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Personnel turnover and system flaws contribute to 49% loan default rate

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By Ron Wilson
A figure released by the Department of Health,

Education and Welfare showing a 65 percent default of student loans at Tacoma Community College is in error. A closer figure is 49 percent.
On March 6, 1979, the Tacoma

Tribune, quoting information supplied by Associated Press Wire Service, declared 65 percent of students involved in the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) program at TCC were in default as of June 30, 1978.

In a March 12 interview, Jim Call, associate dean for business services at TCC, revealed that an audit by a contract auditor, from the State Board in Olympia, found the 65 percent figure to be in error.

...The loan program as originally proposed was

to be self-sustaining...

The contract auditor is a federal employee, who is responsible to the State Board. His only job is to audit loan programs and federal funds in this area. His review of the NDSL and loan programs at TCC found the actual rate of default to be approximately 49 percent.

Even though the subsequent audit shows a marked drop in the rate of default, the debt accumulated according to the TCC business office statistics is.

The money was loaned to

students over a six to eight year period. The funds went out in different forms; NSDL, Federal Student Loans (FSL), and various college aids.

All the loan programs are set up so students are obligated to

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of students, the system fails to operate...

start repayment of the Toans nine months after leaving TCC. If a student decides to attend a four-year institution or do military service, the loans may be deferred.

In such cases, the student has only to get the appropriate paper work from the institution he is a part of. When a student does start to repay the money he can negotiate an arrangement with the college. A contract would give a student from three to ten years to repay the loan.

If a student does not go to a four-year school and send the proper paper work back, or does not start to repay the loan within nine months of leaving TCC, the loan is automatically placed in a default status.

Tracking students

At this time the business office takes charge and at-tempts to track the student by mail and telephone. If the student is successfully located the business office makes attempts to come to repayment terms. If the student fails to meet his obligation to the loan,

the business office turns the account over to Trans-World Accounts, a collection agency.

One problem cited by the financial aid office is student job qualification status upon leaving TCC. The average student, unless in some vocational program, really does not have the skill to go out, get a

job, and start to repay the loan. The responsibility for collecting the defaulted loans was formerly given to the business office two years passed. This came in the wake of a "program review", in which it was declared that the financial aid office did not have means or specialized personnel to handle the defaulted loans. Prior to this time all loans and related areas had remained within the financial office.

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were taking out loans...

The problem was not solved with this action; the respon-sibility for it had only been shifted. The business office originally could not afford to hire anyone to specifically handle defaulted loans, so it was made an additional task to some employees. The business office now, however, has one full-time and one part-time employee to work with the loans.

The system

The loan program as originally proposed was to be Continued on page 4



Spring dumped on TCC

Those cute little ducks aren't the only sign of spring here at TCC, as the campus has been reintroduced to organic fertilizer. Org Fert, as it is more or less affectionately called (mostly less), is sewage in the digester stage. It costs the city over 20 cents a gallon to complete the digesting operation to return the org fert into the system for us to drink, so the city saves money dumping it on TCC to make the grass grow; but if anyone misses all that org fert in their water faucets, the city will be glad to let you take some home....



Library hosting art

'Wolves', an oil painting by Bonnie Coughlin, is one of several high school art pieces on display in the library this month. The collection is the product of the finalists for the third annual Irma Paine Scholarship. More entries can be seen on page 4.

With classified reps

Stevens agrees to meet

TCC President Dr. Larry Stevens has agreed to meet with representatives of the classified staff in a "strictly exploratory" move to work out possible differences, according to Stevens.

The first meeting was held Wednesday, April 18 to set foundations for future meetings in which the participants will be "trying to deal with some of the issues the classified have" said Stevens. The president added that he expected the meetings to be helpful.

Representing the classified staff in Wednesday's meeting were Ellen Douthett, shop steward for the classified union, Lorraine Heldebrand, librarian, and Dennis Findley, manager of TCC's print shop.

The differences go back to problems begun last quarter when both faculty and classified staffs voted dissatisfaction with Stevens on several issues. A major issue was the reassignment of TCC Dean of Instruction Dr. Robert Rhule.

Following the votes of dissatisfaction the separate groups drafted letters to he TCC Board of Trustees asking for special meetings to discuss the

The Board then conducted several meetings with both

classified and representatives, and later with Dr. Stevens after hiring a consultant for \$1500.

After concluding their meetings, the Board, chaired by Ellen Pinto, sent to both faculty and classified a letter which stated that though the Trustees supported Dr. Stevens, they saw a need for changes.

The letter stated, "In our subsequent discussions with the President, we focused especially on such matters as improving communications between the President and various parts of the campus community, increasing his accessibility to faculty and staff, and, in general, his developing a more personalized management style."

The letter was met with little enthusiasm from both factions. According to Jerry McCourt, president of the TCC Federation of Teachers, a poll of the faculty revealed that they were not satisfied.

A counter-letter, drafted by McCourt to Pinto, stated, "The faculty are gravely disappointed with your response to our concerns because of both the content of the response and the method by which the Board arrived at it.'

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Opinion

Four day week more convenient for students

College schedules are usually not designed to be of convenience to students, Dean of Students Richard Batdorf told a group of student senators last quarter. He said they tend to be more oriented toward the ease of faculty and staff.

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The four day week idea may

be a case in point.

Separate polls indicate that while a luttle less than half (29 of 61) of the full time teachers, librarians and counselors responding are in disfavor of the change, that less than a fifth of 10:30 students polled are against it.

