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"Got a lot of students out there this fall?"

The answer is yes. While we're still registering students, here's what it looked like Sept. 30: 3,759 persons had signed up for credit classes. More than 2,530 of them were fulltime students taking 12 or more credit hours. In addition, an estimated 1,680 persons are expected to sign up for non-credit community service courses on campus and 1,120 are expected to enroll in adult education and high school completion classes offered through Tacoma and Peninsula Public Schools. The fulltime equivalent figure will be at least 3,730 and possibly 4,000 or more. Add it all up, and it means that TCC will serve at least 6,500 and possibly more than 7,000 persons this fall.

TCC trustees took a generally approving look Sept. 23 at proposed new objectives for the college -- a move that TCC President Thornton M. Ford said would more accurately reflect the range of services the college offers. The proposed new objectives include occupational programs, open-door enrollment, community services, student services such as counseling, and specially designed programs for minority and disadvantaged students. The trustees were reassured that none of the occupational programs on the TCC drawing board -- mainly in commercial and health fields -- will duplicate offerings of Tacoma's Bates Vocational-Technical Institute. Written in 1965, TCC's present objectives stress university-parallel, general education, supplementary education for vocational-technical students and continuing education for adults. Chairman John Binns said he was impressed and recommended formal action at the Oct. 22 trustees meeting.

Grade-point average shouldn't be the sole measure of a student's achievements in college, the TCC faculty was advised at its two-day retreat Sept. 24-25 at Crystal Mountain. Dr. Robert G. Albertson, chairman of the humanities division at the U. of Puget Sound, said highly creative students often perform poorly so far as grades go... And Dr. William Moore Jr., president of Seattle Central Community College, urged a greater effort to educate "high-risk" students. He said the open-door enrollment policy is a "colossal joke" unless programs to meet the needs of all students are provided.

Tryouts for the TCC production of Arthur Miller's play about the Salem witch trials, The Crucible, are scheduled for Oct. 5-7 at 7 p.m. in the TCC Little Theater. The tryouts will be open to the public. Rollie Opsahl, well known in Tacoma theatrical circles, and Charles Cline, TCC drama instructor, will direct the play, which will be performed Nov. 19-22 in the TCC Little Theater.

NAMES AND FACES: TCC trustees have approved the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Elijah Hankerson, whose specialty is Afro-American History, to the regular faculty.

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