



Update is a monthly newsletter published to inform the public about developments at Tacoma Community College.
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TCC's loss... Frank Cooper, chairman of the TCC Board of Trustees, announced March 27 that he won't seek reappointment. He was appointed to the board by Gov. Dan Evans in 1967. He cited the press of personal business as his reason and commended TCC's faculty, students, administrators and trustees for willingness to experiment and to strive to make the community college system work.

TCC trustees approved a revised General Education Program at their March 27 meeting. The program will replace the present General Studies and Academic Exploratory programs. All entering students will be screened according to high school grade point average and scores on the Washington Pre-College test. Those who fall below established norms in math and language skills will be counseled toward the new General Education program, which will include substantial components of communication and study skills and intensified counseling and advising. In addition, a wide variety of courses will emphasize students' contemporary needs and interests.

TCC's program of non-credit community service courses continues to grow. Twenty-three courses--ranging from "African Culture" to "White Racism and American Social Systems"--will be offered during the spring quarter, beginning the week of April 7. More than 500 persons are expected to sign up for the courses, most of which meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. one night a week for eight weeks. More information is available from H. J. Schafer, dean of community services.

TCC's third summer session will begin June 23 and continue through Aug. 22. Enrollment is expected to match or perhaps exceed last year's 626. Nearly 60 classes will be offered. Summer session bulletins are available on request from Dr. Paul E. Jacobson, dean of instruction.

It's off the press. Hailed as "the finest of its kind in the nation," the TCC Library's bibliography of "Afro-American Print and Non-print Resources in Libraries of Pierce County" is now available. Copies can be purchased at \$5.50 each through the TCC Bookstore. Libraries around the country are expected to find the 115-page listing of works by black authors and artists useful. Richard Aiken, TCC technical services librarian, and Lorraine Hildebrand, TCC reference assistant, spearheaded the cooperative effort by Pierce County Libraries.

Tacoma Community College's 35,000-volume library will be shown off at two coming meetings. Eighteen Kiwanis Clubs will hold an inter-club meeting on the campus at 6:30 p.m. April 18. The Kiwanians will hear a TCC musical group and Dr. Thornton M. Ford, TCC president; view slides of the campus, and tour the library. The Friends of the TCC Library will hold their fourth annual dinner meeting on campus at 6:30 p.m. May 8. Speaker will be Dorothy Bevis of the University of Washington Library School.

After about 50 persons concerned about higher education and urban problems met March 12, the Education Task Force of the Urban Coalition went on record in support of TCC's requested operating budget. The task force's resolution asked restoration of community college funds to enable TCC to "develop the kind of educational curricula and programming that will aid in the solving of urban problems in the Tacoma area."

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE: Joseph A. Betz, chairman of the TCC Math Dept., is one of about 35 math teachers chosen to take part in an institute June 23-Aug. 15 at the Univ. of Oregon in Eugene.

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