A four day class week would be good for TCC.

TCC tries to accomodate what has been termed the "nontraditional" student, that is, the student who may be an adult, a minority, or handicapped. These students, particularly the older students, have obligations outside the college. Many students have families and employment which makes

demands on their time and it is

sometimes difficult to attend

school each day of the week.

It is especially inconvenient sometimes when teachers grade on attendance, as some do, and since there are very few classes which aren't five credit blocks.

Having five credit classes spread over one hour each day, in the mornings or in the evenings, is not as convenient as having classes be offered for less than five credits, like many four year schools do, or having classes held for more than one hour two or three days a week.

An expanded schedule would be good because it would allow students more flexibility in their schedules and because it is hard to get involved in a subject for more than 50 minutes. History lectures for example, can be very interesting and would be better at an expanded

The class schedules should be changed to include a four day school week. It could be more convenient and attractive to new students.

Kelly Gordon



TCC students receive radiology award

By Marie Rice

Mike Boyer, a TCC radiologic technology student, won first place for his radiographic exhibit at the recent annual meeting of the Washington Society of Radiologic Technologists in Olympia.

Boyer's exhibit featured magnification radiography— images magnified on x-ray by means of special equipment. His award was a \$100 cash prize and a plaque.

Another RT student, Milton Weber, won honorable mention for his display on radiographic subtraction-photographic manipulation of the x-ray

Nineteen students throughout the state submitted exhibits to the society's student competition.

Boyer and Weber are secondyear students in TCC's
Radiologic Technology
program and are receiving
clinical training at Tacoma General Hospital.

"We are very proud of our students," said Royal Domingo, RT program director. "This is the second year we have won first place in exhibits. Joyce Rogers won last year. All 12 of our 1978 graduates passed the national certification exam and are entitled to add RT (registered technologist) to their name. All are employed. Hopefully, we'll have someone win the competition in 1980 in Spokane."

TCC receives community revitalization grant

By Keith Richardson

Tacoma Community College has received a \$35,000 grant from the state planning agency and the business community to assist in conducting a community revitalization program

in Tacoma's Hilltop area.

The grant abstract reads
"Together, Tacoma Community organization Tacoma Community College will commit their human and financial resources to plan and implement a model community revitalization program, that will not only arrest urban blight but also generate pride in Hilltop and other blighted areas."

The college will work in conjunction with the Tacoma Community organization headed by Mike Hall.

An all city convention will be held in July to develop leadership skills within the nine neighborhood leaders. Main topics to be covered will include youth employment, housing zoning, and citizen-government relationships.

The main objective of this program is to save single family dwellings of approximately 30,000 people from being overcome by commercialization-and further prospective buyers, said Dr. Ronald Magden, project director, and assistant dean for the institutional advancement project.

TCC will also seek to educate and introduce career programs

Workshops will be conducted by Tanya Brunke in an effort to stimulate a greater sense of awareness in hilltop residents, thus enabling them to deal with government advancements.

The Tacoma News Tribune and Channel 11 will individually present four one-hour programs as recommended from all city convention resolutions.

Students desiring to participate should contact Bill Packard or Dr. Ronald Magden in Bldg. 9 at 756-5070.

Credits would be awarded to such students for their role in social involvement.

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Four proposals to go before legislature

By Annie Bailey

An estimated \$1,062,785 will be requested from the legislature for four proposals to remodel TCC in the coming year.

The money is allocated in amounts of \$108,285 to repair and replace roof surfaces on a number of existing buildings on campus, another \$234,200 to remodel the music wing to

develop a specialized music laboratory. The art wing is also requesting funds in the amount of \$242,800 to remodel the existing wing and bring it up to the WISAA codes.

The most elusive amount being requested is in the amount of \$477,500 for renovation of the total college heating, ventilation and airconditioning systems.

According to Don Gangnes, dean of business services the legislature hasn't voted on the proposals at this time. He also commented that at the present no major proposals were involved in the request for this year.

When the appropriations committee finally voted out the budget, the remaining difference between the community college request and the committee budget stood at less than 2.2 million dollars.

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Stevens attends ROTC dinner

Dr. Larry P. Stevens, TCC President, was the guest of University of Puget Sound Air Force ROTC Detachment 900 at its Sixteenth Annual Dining-Out, held at the McChord AFB Officers' Club on April 3.

The guest speaker was Lt.

General Richard C. Henry, Commander, Space and Missile System Organization (SAMSO), Los Angeles Air Force Station, California. Dr. Stevens (left) is

shown with Dr. Robert H. Stauffer (center) President, Fort Steilacoom Community

College, speaking to General

A Dining-Out is a formal Air Force Dinner adopted by US Army Corps personnel from the British during WWII and subsequently continued by General H.H. "Hap" Arnold afterward.

Selection committee seeks new dean

By Marie Rice

The Selection Committee, named to seek and screen applicants for the position of TCC dean of instructional services, mailed a brochure last Wednesday advertising the projected availability of the post at Tacoma Community College.

Among the abilities and experiences needed to qualify, as mentioned in the brochure, applicants are asked to have:

—a minimum of three years community college instructional administrative experience

—five years community college classroom teaching, minimum

—a master's degree or higher

—successful coordination and administrative experience in program development

—adequate practice in budget planning and management

-understanding of and commitment to the comprehensive community college philosophy

—positive and flexible leadership skills

The position will be vacant due to the reassignment of Dean of Instruction Dr. Robert Rhule. search committee chairman, by

The duties of the dean of instruction include planning and implementing all the instructional programs of TCC's 6,000 students each quarter, providing guidance and leadership in program administration, and supervising

260 full and part-time faculty members.

