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Campus well integrates disabled

By Karlene Johnson Staff Reporter

While attending Fort Steilacoom Community College, Julie McCuin found help from students called "Barrier Breakers." These were people who were available to offer assistance and advice to instudents with coming disabilities.

When she first arrived at Tacoma Community College last fall, McCuin could find no equivalent resource at the student level. "Bonnie Bennedsen and Sherry Earl of the counseling center were very supportive, but they only had limited time," she recalled.

Winter quarter, McCuin got together with other students to start a support group called "Ordinary People." Their goal is to make TCC more accessible to people who are physically or mentally challenged.

This group offers the peer support that McCuin found lacking at TCC when she first arrived. "We feel that we're 'ordinary people' because everybody has a disability of one kind or another. The disability is only what people make it," explained McCuin.

According to Bonnie Bennedsen, TCC Special Needs Coordinator, the college has 160 to 200 disabled students on campus each quarter. "Each year we serve about 800 different disabled people through the school year," said Bennedsen. These students have a wide range of disabilities, some of which may not be apparent.

Both Bennedsen and Mc-Cuin think accessibility is a multi-faceted issue. "The physical things are there," said Bennedsen. "I think the more critical issues become the emotional and social support psychological and social issues: if a person feels comfortable here; if a person feels accepted here; if an individual is comfortable in saying 'I need an accomodation. How do I go about getting that?"



munity is an important function of the support group. It brings together students who don't look at one another as being strange or different. "For example," explained Mc-Cuin, "my children are adapted to the fact that I have limited use of one arm and one leg. We have a number of friends who have various disabilities. It's normal for the kids, they don't look at people and think 'what's wrong with you?"

"Ordinary People" provides in concrete ways as well. "If someone we know has a seizure, others who have seizures will recognize it. We may offer to go to class with the person or give him a ride home so he won't have to take

Creating a sense of com- the bus," said McCuin.

The concept of accessibility pertains to the classroom as well. A teacher may not even be aware that a student has a disability. Examples of hidden disabilities include a seizure condition, limited use of one's arm due to an injury, or a learning disability. Students within the support group help each other talk to teachers if necessary.

Bennedsen also helps with notifying instructors for a student who need special accommodations. Bennedsen writes the teacher a letter which explains the nature of the student's disability and outlines appropriate accommodations. "Teachers on this campus are incredibly receptive," said Bennedsen. "I think people are very willing to go the extra

Photo by Damon Rosencutter.

accommodation" is required by law, the manner of the acding on the individual's disability and the particular class. Bennedsen explained law.

better shape than other times other two doors." and they may be able to do a difficulty the motor skills of writing."

After talking with a student to find out what his needs are, Bennedsen then coordinates See Disabled, page 8

services to meet those needs. She helps locate resources such as readers for people who are blind, interpreters for hearing impaired people, scribes for students who cannot write.

"I expect someone who wants services to let me know they're here, but for a lot of people they don't even know anything is available," said Bennedsen. The Special Needs Program provides services to any student "who (a) has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such a person's major life activities, (b) has a record of such an impairment, or (c) is regarded as having su:h an impairment."

Bennedsen emphasized the ersonal responsibility of each tudent to let her know what hey need. "If there's something students aren't getting, the primary reason is that they haven't asked," said Bennedsen.

In terms of physical accessibility, Bennedsen said that "physically, the TCC campus can be a bit challenging because of its age. There are some real problems although everything meets the bare minimum of the law. There are times when what Although an "appropriate should happen may go beyond what the law requires."

"An example is the new stucommodation will vary depen- dent center building," said Bennedsen. "Technically, that building meets the letter of the To me there's the that some disabilities have courtesy issue. On the east fluctuating effects on a per- side of the building there are steps up to the entrance. The "For example people who Shuttle drops people off at have MS [multiple sclerosis] that entrance, but they have to are sometimes physically in access through one of the

McCuin voiced her own test without any special ac- concerns about the new stucomodations. But if their dent union building. "When disease is acting up, they may my arms are full of books, the with doors are too heavy for me to vision,...hearing,...and also in open," she said. Last quarter McCuin contacted the con-

