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## AMVETS aim to save vets paperwork

By Brian Barker

Lee Voyles, Service Director for AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Viet Nam), explained that they are financed by Washington State to serve veterans. Voyles said, "We are not Veterans Administration employees, we are an organization of veterans to secure or maintain people's benefits. AMVETS acts as a representative for veterans and will assist people with appeals or paper work."

Voyles expressed the complications that can be involved with V.A. paper work and he said, "People don't know what to put on claim forms." He expressed that many people don't know how to deal with such things as medical records and discharges. He explained that AMVETS is willing to go over records with people who find it difficult. He said, "We see about 1,200 to 1,500 veterans a month that ask to have claims up-dated; about 85 percent of them get approved. We are here to help veterans avoid some of the pitfalls. What we have most of is experience."

Voyles explained that most of

the Veteran complaints are involved with the slowness of the application claims. He said, "It used to take two and one-half months, but now the claims can take six or seven months." He explained that many problems with educational claims derive from the timeliness of payments; "It is not always the V.A.'s fault, sometimes it's the school's fault or the person's fault because they didn't get the claims in on time. People wait too long to file applications." If the V.A. drags their feet, I'll get into their files and find out the problem."

Generally, AMVETS assists veterans with claims such as: upgrading discharges from a less than honorable discharge, pensions, comprehensive claims, up-dating claims for veterans families and finances.

Dean Frank Brown, who is in charge of veteran affairs at TCC said, "If veterans have a V.A. claim problem then I can only refer them to Seattle." The college V.A. only works with education.

There is only one AMVETS office in Tacoma, and it is located at 3820 So. Union.



Photo by Brian Barker

Lee Voyles, AmVets Service Director said, "AmVets acts as a field representative for veterans and will assist people with appeals or paperwork."

## Look forward to enrollment changes

By Howard Harnett

Enrollment is a problem that students in Washington have become increasingly aware of. People who have been in touch with the media know that the root of the problem is an overall state deficit resulting in a decreased budget for colleges and universities statewide. Subsequently schools can't support as many students, meaning that people who were

able to find an education in the past may find themselves left out in the cold, now.

To concerned students at TCC here is what it boils down to: According to Dean of Instruction, David Habura, enrollment will be on a first come, first serve basis. "Those who register first will be here, and those who register last won't be. Returning students

have a better chance because they have a chance to register sooner," he said.

Will there be an end to the open-door policy? This is a question that comes to the mind of many students. Before answering this question, it is important that the term "open-door" be defined. Habura explains it as meaning placing admission standards on

students, such as having to pass a test before being admitted. So referring to the decrease Habura stated, "No, it is not closing the open-door. We will not set admission standards on students."

One final issue that has been of some concern is the tuition fee for next year. When asked to comment on this Habura stated that he was not sure yet but "it looks like it will go up."

## Board to adopt tenure rights

The TCC Board of Trustees will adopt permanent rules concerning faculty tenure rights and responsibilities at a special meeting, March 17 at 7 p.m. in the John Binns Room. All interested persons may submit views, arguments and data to the college in writing prior to Monday, March 9 and/or orally at the meeting.

## Tenure bill debated in house committee

The House Higher Education Committee held a hearing Monday on HB 362 — the tenure bill. HB 362 makes a single change in the present tenure law. It would, if enacted, change the probationary period from the present three years to five years. The committee heard from the proponents—the management—and from the opponents—the faculty.

Wes Ruff, a staff member for the Washington Education Association (WEA), argued against the bill. He spoke for

Milred McBride, a Yakima Valley College instructor who is president of WEA's Association for Higher Education. Ruff

contended that the present eight quarters of evaluation prior to a decision provides administrators with ample time. During that period the instructor teaches 25 to 30 classes.

Margaret Hays, a trustee from District Five and president of the Trustees Association of Community Colleges, supported the bill. She

told the committee that the financial side of tenure needs to be reviewed. Granting tenure to a young instructor represents a major decision, perhaps worth \$700,000. "A five-year probationary period would allow us adequate time for making an important decision," she said. When asked whether tenure helped education, Hays replied, "Yes."

Two presidents, Dr. John Casey of Seattle and Dr. Robert Stauffer of Fort Steilacoom,

supported the bill. Dennis Eagle, speaking on behalf of the Council of Representatives and Presidents, also spoke in support of the bill. He suggested that tenure may have outlived its usefulness and that the legislature should review the issue.

Mike Ryherd, testifying for the Washington Federation of Teachers, opposed HB 362. "Why should the instructor be made to suffer because management cannot make a decision?" he asked. He

concluded that the three-year probationary period is adequate. "Do not prolong the agony."

Ryherd drew a distinction between tenure and collective bargaining. Tenure, he said, is not a substitute for collective bargaining.

No committee action was taken. The bill will be brought up for action at a later date. (Source: SBCCE Legislative News.)

courtesy Dan Small

# 'Look, it's sunny!' - miracles happen in Tacoma

By Mara Morgen

Last week I was sick. My head was plugged up; my nose was all red. I kept sneezing, and generally looked like the "before" in a cold remedy commercial.

But then a strange thing happened. I opened my eyes Saturday morning and what did I see? Golden sunshine! The birds were singing, the lawn mowers revving up . . . and you know, my cold disappeared. Yea, verily . . . it was a miracle. Right here in Tacoma, Washington. And I lifted up my arms and I shouted "Hallelujah!"

I was not the only one affected by this climatic change. Driving down the street, I saw bare skin by the yards! Bicyclers were out in force, joggers in whole herds, very one of them reveling in the brightness and

warmth we hadn't experienced in months.

And I could see people coming out of their homes, looking up at the sky, blinking, and rubbing their eyes. They called excitedly to each other, "Look, it's sunny!"

The local merchants had a run on sunglasses and tanning oils. Ice cream was a great seller too.

Kids were shouting and playing in the streets where before only dismal rain puddles had collected.

The whole day, the whole weekend, was a glorious celebration of life. Such a little thing, a day of sunshine. Quite ordinary in Tucson or Honolulu. Only in Tacoma do web-footed, prune-fingered residents really appreciate the wonder of a February sunny day.