The brochure was mailed within the state of Washington only, but applicants from all over the country can apply. Submissions must be sent to Carl Brown, dean of instruction search committee chairman by May 11, 1979. The salary will depend upon the background and experience of the applicant. The current range is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 annually.

Approximately six finalists will be recommended to the college president by the Selection Committee on June 4. The committee, appointed by Dr. Stevens, is composed of representatives of the administration, faculty, student body, and classified staff.

Gunshot alarms library patrons



Richard Aiken

An unidentified man was reported to have accidentally shot off a firearm in the TCC library Monday, April 16. According to Stan Mowry, the man was standing at the reference section when he bent over and dropped gun. When he picked it up it fired. At the time of questioning the bullet still had not been found. This leads security to believe that the gun was loaded with a starter or some kind of blank.

At the time of the incident the library held approximately one hundred people, with a few people actually seeing the man. He walked out of the library and according to Richard Aiken, reference librarian, he was calm, cool and collected. He walked out of the building and across the street to Spanish Hills Apartments. He walked between the buildings and then proceeded to get in his car and drive away.

In the meantime the police had arrived. They asked questions and did an investigation not finding the bullet. Security obtained the license number from the car, when the man left. When the man came back, he went into one of the apartments. The police could not arrest him so they decided to leave it at that.

He was a short, black man with an afro that was covered with a net. He wore a jacket with large side pockets, where he carried the gun.

Jim Jansen, a Tacoma policeman said, "Discharging a firearm in city limits is a breach of peace." This means the man should have been arrested.

One student replied, "Everyone is going to be fearful since they took it so casually. I know I am."

The police don't know yet who the man was and they couldn't say exactly what they are going to do.

Labor unions reviewed through film festival

By Donna L. Cool

TCC's Labor Film Festival began Thursday, April 19 and will continue through May 24.

The purpose of the Labor Film Festival is to illustrate the struggle and the years of building union organization by the workers but also to see what can be done about the small number of organized workers and the number of marginal, dead-end jobs. The festival is also to deepen understanding of current labor struggles.

The films and speakers are:
April 19 - Labor film classic
"The Inheritance." Origins of
the amalgamated clothing and
textile workers union. Speaker:
Harry Stockinger, president,
N.W. Labor History
Association.

April 26 - Public employee unions. Speaker: Eve Johnson, Washington Federation of State Employees. "I Am a Man", "One Year on the Line." Film from the King County Auto trades strike of 1977 and 1978. Speaker: Will Parry, Western Association of Pulp and Paper Workers.

May 3 - Women at Work.

"With Babies and Banners"
Describes support work of women in auto workers sit-in strike at Flint Chevrolet plant in 1937. "Don't Call Me Baby Anymore" Produced by Canadian Union of Public Employees. "The Emerging Woman." Speaker: Nancy Holland, Financial Institution Employees Union at Sea-First Bank

May 10 - The Multinationals. "The Corporation," Recent history of government policy and allegiance to Phillips Petroleum. "Controlling Interests". Speaker: Priscilla Lippincott, J.P. Stevens Boycott Committee.

May 17 - Current Struggle. "Harlan County U.S.A.," Award winning documentary of coal miner organizing, 1973 and 1974. Speaker: Stan Standifer, Federation of Government Employees.

May 24 - "Salt of the Earth". Full lengh Hollywood feature banned in the 1950's about hard rock miners in the Southwest. Speaker: Harry McIlvaigh, Secretary, Pierce County Central Labor Council 1933-1963.

The festival is sponsored by the Pierce-Kitsap Labor Studies, Advisory Committee, Tacoma Community College, TCC Federation of Teachers AFL-CIO.

The programs are presented twice each day at 12 noon and 7 p.m., Bldg. 18, in rm. 8, TCC campus. Refreshments and discussion follow each program and there will be a donation of \$1. For further information call Dr. Ronald Magden at 756-5049.

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self-sustaining. As students took out loans and started to repay them, the principle and interest would be put in a continuous cycle. This cycle would keep the money moving freely between the loan fund and students. With the rate of default and an increased number of students, however, the system fails to operate as such.

Another point made by the business office and financial aid is that much of what is going on now, is the result of past policy. In the past, control of the loans were much more relaxed than

Financial aid particularly points out that some students in the past may not have known they were taking out loans, as it was not office policy in the past to explain the terms of the contract to the student. Now each student is given personal

counseling on loans or any other form of aid he might receive.

Financial aid has undergone a complete turnover in personnel within the last three years, and much of what the office is involved in now is the revising of previous policy and attempting to correct past administrative

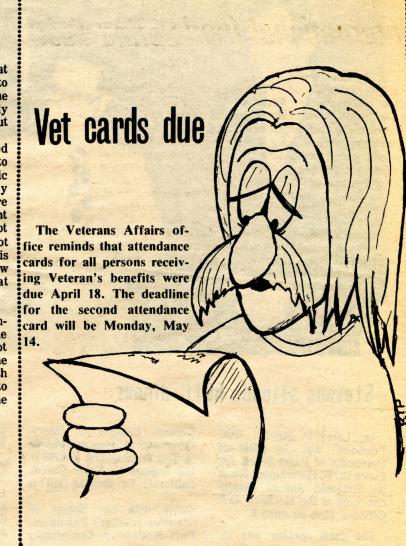
The business office strongly points out that when a student receives a loan, there comes with it a responsibilty. It is the borrower's responsibility to make terms for the repayment of the loan, and honor the terms of the repayment.

