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That pesky dollar sign continues to pop up as the most pressing problem for the state's community colleges. Touching on the matter briefly, Dr. Thornton M. Ford, TCC president, explained at the Jan. 22 meeting of the TCC board that:

- The state's \$50.1 million appropriation for the community college system for 1970-71 provides for a 7 per cent budget increase. However, an 11 per cent enrollment increase is now expected.
- This 11 per cent estimate was made prior to Boeing's announcement of continuing layoffs, and does not include any extra enrollment that the layoffs might precipitate.
- The \$50.1 million includes only enough money for a 4 per cent salary increase, which would barely cover increment increases in present staff contracts. Nothing is included for an across-the-board or cost-of-living increase.

On a more optimistic note, Dean H. J. Schafer of the Community Services Office at TCC recently reported that enrollment in his programs is running about triple last year's. Speaking at a study session which followed the Jan. 22 board meeting, Schafer reported:

- Present enrollment in Community Services courses has hit 400 in credit programs and 2,000 in non-credit programs.
- Community Services involves about 20 per cent of enrollment (600 full-time equivalents per quarter) with about 10 per cent of the instructional budget. Lower cost programs and part-time instructors make this possible.
- Community groups continue to use TCC facilities for their meetings. For example, in 1968-69 4,000 people in 31 groups used TCC facilities. In November of 1969 facilities were used for 69 hours by outside groups. Schafer noted that unused classroom space is becoming more scarce, reducing room availability.
- Schafer said that the inability of the state community colleges to waive tuition payments is continuing to create problems with the various programs aimed at the poor.

Mrs. Helena Pommert and Barry L. Boyer have been granted full-time teaching contracts at Tacoma Community College. Two TCC instructors, Jerry Vaughan and Barry Boyer, debated liberalism vs. conservatism for one-half hour on the Tacoma school district's Channel 62.

Judge Vernon R. Pearson, Tacoma division of the Washington State Court of Appeals, recently spoke to journalism and political science classes at TCC. He contributed eight volumes on minimal standards for criminal justice to the TCC library.

Richard C. Falk, special assistant to the president, was recently notified by the Graduate School at Washington State University of his completion of requirements for a doctoral degree from the WSU School of Education.

TCC's debate squad, consisting of Margaret Ryan and Paul Van Giffin, has come out of three tournaments with first, second and third place trophies.

A study session will follow the Feb. 26 meeting of the TCC board of trustees. Dr. Robert Lathrop, dean of students, and his staff will explain student services.