## Counselor Palo aids foreign students in adjustment to U.S.A.

By Julie Forrest

To many of TCC's foreign students, Foreign Student Counselor Mary Palo has been a big help. Palo has counseled many foreign students during their trials and errors, as they learn to live American lives.

Palo helps the students with any problems they have—educational planning, transferring to a university, personal troubles, or adjusting to American life.

She also helps foreign students become aware of things Americans take for granted, such as the need for auto insurance, where to find medical help and how to find housing. "I guess what I hope for is that they will come to me with any questions they have," Palo said.

Palo learns about the cultures and customs of the students while advising them. "It (counseling) has been a way for me to travel—through the students," said Palo.

Foreign students are required to return home when their visas expire, and Palo is concerned with helping them achieve their educational goals before returning. "They've come to TCC for something," she said, "I want them to return home with what they came for."

However, some students do become United States citizens. Others get an education, then bring their families to the United States for an education

before returning home.

Palo feels some TCC instructors often stereotype students by their country instead of seeing them as individuals. "I'll tell you something else," she said, leaning forward with an intent gaze. "International students really want to be friends with Americans, but it's difficult sometimes because they feel they're looked upon as being different." But America was founded on different cultures, Palo explained, so she treats foreign students as she would like to be treated if she were in a foreign country.

Palo has taught every school grade during her 30 years of teaching, and has counseled for 21 years. She has been a TCC counselor since the college opened in 1965. "I've learned to work with the students and listen to them very, very carefully," said Palo.

Palo teaches an informal Human Relations class where students can talk about their social problems (such as shyness), discuss issues (such as religion, money and personal priorities in life), or just speak out about anything on their mind.

Although only one Caucasian was in the class of about 15 students, Palo is available as a teacher or counselor throughout the week to TCC students of any race, color or creed.

### letters to the editor

## No apology necessary for Iranian editorial

To the Editor:

I take exception to the letter which appeared in the Challenge Feb. 13, 1981. The writer stated that "she was apologizing for an article written by a member of the Challenge staff in the Jan. 30 issue."

First, the writer took the article completely out of context. At no time did the Challenge writer "lump all the Iranian people together." The article consistently mentioned some of the leaders currently ruling Iran.

Second, the Challenge writer specifically stated that "there are still rational thinking

groups in Iran." The fact that a dialogue must be maintained with these groups was also emphasized.

Third, at no time, and I emphasize, at no time, did the Challenge writer mention Iranian students. The writer of the letter Feb. 13 should actually apologize for her introduction of Iranian students into the discussion. It was she, and she alone who injected this issue in the first place.

Fourth, our society is not God-fearing or Christian. We are made up of all races and religions. Iranians are not a race, they are a nationality of a

country, and an ideology of a nation. It seems that she is the one lumping Americans all on one side and Iranians on the other.

Finally, may I suggest that the writer learn to accept news as it is written, and not as she projects it to be. It may also help if she read the 1st Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Harvey Salzberg

(Editor's note: The Challenge does not necessarily condone or condemn any point of view. We are a forum of opinions without endorsement)

## Former teacher now heads Allied Health

By Vickie Abrahamson

"I see it from the standpoint of change," stated Shirley Johnson, the new acting division chairman of the Allied Health Division in regard to her new job. "I enjoy being able to view the college and the students from a different perspective than that of an instructor."

As a first time administrator, she also sees it as an "exciting challenge during a time of crisis on campus" due to changes in staff organization. "The job, in itself, is a demanding one."

After nearly five years on the nursing staff here at TCC, she is

enjoying her new role as an administrator. She views the faculty and staff in Allied Health as "highly competent and professional—we work as a team."

She stressed the "high quality and effective programs designed for the students." Out of a total of nine divisions, five programs will remain in effect next year: the nursing and paramedic programs, the medical records, radiology and the respiratory therapy tech. programs.

There is a possibility that the physical education department may be consolidated under

Allied Health, but no final plans have been made. Johnson noted that "in her new position she is more aware of changes and the potential changes to be made."

She is a graduate of the University of Washington with a Bachelors and Masters Degree in nursing. She is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Along with her two teenage daughters, she sails, hikes and skis—"That's why I like being a native Washingtonian."

Summing up her feelings for her new position, she enthusiastically stated, "I'm learning new things everyday!"

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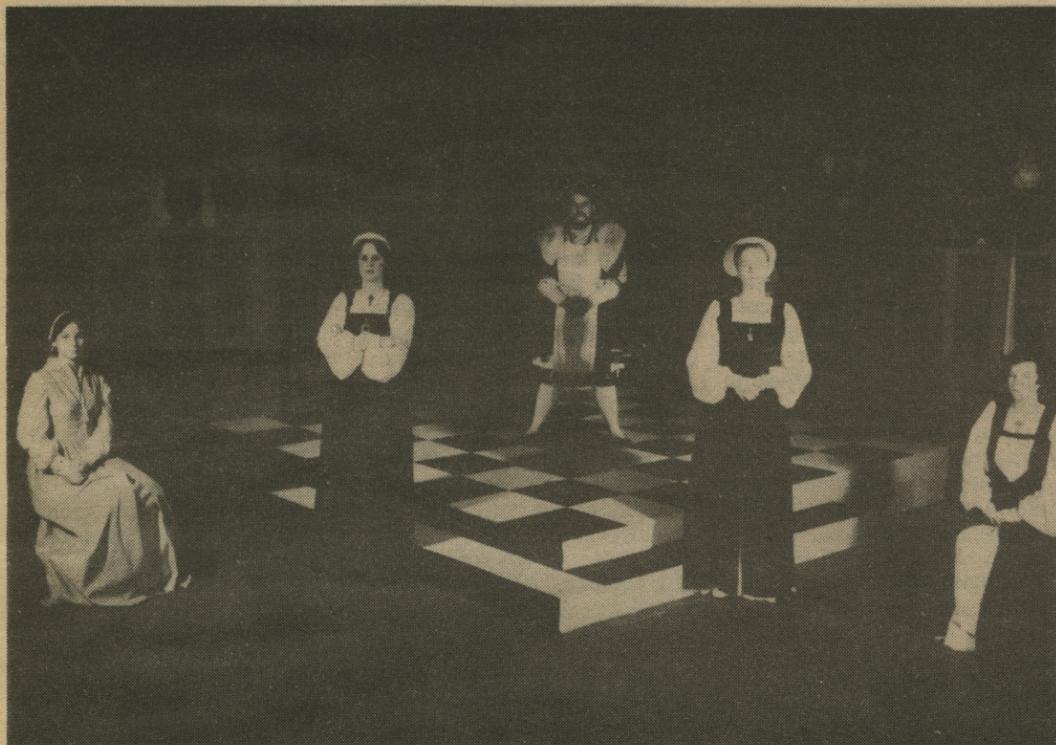
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# Royal Gambit - a fantastic production



