

Collegiate Challenge

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Vets RAGE over administration squeeze

by Howard Schmidt

If the retired military, (there are 200 on campus, and God knows how many "military brats,") still think the Government is going to honor its recruiting promises over the last 50 years, they had better read the Oct. 16 issue of the Army, Navy, or Air Force Times.

R.A.G.E., an acronym for Retirees Alleging Government Exploitation, cites that issue for admission by the Department of Defense, "That implementation of a doctor bonus plan aimed at recruiting doctors for military service was delayed because the department expected a study by the President's Office of Management and Budget to eliminate treatment of military dependents and retirees, thus shrinking the need for doctors." The article further stated, "If the congress wants the military to provide such are, it should be made into law and backed by financial funds."

Next Sunday, Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. RAGE will regroup and prepare for their promised court battle, in the Tacoma College Theatre. The open membership drive will continue the fund raising efforts to take this issue all the way to the Supreme Court. Counting wives and children, there are over 140 thousand military families in the Puget Sound area. There are 1.4 million military retirees in the U.S.

Last April, the military told the retirees, "You will have to use CHAMPUS for your medical needs. We do not have enough doc-

tors." CHAMPUS, (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services) was originally set up to take care of the active and retired servicemen in remote areas too far away from major military installations. CHAMPUS would pay 75 per cent of hospital bills. "That's fine," said the retirees, until they ran smack into the realization that this plan could bankrupt many of them.

Civilian hospitalization borders on \$90 per day, just for the bed. Under CHAMPUS, this would cost the retiree \$22.50 per day. But that does not include the doctors fee, X-rays, medicine, special care, and a warm bed pan. Total fees, per day, are nearer the \$200 mark. If CHAMPUS pays their portion, the retiree would pay \$50 per day. Nobody told him when he was a young serviceman-raising his family on \$125 per month.

Hospitalization insurance is costly

The knock-out punch is that military retirees are in their forties or older. Throughout their military careers, no one ever told the father, that some day, he would need civilian insurance for the hospital. Health insurance premiums for persons over 40 are nearly financially prohibitive on a fixed income, even if the insured is in excellent health. Such policies do not cover existing illnesses for the first year or more. Retirees are at the ages where the more serious illnesses suddenly surface, and this short, five month medical cut-off at Madi-

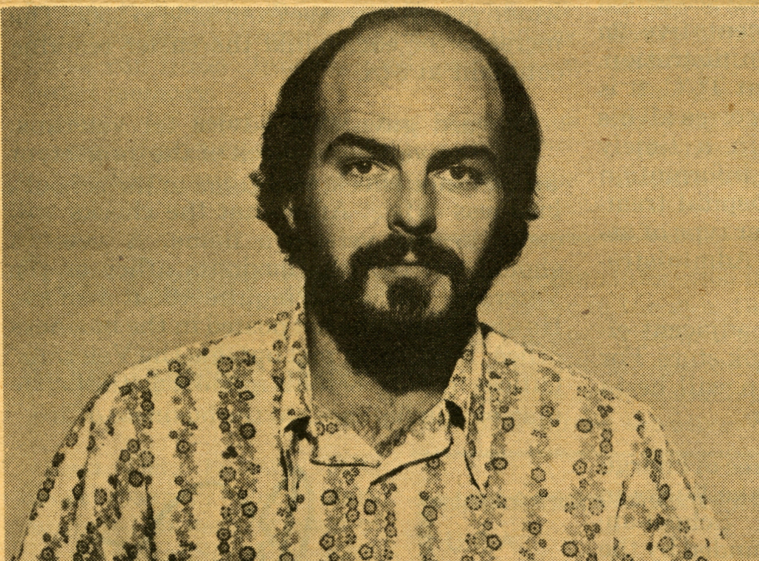
gan Army Hospital has already financially ruined several families. Many other retirees have obtained civilian insurance this summer-only to have Madigan reopen its doors again.

Other benefits withheld

The medical yo-yo, "now you see it now you don't," is just one problem in the benefits that were promised career servicemen. Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., has attacked the space available program, where military and retired can fly anywhere in the world, "if the seat is empty." Aspin has introduced legislation to eliminate "this little boondoggle."

