

Student action tables tuition hike

by W. A. Cullen

(Last in a series of articles on students and government)

The fate of House Bill 453, the "tuition bill," may be well have been decided by the large delegations of students who converged on Olympia in February. Their combined protest gave the legislators some compelling reasons for leaving tuitions as they are. The Higher Education Committee of the House held two public hearings in February. At this writing the bill remains in the hands of the committee and has not yet come to the floor for a second reading. It may not ever get out of the chairman's hands, if students continue to be heard.

This is just one of nearly two dozen bills in Olympia that can affect — and be affected by — students. As an example of how effective student protest can be, National Student Association's "Magazine" had this to report last month: "Recently, the president of Northern Illinois University told students their 'campaigns against a tuition hike have won out.' As a result, Gov. Daniel Walker has said he will not recommend a tuition increase to the state legislature, but will ask the state to provide the additional revenues a tuition hike would have provided." Washington's Daniel has not, as yet, acted in this manner.

Stacks of Bills in Olympia

Legislative committees in Olympia have stacks of other bills which can affect Tacoma Community College students. At

this writing there are over a dozen in the hands of the Higher Education Committee, at least three in the box of the (general) Education Committee, a couple on the table of Ways and Means, and one has been given to the Committee on State Government.

Of concern to the students because it concerns the faculty is HB 505 (and a like bill in the Senate, SB 2263). These bills spell out collective bargaining rights of employees of community colleges. Section 11 stipulates, "Nothing contained in this chapter shall permit or grant to any academic employee the right to strike or refuse to perform his official duties."

Whether or not this would prevent the teachers from striking, if they saw the necessity, is a moot question, according to Ed Zimmerman, president of TCC's chapter of the Federation of Teachers.

Ray Miller, advisor for the ASB Senate, has informed us that the ASB wants recognition of a student observer in all negotiations with the faculty.

Trustees to be locally elected

Several bills would attempt to organize the state's educational system more efficiently. One, HB 195, would place the State Board for Community College Education and the Coordinating Council for Occupational Education directly under the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. To balance this centralization of power, it also provides for the popular election of the local Board of Trustees. The state board has one

member for each of seven congressional districts and an executive secretary, John C. Mundt. Our Board of Trustees is now composed of five civic leaders of Tacoma, for whom Robert M. Yamashita, Director of Tacoma Community House, is the chairman.

The duties of the State Board are redefined by HB. 392, an amendment to the Revised Code of Washington. The Council, and the Commission on Higher Education will be abolished by HB 674, effective July 1, 1977. These are purely advisory bodies, established by the legislature in 1969.

Vocational Education given increased emphasis

"To unify the vocational education delivery system in this state," HB 974 (and SB 2338) established a State Board for Vocational Education and a state director. He would work closely with the community colleges, since vocational education is growing about 8 to 10 per cent each year, according to Bruce Brennan, assistant to the Supt. of Public Instruction in vocational education. This can be seen on our campus since TCC has a new building under construction for vocational programs.

Transfer students will be interested in three bills concerning four-year colleges of the state. HB 380 (and SB 2360) would redesignate state colleges at Bellingham, Cheney, and Ellensburg as regional univer-

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Early occupancy anticipated for new building

by Allen Hildreth

The new Business, Allied Health and Faculty extension building project is ahead of schedule. "Our faculty are excited and looking forward to using it," said Donald R. Ganges, acting director for the project.

The \$930,000 L-shaped construction, consisting of three wings, will be an addition to Bldg. 19. The overall cost for the project is \$1.3 million excluding equipment donated by hospitals.

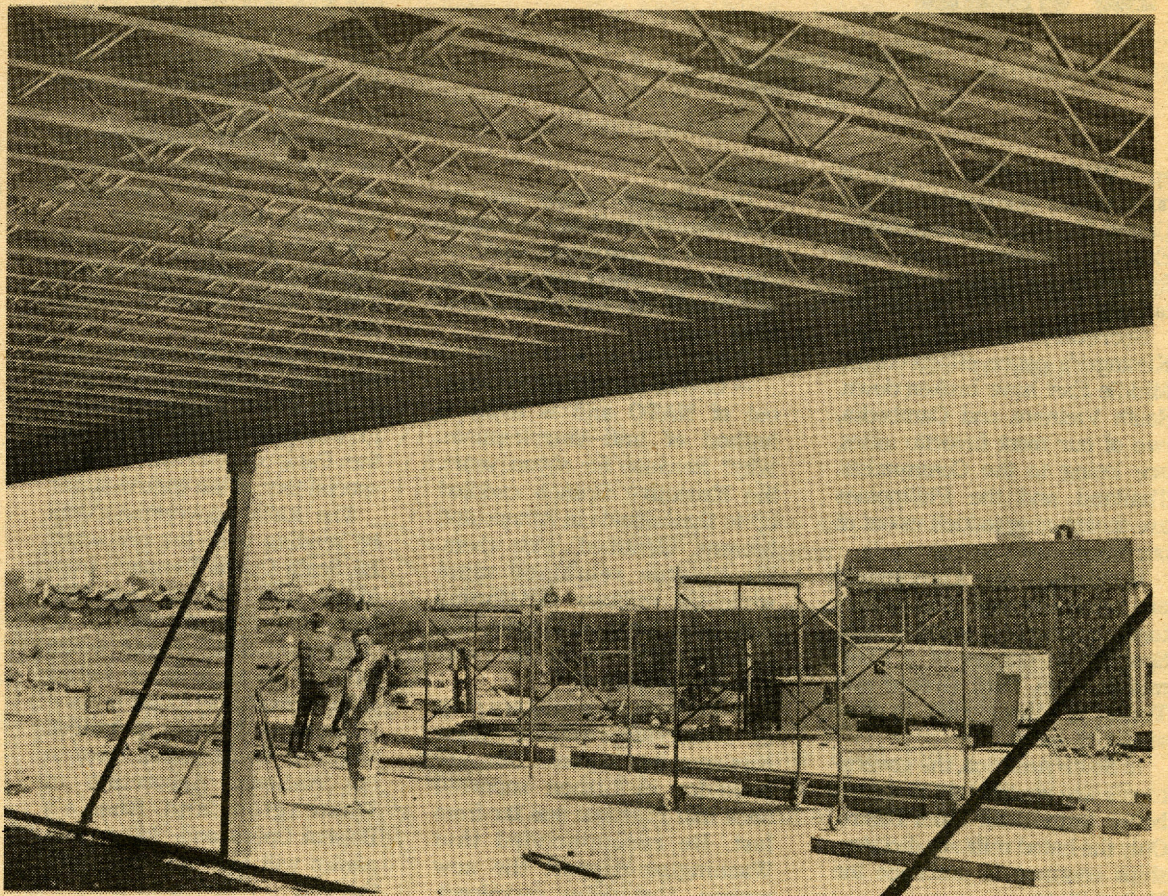
New equipment, working duplications of office and hospital functions, plus added room, independent study and storage spaces will increase capability, thus upgrading the occupational education programs.

Improvements in the business program will consist of new, beginning, and advanced typing labs, a business machine lab with calculators, adding and data processing machines, a model office where actual work will be brought in from administrators on campus and finish by students.

The allied health wing includes a respiratory therapy lab with operational equipment equivalent to a hospital, an X-ray lab with two energized machines, a medical record room, and a nursing lab with six hospital bed stations.

Dummies known as "phantoms" are made from special plastic with implanted human bones and will be used with the X-ray machines.

The two-story 46-office faculty wing is designed to relieve crowded conditions in now existing offices. The faculty wing will be connected to Bldg. 19 in such a way as to leave space between the buildings for an independent learning station with storage space for books, tapes, etc.

