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TCC should give serious thought to establishing a small learning center in the South End. That was the advice given TCC trustees Oct. 22 by Gerald Vaughan, assistant to the director of community services at TCC. He was reporting on the results of Project CHANGE, a federally funded survey of adult education needs in Tacoma. Added services for low-income adults on the South Side should have top priority, Vaughan said. And a greater effort needs to be made on Tacoma's East Side, too, he added. The report, based on 15 months of study, suggests better coordinated and more relevant programs in the Hilltop area. But it observes that services can be provided in existing facilities there. The report notes that the South Side is "cut off" from TCC -- geographically by the Freeway and poor public transportation and psychologically by course offerings that have greater appeal to the North End and West Side. It advocates a "strategically located South End Center" -- about the size of a convenience grocery store.

Vaughan's remarks, however, were prefaced by President Thornton M. Ford's report that the outlook for new capital funds is gloomy. He told the board that the capital request of the State Board for Community College Education for the 1971-73 biennium includes only one project for TCC -- \$270,230 for remodeling of instructional space.... The trustees deferred action until their Nov. 19 meeting on the proposed new statement of objectives for TCC.

TCC officials told legislative candidates who met at the college Oct. 6 that capital funding for the community college system is a real headache. They noted that the state's priorities -- which put instructional space in first place -- penalize a campus like TCC, which built classrooms and library facilities first. Adequate physical education facilities and a student center were to come later -- and it doesn't look like later will arrive. And John Binns, chairman of the TCC trustees, observed that if adequate operating funds are not available, the community colleges' open door will have to swing shut.

ON THE CALENDAR: The Crucible, Arthur Miller's powerful drama about the Salem witch trials, will be performed Nov. 18-22 at TCC. Performances are set for 8 p.m. Nov. 18-21 and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 22 in the Little Theater... Dr. Norman Sanders, who teaches oceanography at the U. of California-Santa Barbara, will speak on "Pollution and How to Fight It" in a public lecture at noon Nov. 20 at TCC... Dr. A. A. Canfield, state director of community colleges, will address the Tacoma Rotary Club at noon Nov. 19. It's part of the State Community College Week observance, Nov. 16-20.

OFF THE PRESS: A brochure listing faculty members at TCC who are willing to speak to clubs and civic organizations is ready. For a copy, phone the public information office at TCC.

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