The Real World Players, hosted by Tacoma Little Theater, present 'Royal Gambit' by Hermann Gressieker through March 14. For more information call the TLT box office at 272-2481.

By John Ellison

Marvellously abnoxious and abrasive Henry the Eighth and his six wives are at the Tacoma Little Theatre.

The play is "Royal Gambit" presented by The Real World Players under the direction of Gerry Ianuzzi, hosted by TLT, and is the strongest play offered thus in their season.

The play is involved with Henry the VIII (Patrick O'Leary), one type of modern man, and the aspects of his modern age. His six wives: Catherine of Aragon (Kathrine Russell), Anne Boleyn (Debbie Cox), Jane Seymour (Wendi Naplin), Anne of Cleves (Scarlett McCann), Kathryn Howard (Bonnie Hicks), and Kate Parr (Loretta Cenna) help Henry through the play. History illustrates both his ability to capture the hearts of women and be totally insensitive to their feelings and needs.

By far, the strongest role is played by O'Leary. Shouting, raging, stalking and reflecting about his power and his wives, pull people into the play and into history. The play brings to life the power and the absurdity of the great Tudor.

Of the wives, the strongest is

Anne Boleyn with Debbie Cox in the role. Boleyn seems to have the most power over Henry while she is alive and in his favor. Henry's attention soon drifts, but the audience is left with a strong feeling for their relationship and the cold termination of her life.

And all the relationships are the same hard-hitting roles involving the audience...a fantastic production. The direction of Ianuzzi makes the show so powerful. He moves his people like chess pieces. With the stage painted, in part like a chess board, the actors take positions around the stage like they were being moved, yet they are placing themselves. Their lives seem so separate, yet wish to be so close.

The play is strong in its simplicity. There are no props for the actors to complicate their dialogue with. They merely move under various colored lighting about their chess board, placing the emphasis of the play on their ability to deliver their lines in keeping with history and character; not an easy task.

"Royal Gambit" is an excellent production and a good entertainment value for the admission cost.

## End-of-quarter celebrated with music

By Janice Atzen

The TCC music department's largest, most impressive and enthusiastic groups of students for years will soon perform in their winter end-of-quarter concert on March 11. The concert is to include the TCC Choir and Clef Dwellers, directed by Gene Nelson, and the TCC Jazz Ensemble, directed by Jorgen Kruse.

Nelson, director of choral activities for TCC the past five years, said, "I am impressed with the general attitude of this group. Their interest is very encouraging. It is, by far, the best choir I've had since I've been here."

The TCC Choir has been invited to attend this year's Olympic College Invitational festival in Bremerton this May, when they will perform three numbers. Nelson said, "The festival will be singing for comment—no ratings. It is more the idea of sharing and having someone else evaluate your work, with the sociability of the trip as a choir."

The quality of musicianship of this year's choir seems to be attributed to not only the large number of students attracted to the music department, but also to the number of music scholarship students who chose

to study at TCC this year (the largest number Nelson has had under his direction here).

The 20 scholarship students currently enrolled in choir are also members of the Clef Dwellers, a TCC musical vocal-dance group (choreographer, Jomarie Carlson), which was originally a madrigal group several years ago.

The Clef Dwellers perform approximately three times a week at area high schools, benefit functions, service and social clubs and churches. On March 9 at PLU they will be performing 'live' with the TCC Jazz Ensemble, doing two jazz numbers arranged by Jorgen Kruse.

These students won their scholarships through the Summer Arts Workshop at TCC, where they were recruited as high school students to work and perform in a musical. Organized and directed by Nelson, the workshop is now in its fourth year with this summer's planned musical to be "Annie Get Your Gun."

In their upcoming winter concert, the Clef Dwellers will perform "Everything's Comin' Up Roses" - arranged by Hawley Ades, "I Feel a Song Comin' On" by Jimmy McHugh, Dorothy Fields and George Oppenheimer, "Cause

It's Luv!" by John Clark and Hugh Stuart, "Dancing Down Memory Lane" - arranged by

Gene Grier and Lowell Everson, "The Winds of the 60's" - arranged by John Coates, Jr., and a medley of Broadway hits arranged by Roger Emerson: "What I Did For Love" from A Chorus Line, "Tommorrow" from Annie, "Who Can I Turn To" arranged by Carlton Young, "Hello, Dolly!" from Hello, Dolly! and "Mame" from Mame.

The TCC Choir will open the winter evening concert with "Blessing, Glory and Wisdom" by J.S. Bach and arranged by Peter D. Tkach (quartet performance by Lisa Stell, Lisa Slater, John Church and Al Aplin), "Cantate Domino" by Heinrich Schutz, "Hymn to David" by John Ness Beck, "Ain't Got Time to Die" by Hall Johnson (solo by Warren Coomber), and "If You Believe in Music" by D. Fry (solos by Lisa Stell, Carol Sundquist, Reggie Davis and Warren Coomber).

The winter end-of-quarter concert will be performed Wednesday, March 11 at 8 p.m. in the TCC Little Theatre, Bldg. 3 (12th St. entrance). Admission is free and the public is welcome.