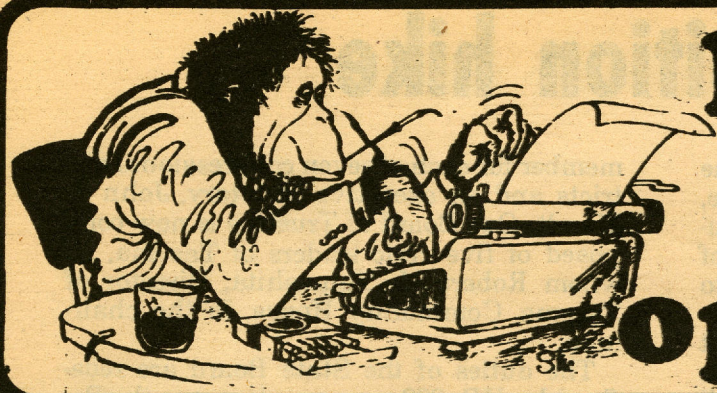


Ahead of schedule, TCC's new multi-use facility is nearing completion.

Photo by Howard Schmidt

NOTICE: The deadline for filing for ASTCC offices is 5 p.m. Friday, April 18. Filing forms are available in the Student Activities office, Bldg. 15-8. Forms **must** be handed personally to Ray Miller, Student Activities Advisor, Bldg. 15-14. Offices available are: ASTCC President and three Senate seats.

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letters & opinion

Instructor's methods criticized

To the Editor:

When you're standing in the tiresome, seemingly unending line to register next year for winter quarter, keep these vital words of wisdom in mind; if you take introduction to Political Science during basketball season you're asking for plenty of trouble and frustration.

The first few days of class are deceiving. The teacher has a nice sense of humor, and is not at all hard on the eyes. He sets the guidelines for the class; four tests (probably), two movies (approximately), no assignments (hopefully), and ironically, attendance is one of the key factors to determine your grade. (With the last point in mind, it is a good thing the students don't give the instructor a grade).

After the first week the pattern starts; the students are in their seats at half past the hour and the instructor strolls in about five minutes later, clutching his coffee and his leather coat. After a few humorous anecdotes, and a little sports talk the lecture begins. There is hardly ever any class discussion - just an outpouring of facts to jet

down for "further reference." Once in a while there is a question and the reply is usually "Yes we'll cover that tomorrow." (Trouble is, he probably won't show tomorrow.) The class "hour" ends at 10 minutes past the hour.

In the days to follow, the students will many times be greeted with an empty classroom - no notice. Once or twice they will be told to go see a movie which the teacher does not attend.

If the student is unfortunate enough not to know anything about politics, he faces a real dilemma. More than likely he really won't learn anything. Instead he will have to memorize a score of facts to pass the tests. There is no time for all of it to sink in, and much of the material goes unexplained anyway.

The last week of class is quite different. The teacher is always on time then. After all, he has to cram 2½ weeks of material into one week of 35 minute classes. A difficult task at best.

Finals Day: RELIEF.

Sheila Neilsen

Small favors. . .

Next year, 1976, marks the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and John D. Rockefeller III's Bicentennial Committee has designed some suitably expensive commemorative baubles in honor of that occasion. Aside from that our leaders haven't done much else to enrich our lives of late.

Small favors.

But the Bicentennial does mean something - not necessarily what Washington bureaucrats tell us (higher prices for nearly everything, etc., etc.) - but something a bit more basic.

One-hundred-ninety-nine years ago, 57 men signed a document that proclaimed absolute independence for the 13 British colonies. Ensuing events led to the birth of the United States of America. Out of that painful delivery two documents, perhaps the most revolutionary in the history of Western civilization, were drafted that outlined the basic freedoms that are inherent in each of us.

Incredible stuff for the world of the late 18th Century.

Incredible perhaps. But those concepts of individual freedom have survived for nearly 200 years. Despite consistent trappings upon them by individuals bent on expediency, there are still many of us in responsible positions that yet adhere to the principles of basic human rights set forth in the Bill of Rights.

For example, witness the Sirica decisions regarding the Watergate conspiracy. Even though the chief conspirator has yet to face criminal charges for his part in that plot, the majority of those involved have been tried, convicted and sentenced. Maybe we shouldn't rejoice at the simple act of trying individuals for criminal behavior. But we must feel a little secure in the knowledge that someone, somewhere in the bureaucratic maze of D.C. officialdom had the presence of mind to do what was best for the people of this country, rather than save his own neck.

It wasn't just the wiretapping, the break-in, the "dirty tricks;" it was the fact that our political leaders, entrusted with fantastic power, sought to subvert, misuse, and corrupt one of our basic institutions - the peaceful transfer of power via free elections. It is our great good fortune that the perpetrators of the Watergate burglary were bumbling, inept, would-be 007's. If they hadn't been . . . well, who knows. It might have been King Richard I instead of former President Nixon.

The fact remains that largely because of one man's conscience the whole affair (we hope) was brought to light. Because that man had the courage to defend our rights in the face of what must have been incredible pressure to remain silent, we have cause to celebrate our 200th birthday . . . commemorative trinkets notwithstanding.

Skip Jones
Editor



by Jack Anderson
with Joe Spear

Looking for a scapegoat

ep WASHINGTON - All at once, events are overtaking the United States. From the Middle East to Southeast Asia, U.S. foreign policy seems to be collapsing.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's peace efforts in the Middle East have broken down. South Vietnam and Cambodia, two of our most favorite allies, are losing to the Communists. Thailand and the Philippines are threatening to kick us out of our bases.

In Europe, the Communists are tightening their grip on Portugal, formerly a staunch ally. Spain is in danger of a Communist coup. Both Greece and Turkey are threatening to close vital U.S. bases.

In South America, the governments are scrambling to get on better terms with Fidel Castro. Only the hated military dictatorships continue to embrace the United States.

These events have already led President Ford to order a quiet reappraisal of American foreign policy. He has asked Kissinger to re-evaluate America's international role, to consider whether U.S. power is stretched too thin and to determine how the United States can better exert influences on world events in the 1970s.

Meanwhile, the President and Secretary of State are making a mighty effort to blame Congress for America's foreign policy

failures.

The charges simply are not true. The White House is casting about for a scapegoat, and the lumbering, contentious assembly on Capitol Hill makes a convenient one.

Take a look at the record:

- Greece has pulled its troops out of NATO and is today a hotbed of anti-Americanism. Why? Because for seven years, the Executive Branch cuddled up to the colonels in Athens and became identified with them. Washington remained mute while the military dictatorship inspired a coup on Cyprus, and stood by again when the Turks invaded the island.

- In Portugal, a military coup by conservative officers threw Kissinger into a panic. Our ambassador in Lisbon reported back that Portugal was far from lost. He recommended that Washington support the new regime. But some prominent, retired Americans living in Portugal told Kissinger privately that Lisbon was surely going Communist. And that, apparently, was what the secretary preferred to hear. To this day, U.S. support for the new leaders has been minimal. While America dawdles, Portugal is tilting more and more leftward.

- The Latin American nations are rapidly tiring of Washington's "Big Daddy" approach to their affairs. They are showing a new spirit of independence.

They need U.S. support and understanding. But the United States continues to prop up the bad guys - Nicaragua's Somoza and Chile's Pinochet, for example. The U.S. image in Latin America, meanwhile, continues to deteriorate.

None of these problems are the fault of Congress. Indeed, all of them can be laid squarely on the White House doorstep.

Foreign Flavor: The Bicentennial celebration, ironically, is taking on a distinctly foreign flavor.