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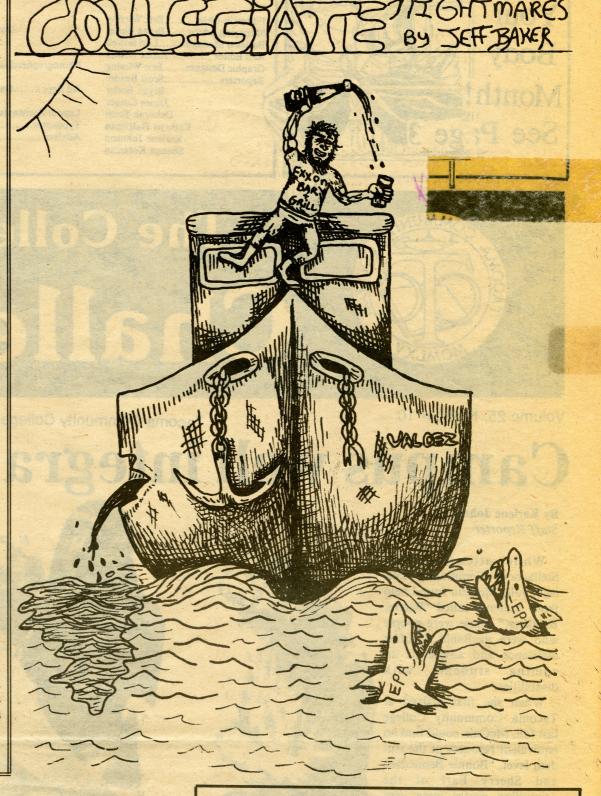
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There is a problem in the north world; a deadly one. Not Washington and Alaska. politicians, not second-rate Brown bears, I'm told, are military dictators, not Satan now coming out of hibernaworshippers. It is one that has tion, and will forage for food

dangered wildlife and homo wards, ran a huge advertisement explaining to the American public that the spill Everyone knows the story. is "not their fault." Whose Tanker carrying crude oil fault is it? Alaska's, for being crashes into rocks. Inferior there? Intercoastal shipping one-layer hull cracks open, let- has long been an issue, the ting crude oil into the sea. The main point being that supercaptain, found to be drunk, tankers are not allowed along flees, fearing arrest and con- the Washington Coast; yet it is viction. Just another con- our ecosystem that is being glomerate screwing up the en- threatened. Supertankers are feared by many environmen-Wrong. This is 11 million talists and Exxon has given gallons of crude oil. This is them more reason. If one of one of the worst catastrophes the hugest oil companies is too since Chernobyl. It is by no cheap to buy better hulls for

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> -The Editors God forbid



Laughter is still best medicine

By Kathy Acker Guest Columnist

Medicine" has been a feature long periods of time. in the magazine for as long as I physical effects of laughter.

the pain mechanism itself and crease.

by inhibiting the emotional response to pain. Laughter in- develop your sense of humor: creases circulation, oxygen 1. Adopt an attitude of It is amazing to think that levels and releases of the Reader's Digest may have adrenalin. Some studies sugbeen years ahead of it's time in gest that these factors are recognizing the value of associated with improved 2. Look for the funny side or humor. "Laughter The Best retention of information over

Laughter promotes can remember. This "folksy" psychological health as well. It thought, that laughter is as relieves stress and tension, 4. Laugh at yourself in a lovessential to our health as "an neutralizes fear, relieves apple a day" has been substan- depression, and creates rap- 5. Take your responsibilities tiated through research which port. Learn to laugh with peodocuments the positive ple, not at people, and your relationships may improve. 6. Create happiness and A hearty laugh releases en- Learn to laugh honestly at dorphines which are known to yourself and your confidence 7. Remember, it is more imrelieve pain, both by acting on and self-acceptance will in-

Follow these guidelines to

- playfulness by keeping your mind open to silly or outrageous thoughts.
- flip side of every situation.
- 3. Only laugh with others for what they do, not what they
- ing, self accepting way.
- seriously, BUT take yourself lightly.
- portant to have fun than to be funny.

Campbell 'fingers'

By Bryan Butler Managing Editor

Charles Campbell is still alive today. Oh, he was found guilty all right. And yes, they were going to string him up. Instead of a hangman's noose, however, the legal system used a slip knot; slip as in get-away.

It took the legal system several years to prosecute Campbell and find him guilty. Somehow, several years is not enough time to be sure of this, so by court order a mass murderer has one foot out the door of freedom; instead of being open and shut, it is left creaking back and forth on its hinges.

While the public helplessly spectates the wrapping of procedural red tape, the lawyers go on battling each other, wasting the taxpayers' money. Enough said.