RAGE intends to fight this constant erosion of benefits by taking these promised or implied benefits for 20 to 30 years of honorable service, to the courts. The retirees are not asking for a pay raise or any special consideration. They ask only that fringe benefits, offered as incentives and pounded into their heads for years, be restored by law. General Barksdale Hamlett USA-ret, said, "Members of the military community recognize the squeeze ahead for defense dollars. We do not believe it is irresponsible to press for what was guaranteed by law at the time we performed our services." Referring to the same issue, the late Supreme Court Justice, Hugo Black said, "Great Nations, like great men, should keep their word."

Come to the meeting, Sunday, RAGE asks, just tell another retiree.



Bob Sayles Photos by Steve Bloom

New salute for Vets club

Three new officers were chosen at the Veterans Association's first meeting of the quarter, Oct. 10, at 2:30 p.m. in the John Binns room. Nominations were the first order of business called by the outgoing officers: president Don Hickem, vice-president Mike Keely, and secretary-treasurer Dave Byers. Each man described his job for the 16 veterans present.

By successful motion to close the nominations, Bob Sayles was chosen president and Jim Shaughnessy became vice-president. Bob Cox and Mary Brier became nominees for secretary-treasurer. A count of votes by Dave Carpenter and Dave Byers gave the office to Ms. Grier.

Remarks made by both

Hickem and Steve Howard from the Office of Veterans Affairs emphasized that the 1340 veterans on campus comprise nearly one-fifth of the student body. Only by making their collective voice heard through veterans' organizations such as this have the benefits they now enjoy been obtained, Hickem reiterated. He described the club's objectives as being to set up social and athletic activities for veterans on campus; to organize action for legislation in behalf of veterans, both on and off campus; and to assist veterans in obtaining the benefits they have earned. Hickem also recommended the Washington Association of Veterans for all veterans desiring an off-campus affiliation.

LAC coordination begins aid

by Kari Kirchhoff

Would you like to have tutoring in a subject you're having difficulty with? The Learning Assistance Center has counselors and tutors willing to work with you, at a convenient time and place.

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The LAC can help you discover what your problem is, whether it be academic or personal, and what kind of help you need. They provide ready access to the TCC workshops. The workshops give aid in specific problem areas or provide a general refresher course in the following areas for

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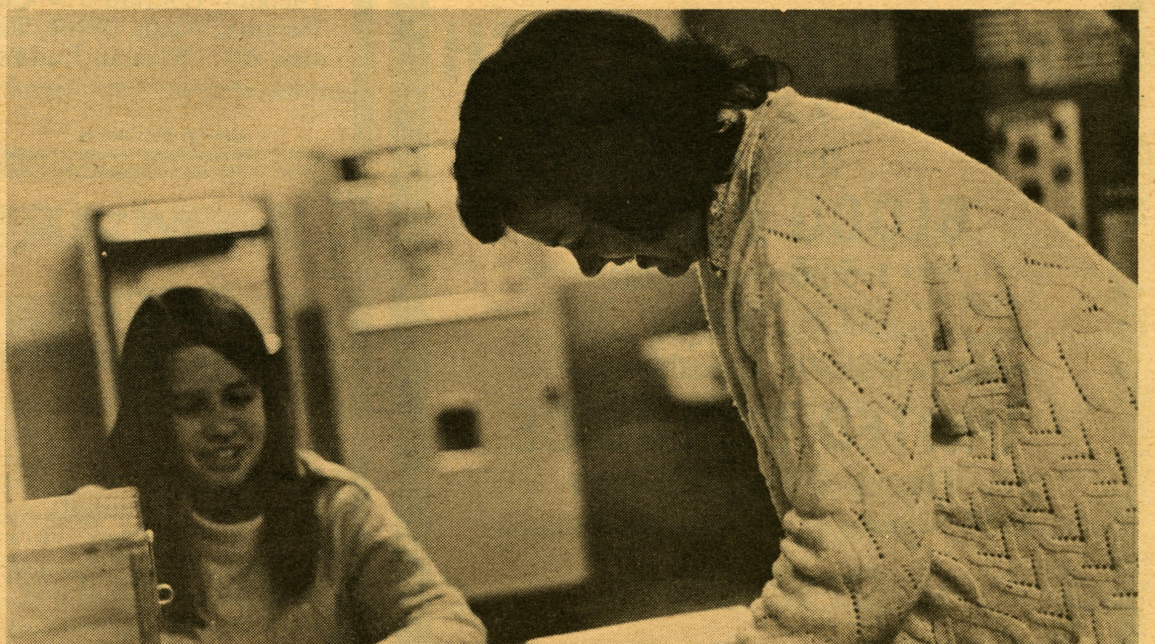
— Notetaking workshop, Bldg. 1-13.