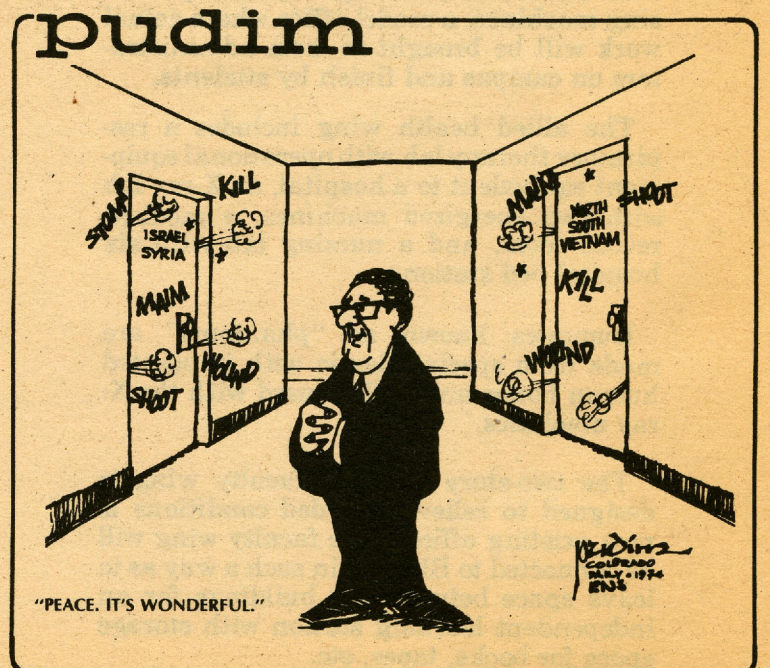
The French, for example, are planning a "sound and light" spectacle at George Washington's Mount Vernon home. And the Paris Opera will make a special tour of the United States.

The Italian government will be sending over the renowned La Scala Opera Company from Milan. Italy, Norway and Holland will also participate in "Operation Sail," a plan which calls for 25 to 30 large sailing ships to visit East Coast ports.

Japan is donating \$5 million worth of dwarf bonsai trees to the National Arboretum in Washington, and Russia's Bolshoi Opera and Ballet companies will tour America later this year.

Overseas, also, the Bicentennial is receiving a lot of attention. A special American history exhibit will be presented in Warsaw. The German news magazine Der Spiegel is planning a 15-part series about our 200th birthday.

And finally, millions of American television viewers are being treated each evening to brief glimpses of U.S. history. The shows are sponsored by the Dutch-owned Shell Oil Company.



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Meetings April 2-3

The Program Board has approved a full schedule of outstanding events for Spring Quarter including:

A Concert for night students will be held April 17th, in the student lounge. Road Apple will play from 9:00 to 12:00. The Concert is being sponsored by the Program Board.

There will be a Concert in the Cafeteria April 29th. Lazy Jack will play from 1:30 to 4:00. The Concert is sponsored by the Program Board.

The Board is also sponsoring a Coffee House to be held April 25th in the student lounge from 8:00 to 12:00.

Among additional topics discussed were participation in the Spring Jubilee to be held in May.

There is a need for committee members interested in the programming and selection of films, lectures, and concerts, interested students should contact Rick Ramseth in the Programming Office.

The Board also discussed the leadership retreat they have planned for their group.

The Student Senate passed a three-cents-a-mile raise on the use of state cars by TCC people. This new raise brings the fee up to 13 cents per mile, beginning July 1, 1975.

The Student Senate approved a budget of \$1,030 for the Continuing Education of Women; but they left out \$90 that the women's group wanted for pillows.

Paula Plamondon, ASTCC President, received a letter from Mark Carter, the newly elected chairman of a group of five people elected by the McNeil Island students to represent them on spending allocated funds. The letter invited Paula and the Student Senate to meet with the McNeil group and help set up operating procedures. Besides Carter, the other McNeil representatives are: Robert Campbell, Pascaul Albillar, Clarence Currie and Charles Harrison.

If you have any complaints to register about TCC and the community three bitch boxes will be posted this week to serve you. Bitch tickets (on which you write your complaint) will be placed by the boxes. The tickets will be collected once a week and dealt with to the best ability, then the results will be posted on a bulletin board next to the bitch box. Proposed sites are next to the bulletin boards in Bldgs. 15, 1 and 7.

where to go . . .

There is a place on this campus that you can go to, to find out just about anything you want in regard to TCC: Bldg. 15. The Student Government Office is in 15-15 and the Student Activities Office, 15-8. Both are manned by students and staff. If they do not have the answer they will try to find it.

Student Government can specifically help you with:

- Bookstore
- Instruction - Curriculum
- Tenure review of faculty
- Food Services
- Student Services and Activities
- Student involvement at campus and state levels.
- State Legislative information
- "Bitch" about something at TCC
- Information on programs and projects that students can become involved in
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- Tuition concerns
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Age no factor in student life

by Opal Brown

Is there a magic age beyond which one is too old to attend college? According to a recent sampling of nearly 100 students of varying ages and occupations, taken on the TCC campus, the consensus was; there is no such age and even if there were, the students at TCC would very likely ignore it.

The students here respond to one another as people, rather than as one age group to another. One is apt to find a middle-aged woman gratefully accepting the help of a young man and his pocket calculator in order to pass a math course—and perhaps a pair of youngsters seeking the advice of a grayhaired man on what the English instructor really meant by a "formal" paper.

One example of the way they react to one another is the fact that a group of students, ranging in age from 23 to 54 years made the anteroom of Bldg. 18 one of the liveliest places on campus between 1:00 and 1:25 p.m. during the winter quarter. Many heated arguments took place there, only to be resolved by a speech in the classroom. It wasn't at all unusual for Instructor Brice Shull to have to "round up" his Speech 100 class, and steer them into the classroom.

The gathering usually ranged from four or five to sometimes as many as fifteen. The subjects for discussion varied, depending upon who was there and what evolved from the conversation.

To put it mildly, Shull was not the most popular person on campus the first few days of the quarter, because of the abruptness with which he forced students into participation. But by the end of the quarter the majority admitted that they would not have had him conduct the course any differently. One student remarked, "He sort of threw us to the lions the first couple of days, but I must admit that that's the only way I'd ever have gotten through it." Another said, "You know, I've made more friends in this class than in any I've taken." Someone else spoke up with, "That's why — he threw us together from the beginning."

Camaraderie between students seems to spring from mutual concerns, rather than ages. An American Literature exam, a discussion speech group paper, or a history term paper, prove to be great equalizers. Students don't care about age as long as an acceptable answer is forthcoming. Seldom does one see a group, even in the cafeteria, that is not just about evenly divided between the under 40 and over 40 groups.

Perhaps the main reason for this is the type of college that has been developed here. The community college offers the person who wants a better education the opportunity to gain what he may have missed the first time around. The cost is geared low enough to allow it to be acceptable to most, and yet high enough to insure adequate instruction.

The sampling showed that not one person interviewed felt that he/she had been

treated differently because of age. One woman said the only thing she notices was that her Anthropology instructor called her, "Mrs."

One instructor, when asked if he found it any different to teach the more mature student said, "No, unless perhaps they are a little more apprehensive about being able to learn. They are much more capable than they think they are."

Without exception those interviewed said they found it easier to study now than they did the first time around. When asked if they felt they were getting out of college what they had expected to, one man expressed the view of the majority as he said, "I'm getting a lot more out of it than I'm putting into it, actually."

Another man said, "I find I can discuss a lot more subjects with a lot more sense than I could when I came here."

One woman replied, "Yes, for one thing my family treats me with more respect now. My two teenagers seem to feel I'm more 'with it' than before, they come to me with more of their problems now than they did when they knew I was a high school drop out."

One of the areas that drew a lot of discussion—at all age levels—was the idea that the campus is so spread out. While all agreed that is designed beautifully, it is in some ways impractical. Some felt that, although the sloping walks and one story buildings were designed for the handicapped, the open spaces do nothing to keep them dry. Others felt that this gave them a chance to get exercise that they'd miss otherwise. All agreed that it can get rather uncomfortable during inclement weather.

One lady laughed and remarked that she'd like to stack all the buildings and install elevators. Another said, "I wouldn't go that far, but I do wish the buildings were all in one area, you know, like a ranch type house, with the beautiful landscaping around them, instead of between them. I find it pretty difficult to get from building four down to 18, and not be late."

Most of those who are receiving veteran's benefits admitted that that had influenced their attendance in some classes. Further conversation revealed that those classes generally fell into the "required" more often than the "elective" category.

Only one man, when asked if he had found the experience worthwhile enough to return even without the VA assistance, said, "Heck no, I'd be out there fishing." It turned out during questioning that this is his last quarter here and he's going into real estate — which he learned here.