Negative effects that may have stemmed from the loan program are not far reaching. as far as students are concerned. For present and future students financial aid will still be available and in larger quantities. Noel Helegda, director of financial aid at TCC,

said, "It is projected that financial aid will be available to 50 percent more students in the coming year. Work study allocations have also just about doubled."

Due to recently-passed legislation, which will go into effect July 1 of this year, Basic Educational Opportunity
Grants will be available to more students. Previously a student with no dependents, who did not live with parents, did not qualify for the grant unless his income was \$3200 or less. New legislation has moved that figure to \$6000.

Also, students with dependents who owned their home and had other assets were not eligible for BEOG. Under the new legislation, a student with dependents may retain up to \$25,000 in equity on the home and still qualify for the loan.



Civil rights committee invites participants

The Washington Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a two-day hearing on May 11 and 12 to collect information on the employment status of minorities, women, and han-dicapped persons in the governments of Pierce County, the City of Tacoma, and the Port of Tacoma. The informal public hearing will begin at 9 a.m. each day in City Council Chambers, County-City Building, Tacoma.

Persons invited to participate include: individuals with knowledge of the employment practices of the City, County, or Port; representatives from community organizations

concerned with employment rights; union officials; personnel, civil service, and equal employment opportunity officers; department heads; and elected officials. A court reporter will be present to transcribe the proceedings which will form the basis of a published report with findings and recommendations.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency established by Congress to collect information on discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. Joseph T. Brooks is the director of the Northwest Regional Office.



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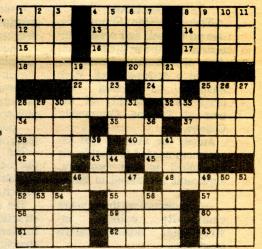
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International food Spring Festival highlight

By Annie Bailey

An international food festival, a float trip on the Skagit, and a performance from both the Tacoma Ballet and the Tacoma performing dance company, are just a few of the events which highlight TCC's Annual Spring Festival on May 19 and

The two-day extravaganza will begin Friday at noon in the theatre with a concert from the Highline Community College swing choir. It continues from 5-7 with a hot dog feed to benefit The Kronlund Scholarshipfund. At 8 p.m. there is a Country Music Concert by Benny Thomason and Mark O'Conner. This event is part of the "Country Music goes

College" tour; the cost is \$4.
Saturday is filled with a

Saturday is filled with a multitude of lively events beginning with a high school invitational art exhibit in the library, and a greenhouse plant sale in Bldg. 14. Then there is an arts and crafts sale from 11-4 Friday in the gym and 10-4 in the library on Saturday.

Gardeners will be able to master the problems at the master-garden-problems clinic, which will be sponsored by the Washington State University extension service.

Saturday will also have such events as a tumbling demonstration, a Tai Chi exhibition, a Karate Show, and a floral and Bonsai demonstration. All this will be happening in the gym beginning at 8:30 a.m. In Bldg. 18 from 9-11 a.m. there will be a children's art presentation.

The parking lots will host model airplane flying from 10-12 a.m. and a kite flying from 2-4

The festival will wrap up with an evening of excitement beginning with the international food festival in Bldg. 18 rm. 8 which starts at 5 p.m. The area's prestigious dance companies, Tacoma and Ballet Tacoma will perform. The cost is \$2.50 for adults, students \$2 and \$1.50 for children.

A tentative float trip has been set for Sunday to be held on the Skagit River.

Concert

news

Collins to play Arena

Singer-songwriter Judy Collins, embarking on her first American tour in several years, returns to the Seattle Center Arena for a concert on Tuesday, May 8 at 8 p.m.

Collins' repertoire is extensive and varied, ranging from the music of Pete Seeger and Bob Dylan to the more experimental work of Lennon and McCartney. She has released 17 albums including six which have won gold albums.

During the mid-sixties she became a political activist lending her time, name and music to various causes. At the same time she was singing contemporary music and showcasing the talent of such

new composers as Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen. In the late sixties she began writing her own compositions.

Collins made her professional acting debut in the New York Shakespeare Festival, published The Judy Collins Songbook, which contains personally written, detailed memories of her life and career, and co-directed the film Antonia: A Portrait of the Woman. This documentary about her former piano teacher won an Academy Award nomination.

Tickets for the Northwest Releasing event are on sale at the Bon Marche and the usual suburban outlets.

Entertainment

Tacoma art museum sets exhibits

Jim Dine's Etchings, a large retrospective exhibition of more than 100 prints, will be on view in the first-floor gallery of the Tacoma Art Museum from April 19 through May 22. The exhibition spans a 17-year period from 1961 to 1978.

Prints are a central element in the work of Jim Dine, the artist loosely associated with Pop Art, who first came to public attention in the late 1950's and who continues in the 1970's to formulate a highly personal, autobiographical style. With his first drypoints of such familiar objects as ties, apples and zippers done in the early 1960's, he brought a fresh and imaginative attitude to printmaking.