## 'Moving Pictures' is triumph for listening

By Henry Jay

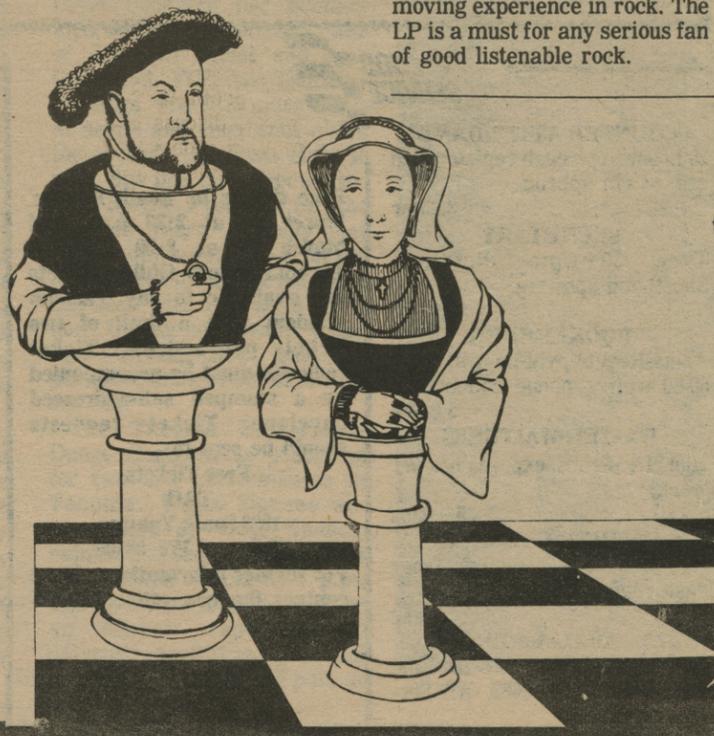
Not since "2112" has producer Terry Brown and the power trio from Canada developed such a masterpiece of production on vinyl. Unlike so many rock LP's of today, this new album has body and creativity, so lacking in today's record market. Rush gives you more than the hard-driving, lead guitar or pounding bass that is so prevalent to many rock acts of today.

While "Permanent Wave's" their last LP had commercial success with hits like

"Freewill" and "Spirt of the Radio," "Moving Pictures" is a triumph for fm listening (if you can find an fm radio station that will get away from the am sound that is played on Tacoma-Seattle fm stations).

Unlike most artists today, Rush produces, creates and writes their own material. The power trio is led by the writing of bass-guitarist Geddy Lee and ax-man Alex Lifeson, while stick-man Neil Peart provides those beautiful lyrics.

"Moving Pictures" isn't gut-bustin' rock-n-roll, but it is, from beginning to end, a moving experience in rock. The LP is a must for any serious fan of good listenable rock.



# Royal Gambit

Real World Players at Tacoma Little Theatre

# Co-op Ed offers job training with college credit

By Vickie Abrahamson

"It's a pretty good opportunity!" stated Jon Field, who works as a drafts person employed by A.A. Security. "It makes you more aware of your responsibility to the company and to yourself to become more successful. It helped me get the position I hold now and made me more aware of my own goals."

For those students who may be interested in "earning while they learn" (and who isn't), take note. The Cooperative Education Program here on campus may be just the boost you need. It offers an individualized program based on independent study with job training and college credits being earned all at the same time. Sound good so far?

The Cooperative Education Program is in its third year at

TCC and with an increase of \$56,921 over last years' grant monies, it will enable the program to expand and further develop in 1981. Lillian Warnik, program director, stressed the fact that "enrollment is open and one need not wait for spring quarter to enroll."

The course involves a three-way contract between the student, the faculty and the employer. Four or five main learning objectives are pre-established and agreed on by each party. These objectives are related to furthering educational or career goals. It gives the student a chance to learn while on the job and get a better grasp on his or her abilities. The employer agrees to review and consent to the student's objectives and to meet with the faculty advisor to discuss the student's progress.

## Earn while learning'

Although some students may already have jobs that qualify, placements can be secured thru the Job Placement Office in Bldg. 2-A.

In a new arrangement with Shannon Dunn, Student Employment Specialist, new listings are sent to the Cooperative Education Office in Bldg. 9. Often when paid positions are not available,

volunteer work for a short period can offer the student the chance to acquire valuable experience and new skills while earning college credits. For example, the YMCA is currently in need of volunteers for their Adapted Aquatics Program.

Presently the Cooperative Education program is handling 125 students per quarter. Students may attend up to three quarters but are limited to 15 credits over a two year period. These credits are transferable to most four-year colleges.

Students in the program range in age from 17 to 60, and come from different backgrounds which include from little or no work experience to management positions. Because of the myriad differences in backgrounds, the faculty ad-

visor can individually help the student set up his objectives which will be designed to promote on-the-job training and which prove most useful to the student.

To sum it up, Geraldine Johnson, involved in the Indian Education Program through the Cooperative Education Program stated, "I enjoyed it, it gave me a sense of direction, there was no let up and I was encouraged all the way in my job." She also said that her advisor, Judy Kvinsland, "helped set up goals that were right for ME, and Judy also saw the program working both ways, for the student and the advisor; it was a two way street to get involved in." For more information contact Lillian Warnik, Cooperative Education Office, Bldg. 9, 756-5058.

## Reading: A key to success.

Do you know if you read well enough to succeed in College? TCC's reading lab is offering you a chance to learn how well you read. Reading well is a key to success in college work. Poor reading skills can make classwork frustrating and difficult. Reading is a skill that can be improved by training. Good reading skills can make course work easier, more fun and take less time. Also, textbook reading is a different skill than casual reading. The reading evaluation gives you important information about your present reading skills. If you find you need to improve your reading ability, there are many different courses from which to choose, such as College Skills and Power Reading.

The reading evaluation is free and takes one half hour. You may call 756-5143 or come in to the Reading Lab, Bldg. 8-2 to make an appointment for the test at one of the following times: Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:30-11:30; Mon., Wed., 2:00-4:00.

Because we are interested in your success at TCC we strongly recommend you take the reading test.