The consensus seemed to be that the "Over the Hill Gang" is not as far over the hill as they once believed they were. A great deal of the credit must go to the younger students, and instructions for accepting them for what they are and can be, and not letting age be a deterrent.

Book swap
swamped

The latest Book Swap is an unqualified success with more than \$1,000 collected in the first few days of its operation. Although today is the last day for the swap, students who haven't found a particular book are urged to stop by.

The book swap is located in Bldg. 15 across from the coffee shop. According to ASTCC President Paula Plamondon, the swap was so successful that it will definitely be continued next fall and winter quarters.

Editor's note: The "Challenge" will next week examine the Swaps' overall success.

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Review



The film "Lenny" is very entertaining if you've never read or known anything about the late Lenny Bruce.

Julian Barry's adaption of his Broadway play has Bruce (Dustin Hoffman) and his wife, Hot Honey Harlowe (Valerie Perrine) romanticized beyond belief.

Director Bob Fosse does an excellent job. The film is shot in black and white with an offscreen interviewer talking to Bruce's survivors: Honey, who talks about their marriage. Bruce's mother Sally (Jan Miner, better known as Madge the manicurist in the soap suds commercials), who tells about his decline through drugs. Also his agent (Stanley Beck), who talks about his rise to fame.

This technique is like that of a documentary. The interviews serve to introduce flashbacks showing episodes in Bruce's life.

The film fluidly depicts Bruce's rise from strip joint M.C. to his fame at the Hungry i where his free association and prepared monologues were at their peak, and he found his following.

The movie characterizes Bruce as supremely selfish. It shows how he took experiences from his life and made them a part of his act, no matter how cruel this could be. For example: Bruce pleads with and finally persuades Honey to engage in a menage a trois. Suddenly the camera cuts to

the stage "... I never met a dyke I didn't like . . ."

Dykes are hard to spot. You know why? Because sometimes we're married to them . . ."

Dustin Hoffman does a believable job portraying Bruce's decline. The courtroom scenes and the preceding arrests display Hoffman's talents as an actor, as Bruce side-steps his attorneys for an opportunity to talk to the judge on a 1 to 1 basis.

One of the best scenes in the movie has Bruce performing under the influence of dope, wearing only one sock and a shabby raincoat. Now bitter, with unshaven face, he looks more like a bum than a once-great performer. Bruce talks in bursts and tries desperately to put words and phrases together to express his pain and distrust of society.

The only area that is weak is the screen play. Julian Barry does not show the real Lenny Bruce. He fails to mention the six abortions Honey had in a 2-3 year period before they had their daughter Kitty. He also leaves out Bruce's constant informing on friends to avoid drug prosecution.

Bruce once said this about his act: "... Sure, I say things that may offend people. But they don't have to pay to listen to me..." This also applies to the movie.

ARTS & EVENTS

King film.. how easily we forget

by Dolores S. Hill

"I've been to the mountain top. I may not get to go with you . . . but I have seen the promised land!" Paraphrasing what might have been the words of another great leader some four thousand years ago, Martin Luther King, a modern Moses to his people in this generation spoke those prophetic words the day before his assassination.

Friday, April 4, was the seventh anniversary of the death of a man whose faith led him to call thousands together for a prayer pilgrimage in 1957, lead 200,000 people singing on their way to Washington right up to the Capitol steps, march with his thousands from Selma, Ala. to the forbidden city of Montgomery, and whose impertunity led him right into the heart of the President and to move the nation into action because he believed in the "right to protest for rights."

"Behold, here cometh the dreamer . . . Let us slay him . . . see what will become of his dreams." These words from the book of Genesis were spoken by the brothers of Joseph who was to become their deliverer in the time of world-wide famine. This was the quote these followers of Martin Luther King inscribed on his tombstone.

All of this was told and shown in the movie "The Legacy of a Dream" shown Fri-

day in the TCC theater to commemgrate the life of this great and gentle man, who accomplished so much with his singing, praying, marching and peaceful demonstrations.

On the campus of Tacoma Community College, this event was remembered by an audience of one lonely black woman . . . and this reporter, at the 11:30 showing. However, promptly at 12:30, an audience of two white men filed in to view the film and contemplate the comparison of the then and the now.

The lone woman took time off from her busy day between classes and her job at St. Joseph — a job that she might not have had if it had not been for the courage of this man who gave his life for the cause of the black people. This she related to me as we raced breathlessly across campus to take her to work. She came from the south, she said. Most of all, she appreciated in her new freedom, the right to speak up. The consideration as a human being given her by her employers. The right her husband could have to draw an equal wage for equal work as the white man.

Evidently she felt the need to take time out to be thankful. Quite a day of observance here. Quite a day . . .

Preview

Spring play offers Shakespeare's "shrew"

by James A. Conant

"The Taming of the Shrew," one of William Shakespeare's most often performed and liveliest comedies will be presented by the TCC drama department as part of the Tacoma Community College tenth anniversary jubilee.

This spring quarter performance will be presented in the campus theater on May 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. The cast of 16 men and 5 women will be directed by George Bolton, whose direction of the winter quarter production, "The Ghost Train", drew much praise.

The story takes place in the busy Italian city of Padua. There lives a rich merchant with two daughters. Bianca, the gentle one, has two willing suitors. But alas, Bianca

cannot marry until a man is found who is willing to marry her shrewish sister. The task of finding a mate for the hot tempered Katharina is left up to Bianca's two suitors. Enter Petruchio, a young man in search of a rich wife, and the fun begins.

The lively vigor of "The Taming of the Shrew" shows most clearly the commedia dell'arte tradition that was at the base of so much English theater. More than merely a play of comic situation, it is filled with an engaging humanity that is instantly communicable to today's theater audience.

That rousing and tempestuous pair, Petruchio and Katherina, the hot-tempered woman who is finally conquered by her husband, promise to supply you with a lively evening of entertainment. Don't miss it.

Grade inflation: marks keep on rising

EAST LANSING, Mich. — (EARTH NEWS) — College grade point averages are on the rise, according to a study of "grade inflation" at Michigan State University.

Researcher Arvo Juola studied grade averages at 197 American colleges and universities and found that the average mark had climbed nearly half a letter grade between 1960 and 1973.

Another study of grading on the 19 campuses of the California State University and Colleges system discovered that 68 per cent of all grades in one recent term were either A's or B's.

The rise in grades does not necessarily mean that students are getting smarter. To the contrary, scores on college entrance exams have declined slightly each of the last few years.

Theories about grade inflation vary. Some college officials claim that students are learning how to protect their grade point averages through selection of easier courses or pass-fail classes. Others say that younger faculty members — disenchanted with authoritarianism in college policies — are grading easier. And a few go so far as to say that students are studying or cramming harder, as competition to get into graduate school and to get a job stiffens.

Evening students are sponsoring "Lounge Night" in 15-8 from 9 to 12 p.m. Thursday, April 17.

Advance ticket sales for this year's "Ice Follies" are under way. Ticket prices are \$3.50 and \$4.50, one dollar cheaper than door prices. Tickets may be purchased in Bldg. 15-8, Student Activities, or Bldg. 17-A, no later than April 16.

Transportation to the event will be provided for those who sign up in advance in Bldg. 17-A. Vehicles will leave here at 4:00 p.m. April 27. The performance will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass will be in concert at the Seattle Opera House Saturday, April 26 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Bon Marche.

Today the film "American Graffiti" is being shown at 2 p.m. in 15-1 and 7 p.m. in Bldg. 15-8.

CALENDAR

A representative from the University of Puget Sound will be on campus Monday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A petition for the reopening of the investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy is on campus and will be distributed if there are enough volunteers for the task.

Court C music at 914 Broadway in Tacoma is a non-profit venture to display and find jobs for jazz and folk musicians. Be there by 9 p.m. with 75 cents for an evening of earthy entertainment.

Evening entertainment scheduled

by Mike Miller

An experimental "Lounge Night" is scheduled for next Thursday, April 17, when the lounge in Bldg. 15 will be open from 9 p.m. until midnight, for the benefit of evening students.

If it works it will become a regular feature, according to Mary Haskins and Bill Larsen of the Program Board.