After his few attempts at etching in New York, Dine devoted a considerable part of

his creative energies to the medium mastering following his move to London in 1967. In the exhibition, 18 etchings done after his return to America in 1973, particularly a series of portraits of the poet Arthur Rimbaud, demonstrate his progress in making the graven image a principle form in his art. Dine has for nearly two decades drawn, painted and etched a bathrobe which has been his surrogate self-portrait. It is only his etchings of the 1970's that the artist has shown his own face to the world. Thirteen self-portraits in the exhibition present a haunting panorama of the personal image of this master printmaker.

For further information contact Jon W. Kowalek, director, Tacoma Art Museum.

Maddox featured in country music concert

bookstore.

A series of four concerts, exploring the roots of American country music, will be held at the TCC theater in May. All shows start at 7:30 p.m.

The music begins May 1 with a kickoff concert showcasing Rose Maddox. Maddox is one of America's finest women country singers. She has been a featured artist on the Reno-Tahoe-Las Vegas circuit for many years and was the opening act at Willie Nelson's most recent Seattle appearance.

Mark O'Connor and Benny Thomasson are the featured performers for the May 11 show. O'Connor is a former national flatpick guitar champion and grand master fiddling champion. Thomasson is widely regarded as the "King of the Texas Fiddlers."

On May 25 Bryan Bowers and Baby Gramps will be the headliners. Bowers is a country virtuoso on autoharp and Baby Gramps specializes in 1920's style hokum music.

The series concludes on June 1 with the music of U. Utah Phillips. His songs cover many subjects including hoboes, whiskey, labor unions and good times.

Concert tickets are \$4 per show or \$12 for the series and may be purchased at the TCC bookstore, Antique Sandwich Company or Track Records. In Seattle, tickets are available at the Market School and in Olympia at Rainy Day Records or the Evergreen College

Concert sponsors include the TCC music department, the TCC Office of Continuing

Education and Community Services, the Pierce County Drug Alliance and a grant from the Tacoma-Pierce County Civic Arts Commission.

In conjunction with the concerts, Tacoma Community College will offer a two credit course entitled "The Roots of American Country Music." Call the Office of Continuing Education for information on the concert or the class.

TCC offers country music course

TCC will put country music in a class by itself beginning April 24.

A two credit course, Ethnomusicology 198, "The Roots of American Country Music," explores the variety and tradition of American country music from the early fiddlers to Nashville.

Course instructor is Dennis Flannigan, producer and host of a Saturday night bluegrass show on radio station KRAB-FM in Seattle.

Four country music concerts will be held in conjunction with

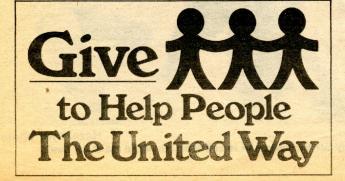
the class during May in the TCC theater. The events will feature country singer Rose Maddox, former National flatpick guitar champion Mark O'Connor, fiddler Benny Thomasson, and country artists Bryan Bowers, Baby Gramps and U. Utah Phillips. Concerts are \$4 per show or \$12 for the series.

The course offers credit in both music 198 and anthropology 198 for a fee of \$20.40. Call the TCC office of continuing education at 756-5018 for more information on the concerts or the class.

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Mariner Review

Mariners' management focus on pitching staff



Wilson photo Mariner's second-baseman Julio Cruz

By Ron Wilson

interesting as any professional sporting event, is the pregame activity. The huge area inside the Kindome seemed as if it were a cramped

The astro turf seems endless to the fans as they sit in the stands and both the Seattle Mariners and the Minnesota Twins, started their pre-game warm up.

The Mariners themselves dominated the actual playing field, as they practiced pitching, hitting, throwing, sliding, and all the spectaculars the fans see at game time. Enthusiasm was high since all present were either a Mariner or Mariner

In a small corner near the Mariner dugout, local sports commentator Wayne Coty is doing a pre-game show with Bruce Bochte. "The team seems to be doing pretty well to start," Wayne says. "Yes we are Wayne, we've gotten off to a real fine start and I hope we can continue through the season."

Standing on the other side of the field are the villianous Minnesota Twins. They really don't seem worried about all the

to'do with the Mariners. They contended themselves with a smaller corner of the field. Ron Jackson walks by and asks me, "How you doing?" At first I was taken in by being so close to the superstars I didn't know what to say. Finally I answered, "pretty good, how are you?" "Real fine", he responded and moved on.

Ruppert Jones and Julio Cruz casually stretched and mentally prepare for the game. "Are you a journalis?" Rupert asks. "I'm only a student," I snibbled, being surprised that he even spoke to me. "Everyone starts somewhere," comes a voice from behind me. I turn, it's Julio Cruz.



I fumble for the camera that's hanging awkwardly from my neck. Cruz is one of the players I'm suppose to get a shot of.
"How you doing, would you pose for me?" I try to casually say as I still fumble with the camera and take a completely useless photo. "Of course," he says and gives me a pose with that great Cruz personality that charms the fans.

Wandering back to the other side of the field, I bumped right into Mariner pitcher Rick Honeycutt. "Imitation reporter?" he says to me. At first I didn't catch what he'd said, then I understood. "Yeah, this is my first pro-game," I replied. "Keeping on stroking," he tells me and pats me on the back.