## ISO White Pass trip set

The International Students Organization (ISO) is planning a field trip to White Pass March 21-22. The group will leave TCC Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and will spend the day at a mountain village, Packwood. There will be a four-mile hike to a local lake, and a picnic lunch, weather permitting. Sunday the day will be spent skiing at White Pass with a return to TCC projected for 6-7 p.m., according to advisors Mario Faye and Robert Austin. The trip is open to all TCC students; however registration is limited to the first 20. Transportation and lodging are included; meals are separate. For more information, contact ISO President Toshiomi Maki at 565-3314.

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## Warlord's son studies at TCC

By Mike Dawson

On campus, you may have met an easy-going, nineteen-year-old Chinese who introduces himself simply with "Hi, I'm Tom." Tommy Laway, or Laway HoChung, as his family knows him, appears to be an average American teenager; he speaks English and he feels at home with American values and attitudes. But he also feels at home in the countries of Taiwan, Burma and his permanent home in Thailand.

Tom is a foreign student who has been in the U.S. since 1976 and he has seen as much of the East as most Peace Corps volunteers.

He and his family are Han Chinese. "My Dad was a warlord (military leader) in Southern China until the communist revolution in the late 40's," Tom said in an interview. "He and his troops retreated to Burma in about 1950; they left my Mom and older brother and sister behind

because no one thought that the communists would last." But the communists did last, and by 1952 Mrs. Laway knew it was time for her and her son to leave China. "My Mom and a few friends escaped a couple of years later; they left my sister with someone because they would be on foot for a long time, and if they were caught they would have been executed." (The baby left behind, now grown with a family of her own) still lives in China and is a worker in a commune, according to the few letters the family has received from her.)

After a two-week journey on foot, the family of three was reunited in Burma. There they purchased a liquor and tobacco company.

Tom was born in 1961, and the family was forced to move on again. "When I was little, the Burmese government fell to a dictatorship so we moved to Thailand," Tom remembers. "My Dad bought a tea plantation and processing plant near Chiangmai, while my brother went to Taiwan to study law." (Chiangmai is a large city in northern Thailand.)

For practical purposes the family took the Thai surname of "Srinanta" and Tom's first name was changed to "Thongdee."

Tom started grade school at an English speaking international institution for the children of ambassadors, military attaches and missionaries. He soon adopted

Thai and English to his vocabulary. Tom said, "It didn't take 'Thongdee' very long to evolve to 'Tommy' at school. I had friends from Scotland, England, France, Australia, India and the U.S. I still correspond with a girl in Scotland and one in Missoula, Montana."

Tom lived much the same kind of life in Thailand as kids in the U.S. except for the fact that the societies are much different in comparison. "We went fishing and to the movies and stuff like that," Tom said, "But you had to watch your step around town at night. Guns and booze are cheap and easy to get in the city; drug traffic is heavy too. I've witnessed a couple of "shoot outs."

When Tom graduated from the eighth grade, he had the option of continuing his education in the U.S., Australia, or England. "The Washington College Academy in Tennessee was most appealing financially" he said. "My first impression of the States was a shock though: I expected to see skyscrapers but there was nothing but cornfields."

After the ninth grade, Tom found himself with a full summer ahead of him with no place to live. "I wrote to Mrs. McNeal, my former history teacher from Thailand, and asked if I could spend the summer with her in Tacoma."

Mrs. Dorothy McNeal is a retired school teacher living in Dash Point. She gladly took

Tom in for the summer and soon both decided it would be best for Tom to live with her and attend public school in Tacoma. "It was in the summertime though," Tom recalled laughingly. "I didn't know you had weather like this."

Tom started his sophomore year at Stadium High School and made new friends right away. He lived (and still does) from money sent irregularly by his family. In the middle of his junior year Tom moved to his own apartment in the North end. "Money is a problem sometimes," he said. "When I have enough for one month, I have a good time for two weeks and then scrape until more comes."

Tom has made three trips to Thailand since he has lived in Tacoma, the last trip ending January, 1981. He is now living with a friend. Tom plans to major in political science at the University of Washington, but says "It depends on who takes me and who is the least expensive."

Tom's ambitions are to work for the United Nations some day and "help to keep Thailand on the right track." He would also like to travel to Europe. "I have some old acquaintances from school that I would like to renew," he said.

About the U.S. in general, Tom says "This country has a lot going for it, it's done wonders for me. I intended to see a lot more of it."

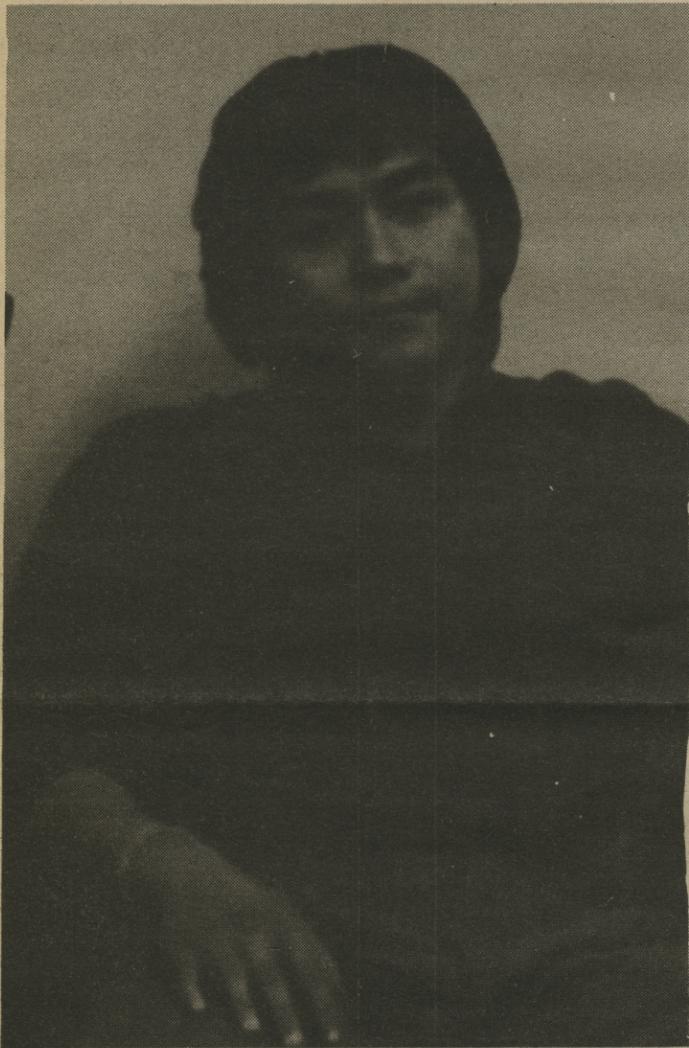


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Tom Laway speaks several languages, and has lived in three countries. He has friends worldwide, and plans to major in political science.