— Taking examinations workshop, Bldg. 1-13.

— Library Orientation workshop, familiarizing you with the structure of the library system and the wide variety of material offered. Contact Mrs. Steadman, Bldg. 1.

The LAC announces that it is NOT too late to sign up for a workshop, for students who could use some help in improving their effectiveness.

Looking to the future, the LAC also hopes to eventually have an entire area set aside in Bldg. 1, to help meet various educational needs of the students.



Voter turnout for ASTCC elections looked good, according to Paula Plamondon, president. Election results were not available at press time but will be printed in next week's Challenge.

TCC campus activities duo needs a hand

TCC's two new student Activity Program Advisers are plunging enthusiastically into campus doings.

"There are some clubs in process of being formed — chess, "tae-kwon-do", judo, and others," said Paul Wolman, one of the two advisers. "In addition, both Mary and I would like to encourage people interested in planning programs, which include workshops, concerts, speakers, films — to contact us."

Wolman and Mary Haskins are working together in the advisory position. The activities are sponsored by monies taken from student funds. In explaining how they work so closely with the Senate, Ms. Haskins explained, "Actually we are a part of the whole," although not actually Senate members.

Paul Wolman originally hails from New York. He graduated from Bayside High School in Queens, New York, which was actually at a place called Little Neck Bay on Long Island Sound. He went to undergraduate school at University of Rochester, received a bachelor's degree in history and art in 1969, then went to graduate school, at State University of New York at Buffalo. He has his master's degree in Recent American History. He also studied Russian and Western Europe History.

Wolman was an instructor at the Bedford Stuyvesant ghetto in Brooklyn, New York "—in the late sixties during a pretty hot time — there was a lot going on then," he said.

Games in Prospect Park

"I taught little kids and played games in the park — we did arts and music," he explained, describing his duties there.

"We had classes for different age groups at different times of the day at Prospect Park. This is on the borderline of several different ethnic groups — Puerto Ricans, blacks, and predominately white people such as Irish, Jewish, Italian, etc.

"I found it pretty interesting. We had gang members and people who didn't speak English."

To make the park a rewarding and interesting place to be in the summer, Wolman said he sponsored lectures, demonstrations in crafts, had music sessions and art. Also some immigrants told stories. He taught everyone from about age 3-85, he said. He also worked in Rochester for two summers.

"Mary and I are splitting our jobs down the middle. Technically, Mary is in charge of publicity. Technically, I am in charge of clubs and organization. In effect, we are sharing the responsibility of two jobs."

A Tacoma girl

Mary Haskins is from Tacoma, and a graduate of Lakes High although she received her degree in Sociology at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

She is married to Jim Haskins and together they spent last year traveling around the world. Most of this was independent travel to Europe and Africa.

She worked for two and a half years for the Department of Social and Health Services as a case worker in Federal Way.

At TCC, she is working on publicizing student activities. "Any club wishing advertising comes through this office," she explained. "We have a couple of good artists working with us." But, she advised that anyone wishing publicity should also give them two weeks notice to give ample time for the artist to complete an advertising project.

The offices of the Student Activity Program are located in Bldg. 17A. They may be reached also in Bldg. 15, Room 8, office of the Senate.



Mary Haskins and Paul Wolman create an energetic working force.

Photo by Steve Bloom

Two VA officials assigned to TCC

The 1340 veterans attending Tacoma Community College have three offices on campus to assist them. In addition they have the student Veterans' Association. The three offices and the student organization are closely coordinated.

The first person a veteran hoping to get registered on campus might see is Steve Howard, Veterans and Admissions advisor for the Office of Veterans Affairs, a federally funded activity.

