Attention Vets! There will be a kegger at College Lakes, 1801 College Lakes, on January 25. There will be an entry charge of 2.00 and all women will be admitted free.

## Need a job? take this course

The Women's Studies and Services Center at Tacoma Community College is still accepting registrations for "Employment Options and Preparations," taught by Mrs. Petro on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 12 noon in Building 18-11.

The course is designed for persons returning to the labor force, seeking employment for the first time, or interested in new job options or employment directions. It will help assess skills and aptitudes. Areas to be covered include evaluation of interests, abilities, skills, resume writing, interviewing, filling out job applications, using employment agencies and exploring local employment choices.

Registration may be accomplished in the Women's Center (Building 5A) or the Admissions and Records Office (Building 6) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or during the class session on January 16. Two college credits are available for the course.

## Plamondon new senator

Paula Plamondon, former ASTCC Secretary, was unanimously appointed as a new Senate member at the regularly scheduled Senate meeting at noon on Tuesday.

## Bachman turner overdrive here

Bachman Turner Overdrive will be appearing at TCC Friday night January 25 at 9 p.m. Tickets are available at the Music Menu, Bon Marche and other city outlets. They will cost \$3.50 for TCC students with ID and \$4.00 for TCC guests. Tickets are limited so get yours quickly. A supporting group will be playing from 8 p.m. until the big group gets here at 9 p.m.

## Aspen ski trip planned

The TCC Winter Sports Club is planning a ski trip to Aspen, Colorado, over the Winter/Spring break for 1974.

The cost has not been fully determined as of yet, but it is estimated to be between \$100.00 and \$150.00. This will include 5 days of lodging, 6 ski lift tickets, food, and transportation, although the mode of transportation has not yet been decided due to the fuel shortage.

Although it seems along way off, the planners of the trip would like to have a \$20.00 deposit for anyone planning to go. This deposit will entitle you to a reserved spot on the trip. Please leave all money with a representative of the Winter Sports Club in Building 17-A, room 8. The deposits must be in by the 6th of February, 1974, and will be refundable after the 27th of February.

There will be a discussion of the trip at a meeting on Wednesday, at noon, in room 1, Building 15.

## Campus be comes classroom

## Bio class studies more than bugs

by R.I. McGahn

New problems arise daily in our society, problems which demand answers. To find these answers, a logical, systematic approach must be applied. Approaches such as this are taught in Contemporary Biological Problems, (Biology 106).

When asked the primary goal of Biology 106, instructor Richard Perkins replied, "The primary goal is to arouse student interest in community problems, to get students involved, view the problem objectively, and arrive at an unbiased solution."

Previous accomplishments of this class have been a sickle cell clinic set up on campus which was used to test and determine the existence of sickle cell anemia, the campus blood reserve which maintains a supply of blood in the event a student or his immediate family find themselves in need of blood, and a recycling center for glass and aluminum.

Sights have already been set on new projects to be tackled, such as the closure of a refuse drop located between So. 12 and So. 19 on Pearl St. For all bikers, a project is planned of looking into bicycling rules on campus and the possibility of acquiring bike racks. Research will be done to see if alteration of city bus time schedules could better meet the needs of the students with transportation problems, and whether car pools could aid in fuel conservation. In addition, a health fair is slated for February 14.

"I teach the students to get involved," said Perkins, "rather than wonder why nothing has been done."



### RIALTO

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A fantastic car chase  
Last Week  
"THE SEVEN-UPS"

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Great!  
Clint Eastwood in  
"MAGNUM FORCE"

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Family Show  
"ROBIN HOOD"

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College Students Love  
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"THE NEW LAND"

## Collegiate Challenge Classifieds

TRADE books, magazines, comics and records — 1/2 price! SWAN'S 1335 Commerce MA 7-3028.

Will Help With Gas for a ride from Lakewood. I have to be here for an 8 a.m. class Monday, and 9 a.m. Tuesday thru Thursday. Call Dan — JU 2-0620.

URGENT! Immediate need for transportation from Puyallup to TCC on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday and from TCC to Puyallup on Monday, for handicapped student. Classes are from 10 to 12. Willing to compensate for services. Please contact Dorothy Galloway, Health Adviser, in Building 5, (Ext. 300) for further details.

## Health Fair schedules Free medical advice

The Health Fair, scheduled for Valentine's Day, will have something for everyone: inoculations, free medical advice, even a chance to give blood. The fair, planned by the Health Office, Biology classes, and various other campus organizations will be in the foyer of the Resource Center, 9-1 p.m. on February 14.

Visitors will be able to donate blood to the TCC Blood Bank Reserve, which will provide blood to any student, faculty member or their families in case of emergency.

Several areas of health will be represented, including communicable diseases, family planning, mental health, and survival education. Representatives will be present to talk and advise students and faculty in each area.

Inoculations will also be given to anyone free of charge for any of the infectious diseases.