## Chemistry teacher also works with kids

By Rani M. Cepeda

One night a week, TCC instructor Paul Jacobsen takes charge of some 15-odd, bright-eyed, 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

Identified as "Gifted" after a battery of tests administered by the Tacoma School system, these 10 to 12-year-olds converge in a chemistry lab on the TCC campus to, in Jacobsen's words: "... learn what science is about."

The Gifted Education Program is relatively new to Tacoma. Sponsored by the Tacoma Area Council on Giftedness, a private non-profit group made up of private citizens, children were selected on the basis of scores, teacher recommendation and interest.

But giftedness aside,

Jacobsen feels "Whether you call your child gifted or not, is not as important as giving kids what they're ready for and what they're interested in learning."

Originally from Kansas City, Jacobsen graduated from the University of Illinois and Northwestern University (Chicago) with a Ph. D. in chemistry. It was 14 years ago in 1967, that he moved to Tacoma to accept a position with TCC.

Asked if he had any special training with children which would have prepared him for this special class, Jacobsen replied: "I had a couple of classes at Sunshine School, University Place." But, he added "I like them (kids). If you like a group, it makes it (teaching) easier."

## Jo Emery: Watching a dream dance

By Betty Martzall

Have you ever seen a dream dancing? Then you should watch Jo Emery and the Tacoma Performing Dance Company. Well known in the dance world, but not so well publicized, is the fact that she has taught at TCC for eight years.

Jo's ballet school is the training ground for her dancers to develop their skills to a professional level. Under Jo's choreographic instruction, the students can combine their talents and prepare themselves for a future in dance.

Jo has been dancing "As far back as I can remember." Her mother and father were a part of the entertainment world, so it seemed natural for her to start at a young age. Later she toured Europe for two years with stops in places like Paris, London, and Stockholm perfecting her art.

Because of her love of the art, she started her ballet school to help develop the talent of the young people. The Tacoma Performing Dance Company was formed thirteen years ago. Three years ago they were nationally known, with many of her students receiving scholarships and going on to professional careers.

Two examples are Dean Moss

and Bill Iha, who also happen to be former TCC students. Bill, while a student at TCC, won the fencing competition for the school in 1979.

Dean who is choreographer for the choir, was featured as the Popcorn Man in the KOMO-TV Spring Special of Boomerang.

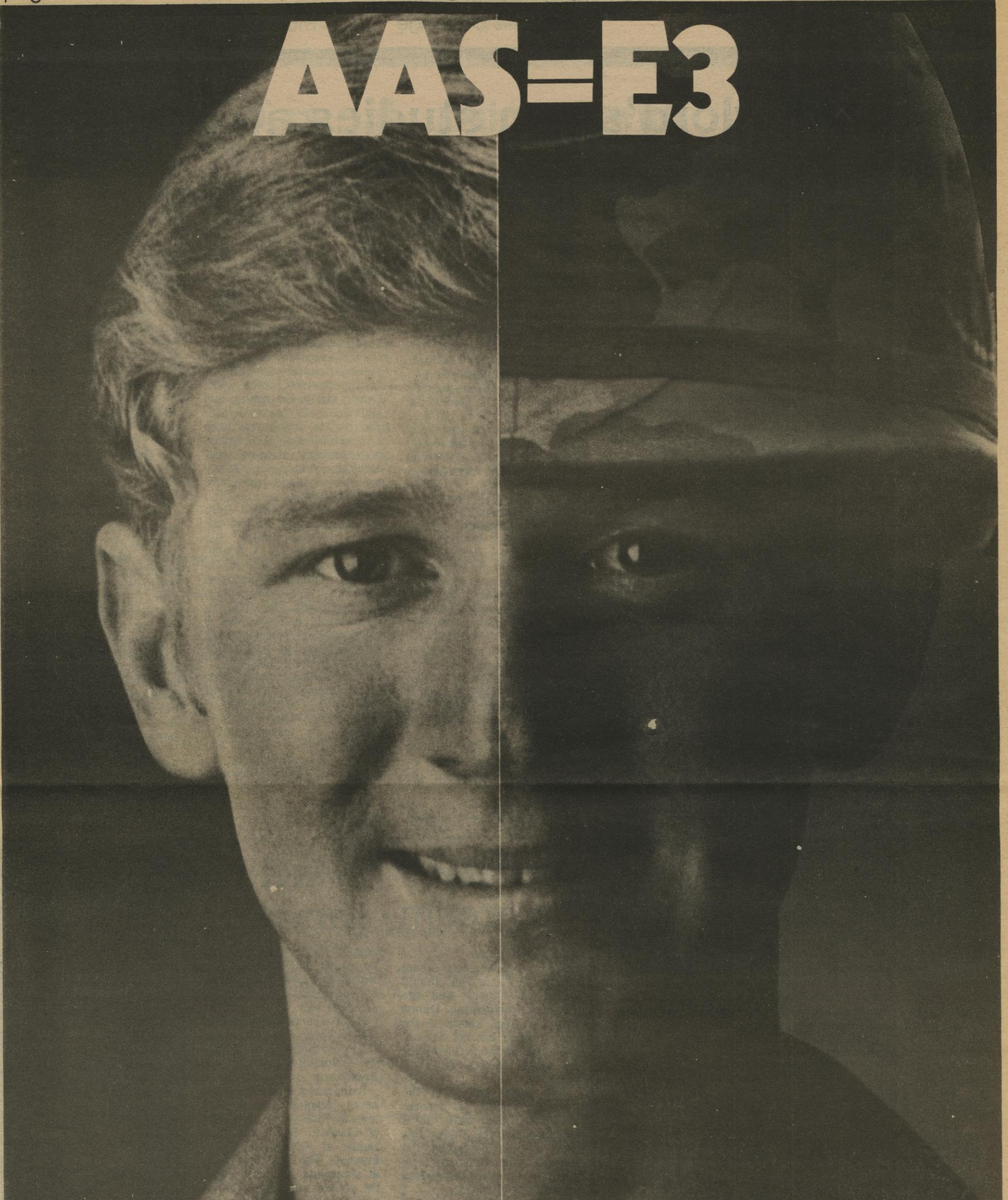
In the midst of all this she has never forgotten her primary love. Jo Emery teaches a class of Classical Ballet and Jazz Dance at TCC on Thursday evenings. The first class starts at seven and runs until eight, the second runs from eight to nine. She has also directed the TCC Spring Festivals for the last few years. "Twenty four hours a day is not enough for me to do what I love," she said. She has been with TCC eight years now. During such hectic times her husband, from past experience, knows how little he'll see her.