The next person he might well see would be Dave Seabrook, the representative on campus for the Veterans Administration. After the veteran is enrolled at TCC, it is Seabrook's job to see that he receives all his benefits and receives them in a timely manner. Benefits may include information on loans, disability claims, hospital treatment, counseling, and any other type of assistance given by the Veterans Administration.

Seabrook and Howard have adjacent offices in Bldg. 6, opposite the book store. For the evening school Bob Milton will be in Howard's office from 6 to 9 p.m.

Another service to veterans free of charge is the tutorial service under Dave Wicks in the Resource Center, Bldg. 1. School-approved tutors for veterans are funded by the

Veterans Administration for up to \$50 per month.

Many veterans may not be aware that a bill passed by Congress and now waiting for the Presidential signature would increase their educational benefits by 23 per cent. This means that a single veteran's maintenance allowance while registered in school for at least 12 credit hours would increase from \$220 to \$270. For a married veteran the increase would go from \$261 to \$321. A married veteran with one child would get an increase from \$298 to \$366. The increase for each child thereafter remains constant at \$18.

Howard gave this advice for veterans: "The first veteran's check of the quarter, or an advance check, will come to the school's business office. After that the checks will come to the veteran's home. A veteran should not call the business office or the Veterans' Offices to inquire about a check. He should see the list posted in the business office, Bldg. 2, or just outside the Veterans' Offices in Bldg. 6. If his name is on the list he may obtain his check at the business office."

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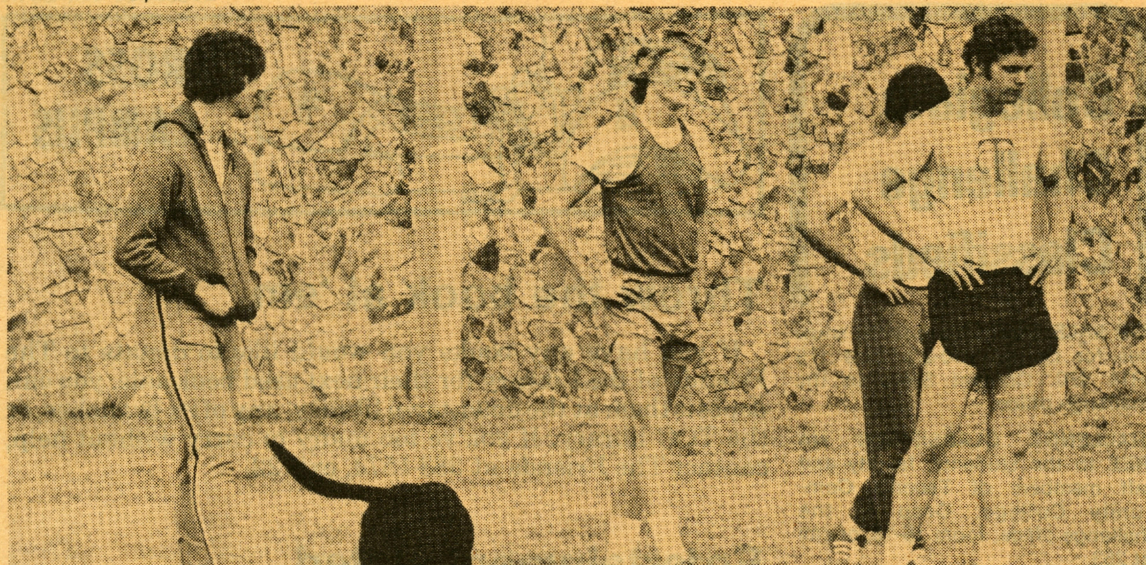
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Coach Bob Fiorito talks with harriers as they practiced for their upcoming meet in Mount Vernon.