# PROGRAMS

**Today** . . . UP WITH PEOPLE, PLU Olson Auditorium . . . 8:15 Tickets available in 15-8 for \$3 per person.  
Eric Isralow . . . Rock 'n Roll in the contemporary scene. 15-1 at noon. It's free to everyone.

Movie this week "Judge Roy Bean" in the Little Theater at both 7:30 and 10 p.m. 25¢ for everyone.

Coffeehouse — with Linda Waterfall, Eric Isralow will appear again for your listening enjoyment, Mike Saunders, Mike Dumovich and more "Sounds of the Northwest". The best toe-tappin', table-slappin', sing along music in the area. 50¢ admission or 25¢ if you go to the movie and keep your ticket stub.

**Saturday** . . . UP WITH PEOPLE AT PLU 8:15  
TCC Titans vs. Everett - There.

**Monday** . . . Budget meeting at 2 p.m. in Building 15-15.

**Tuesday** . . . Program board meets in 17-A at noon  
Sports car club is meeting in 17-A at noon  
Judo, Jujitsu, Self-defense meets in the gym mat room at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** . . . TCC Titans vs. Olympia there  
Obi society meets in 15-1 at noon.  
Photo club will be starting up meetings again at noon in Building 17-A. Call ext. 491 for details.  
Vibrations with "Glass" in the Little Theater — free!!

**Thursday** . . . Los Unidos will be meeting in 15-10 at noon.  
Asian American Student Union meets at 3 p.m. in 17-

Intramural bowling meets at the Tower Lanes every Thursday at 3 p.m. Call ext. 291 for details.  
Judo club again meets at 7 p.m. in the gym mat room

**Friday** . . . International Student Organization meets in 15-10.  
Movie this week . . . "Little Big Man" with Dustin Hoffman 25¢ at 7:30 and 10 p.m.

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in the TCC gym.

Tickets:  
\$3.50-TCC students (ID) at Bon Marche  
\$4.00-Others Music Menu



# letters

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## Los Unidos to regroup



Photo by Tom Pantley  
Hector L. Santiago is looking for members.

## Gallaway says VD number one people disease

Have you heard the saying: "There's one born every minute?" How about this one: "VD strikes someone every 12 to 14 seconds!"

Do you really know all about this oft-talked about subject? More than half of all the reported cases occur in those under the age of 25. That's 500,000 cases a year. This is an epidemic—literally—and the Federal Center for Disease Control says VD is "out of control." To put it another way—venereal disease is America's number one enemy among reported communicable diseases. Only the cold is more common. ANYONE—including YOU—can catch VD by having intimate body contact with an infected partner. Most women and many men don't notice early SYMPTOMS of gonorrhea. Both gonorrhea and syphilis are serious diseases, but they can be CURED if treated promptly by a doctor.

If NOT TREATED, symptoms go away, but the disease remains and is more serious.

VD can be stopped at any stage, but once DAMAGE is done, it cannot be reversed.

The best way to prevent catching VD is not having intimate contact with an infected person.

If you feel there is any possibility you are infected, there are several places where you can find out for sure. The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department has a clinic on the sixth floor of the County-City Building open every afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. If you are in need of a contraceptive also, there are two family planning agencies in Pierce County that provide routine screening tests for VD. There is no fee for the VD or family planning services. Your private doctor is also able to diagnose VD. As of this fall, the TCC Health Services is providing gonorrhea testing for any student who wishes this service.

For further information, call my office (ext. 300), or come into Building 5.

Dottie Gallaway  
Health Advisor



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"We need Members!" said Hector L. Santiago, the president of Los Unidos, a Spanish Club at TCC. Santiago said, "Los Unidos is a Spanish culture club, and we are trying to get the Latin Americans to participate in our club. General apathy has caused a decline in our membership and we need students that will take a greater interest in their culture. We are in the formative stages of rebuilding our club, and we welcome anyone who is interested in the Latin American culture to join us. We are trying to include all Latin American cultures. We speak English at our meetings; however, most of our members can speak Spanish."

Los Unidos has tentative plans to sponsor a dance to create interest in the club, and to help increase the club's treasury. In addition, the club would like to see a Latin American class offered at TCC. Also, the club is planning to place books in the library on Latin American culture for interested students because there are so few available at this time.

"Since our advisor, Rick Rico, has left, the club has been more or less falling apart. We need a new advisor, which is our immediate goal, plus new members so we can build our club" said Santiago.

Santiago was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and came with his parents to New York when he was two years old. While stationed at McChord Air Force Base, he decided to stay and attend TCC. He was discharged last April, and he is going to school on VA benefits.

Minority Affairs, of which Los Unidos is a part, has a work-study program that will pay for books and tuition. El Comete, a group of citizens, who are working toward helping Latin Americans, is a counselling agency for Los Unidos.

Meetings are held on Thursday at 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 15-11. Los Unidos' office is located in Building 17-A, Ext. 491. Los Unidos is for anyone, regardless of nationality, who would be interested in Latin American culture.

## Is Bookstore a "ripoff"?

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ording to Kennedy.

### Colored cards

Each section has colored cards to identify the textbooks as optional, required, or helpful. If a student is not familiar with this policy he may end up buying a book he cannot use.