"Road Apple," a country-rock band which has enjoyed local success, will play next Thursday, according to Larsen, Entertainment Chairman for the Program Board.

Snacks and free coffee will be available, Haskins said. She added that pool tables, foosball and pinball machines will be closed during "Lounge Night," but will be operable in the future, if the lounge becomes open on a permanent basis in the evenings.

Representatives from the Program Board will be on hand next Thursday, and any feedback from students concerning the lounge will be welcome.

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Opinion

Departmental differences hamper encounter effectiveness

by Mary Reilly

Is the educational system at TCC being honest by luring students into encounter groups by attaching fancy names and giving credit for these classes?

An encounter group involves individuals who meet "together in an attempt to understand and improve their interpersonal relationship," according to Ernest R. Hilgard, author of "Introduction to Psychology." At TCC there are many groups that bear these earmarks but the name "encounter group" is conspicuously absent.

These groups exist in the form of classes in human relations and some women's studies, particularly the class, "Women Alone." Richard J. Deyoe, counselor, says there are perhaps "five or six groups."

They are not aptly named and part of the reason may be because of the rift between the Psychology department and the Counseling staff. Both parties were reluctant to speak of this rift.

Jerry Schulenbarger, Psychology teacher, was appointed overseer of the groups but "no one ever contacted me," he said, so he could not answer any questions on the subject.

William Anderson, a psychology teacher thought the main question was whether all the members in the counseling department in this field were competent to handle any situation that may arise. He said, "If you rip someone's guts out, you have to be able to put him back together." He was referring to a group member not being able to come to grips with any new awareness he may encounter.

Richard Deyoe, the only interviewee to refer to them as "encounter groups," felt the objections were more of a "personality

thing." He said, "A few in the Psychology Department are making value judgements on all encounter groups," based on only a few experiences.

Women Alone

Tuesday at 12:30 a nicely dressed soft spoken woman who has her Ph.D. in Drama met her class "Women Alone." This group is inappropriately named, admits Jo Laudin. It was named because "women are primarily isolated, even more than men because of their role in society. It is a supportive group, not an encounter group," she added.

With her cotherapist, a greyhound named Brandy, at her side she directed the class towards a form of transactional analysis, focusing on parent-adult-child therapy from the book "I'm O.K., You're O.K." by Doctor Thomas A. Harris.

She also frequently uses Gestalt, in addition to transactional analysis. Jo Laudin has done social work and is in private practice as a therapist.

Students are not pressed to participate, only listen. They may cry, yell or leave at any time. This class may be taken for credit or for personal enjoyment.

When this reporter entered three girls were playing roles. They played their fathers talking about their daughters (themselves). One girl had a tear in her eye as she discussed her daughter leaving home. Another girl was disgusted at the guilt she retained towards her father because he never allowed her to be a child.

Human Relations Classes

Human relation classes are no longer eligible for transferable credit at the University of Washington, according to William Anderson.

One student in the Human Relations class said you may sit in a class period without anyone including the teacher saying a word. In spite of this Deyoe insists 99 per cent of the feedback he received on the classes was "positive." "Attendance is very high," he added.

Evidence still lacking

Studies on the effectiveness of encounter groups is still in its fetal stages. In one nationwide survey 500 people were questioned on their experiences. The majority of the responses were favorable.

At TCC, according to one reliable source, there was one student so badly shaken up by an encounter group on campus she vows she will never return to school. Jo Laudin says she will not allow this to happen in her class. She won't leave the person until she is "back in touch with herself."

Honesty needed in class name

This reporter suggests that caution should be extended so that this would not happen in the first place. An honest name should be given to these classes to let a student know what he is getting into.

Proper training is the key to a successful encounter group and some screening should be given to the teacher. More importantly screening should be given to a group member to determine emotional stability. A stable teacher, perhaps someone Abraham Maslow calls a "self actualized" person is essential in producing good results from encounter groups.

Jerry, where are You?

Most importantly, will someone contact Jerry Schulenbarger so he can oversee the productivity or lack of it to make sure all the campus "encounter groups" are improving relations?

Jubilee plans becoming reality

by Dolores Hill
and
Louis Potts

Now it's definite. May 22-24 is the date for the second annual TCC Jubilee and Spring Arts Festival.

"This is the tenth anniversary year for Tacoma Community College," said Dr. Paul Jacobson, Dean of Instruction and program chairman for the Jubilee, "and we hope to have a very big and exciting weekend to celebrate."

"We have a terrific number of people working on it," he said. "But not many students, yet. We ran want ads in the campus newspaper, but we are not getting very much of a response."

"Student government has provided the funding and thus far, the faculty and staff are providing the man hours."

The acclaimed "McChord Field Band" will give a concert at the opening ceremonies on Thursday, May 22, in the courtyard of the Resource Center—weather permitting. Otherwise, this will be in the Campus Theater, according to Jacobson.

Art shows, dancing, eating

"There is so much going on, it's hard to know where to start," he said when asked to summarize the plans.

Four movies are on the program, including "Five Easy Pieces," "Point," "Lost Horizon," and a Marx Bros. film. Also, in the drama area, "The Taming of the Shrew" will be given in the campus theater.

A number of national dances are on the slate including belly dances done by Diane Edrington, wife of Devon Edrington, Philosophy instructor at TCC.

Arts and crafts events promise to be exciting. "The notices are out and already people are calling," Jacobson said. Another event will include competitions for paintings, sculpture and pottery. In conjunction with the displays, many demonstrations of arts and crafts are planned. Anyone may enter, but Jacobson particularly hopes to attract high school and college students. Students

may enter their works free, and prizes will be given.

There will be a speech demonstration. This will involve high school speech students.

Exhibits and explanatory talks by the science departments are on the agenda.

In the Audio-Visual Studio, video-tapes made by the foreign language department will be shown.

The Instructional Open House Committee will have a conference of Business Occupations teachers, counselors and principals from local high schools at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 22, according to Jacobson.

There will be an all-day pancake feed on Saturday, with family rates. The Friends of the Library will have a dinner on Friday. In addition, the International Students Organization will provide a distinctive menu of ethnic specialties. And there will definitely be "plenty of pop, pop corn and potato chips," Jacobson assured.

A tennis tournament is on the slate. A variety of musical events are in the works.

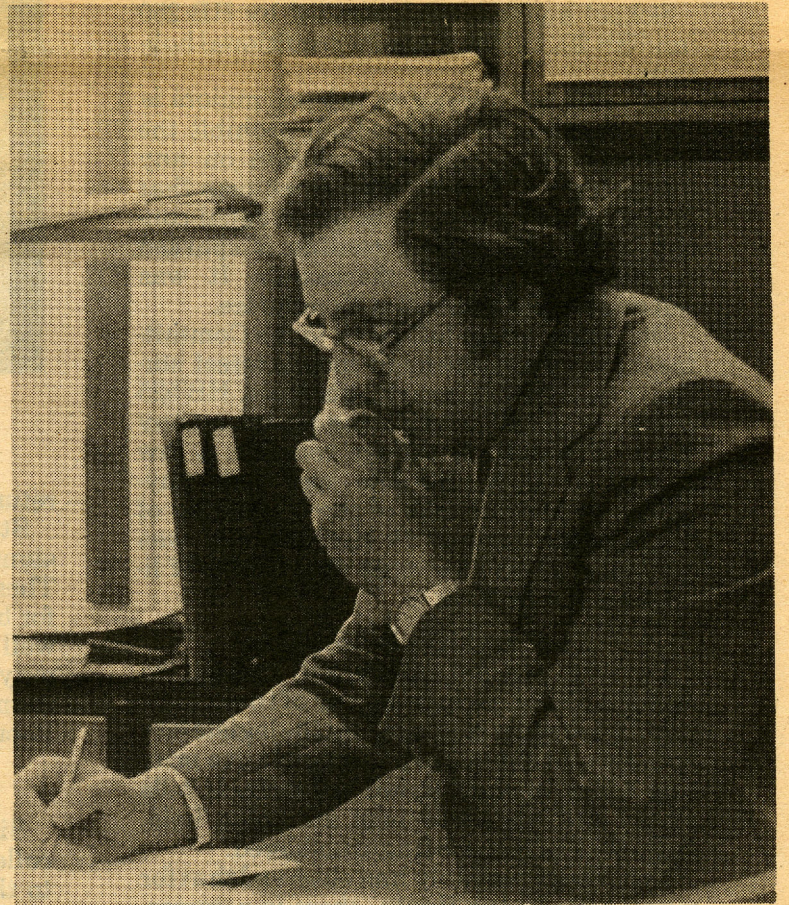
Even before the program is completely firm, efforts are under way to attract and inform the community.