Photo by Lisa Asplin

Have the Yankees really returned?

by Skip Jones

Take heart America. The Yankees have returned from your graveyard of national heroes. While your eyes have turned to the West for the year's World Series, your sentiments must deservedly lie with the onetime scourge of major league baseball — the New York Yankees. To be sure, their fall from the top delighted many. Yet, it came so swiftly that even the most cynical Yankee haters had to feel a little insecure. After all, the Yankees had been a shining example of the American Dream for nearly 50 years. The suddenly there they were, at the bottom of the American League standings. For some it was just too much to bear. However, after a few more years of Yankee mediocrity most of you were ready to pack them off to limbo in disgrace; there to lie in state. You wanted to forget. Now it is 1974. For nearly 10 years the Yankees — and the Nation's dreams — have been slowly dying. Even that immortal vestige of Yankee-ness, Babe Ruth, is relegated to also-ran status in the record books; surpassed by Henry Aaron as baseball's alltime home run hitter. Indeed, it all seems like a faded memory. Then, in late August, the miraculous resurrection occurred. Suddenly, and without warning the Yan-

kees threw off their shrouds and rose from the American League second division. You rubbed your eyes in disbelief. It just couldn't be true. But there they were, like the Yankees of old, fighting for the divisional title. The only difference was that the names had changed. Where once had stood Ruth, Gehrig, Mantle, Dimaggio et al, there were Bobby Murcer, sparky Lyle and Ron Blomberg. You may have asked, "Now who the hell in Rom Blomberg?" Yet, when the dust had had cleared, on the final day of the season, the Yankees had emerged in second place. They had vindicated themselves for all to see. All over the country, in those last few weeks of the season you hoped beyond hope that they would not falter, would not choke. And they didn't. The Yankees had returned. Somewhere ther sits a fan on a bar stool, suffering the inanities of Curt Cowdy blaring from a tiny television over the bar. The images of the Oakland A's and the L.A. Dodgers flicker across the screen. The roar of the crowd rises and falls sporadically. Every now and then a drunk will stumble in and loudly inquire as to the score. But the fan is oblivious. He has done his cheering for this season. He merely stares into his empty glass and mutters softly, fiercely, "Wail 'til next year."

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Charlie, would you shut up!

Mr. Finley, It's World Series time again and since the Oakland A's are in the classic, you are of course in attendance. As in the previous years, you are once again grabbing all the headlines, and I'm sure the rest of the sports world is getting a bit tired of your antics. What am I talking about you ask? You know Charlie, I think that jackass has more brains than you. Okay here we go. Charge: Treating Vida Blue like a little colored boy. When Blue won 24 games in 1971, you hailed him as the greatest thing since Sandy Koufax. Yet when salary time came around, the contract you offered him made Vida look like a 24 game loser. As a result, Blue held out for more money and he says he'll never forget how you treated him like "a little colored boy." Verdict: Guilty. Charge: Giving Mike Andrews a bum deal. Last year Andrews made two errors in the second game of the Series, and you immediately pulled him off the team, forcing him to sign a false statement. Now he is suing you for 2.5 million dollars. Verdict: Guilty, pay up Charlie. Charge: Failure to pay your best pitcher, Jim Hunter, his full salary. You own him \$50,000, and like a true gentleman, you offered to give him a check for the amount. Can you imagine the taxes on a check like that? Hunter wants to put the money into an insurance policy, but you say you cannot deduct that as an expense account. Too bad, you should have paid him in the first place. Verdict; Guilty and unless you want to lose your best pitcher, you better do it his way. Now don't get me wrong Charlie, you do have some good in you. Your idea of having the World Series at night was admittedly good, but having orange baseballs and multi-colored bases is a little eccentric don't you think? The latest headline getter is the possibility of you moving out of Oakland. Seattle has been rumored as a possibility of a new location. "That's a (expletive deleted) lie," you say. It's also been said that you don't like Seattle. Has the thought ever crossed your mind that Seattle does not like you? I'm sure they would take the Oakland team minus one owner. There is no denying that the A's are probably the best team in baseball and you are the man behind it all, but in the future, could you stay behind the scenes like the other owners? Sincerely, Rob Robinson

Cross Country squad drops opening meet

Last Oct. 11, the TCC Cross Country track team competed in its first meet of the season at Shoreline placing last with a score of 100.

Coach Bob Fiorito said, "all the guys ran well considering none of them have ever ran cross country prior to Friday." Representing TCC were Dave Allen, Milt Freeman, Dennis Rundahl, Paul Smith, and Bill Wilson, all returning from last years track team.