"The bookstore has definite policies concerning the return of books," Ms. Kennedy said. Books can be returned until three weeks after the beginning of the quarter. The full price will be refunded if a cash register receipt, drop slip, or withdrawal slip is presented. After three weeks 60% of the purchase price will be refunded.

### School not free

"Part of the problem is that students have been going to school for 12 years free. Their parents essentially bought paper and pens and the schools provided the books. A new student confronted with the cost of textbooks for the first time is going to wonder if they are worth that price," she said.

"We are a bookish bookstore, not a variety store that pushes puppy dogs and toothpaste. We do offer as many services to the students as we're allowed. Food stamps are sold here as well as postage. We tried for magazines and a facility for cashing travelers checks but were denied that privilege.

### Inexpensive art

"We carry a good inexpensive variety of art supplies. Our art supplies are less expensive than the various outlets about the city," Kennedy said. Many people in the community come here to buy their supplies even though they may be taking art classes somewhere else."

Art students agree that their supplies are more than reasonably priced at the TCC bookstore. The art students are allowed a 10% discount as TCC students and find it is less expensive to buy their supplies at the bookstore.

### Difficult to cure

The used book situation is probably the most symptomatic of the store's disorders and the most difficult to cure, Kennedy said. "In the fall quarter when we have had time to deal with big used book dealers, we can accommodate the most students. "We certainly are trying."

According to Evans, the state campus bookstores are in critical condition but he has had "more pleasant experiences with the TCC bookstore than any other he has dealt with."



# Prisoner coalition wants to be useful

by Doug O'Connor

*useful. adj.*

*that can be used to advantage; serviceable; helpful; beneficial; advantageous; often, having practical utility.*

"The only way we can utilize our past is to keep people from winding up the way we did. This the only way we can be useful. I've spent over 20 of my 58 years in prison. I'd like to show everybody that is spite of what I've been through, I can still be useful."

To Jack Reardon, Vice-President of the Student-Prisoner Coalition at Tacoma Community College, the word "useful" is his outlook on life.

Nick Michas, State Coordinator for Prisoner's Coalitions in Washington, an ex-convict himself, agrees with Reardon. "Our main thrust is to get people out of prison and onto the college campus. The second thing is to support them, emotionally and academically, and to make sure that they stay on campus."

### Need interest

The main problem which has faced Student-Prisoners Coalition, according to Michas and Reardon, has been getting people from TCC interested and willing to get convicts on campus.

"We have 19 people from Shelton, Walla Walla, and Monroe prisons that have expressed a desire to come to TCC", stated Michas. "But McNeil Penitentiary, in particular, tries to send its prisoners back to the area where they were originally busted or from."

"We are trying to get them out of a crime-oriented environment into something productive. We all have to lean on each other in order to help each other out."

Emphasizing that prisoners from Purdy Treatment Center and McNeil Penitentiary are currently enrolled at TCC, Michas urges TCC students to become involved in the movement.

### ... and contributions

"We are desperately in need of contributions, both financially and through support. It would cost a person just \$8.50 to get a convict registered and his financial aid application processed. This expense has to be paid before the con could even consider coming to this campus. He just has to be shown the way. We have to get rid of prejudice towards prisoners and ex-cons." (The SPC is presently running over on its state-funded grants budget). "We have received support from community and church groups, but we still need individual sponsors

and tutors. Any kind of help would be appreciated."

Mr. Michas explained in detail how an interested student could help the SPC.

"We would like interested TCC students to have a two quarter commitment. The first quarter involves orientating and bringing prisoners on campus. The second quarter the students go to actual jails and give these people alternatives to prison. We want to give them a second chance before their first chance is up."

### Peer counseling

"Generally, we push peer counseling. These people go by the examples we (ex-cons) set."

What type of student can help the SPC?

"You have to know how to handle hassles," commented Michas. "You have to show the convicts that you are a serious person. We do not 'mother' people. And you must commit yourself to honestly working with them. We don't help people; we show them access."

Pointing out the fact that it is a "Student-Prisoners' coalition, he added, "We want to establish a plateau where both of these groups can grow from each other."

### Trusting

Michas commented that getting close to the convicts would almost guarantee a certain amount of trust, especially coming from ex-convicts.

"If there is a black convict we want to reach, we will send a black ex-convict out to talk to him. The same goes for other ethnic backgrounds, gay prisoners, and women prisoners. "You have to unify yourself so that you can build into a movement. This is essentially what we are trying to do."

Mickey Zimmerman, from Purdy Treatment Center, and President of Student Prisoners Coalition, stated that she has run into problems as far as unified education is concerned.

### Education problem

"The prisons aren't sufficiently providing the right type of education. All the counseling is done within the prison by prison employees. And those of us who do go to TCC have no time to converse with out teachers during the day. We have to be back at a certain time and we only have an hour of free time. There is no way to communicate with them concerning grade problems, because we don't get a chance to personally talk to them." (One exception she noted was SPC faculty advisor Bob Adams, and other faculty members the men and women have

been in contact with).