Four automobile dealers will exhibit: South Tacoma Motor Co., Attwood Motors, European Motor Service and Topping Motors.

"We have quite a few plans for ads," said Jacobson, "—the biggest being an ad in the Tacoma News Tribune. It could be anything from three quarters of a page to an 8-page foldout. We need help from advertisers on this," he added.

"We have a commitment from Ed Dollar of KTNT to be here. We have plans to broadcast from the campus grounds," Jacobson affirmed.

Of students willing to offer their services, Jacobson said, "It is easiest to call this office, ext. 5022 and we will put them where they would like to be." Jacobson also suggested anyone could stop by his office in Bldg. 14.



Dr. Paul Jacobson

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Tuition hike tabled

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sities. All state colleges would be given authority to grant M.A. degrees by HB 720. The three regional state colleges would be given authority to grant the degree of Master of Business Administration by HB 741.

Ways and Means considered

In the area of financing of community colleges, HB 103 (and SB 2120) establish measures of effectiveness of programs and performance, and provide guidelines for disbursement of funds by the State Board.

Bond issues for capital improvement projects, such as TCC's new occupational and health sciences building coming up on the east edge of the campus, are authorized by HB 222.

For Senior Citizens, Veterans

Senior citizens are given a break by HB 186, which waives tuition and fees for persons over 62. A like bill, HB 184 in the Rules Committee, waives fees for those over 60. Although HB 454 raises fees for most, it does contain a provision for waiving fees for "needy and disadvantaged" students and limits the amount veterans of Viet Nam would pay to 85 per cent. Student counselors, however, point out these are only token benefits, which do not begin to offset the increased costs of inflation.

There are four little one-page bills left over from the stack, covering small items that could nevertheless touch every TCC student. Use of quarterly employed faculty by community colleges is strictly limited by HB 677.

Any type of discrimination in the admission or retention of students is outlawed by HB 982 (and SB 2490).

With authority that would be given them by HB 82 (and SB 2245) the Board of Trustees may establish a campus police force.

School holidays are specified by HB 250 (and SB 2011). These are the traditional holidays.

Of probable interest to science majors is HB 944 (and SB 2490) which prohibit the teaching of theories of evolution on any naturalistic or theistic bias. It requires that all theories of evolution be given equal consideration. At its first reading it sparked considerable earnest discussion. It was referred to the Education Committee.

One other house bill given to the Committee on State Government may interest students patrons of a nearby business. HB 525 prohibits sale of intoxicating liquors on any state university or college campus. A law passed in 1895 prohibits such sale anywhere within one mile of the University of Washington campus. In 1967 that law was amended to prohibit only the selling of liquor on the campus.

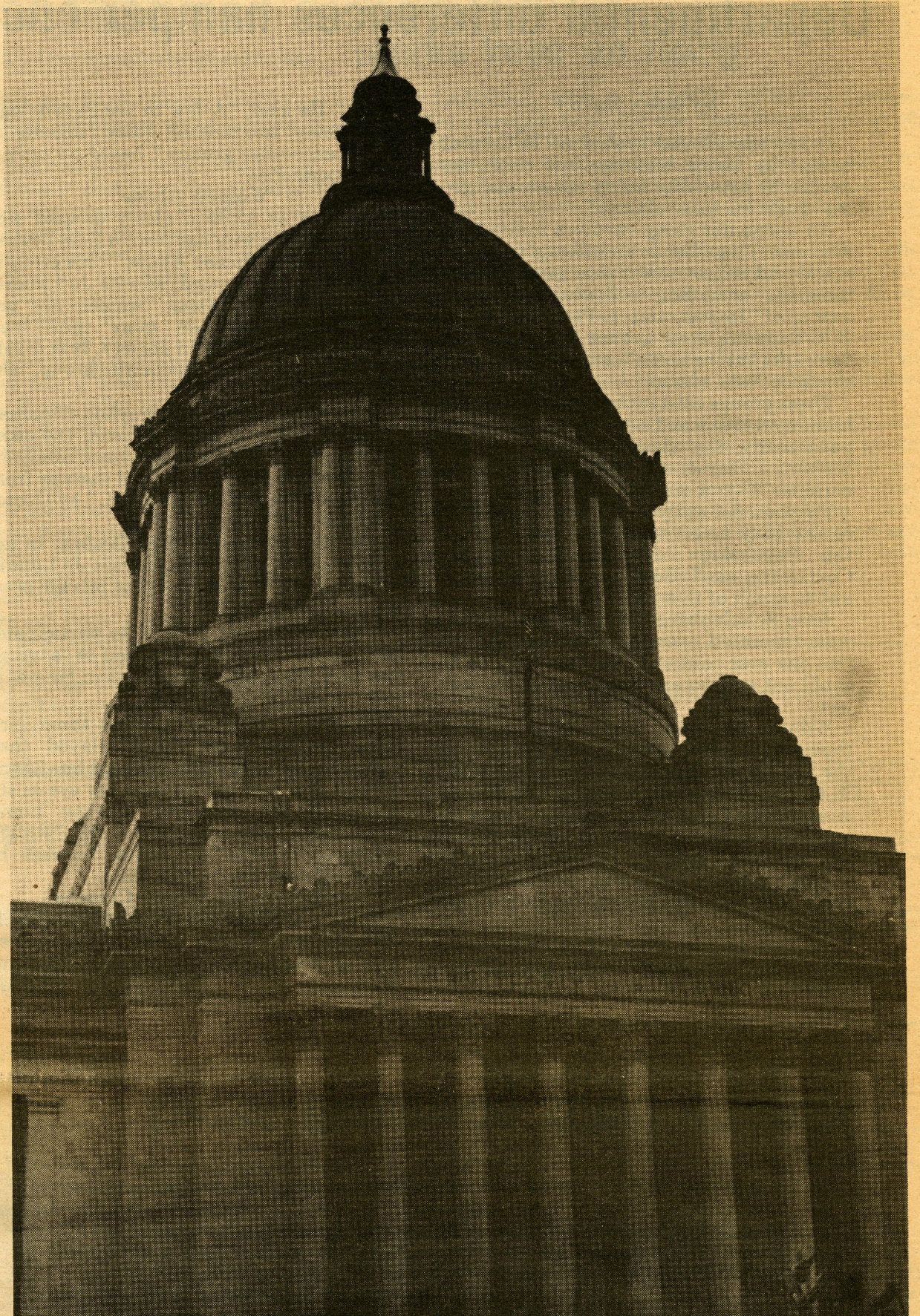
Law making is complex

For the student interested enough to attend public hearings on any of these bills, a daily schedule is printed by the legislature and may be obtained in the legislative printing office in the Capitol building. It tells where and when hearings are being held, and what bills are being considered.

The reader probably has observed that for many bills in the House, there is a corresponding Senate Bill. The reasoning behind this is that in case a bill becomes "shelved" in a House committee, its sister bill in the Senate may be pushed through. Then the House would be forced to act on it. The reverse of this procedure is also true, and bargaining between the two chambers often results.

A bill is introduced in either chamber by a "first reading." At this time it is usually referred to an appropriate committee. If it is approved by the committee for a "second reading," it may then be amended. When this happens it goes back to committee for reprinting. When it is finally approved in committee, it goes to the Rules Committee. From there it may, or may not, be brought to the floor for a "third reading" and final vote, when it is either "killed" or passed on to the other chamber. There the process starts all over again.