Scores were Shoreline 34, Yakima second with 37, Skagitt third with 51, and TCC with 100. The next meet will be held Oct. 18 at 3:30 in Mount Vernon.

All Veterans interested in playing football again this year, should come to the gym field at 1 o'clock every Sunday. So bring you girl, wife, or if you have the guts, both. There will be a refreshment session immediately following the game. All injuries in this touch-game will be taken care of at the hospital across the street (19th). So Ram On!

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REVIEW

by Kurt Kentfield

Old Ganite face is back, with a new movie, "Death Wish". People who have ever been terrorized, afraid to walk the streets at night, or use the parks, will cheer Charles Bronson on as he plays a successful Manhattan executive, whose wife (Hope Lange) and daughter (Kathy Tolan) are mugged at home by three sadistic men. His wife dies of the wounds, his daughter ends up in a mental hospital.

Frustrated by the police department's inability to collar the thugs, Bronson takes to the streets. A onetime conscientious objector, he becomes a gun carrying vigilante to find justice for his wife and daughter.

Bronson walks the streets waiting for the muggers to make their play. After twelve muggers are either shot to death or given permanent scars, the police find Bronson and tell him to get out of town. "By sundown?" he muses.

There lies the public appeal of "Death Wish." Bring back the code of the west, an eye for an eye. This movie touched a raw nerve in modern day U.S.A. Bleeding heart liberals call this movie reactionary, dangerous and primitive.

"If the police can't defend us, maybe we ought to protect ourselves," states Bronson, and the audience cheered him on.

Participation Provides Decision

Students are needed to participate in the Program Board to provide suggestions on special events, according to Paul Wolman and Mary Haskins, activity program advisers.

The advisers would like students to join in making decisions about TCC's activities. These activities include coffeehouse vibrations, the afternoon concerts; movies, craft workshops, speakers and other special events.

The Program Board consists of heads and delegates of clubs, but they want students to join this board to give ideas and work actively in scheduling events.

"I would like to see these events scheduled more democratically, and with a larger profile of ideas," says Wolman.

Students interested in attending a one-day-a-week meeting should contact either Wolman or Ms. Haskins in Bldg. 17-A between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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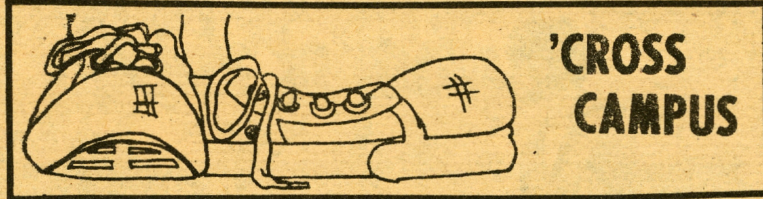
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Entertainment slated

"Cool Hand Luke" will be shown on the TCC campus Oct. 25. "Colossus" will be the second feature instead of the previously announced "Lord of the Flies." The movies will be in the Little Theatre at 7:30 p.m., and admission is 50 cents with a TCC ID card and 75 cents without.

"Yellow Submarine" will be shown for free Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m. The location will be announced later.

Fall production begins

Stephen Vincent Benet's play, "John Brown's Body," will be in the Little Theater, Bldg. 3, on Nov. 15, 16, 21, 22, and 23.

Ski Club wants you

TCC's Ski Club is looking for more members. If you are interested, contact Linda Miller, Student Activities, in Bldg. 15-8.

Trio trip tonight

The Irish-American trio called Caitlin performs at Court "C" tonight beginning at 9. Mick McCartney and Paul Wilson will be there tomorrow night at 9. Door charge each night is 75 cents.

D.W. on U.S.A. at U.W.

D.W. Griffith's film "America" will be shown at UW Monday night, at 120 Kane Hall. Admission is \$1.50, and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Giving credit where credit is due. Last week's Perspective was by Jerry Winch, ASTCC senator. Last week's advice on how not to get lost in the wilderness was by Terence McAlister.

Anthony Russo, the first of five scheduled speakers at TCC during the 1974-75 year, canceled at the last minute. Program coordinators regret inconveniences caused by the cancellation. Future speakers will be announced.

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