Reardon feels that unity as well as usefulness is important to all cons and ex-cons.

"All I've done all my life is steal. The only way we can be unified is if we work together, because we know each other. No one here can "Pull a fast one" on either teachers or education. Not all non-convicts are dumb. A lot of convicts don't realize this."

### We appreciate . . .

"But this also works both ways. We appreciate certain things that others don't. Pleasing attitudes mean a lot to us. When the sun shines we feel good."

Michas and Reardon also emphasized that a large cause of many "criminal" problems was the present prison system.

"We have to change the penal system for ourselves," stated Michas. "No one else can do this for us. This is an all encompassing program which involves the rich, the poor, and sexual oriented persons, all ethnic and minority backgrounds, every category."

"Any laws or anything that is beneficial to convicts help ex-convicts and the community in general. Anything convicts do for felons and ex-felons directly or indirectly helps them." (Michas added that the SPC is also working on a program to help military prisoners in stockades, such as Ft. Lewis).

"Any time you are threatened by fellow inmates and live in prison-type conditions, then that is cruel and unusual punishment, whether it is for one day or 20 years."

Is prison as bad as it appears to be?

"I would rather jump off a bridge than go back to prison," replied Reardon. "Coming to a school like this has made me do something that I wasn't previously allowed to do. And that is to think."

### TCC not alone


Michas pointed out that there are currently SPC movements on 12 community college campuses in this state, and that volunteers are desperately needed to organize and man these offices.

Any persons wishing to give up their time and themselves can contact Reardon or Ms. Zimmerman in Building 17-A almost anytime or leave a message.

Michas also mentioned that Thomas Fairchild, an ex-convict, recently ran for the TCC student senate, indicating that ex-cons can and do want to get involved.

"We are the last of the oppressed people", stated Michas. "The thing to remind yourself of is this: Treat people like you yourself would like to be treated."

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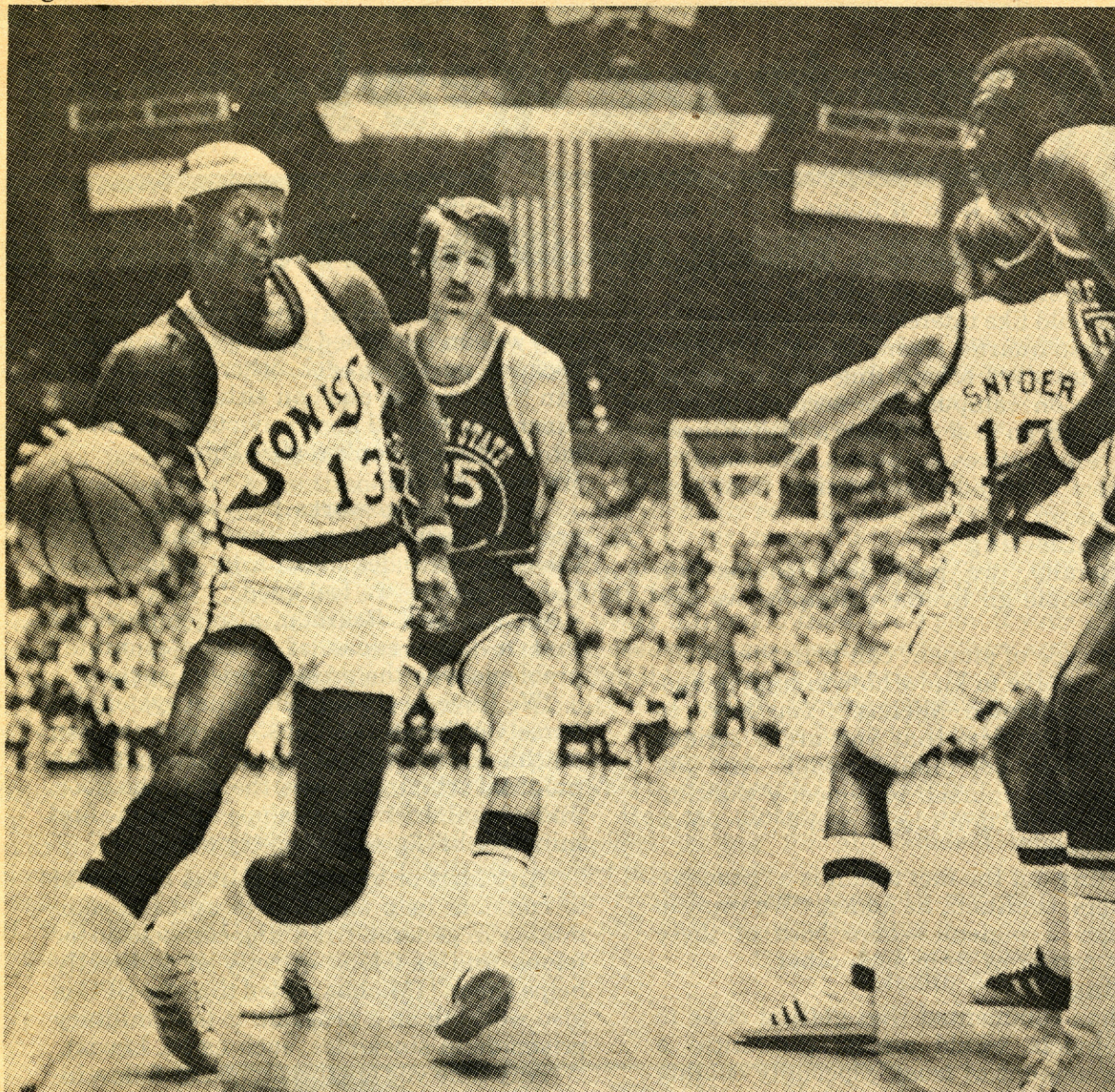
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Seattle's Slick Watts (13) dribbles the ball into the corner in a game with the Golden State Warriors. Jim Barrett pursues the quick Sonic Guard, who had added much needed life to the offense. To the right, Dick Snyder (10) and the Warrior's Cazzie Russell battle for position. Watts has been big reason for recent Seattle turnaround.