From an ethical point of

view, the death penalty can

hardly be justified. It is too costly, it results in too many appeals, and it slows the legal process. In addition, we have confirmed that the death penalty does not have much deterrent value.

But do we really care about ethics? If we really took the legal system seriously, we would not have the death penalty. The truth is that human nature is intrinsically bloodthirsty, cold, cruel, and anti-social. We should concern ourselves less with the administration of fair judicial values, than with the preservation of our society; we must calm the turbulent forces before they pick up momentum.

This is how lawyers make their fortunes. One error leads to another, and the smallest pendant is cause for a mistrial. The concept is that humans should be perfect. We are far from that.

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Campus cadavers contribute to class

By Deborah Ernst Staff Reporter

"Ernie" and "Elvira" arrived at Tacoma Community College from the University of Washington one and two years ago respectively. But they aren't transfer students. They're TCC's resident cadavers.

According to Urschel, TCC biology instructor, the people that are used as cadavers almost exclusively donated their bodies. This is done for a number of reasons, including the case of terminal illness where the person decides they want to do something useful with their body after their death.

Also, Urschel said that without the use of cadavers the new waves of medical students wouldn't have "the foggiest idea of what the body looked like. The students would not know what's going on." Urschel added that use of cadavers at community colleges is

'They just turn mummies

not the norm. In fact, TCC is the only community college that, to his knowledge, uses cadavers.

The cadavers used in TCC's anatomy and physiology courses came from the University of Washington's biology department. The UW provides cadavers when they're needed for many of the schools in the Pacific Northwest, including Alaska and Montana, Urschel explained.

But there are strict rules governing their use. Urschel explained that these rules include the use of a maximum security facility and, in particular, use and intentions have to be for training medical personnel.

The cadavers, unlike corpses, have been embalmed. They are stored on stainless

steel tables and wrapped in a saturated sheet/blanket and plastic body bags.

The cadavers, explained Urschel, will last for about 100 years if kept moist in the wrap saturated with a glycerine and alcohol solution much like the compound found in hand lotion. But if they dry "they're gone. They just turn into mummies. They dehydrate quickly, and they're gone," Urschel said.

This, he explained, has only happened once, several years ago. It was during a summer changeover in responsibility where the people didn't know that the cadavers had to be kept moist. He added that the cadavers are kept only two years. They are rotated, bringing one new cadaver in each June.

People don't get any money for donating their body, Urschel said. The cost, about \$450 apiece, includes the cost of "the procedure of getting the bodies off the street or out of the

How do the students feel about using cadavers as part of their classwork? "To some of them it's no big deal. Most of our students are nursing students or going into the medical field so they know they're going to

'Some peoaren't prepared to face a dead individual.'

be working with sick people and the idea of death, they've got it pretty well handled, but some people have second thoughts about seeing some form that was alive at one time and mentally aren't prepared to face a dead individual.'

Cynthia Marsh, a nurse preparing to enter the "Bridge" program, said, "We studied the muscles around Thanksgiving, and it looked like turkey. I couldn't eat a bite of turkey that Thanksgiving."

When the anatomy and physiology classes are finished with the cadavers they are returned to the University of Washington, creamated, and the remains are returned to the relatives. "They (the UW) have a whole department, a secretary and a staff, that's all they do--keep track of cadavers, where they are and what's coming and going."

The cadavers' nicknames. "Ernie" and "Elvira" came about because, concluded Urschel, it's uncomfortable talking about "it" or "that". It was just easier to give them names. "These names weren't chosen to be derogative to anybody because they were nice people--we recognize that-and we make it a point to show respect when using their bodies."

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Betz discovers beauty in phenomena of math

By Shanna Kossman Staff Reporter

"I am the great one who is pontificating. You must be blotters and I must squirt you with ink," is a theory that Joe Betz does not subscribe to. He likes his students to be involved.

For those of you who don't know him, Betz is a mathematics professor here at T.C.C. He just celebrated his 22nd year with the school. Betz originally wanted to be a chemical engineer. He decided against it because he felt that being a chemical engineer would not allow him to have enough 'people contact'. Thus, a teacher was born.

On April 12th at 1:45, Betz gave a humanities lecture entitled "Tesselations: The Big Cover-up." In his lecture he discussed tilings, which is the covering of a plane or the plane covering of the floor or the wall and the mathematics behind it. He also demonstrated an interesting phenomena that occurs in some tiles called penrose. Penrose tiles are made up of regular pieces that have no

crystals are moving from a gaseous state and are cooling very fast). Inquasi-crystals you have five-fold symmetry. Fivefold symmetry does not occur

ference between mathematics and arithmetic, "Mathematics is among other things, the study of patterns and it's also This course is for the general education student.