Key man in this process is the committee chairman. He may or may not see that a bill



returns to the floor.

Status sheets, printed each day of the sessions, tell where each bill is in the process. These, as also the daily schedules, agenda for both chambers, and copies of the bills, as well as digests of the bills being considered, may be obtained by any interested citizen from the legislative printing office or "Bill Room."

Seven in Senate important

Sixteen bills affecting community colleges have, at this writing, been referred to the Senate's Committee on Higher Education. Sister bills in the house for many of these have already been discussed. Seven of these, however, originated only in the Senate, and could affect TCC students.

Of great significance to students in vocational programs is SB 2885. It directs the State Board for Community College Education and the Supt. of Public Instruction to agree upon a definite plan for vocational education by April 15, 1975, and to submit it to the budgetary office by January 1, 1976.

The recognition and regulation of private vocational schools is spelled out in SB 2628. These must be licensed by the state.

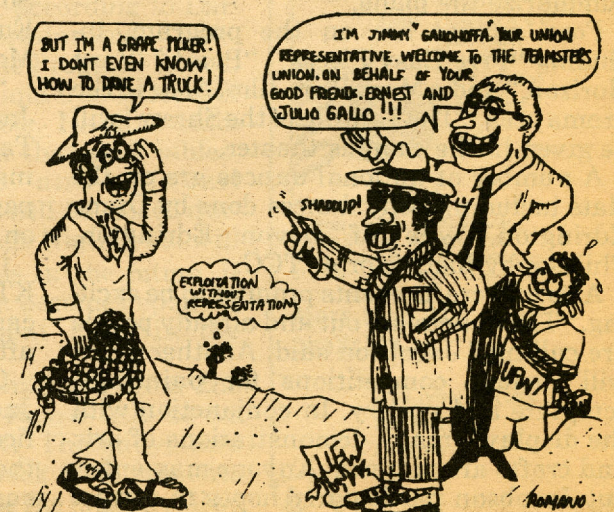
Faculty tenure and probationary faculty appointment is defined by SB 2855. It also provides for a tenure review committee composed of faculty peers, administrative staff, and a student representative.

Classified employees who wish to take a course to improve their job performance may be exempted from payment of tuition, when SB 2246 is passed.

"The admission, evaluation, rejection, dismissal, or disciplining of a student or applicant for admission as a student" may be done in executive session (excluding the public) according to SB 2882. Also covered here is the consideration of academic examinations.

Two remaining bills are in the financial area. SB 2674 requires that any capital improvement of over \$100,000 be set out for public bids. Administrative costs of community college districts will be studied by the state board when SB 2095 becomes law.

Persons who desire to see a copy of any of these bills should come to the Challenge office, Bldg. 15-8. One copy of each will be available there for examination.



athletics

Netmen double fault in league play

An assortment of disasters has struck the 1975 Tennis team and left them with a 0-win, 5-loss record after the early part of the season.

The first disaster struck before the first match when Les Christopher became ineligible until April 1. Then after playing only one point in the opening match with Olympic, number one man, Jeff Mahan, pulled a back muscle and had to forfeit his match in both singles and doubles. Wes Eklund and Mike Pfeil were the only two singles victors and with the No. 2 doubles being washed out, it was a fitting end for a 4-2 defeat in what probably should have been victory.

Another disaster hit when the netters trekked to Highline to play the Eagles with a large 3-0 handicap before things even got started. Reason: Mahan still out, Christopher still ineligible and Steve Barker home sick. Wes Eklund downed his opponent at No. 1 singles for a lone point in a 6-1 loss.

The Rangers from Olympic slipped by Tacoma once again by the same 4-2 count with forfeits doing the damage.

The Titans got their first taste of league action in still another small disaster by succumbing to league powers Fort Steilacoom and Bellevue respectively by identical 6-1 scores. With all regulars in action the No. 1 doubles team of Eklund-Mahan took the only point from Fort Steilacoom while the No. 2 doubles outfit of Barker-Pfeil won in straight sets over their Bellevue opposition.

Olympic 4 Tacoma 2

Singles: Randy Grotem (0) def. Jeff Mahan by default; Wes Eklund (T) def. Jack Frost (believe it or not) 6-3, 6-2; Pete Smith (0) def. Steve Barker 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; Mike Pfeil (T) def. Randy Kroke 6-1, 2-6, 6-1.

Doubles: Grotem-Frost def. Mahan-Pfeil

by default; Second doubles rained out.

Highline 6 Tacoma 1

Singles: Wes Eklund (T) def. Dick Bankhead 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; Jim Wusterbarth (H) def. Mike Pfeil 6-4, 6-3; Highline def. Tacoma by forfeit; John Stevens (H) def. Frank Stafford 6-0, 6-1; Highline def. Tacoma by forfeit.

Doubles: Bankhead-Wusterbarth (H) def. Eklund-Pfeil 6-3, 6-2; Highline def. Tacoma by forfeit.

Olympic 4 Tacoma 2

Singles: Wes Eklund (T) def. Randy Grotem 7-5, 7-5; Jack Frost (0) def. Mike Pfeil 6-3, 6-3; Pete Smith (0) won by forfeit; Steve Rourke (0) def. Frank Stafford 6-3, 6-1; No fifth singles played.

Doubles: Eklund-Pfeil (T) def. Smith-Rourke 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Grotem Frost (0) won by forfeit.

Fort Steilacoom 6 Tacoma 1

Singles: Scott Evans (FS) def. Jeff Mahan 6-2, 6-1; Dan Kropf (FS) def. Wes Eklund 6-2, 7-5; Frank Olsen (FS) def. Steve Barker 6-2, 6-0; Tim Aries (FS) def. Mike Pfeil 6-0, 6-1; Glenn Landram (FS) def. Les Christopher 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles: Eklund-Mahan (T) def. Evans Kropf 3-6, 6-4, 7-6; Olsen-Aries (FS) def. Barker-Pfeil 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.

Bellevue 6 Tacoma 1

Singles: Gary Reid (B) def. Jeff Mahan 6-2, 6-1; Bill Brooks (B) def. Wes Eklund 6-2, 6-3; Mark Ness (B) def. Steve Barker 6-1, 6-2; Greg Rodriguez (B) def. Mike Pfeil 6-1, 6-4; Dave Given (B) def. Les Christopher 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles: Reid-Brooks (B) def. Eklund-Mahan 6-4, 7-6; Barker-Pfeil (T) def. Ness-Rodriguez 6-3, 6-4.

Titan nine receive early setback

An opening double header loss, April 7 at Vassault field, has been bestowed upon the 1975 Tacoma baseball team by the likes of Edmonds.

The Tritons hurler pitched a one-hitter en route to a 4-0 decision in the first game and then joined fellow teammates, pounding out 13 hits coupled with 12 furs for a 12-4 victory in the day's second game.

The Titans held Edmonds scoreless for each inning except the fifth when they committed three errors which allowed a four-run outburst and the game's only tallies. Tacoma pitcher Rick Schoenrock struck out 10 and walked only two in an excellent show.

TCC just couldn't get untracked in the second game as the Tritons took it to them. However, Steve Lakin went 2-2 claiming a single and triple to his credit.

Tacoma had a number of ineligible players until the spring quarter and therefore cancelled their opening six games (all non-league) with Centralia, Grays Harbor and again Centralia.

The baseballers also lost two standout players in Doug Hartman and Rick Goucher, out with academic problems.

Next for the Titans: Bellevue, April 16, home.

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Edmonds	0	0	0
Tacoma	0	0	0

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Tacoma	0	0	0

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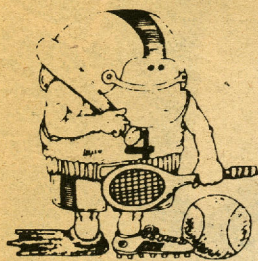
Intramurals suffer from low turnout

Spring intramurals is still under way but a definite lack of interest is hampering its existence.