## Slow starts plague Titans; Johansen's layin smites Edmonds

by Terry Bichsel

The Titans came out of their home gym last Wednesday night with a victory, but not much more. Slow starts, more or less characteristic of Titan basketball this season, again was the culprit against Edmonds when Tacoma fought for their lives in the first half against the Tritons to come out with a mere two point deficit, 34-32.

Things seemed to see-saw back and forth in the second half. First off, the Titans looked like the team their season record of 10-1 claimed they were.

Hustling defense and good shot selection helped establish a 48-41 lead after eight minutes, but the tempo seemed to catch up with the Tacomans. The Tritons, led by 6-10 Byron Angel, managed to catch up and trail by one at 54-53.

It seemed, at this point that Tacoma had only three ballplayers on the floor, Mike

King, Gary Juniell and Steve Johansen. With the score 57-55, Don Aaron shot an eighteen foot jumper that may have gone, but a Triton held his arm. However, no foul was called. Edmonds took possession and scored.

With the game deadlocked at 57-all and 38 seconds remaining, the Titans worked for a last second shot.

Steve Johansen, Tacoma's 6-8 center decided he didn't want to wait that long. He took the ball to the hoop with 17 seconds remaining and scored.

Edmonds was unable to score and the Titans came out ahead and took sole possession of first place in the Puget Sound Region. Gary Juniell led all scorers with 20 points followed by Johansen with 14. Byron Angel had 12 for the losers.

### Titan Tipoff

## Russell's energy solution . . .

by Tom Allen  
Sports Editor

Comparatively speaking, the Pacific Northwest is not experiencing the energy crisis in the same terms of severity as the remainder of the country.

Likewise, Seattle's seven year franchise in professional basketball, the Super Sonics are not dimming any lights around the National Basketball Association.

Keeping within the restrictions and limitations of the energy dilemma, coach Bill Russell's troops are stimulating vitality through both their fans and opponents with an array of heart-throbbing, nail-biting, nerve-racking, toe-tapping, hand clapping and thumb-sucking finishes. On the surface, Seattle's immutable conclusions are reminiscent of the Harlem Globetrotters' patterned climaxes.

Night after night, the Sonics are content to blotch obvious victories and turn the contest into a squeaker, only to emerge the victors in the end. That is, more often than not.

**"We will not be dull"**

It is all in coincidence with Russel's tempting remarks at the season's beginning.

"We will not be dull, I promise you that," the 6-11 giant of former NBA wars proclaimed. And if the Sonics are to be uninteresting, it will result from an incapability in winning the tight, close ones. Such has not been the case, however. Seattle has had the fortune to win a large bulk of those fan-chilling dramas.

## athletics

The grandeur of all the Seattle Coliseum festivities appears to intrigue the audience. Seattle's Sonics are ranked third in the league in total attendance, placed behind the perennial pacesetters, the New York Knicks and Los Angeles Lakers. But the Sonics are enjoying the biggest increase of any club, demonstrating Russell's charisma and winning history.

But the fans would much rather see Seattle win one of those so-called "laughers," instead of repeatedly retorting to the pressure cooker. Granted, the Sonics have proved themselves capable of winning the close ones, but why not take an easy one, now and then.

In their past 15 games dating up to and including the January 9 win over Kansas City-Omaha, the Sonics had won ten of them. Of those ten victories, no less than eight had ended up with a point spread of six or less points. Two of those games were sent into overtime with Seattle capping both on last second shots.

### Seattle and Bill Walton

This sudden transition has rearranged Seattle's status as far as the drafting rights to Bill Walton go. Walton, currently playing with the nation's number one college basketball squad, the UCLA Bruins, is an All-American and possibly the greatest college player of all time. When the NBA draft comes around, the team with the worst record in both conferences will flip a coin for the rights to Walton, obviously the first round draft pick.

