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Campus disturbances, a nation-wide phenomenon, struck Tacoma Community College in May. Early in the month, members of the Obi Society, black students' organization, presented President Thornton Ford with a list of 11 demands. The demands included recruitment of more black students, financial, tutoring and counseling aid for them, new courses in black studies, inclusion of the black contribution in the existing curriculum, autonomous black studies department and requirement of a black studies course for TCC's Associate degree. . . Later in the month, fights broke out over the color of a large rock on the center of the campus. Black students had painted it black; white students had started to repaint it white. The disturbance ended when police units arrived. . . In a series of noon meetings faculty members, administrators and students worked on implementing the demands where feasible. On May 29, TCC Trustees said yes to some of the demands and no to others. They agreed to earmark funds for recruiting of black students and counseling. Black studies courses in literature and political science will be implemented next fall. Campus security officers are, generally, to be unarmed during daylight hours. The demand for an autonomous black studies department was turned down as unwise and illegal. The TCC faculty is considering the idea of a black studies requirement for the Associate degree.

TCC's newest trustee is Dr. Dewey H. Tuggle Jr., a black dentist. He succeeds Frank Cooper, who served two years on the board. Mr. Cooper did not seek reappointment. Dr. Tuggle was appointed by Gov. Dan Evans May 8.

It takes a program to tell the players. At its May 29 meeting, the Board approved a number of administrative and faculty appointments. Bob Thaden, admissions officer, was appointed to a new position of general education coordinator. Joseph Kosai, records officer, will take over the duties of the admissions officer as part of his records responsibility. Gerald Vaughan was appointed assistant to the dean for community development. He will report to H. J. Schafer, dean of community services. Donald R. Gangnes, instructor in chemistry, was appointed to a one-year position as evening school supervisor. Named acting division chairmen for 1969-70 were Joseph A. Betz, mathematics-science, and Morris Summers, humanities. Ronald Lundquist will serve as counseling department chairman for 1969-70. One-year leaves of absence were approved for Richard Harrison, English, and Paul Nesbitt, anthropology.

The sound of music was especially welcome May 14 in the TCC Little Theater. With WSU's George Scott at the console, a dedicatory concert was held for TCC's new organ--a gift from Mrs. Jane McKee in memory of her late husband, Lawrence K. McKee. It is an electronic, three manual, classic organ, and it has been acclaimed by everyone who has heard it.

TCC students have elected a new student body president for next year. He is John DeVore, a 25-year-old history major. Philip Shinn, a pre-law student, has been elected chairman of the Washington Association of Community College Student Governments. At the same meeting at Columbia Basin Community College in Pasco, Miss Bonnie Winston, Miss TCC, was a runner-up for the state title.

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