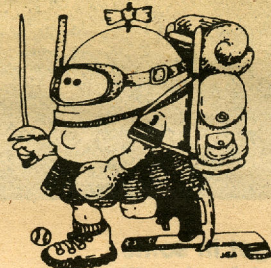
The TCC bowling league seems to be the only thing still functioning neatly. Men's volleyball and women's basketball have pretty much been cancelled.

Coed volleyball had their first match of the spring quarter Thursday. Nothing is noteworthy of the softball teams and women's tennis teams as well.

All are invited to participate in some fun and healthy exercise too.



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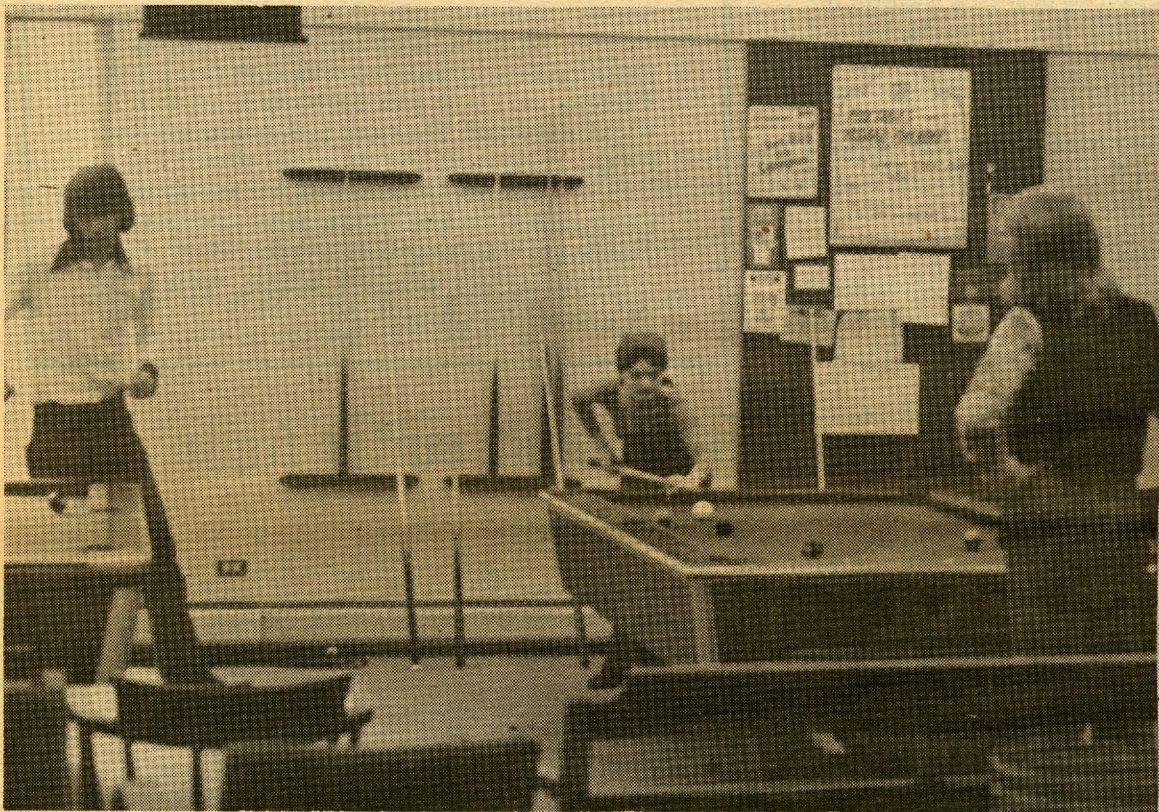
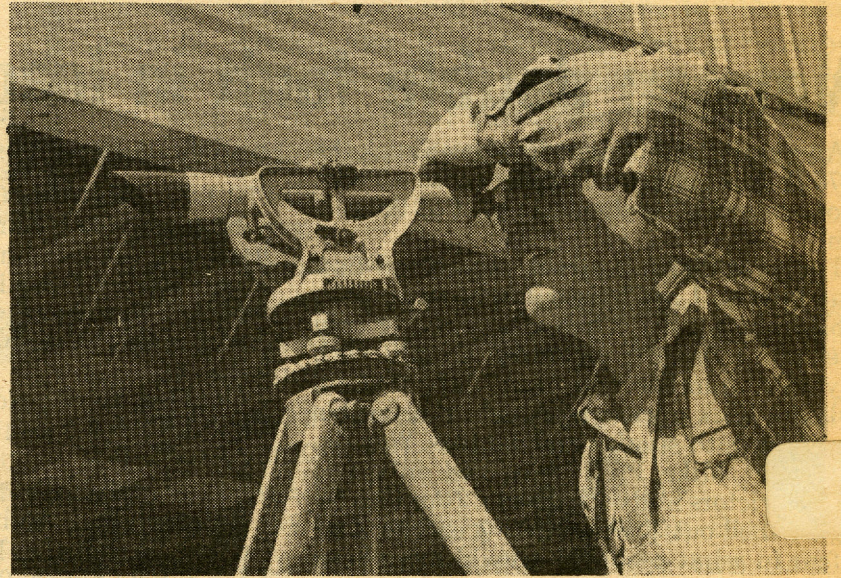
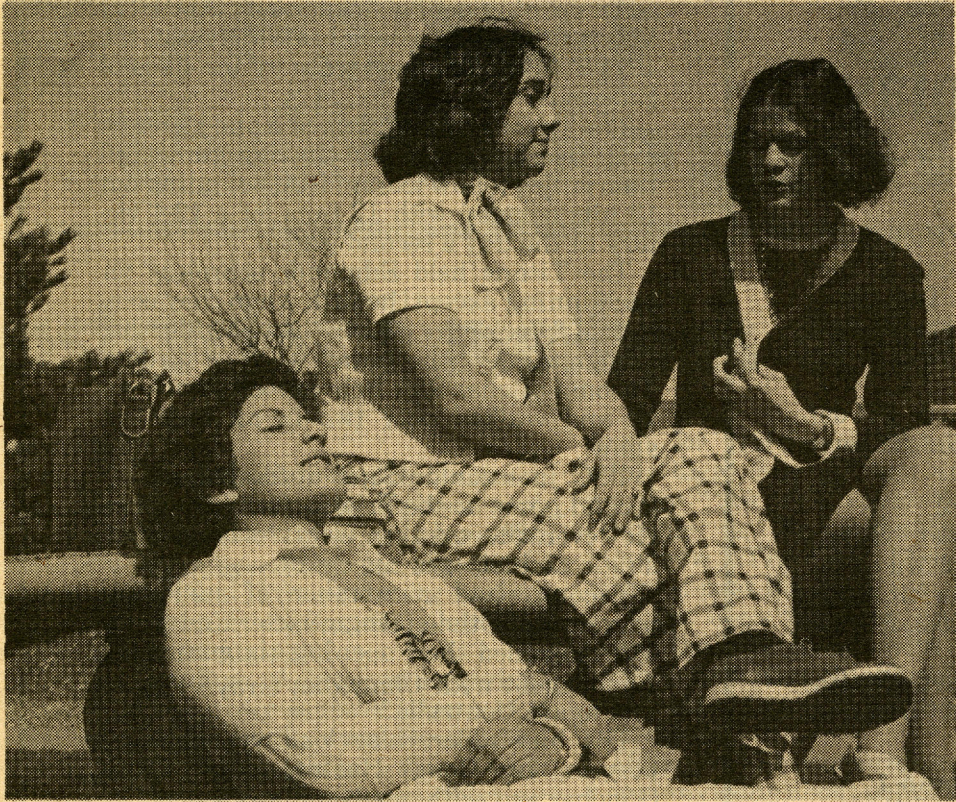
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Campus springs into action



The action clockwise from lower left: Pool pros get in some practice before Lounge Night, April 17, when Road Apple will take over the Lounge, 15-8 (see story page 4). Optimists catch some sun before it goes away. Checking progress on the Business, Allied Health and Faculty Extension Building (story page 1). Soapstone sculptors show how it's done at the Craft Workshop in Resource Center lobby, April 9.

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