For a while, it appeared that Seattle was the leading candidate for the 6-11 giant from La Mesa, California. With frequent losing streaks, Seattle might have decided to go for Walton and submit this season to an early retirement.

But Russell made some changes. For one he switched Spencer Haywood back to forward, a position where he can exploit his many offensive tools more effectively. Also, he inserted Slick Watts, a name which implies he might have been inherited from the electric company, into the starting lineup as a guard. Watts' accomplishments have been numerous. His quickness has added life and movement to an otherwise stagnant Sonic offense. On defense, Watts' aggressiveness converts to many Seattle steals.

Two other important ingredients have been the starting of 6-9 Jim Fox at the center and Kennedy McIntosh at forward. Both are adequate offensive players, but both are fundamentally blessed with better than average rebounding and defensive abilities.

Suddenly, instead of subtly anticipating the acquisition of Walton, the Sonics can focus their attempts on making the playoffs for the first time in their seven year existence. And if these attempts seem remote or futile, the Sonics can rely on an energy boost.

After all, Bill Russell does have this thing about generating action.

And he isn't use to losing energy or ball games.

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**Up season mark to 12-2**

# Tacoma tripped by Coubabes, slip past Gators

by Steve Erickson

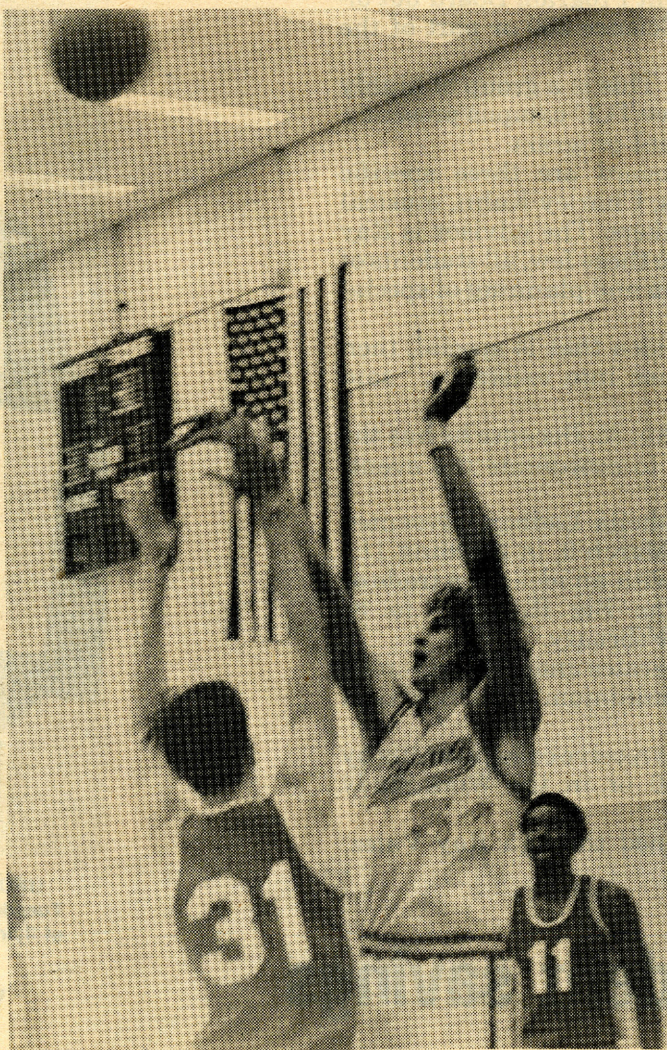
Tacoma, owner of the Northwest Community College Conferences highest won-lost percentage, had their eight-game basketball win streak ended last Monday night against the powerful Washington State University JV squad 88-78. The previous Saturday the TCC cagers had strung up a 12-1 season record, when they won a crucial game from Green River 68-59. That win also upped their Puget Sound Region leadership to a 7-0 mark.

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	League		Season	
	W	L	W	L
Tacoma	7	0	12	1
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Green River	4	3	8	8
Bellevue	3	3	6	9
Everett	2	4	4	10
Seattle Central	1	5	4	7
Shoreline	1	5	1	13
Skagit Valley	0	6	4	9

The Titans will now set their sights on Everett when they play them tomorrow night to finish off the first half of the season. That will be the third of five straight contests on the road for TCC.

In the tough loss to the Coubabes, Tacoma had a height advantage and used it effectively in outrebounding them by an overwhelming 54-36 margin. That alone, though didn't determine the outcome of the



final score, as the Titans nine-point halftime lead dwindled to one in the late going. Consequently, the WSU JV's used speed to make up the height difference and outscored TCC 14-3 in those last minutes.

Newcomer Don Aaron, a guard, led the Titan charge hitting on 7 of 14 shots and finishing with 20 points. Forward Maynard Brown missed 11 of 16 shots, and Gary Juniell, a guard, only scored on 4 of 12 from the field. In all, the Titans managed 40 percent of their floor shots, while the WSU Jayvee's fast break gave them a 50 percent clip.