Betz says,"We use videotapes which are motivational in nature. They don't have a lot of heavy mathematics. We also use other materials. It's a lot of hands-on stuff and a lot of students doing mathematics and finding out what mathematics is, beyond the narrow scope that they have right now."

One of Betz's teaching experiences is when a class of his students realizes together some particular mathematics relationship and it's a very interesting relationship. "That's a very charging experience because you can just see their eyes go 'WOW!', and that's the way that all these different things are connected together, and finally seeing the connec-

"The connection may be a little kernel, a little tight collection of ideas, but yet it's a very beautiful explaination for something in mathematics. Being able to show the students and bring them to it is a very pleasing experience."

Like the rest of us, Betz is human, and where you have good experiences, you have bad experiences. "On the other side, walking up to the board and forgetting how to do something is a rather displeasing experience.

"But I have found out, however, that one of my methods of teaching is to not know everything that I'm going to talk about that day right down to the nth degree. So that there's a certain amount

Joe Betz in front of a geometric design. Photo by Robert Steven.

symmetry.

there is an application for the space. phenomena in the real world.

on the plane but it does exist in Betz stressed the fact that a kind of 3-dimensional time asking the question 'Why is it

Betz has an unending curi-The application is for quasi- osity in mathematics. For that crystals (a special state where reason, he decided to teach math. Betz stresses the dif-

mathematician is in finding out the way it is and showing it to others." Betz first taught at Garfield High School in Seattle for nine years before he came to \$336.00 for ISO, from the Club Fund (currently at

T.C.C. in 1967. He decided to leave Garfield because the " climate of public education in Seattle was deteriorating. In the '60's the street was coming into the classroom. I started looking at community colleges as a place where this would not

that way?' It isn't just here it

is. It isn't just getting a pro-

blem done. It's the process.

The satisfaction for a

Betz also likes to incorporate other media into his teaching methods when it's appropriate. Currently he's teaching a new course at T.C.C. called "Mathematics and Practical Art: Math 107."

Senate meeting held

By Kathryn Halffman Staff Reporter

The Senate meeting held on April 11, 1989 in the Student Center had many special guests and covered a variety of topics.

The University of Washington Branch Campus supporters stopped by to answer any questions that students, staff and other concerned TCC members might have regarding the Branch Proposal.

The Commencement

Council met to discuss plans for the 1988-89 Commencement. This will be taking place in the gym on June 15, 1989.

Old Business: Funds of \$60.00 were allocated for a camera was passed. This will be provided to the Student Programs Depart-

New Business: Items on the agenda and tabled included funds for \$1,282.00 established for the TCC Image Intensifiers; funds for

\$2,216.00); funds for \$13,000.00 from the Contigency Fund (currently at \$19,000.00) for the Collegiate Challenge to use as a down payment for a new typesetting machine; and a motion to increase the S&A fee from \$2.85/credit to \$3.35/credit not to exceed \$33.50 as recommended by

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Titan sluggers winning despite small crowds

By Scott Bender Staff Reporter

Despite the pouring rain in March and early April, the Titan baseball team shone with a 6-l overall record and a perfect 1-0 mark in league

This should be a good year for Head coach Norm Webstad's Titan bas eball team because he has experienced players (eleven players from last year's 24-ll team are back), and as Coach Webstad says, his players have "a good positive attitude, are willing to learn, and their work habits are excellent." Perhaps more importantly, Coach Webstad adds, "This is a fun group because they enjoy the game."