The Tacoma Performing Dance Company is preparing for two new performances in Tacoma. Waltz Dances accompanied by Walt Wagner, pianist, will be seen March 22 at Wilson High School at 7 p.m. The second performance will be an all-new repertory on Saturday, April 11 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, April 12 at 4 p.m. at Wilson High also.



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# Titan pitcher Dennis Werth drafted by Mariners

By George Freeman III

Dennis Werth, a Decatur High School graduate, has been selected in the fifth round of the recent baseball draft by the Seattle Mariners. Being drafted means that the M's hold the playing rights of Werth until the June draft of this year. He then could be drafted by another team or decide to stay in school another year and wait for the draft the following year.

The lanky lefthander stands 6-foot-2, weighs 180 lbs., and is mainly interested in a career in baseball. Dennis has confidence in his fast ball, curve ball, and what he calls a knuckle drop. He began his playing in Little League at age eight, but didn't throw a pitch until age 12 or 13.

Werth likes being a Titan. Having faced many of his teammates in previous competition, he feels that the team is a strong one with good potential.

His awards are many. He was named to the South Puget Sound League All-Star team, was nominated for the state all-star team, and with 18 strike outs, he has twice tied the SPSL single-game record.

In a serious tone, Werth said that with the right breaks he could play major-league baseball. Dennis also felt thankful, to Coach Webstad, for the Mariners interest.

Werth mentioned that he was in favor of the American League's designated hitter rule. It allows a pitcher to concentrate on pitching, and prevents the opposing manager from forcing a pitcher to leave the game.

When asked if there was a favorite team he would like to play for, Dennis replied what many an aspiring player at any level might say . . . "The Yankees."

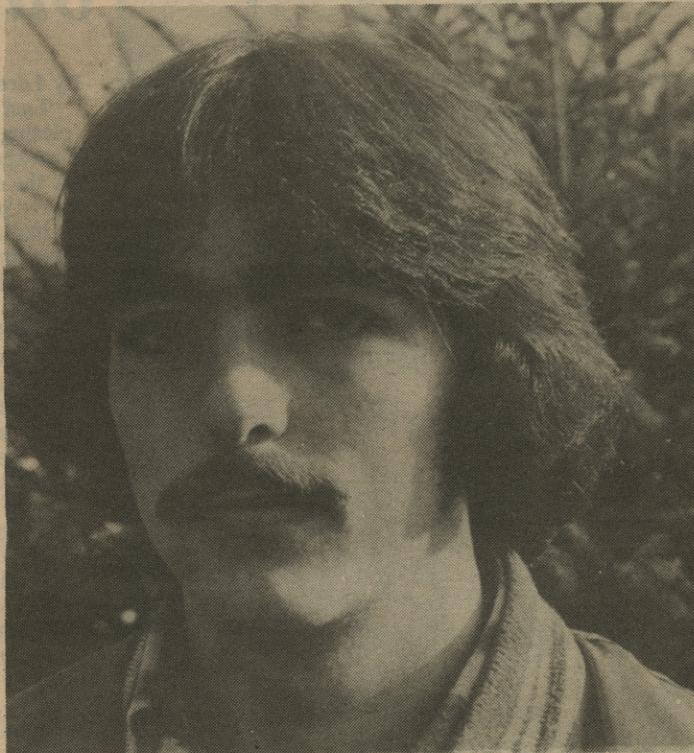


Photo by Brian Barker

Werth feels this year's team has potential.

## TCC track may finish among top in state

By W. Church

The TCC track team placed third in a field of 12 this weekend in its first outdoor meet of the season at PLU. Ahead of TCC were PLU and Central Washington University, both of which are four-year schools.

As predicted by Coach Bob Fiorito earlier this season, the Titans excelled in the running events. Their total of 64 points was second only to Clackamas (the best community college team in Oregon) with 66 points. Eugene Haynes was a double winner, placing first in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes. Craig Logan won the 400-meter dash, and Tammy Stave broke TCC's school record with a time of 4:55 in the 1500.

The team's performance was somewhat less exciting in the field events. PLU, the overall winners with 98 points, amassed 61 points of those in the field, far ahead of any competitors. Mike Wright broke the school record in the triple jump (46 feet 4 inches) and also grabbed fourth place in the long jump. Steve Squires placed third in the pole vault, for the remainder of the Titans' points in the field.

In addition to beating Clackamas CC, TCC finished ahead of UPS (another four-year school) and Bellevue CC, the state cross-country champions. The TCC team is talented and could very well finish among the top in the state this year.

Their first home meet is March 28.



Photo by Dale Weast

Bob Fiorito - Titan's track coach

## Students seek 'Challenge Cup' rematch

Many years ago the "student governments of old" annually challenged the faculty and administrators to a benefit basketball game. This momentous event was usually held just before spring break on a Friday, and wild-eyed fans were admitted for a 25 cent donation. The proceeds were (confiscated) given to the Student Work Study Fund or other worthwhile purposes to aid student programs.

The benefit game has not occurred for two years because the faculty-administrators' team won something like four in a row . . . thoroughly demoralizing student government teams.