When TCC went to Auburn it had to be known that they were in for a battle. The Gators, who had lost five of their last six, needed a win. It just didn't happen as the Titans, held in check throughout the first half, finally opened up a halftime lead of 38-27. Green River battled back to within five points three times, the last with two minutes left on the clock. Steve Johansen, a 6-9 center, had 14 rebounds with 14 markers, Brown had 12 retrieves and 11 points. Other scores included Aaron and Juniell with 16 apiece.

Upcoming "biggies" for the Titans following tomorrow night's game will be a replay with Coastal Division Leader Olympic, and a revenge battle with the WSU frosh at home.

**Next?**

## Challenge impeaches Senate

Bulletin—(DP)—It was billed as the game of the year. That special dream contest, the first of its kind.

The COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE against the ASTCC in battle of wits, brawn and fight coupled with scratching, bumping and running. And when last Monday's dream match was over, the CHALLENGE won not only the game 34-28, but an understanding from all TCC students that the newspaper staff is a better basketball team than the SENATE.

As is their custom, the top rated COLLEGIATE CHALLENGERS made quick work of their basketball adversaries, jumping to an 18-8 first half advantage. After a slight ASB comeback after intermission in which they closed within four points, the CHALLENGE returned to the court and disposed of any upset talk with an array of fast-breaking, hoop stuffing and board thrashing brand of basketball. Although the final score was only 34-28, the CHALLENGE must have easily won by at least fifty, the exact score is unknown since official scorer Judy Gomez, who is by the way the ASTCC President, destroyed the records immediately after the game.

The game, which featured both guys and gals playing for both squads was the first meeting between the two undefeated powers, ranked one-two in the Associated Press standings.

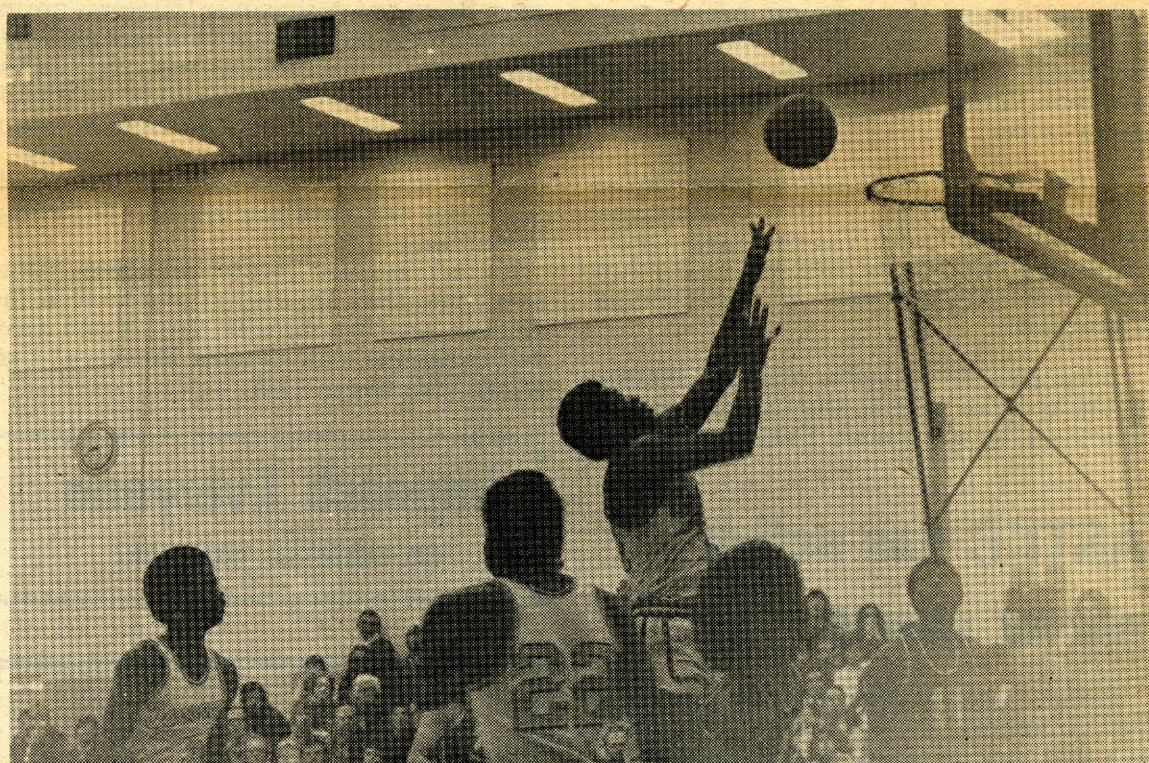
At the start, things looked bad for the CHALLENGE, as the pesky SENATE staff outmanned the newspaper gang two to one in team size. Appearing to have their work cut out for them, the CHALLENGERS started 6-4 Tom Allen and 5-10 Ted Irwin at guards, 5-4 Tom Pantley at center and Val Jones and Cindy Fenton at forwards, utilizing their only reserve, ambitious journalism student Tom Knapper.