In a corner of the Mariners dugout Bob Benson, a reporter



Mariner's centerfielder Rupert Jones

from the University of Washington, has pitcher Paul Mitchell cornered for a personal interview. "You're doing fine so far this season Paul," Bob says. "Yeah I am, but the secret to a good baseball team is two good pitchers," Paul replies. Wayne Coty and the Eyewitness News Team finish

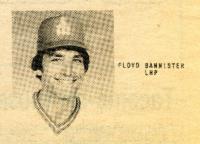
their pre-game show and start to break down their equipment. Wayne moves onto the field and starts to talk with some of the players.

The Mariners public relations man, Randy Aderman, who was somewhat of a platoon leader for all the college reporters, came over and told Bob that it's unusual to get a pre-game interview with the starting pitcher. "Is that right?" I said feeling idiotic because of the small talk I'd made with both of Honeycutt and Mitchell as they talked. Live and learn: that's my excuse for this one.

On the field, Floyd Bannister misses a close call when a ball he pitches to Larry Cox whizzed just past his ear. The stands are starting to fill with fans now; a few cheers show their approval of rookie pitcher Bannister and the Mariners.

Rick, the public relations

man, gathers all the college press and takes us to the press locker room. He gives a short speech about how glad the Mariners are that we've taken an interest in their baseball. After the speech, we were given a press interview with Ban-



Gosh, me participating in my first press interview. I don't know much about baseball in general, not to mention the Mariners. Luckily some other guy asked the first dumb question. I followed im-mediately with mine. "Floyd, what difference do you find in pitching in the National League to the American League?" "What difference do you find in watching me pitch in the American League?"

All things considered the night was pretty good.

Titans explode to split twinbill

By Bob Wassenaar

The homestanding Titans hosted Mt. Hood Monday, April 18 ina doubleheader, just losing the first game (3-2), and making an overwhelming comeback in the second to whip them (13-4).

The score was (2-2) through the sixth inning of the first game until Mt. Hood's Darold Ellison hit a home run in the seventh to win the game (3-2). The player must have hit the ball at least 500 ft., as the baseball hit the fence which runs alongside Pearl Street.

The second game was a different story. The Titans proved to be no match for Mt. Hood as they went on to whip them (13-4).

Pat Cooper hit successive home runs in the second and third innings to start the Titans assault. Jay Morgan drove in three runs while Steve Wise and Rich Elkin each drove in two

Pitcher Bill Michels was having a good day as he gave up only six hits and struck out eight batters. According to Coach Jim Tevis, Danny Stragier had his best outing as a pitcher in the last two weeks.

Mt. Hood's Darold Ellison hit his second home run in the fifth inning of the second game. However, this home run wasn't the winning run, because the Titans were leading (9-2) at the end of three innings and went on to whip Mt. Hood (13-4). TCC's season record is now 5-13-1.

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TCC's Titans were held to one hit by Mount Hood's Eric Brown, losing the first game, 3-2, but went on the rampage in the second game of a doubleheader. Exploding offensive bats by Pat Cooper who hit back-to-back home runs in the second and third innings, Pat Kilgore's three hits, Jay Morgan's driving in three runs, and Steve Wise driving in two runs gave the Titans a 13-4 win in the second game of the twinbill.

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Stray visited by possible future Titan cagers

By John Scholer

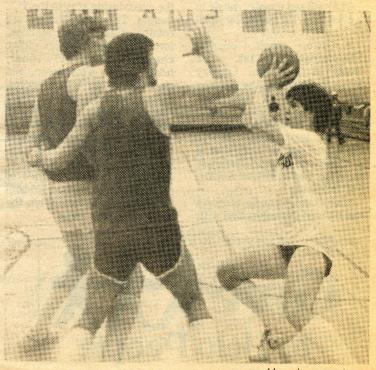
TCC's gym was visited last week by nine high school basketball players who might be part of the Titan's 'hoop crew' next year.

The gathering of high school talent was very informal because school and college coaches are not allowed to send out their letters of intent until May 1. Coach Stray told the reporter that he would probably send his out May 14.

Some of the hopefuls were: Freezal Fuller, Stadium, scored an average of 14 points per game this year; Ron Davis, Lincoln, scored about 15 per game this year; Jon Terry, Olympia, scored a game high of 26 points and averaged about 15; Tony Bash, Washington; Mike Tate, Federal Way, scored 25 points against Decatur and averaged about 18 points; Gaylen Dacus, Enumclaw; Jeff Triplett, Fife, scored 29 points for game high and averaged 19; Mike Shannon hit 33 for game high and averaged 15 points; Steve Maul, Wilson, averaged about 15 points.

With some hindsight in mind, if the Titan's basketball coach can land some of this youthful

talent, TCC's basketball future might be a little brighter next year.



Hazelmyer photo

Marty Gordon shows new recruit Mike Tate illegal use of the hands.

Women's tennis team wins squeaker in the rain

The weather wasn't exactly ideal for tennis, but it was great for ducks and a TCC women's tennis victory.

TCC's women, overcoming the Friday the 13th stigma, continued their winning streak defeating Mount Hood by one squeaky point at home on a rainy day.

The win gives the tennis team a 3-1 season record, and the win pushes the team one notch closer to repeating last year's feat when they captured the league championship.

Beyette (TCC) defeated Kock, 8-4; Feigert (TCC) defeated Beard, 8-1; Reade (TCC) defeated Bevens, 8-1; Lively (TCC) defeated McCoy, 8-7; were winners in the singles matches, and only Tuell-Reade won in the doubles department.

Bob Dezell: a powerful man, a dynamic coach



Coach Bob Dezell

Hazelmyer photo

By John Scholer

It's not just a stroke of good luck that has given TCC another super competitive golf team.