However, since inside information has it that the faculty-administrator team is notoriously weak this year, hasn't practiced for nearly thirty-six months, and no longer has sufficient funding to buy off the referees; it seems timely for the strong, aggressive, assertive, creative and sneaky student leaders to issue a challenge.

So, there you have it. The gauntlet is in your "court." "To play or not to play. That is the question."

We await your reply breathlessly.

## Run the Narrows Bridge

There's still time to get yourself and your running gear in shape for the second annual Narrows Bridge Run, April 12, sponsored by the Exchange Club of Tacoma, Tacoma Community College, Gig Harbor High School and Converse.

The race, beginning at 9 a.m., will cover an 8 mile course from Vassault Playfield, along Narrows Drive, across the Narrows Bridge, north on Reid Road and Wickersham to the Gig Harbor Town Hall.

Last year more than 1,000 runners participated. Entry fee is \$6 for mail registration, \$7 for late in-person registration and \$8 for day of run registration. All fees include official entry and T-shirt. Deadline for mail registration is April 6.

For a copy of the race brochure and entry form, call Chuck Summers at ext. 5065.

courtesy Dan Small



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One really intelligent student might try crawling under the tables by the western entrance of the library to steal books. This person had just discovered that, instead of a book on Italian mafia etiquette, he pinched a book on giraffes. Well, at least we don't know him.

## Wife, mother, student with job needs more time

By Sharon Molnes

Do you ever wish there were more hours in the day? Marti Hilyard finds time to work 40 hours a week, look after a home, husband and two children, and attend TCC full time.

Marti works as a parent coordinator in early childhood education at Rogers Elementary. Her duties involve scheduling activities in which parents are involved, making sure parents are on the advisory councils connected with her agency, and setting up training programs that parents have requested. Marti said, "There is a lot of demand for training in child development and money management."

Although she likes her work, Marti feels that "There is no upward mobility. If you want to move up, you have to change fields. It is demanding work and tends to come home with you."

So Marti started night classes in the fall of 1979. She had had no formal education since 1968

when "I went to summer school at Western, fell in love, and ended up with three credits!" She is presently taking 15 credits at night and has a 3.7 GPA. Last summer Marti attended TCC during the day and says I liked getting to feel more like a student and less like a drop in."

She had planned to transfer to UPS next fall but the program through her work that pays for tuition and books will probably not continue to be funded. Marti says, "I wish there were a state college or less expensive four-year school in Tacoma so that I wouldn't have to worry about going on to get a degree." She is planning to major in either accounting or computer technology.

Marti thinks that going back to school has given her husband Tom, and children Jahid, 11, and Uzuri, 6, time alone to get to know each other better and has strengthened the bond between them. Marti says, "The

children are intrigued that mom is going to school, too!"

Marti says, "Tom is glad that I am going to school because it is what I want to do, but he still wants dinner! I have to rush home from work on school nights and immediately start cooking. Dinner is usually just ready or on the timer for 10 minutes when I am running out the door!"

For relaxation she enjoys pottery and Indian beadwork. Marti says that she and her husband do a lot of things with the Democratic Party for a social life, but "Sometimes I would rather go dancing!"

Marti feels that there are many drawbacks to her busy schedule. She says, "I am always caught between the requirements of school and the requirements of life!" She feels under a lot of pressure and wishes for "more time and a quiet atmosphere in which to study."

## If the alarm goes off, watch out for the alligators

By Loren L. Aikins

"Last Friday, about 4:30 p.m. (closing time), this fellow with a backpack was leaving and he set the security system off. He looked panicked. I asked him if he had any books that he might have forgotten to check out. He shook his head 'no' and walked back to the study carrel he had been sitting at. There he fiddled with his backpack a minute. I asked him to go over to the checkout counter to have his things 'zapped' (desensitized so that they wouldn't effect the magnetically sensitive security system) —that's what I say. At the counter we found he had a Playboy in his pack, and he had stripped it of all our markings," said Lorraine ('Hildy') Hildebrand, after being asked when was the last time the security system worked.

Hildy, TCC's reference specialist, has seen a good number of people detected by the security system. Many of these people have innocently set the machine off by having forgotten to check out the books they were using. Hildy says that she has done it herself, "When it comes time to go, I have had so many books out, I just gather them up."

Hildy says she has seen people set the machine off (the one by the main entrance), drop a book on the counter beside the security system, and then walk out without it.

The librarians usually don't have trouble with people. When the machine is set off, librarians usually ask, "Did you forget to check something out?" and the offenders usually offer

such face-saving answers as "Uh . . . yeah."

Off the top of her head Hildy figured a 75 to 80 percent reduction in the number of books that have disappeared since the system was put in. When the department heads first got the system, they were sure it would pay for itself. The material that Morris Skagen, audio-visual librarian, dug up for this article agreed with the administration's and Hildy's guesstimation.

Janice Haji, head librarian, demonstrated how the system works. She grabbed a reference book off the shelf and tried to walk out the library exit that's right across from the cafeteria. As she went through, an alarm sounded and the free-swinging gate locked shut.

Janice explained that both machines at each exit work nearly the same. One difference is in the alarms. The bulkier machine in front of the main entrance gives off an ear-aching, high-pitched hum, while the other has a more melodious alarm that sounds a little like a telephone ring. Another difference between the two is in the gates. The machine at the secondary exit has a built-in break-away pin in the gate, that the other machine doesn't have. If a really desperate criminal tripped the alarm at the secondary exit, he could escape easily enough by crashing through it. If someone were to put pressure on the gate when locked, it could be forced open without hurting the machine. Though one could bust through the gate, Hildy warns against it. She claims that it would trigger

a trap door to open that covers an alligator pit.

As how the system works can't be divulged exactly, because it is a secret and would breach security. But I did find out that the system works magnetically.

There are two typewriter-size machines under the check-out counter. One is marked "desensitize" and the other marked "sensitize." When a book is checked out, the librarian runs the book through "desensitize" so that it won't set the alarms off. When the book comes back it is "sensitized." I have a theory that what these librarians are doing with "sensitize" and "desensitize" is changing the polarity of the detector strips that are cleverly hidden inside the books. I don't know where these strips are located . . . since that's also a secret.

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