But the tireless CHALLENGERS opened the game with pinpoint shooting, and ran the score up on their entirely befuddled opponents.

Statistics show that 5-10 guard Irwin handed out a season high 37 assists while Allen and Pantley each took the scoring laurels. Jones 5-2 and Fenton 5-2 controlled the boards with 26 rebounds apiece.

As to a rematch, the senate has promised revenge for their disappointing showing. In three weeks time, the exact date to be determined, the two teams will collide again in the TCC gym.

As for now, the SENATE will have to be content with second best.



Tacoma's Steve Johansen (54), upper left, lifts a short jump shot over an Edmond's defender just before halftime in the Jan. 9 meeting of the league's two undefeated squads. Tacoma won the highly contested game, 59-57. Above, Maynard Brown (in air) attempts to tip in two points as Gary Juniell (22) looks on. Photos by Bill Keliher.

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## Ad hoc program board provides ideas for student enjoyment

They call themselves The Student Program Board but officially they are either Political Science 250 or part of the Work-Study Program.

Sound stuffy? Well, they aren't. This is a group of highly motivated students who want to see TCC campus present a successful and varied entertainment program.

Within the structure of the board are three specific coordinators: Larry Francis, films; Charley Kuhn, musical entertainment; Dave Sarver, speakers. The advisor is Ray Valez. Membership is not limited to these few, all students of TCC can participate in the selection and planning of special events.

"If someone comes up with an idea that is special, then another type of coordinator comes into existence," said Valez.

Vince Stewart wants a dance, Jan. 25. Because he has the willingness, drive and reliability to coordinate the event, TCC will have a dance.

Another special coordinator, Soheila Ladbon, presented an idea for a Renaissance Feast, March 9, in Building 11.

Dave Sarver came to the board with an idea for a trade or swap fair, tentatively titled "The Big Rip-Off," to be presented the first Wednesday in February.

This "semi-ad hoc committee" operates under the rationale that people function best with a minimum of hierarchical structure.

The Program Board members can receive college credits by enrolling in Political Science 250 or in the Work-Study program.

More information can be obtained through Ray Valez, Building 17-A, ext. 491.

## Speaker Aho a saucer believes



UFO's and ESP are among the topics Wayne Aho will speak on Tuesday, January 22 at noon in bldg. 15-1. Above he holds pictures of flying saucers over Honolulu. Photo by Terry Bichsel

## Discount card is student savings

What are in those white envelopes distributed around the campus? Arouse your curiosity, take one, open it, and find a bonanza. Enclosed in the envelopes are application forms for "Students Only" discount cards.

These are the same cards issued before Christmas last year, but they now include the faculty and staff. The cards sell for \$5, are good for 12 months, and will save one at least 10% on purchases at participating businesses.

According to Claudia Barnes, student publicity chair person, the firms have been approved by the Better Business Bureau,

and are located around the Seattle-Tacoma area. Barnes says that over 150 stores are involved in the plan now, and others are waiting to join. With a card, one will receive a list of those participating, and will be notified of additions. The variety of services is extensive, but does not include grocery stores.

"The benefit to you is that your cash purchases will save you money," according to Barnes.

If you cannot locate of these white envelopes, they are always available at the student activity office in 15-8. If you have any questions, call Claudia Barnes at Ext. 491 or visit her in 17-A.

## ASTCC has active winter quarter

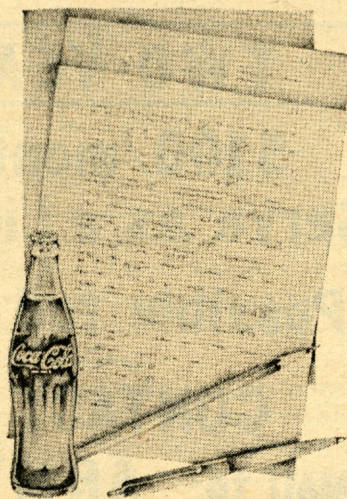
For the student body the new quarter is just beginning, but for the ASTCC Senate the last quarter never really ended. Work continues on the many important projects which were started in the fall, and President Judy Gomez is confident that this will be a very successful quarter. Representatives were elected in late October, and since that time steady progress has been made. For the benefit of new students, the Senate is comprised of: Judy Gomez, president; Hal Smith, Gary Huntington, Jerry Cordoza, Jan Stone, and Patty Honan representatives; and Bob Jacques and Jerry Winch, alternates. Each has been working on such matters as final day care plans, improving registration procedures, and investigating bookstore policies. One area of particular concern is the strengthening of campus relationships, and a Student Involvement Center has been set up in Building 15-15 for this purpose. It will provide background information, directions and assistance to students who have ideas or problems relating to the campus and its activities. Still another project of the Senate is the establishment of a united lobby effort to work for the college. Any interested student should contact ASTCC advisor Ray Miller for information.

Student representatives are looking forward to a good quarter. "The amount of maturity and responsible awareness in student government this year is amazing," says Gomez. "The pace is fast, the action is concrete and the projects are rolling."

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