Part of that good luck, although, does come from TCC's golf coach this year, Bob Dezell. Dezell is an ageless powerhouse in his sixties with

the anatomical body of a man in his forties. He has auburn hair which shows very little gray, and an endless smile.

As a Titan mentor for the golf team, Dezell began his coaching back in 1965 when he became the first golf coach. He retired in 1974 after reaching that golden age of retirement, but returned in 1978 when he was asked by a group of people representing TCC's Athletic Department.

Coach Dezell, as mentor for 11 golf teams, has always kept TCC's Titans in the 'thick-ofthings' building up an impressive win-loss record. Last year under his direction the golf team almost won the championship, but ended their season with a loss to Bellevue (303-306) which knocked them out of a tie for first-place with Bellevue, and gave them sole possession of second place. However, the golf team did qualify for the state tournament by placing fourth in the Pasco Invitational

Free thinker

Coach Dezell is a free thinker. He delivers his thoughts with simplicity without talking down to the listener. His depth of thought gives one the impression that he is a wise owl who stepped off his limb to

share his wisdom.
"My philosophy on game play
is pretty basic," responded
Coach Dezell when asked about his game philosophy, "get the ball in the hole, and keep mentally in the game." He also added that the major problem of most of the golfers he has coached in past seasons is that they compete against the other players—instead of the course.
"There's no such thing as a

happy loser," said Coach Dezell, "and there's nothing worse than playing a round of 18

holes poorly because of a mental let down." Coach Dezell is very outspoken on winning aspects of the game, opposed to the losing aspects, and maintains that his healthy attitude about winning is reflected in his players when on the golf course.

Coach Dezell works his hardest trying to accelerate each of the golfers' individual style. He believes that it is too late to remold a golfer by the time he arrives at TCC, but never too late to show that golfer his shortcoming and how he might be able to overcome them, thus accelerating each individual's particular style since all styles are different.

Budget problems

When asked about the recruiting budget, Dezell answered, "In one respect, there is just not enough money for

food...the players have to pay most of the time for their own meals," said the coach with a bit of heaviness in his voice.
"But," he added, "Miss
Templin (Head of TCC's P.E. Department) has worked hard to arrange finances for travel which removes most of the financial burden from golfers who voluntarily give their time to be part of the college's activities."

Coach Dezell throughout the interview, continuously gave his golfers the credit for his success.

He has a deep respect for each of his golfers, and likewise the players respect Coach Dezell for his solid direction, leadership and his undivided attention to improving the existing talent within each of his golfers.

Track team places third in Olympic Invitational

By Bob Fiorito

TCC's tracksters took three first-place finishes and Dean McQuiston remained un-defeated in the 400 meter in strong winds (blowing in the wrong direction) as tracksters placed third in Olympia's Invitational.

Running against 35 mile per hour winds, Dean McQuiston continued to set the pace in the 400 meter with a time of 50.0, and doubled the honor in the 200 meter running it in 22.0, McQuiston's personal best in the 200 meter.

Rod Egolf ran 800 meters in his personal season high time of 1:55.3, but finished second in a very 'fast heat' behind Dan Stephan of Mount Hood. Rod's time qualifies him for the state meet at the end of the season, and he will be added to the list of Titan track stars that have already qualified: Dean McQuiston, Bill Torres, Joe Hadley, Melvin Jones.

Bill Torres ran a 14.8 in the high hurdles winning the event hands down with one of the fastest times in the state for Community Colleges. Bill's first place gave the Titans a total of three first place finishes.

Joe Hadley qualified with a fifth place finish in the high jump. Joe leaped 6'4" just four inches off first-place Newton of Mount Hood.

Over-all the team had its best effort and the times of the individual track members have improved vastly since the beginning of the season. Even though, the times weren't that far off the pace at the beginning of the season.

TCC's Titan tracksters beat Everett, Wenatchee, and Bellevue which are three of the five teams that beat the Titans earlier in the season. This is a sign to the coach that the team has improved rapidly and could finish the season as high as second or third, behind North-west regional leader Mt. Hood. Mount Hood has been devastating in recent school meets.

Team scoring at the Olympic Invitational: Mount Hood 125, Highline 74, Tacoma 62, Olympia 55, Wenatchee 54, Everett 52, Bellevue 43, Seattle 26, Green River 20, Yakima 15.

Titan Sports

Friday the 13th jinx nabs Titan golf team

By John Scholer

If it wasn't for the bad luck TCC's Titan golf team had, they might not have had any luck at all last Friday the 13th.

Playing a scheduled match with Bellevue in a day mixed with ice cold winds and driving

rains, TCC's golf team finished their regular match play dead even with Bellevue, 321-321, at Oakbrook Golf and Country

TCC's golf team went on to lose the match to Bellevue in a sudden death play-off on the second extra hole. The loss gives the TCC Titans their first conference defeat in four matches, 3-1.

.....bounces back

By Paul Carter

TCC's golf team beat firstplace Green River's Gators, 305-309, Monday, April 16 at Auburn Municipal Golf Course.

The Titans, rebounding from last Friday's loss to Bellevue in a sudden death play-off tying at 321-321, played with the intensity they have shown all season long.

This is the end of the first half, having played all the community colleges on the conference schedule. With Green River and Bellevue, Tacoma's Titans are virtually tied for first-place. The second half will ultimately decide who will become this year's conference champions.

Tom Hale led the Titan golfers with a 75, one stroke behind Green River's Jeff Troy who was Medalist with 74. Devin Kanda finished with a 76. Paul Carter finished with a 77, Sig Boettcher finished with 77, Jeff Amber finished with a 78, Chris Scott finished with a 79.

Women's slowpitch team: project championship

By Annie Bailey

With an outstanding defense to support the TCC women's softball team, according to Coach Glynda Dunn, they are playoff potential.

The team, whose strong point is the infield, is at the present time holding a 3-4 record, but the season is in early stages with only seven games having been played. The five infielders which includes Chris Womack at first, Stacy Nelson at second, Debbie Reynolds at third, Lori Linenberger at catcher and Jody Matson at shortstop. Matson is expected to play a major role in the coming of the team's success. Dunn commented that Matson is an extremely good shortstop and that hardly anything gets by her. She is also the strongest hitter the team has.

In a game played last Wednesday the Titans lost both games of a doubleheader to league-leading Green River by scores of 8-2 and 7-0. The problem, 'said Dunn,' was that hitting was very poor and that the team committed a lot of errors. In exciting action, TCC lost two tough ones to Edmonds, 4-3 and 3-2. In the first game the Titans scored all three runs in the bottom of the fifth.

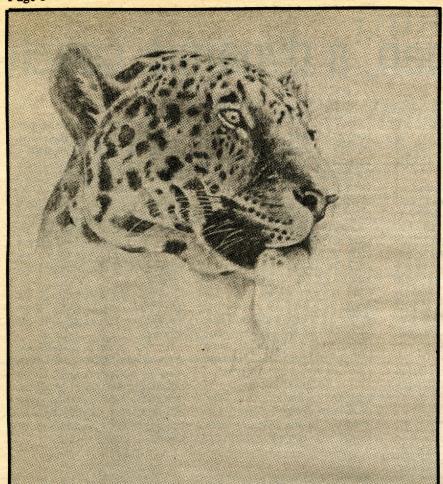
Skagit Valley, Fort Steilacoom, Olympic and Grays Harbor are the teams that the Titans are expected to have the least trouble with if things go as Dunn plans.

All the teams home games will be played at Peck Field until their

field is ready.

Bowling Recap

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'Leopard' by Bonnie Coughlin, Lincoln

Area schools represented in scholarship finalists finals

By George Coleman
The TCC library gallery is showing paintings and photos created by seven high school students from the Tacoma School District area.

These students are competing for a \$500 scholarship in the 3rd Annual Irma Paine Scholarship Exhibit. The scholarship will be awarded by the Pacific Gallery Artists, an organization which

came into being in 1947.

Irma Paine was a past president of the Pacific Gallery Artists and director of Art and Education in Tacoma Public Schools. Professor Peggy Mates, a retired University of Puget Sound art faculty

member, will select the winner. The decision of the judge will be based on artistic ability.

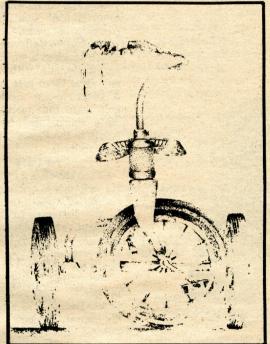
Money for the scholarship is raised each November by the Pacific Gallery Artists members who donate their artwork to be auctioned off at a public auction. The Pacific Artists also sponsored speakers and hold art classes each month.

The five finalists are: Bonnie Coughlin, Lincoln; Christi Botts, Wilson; Danette Johnson, Foss; Don Terry, Stadium; and Kevin Baxter of Mount Tahoma. The two students outside Tacoma are Kathryn Works from Annie Wright and Holly Harrison of Bellarmine.



Racoon' by Bonnie Coughlin, Lincoln

Library exhibits top high school artwork

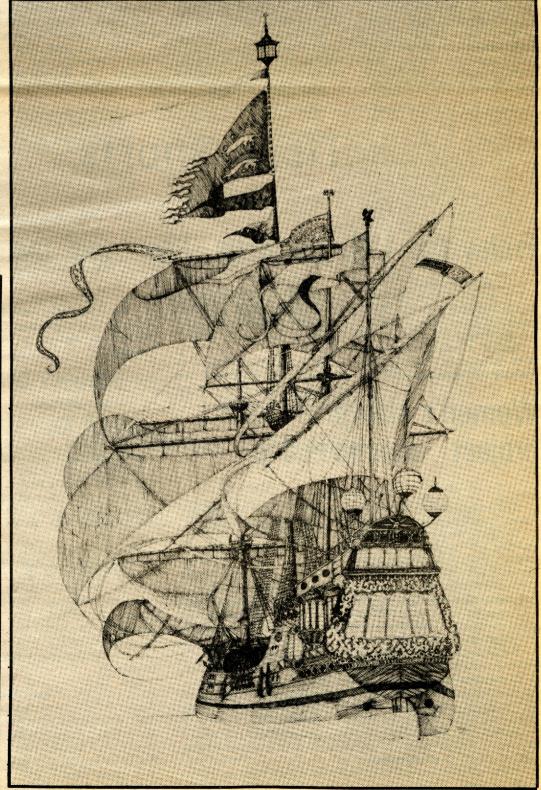




'Figure Composition' by Holly Harrison, Bellarmine

'Tricycle' by Kevin Baxter, Mount Tahoma

Gilbert photos



'Sailing Ship' by Kathryn Works, Annie Wright