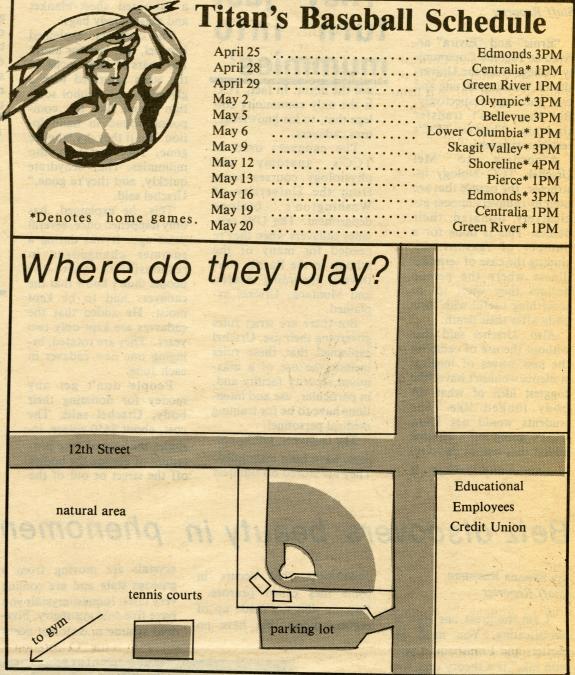
For those of us from the general Tacoma area, it's nice to know theat TCC's Baseball program recruits primarily local talent. So is the case this year as many of the Titan players have played their high school baseball at : Curtis, Washington, Lakes, Rodgers, Bethel, and Wilson just naming a few As many so called 'baseball experts' say, you must have good pitching in order to be a successful baseball team. According to Coach Webstad, pitching is one of the team's strengths. The Titans have a strong and deep pitching line up which includes three players off of last year's 24-ll team. These returning pitchers are: Charlie Chambers, Lenny Rohleder,

and Ron Ungrin. Darren Sulzle, Larry Michaelson, Charlie Arrends, Dan Johnson, Eric Davies and Walter Heilig are the new recruits, who complete the Titans' pitching.

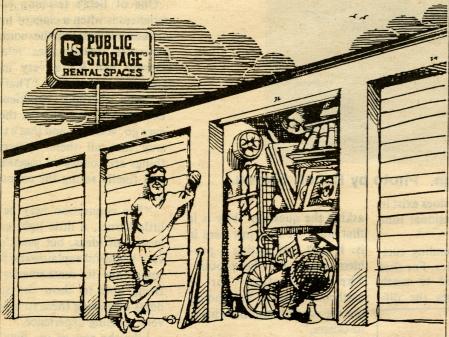
The observer of the Titans might say, "That's great they can pitch, but hey, do they score runs too?" Yes, the Titans do score runs, attributed to the team's "great (overall) speed and good batting average.", says Coach Webstad. The team has an outstanding team batting average at .340.

Although Coach Webstad is pleased, but not content with his team's pitching and hitting; he thinks his team needs to improve primarily on its fielding. He says, "We are a little bit behind (on our fielding) because of the weather." It's probably not too hard to imagine that trying to field a hot smashed grounder on a dry field is much better practice than fielding a water-logged baseball that has slowed down to a snail's pace after squirming through the long, wet grass in the rain.

The Titans should be able to practice their fielding now because of the improving April weather. Hopefully, the weather will get as hot as the Titan's batters are hitting so they can improve their defense and more people will come out to watch the Titans play.







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Twin goats leave visitors seeing double

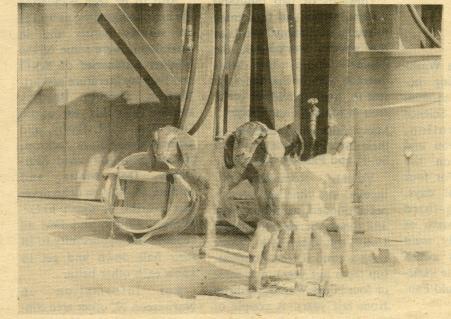
By James Cosper Staff Reporter

No they are not identical, had their horns removed." but close and cute, Coffee is The twins have been dark brown with a couple of separated from their mother white spots and Taffee is light and are being bottle fed. Acbrown with a couple of white cording to Kit Neimann, spots. The twins were born on "Removing them from their March 3,1989 to their mother mother's care at an early age Amber, a Nubian goat who is eliminates separation anxiety on exhibit at Point Defiance later on." Children will be Zoo and Aquarium. Both Cof- allowed to bottle-feed these fee and Taffee are doing fine baby goats throughout the after their first month of life. summer. When asked how the The twins are owned by a goats liked being petted, Acprivate citizen but will remain ting Public Information Ofat the zoo throughout the sum- ficer, Pamela Barron respondmer. According to Acting ed, "Oh they love it." Both Public Information Officer, Coffee and Taffee will be Carrie Harding, "Both are returned to their private owner very active and are a part of at the end of summer. the petting corner in the Farm."

pounds, his little sister weigh- They kick up their heels and ed in at 6½ pounds. "These make new discoveries every are average weights for day. The newborn goats are

Neimann, Staff Biologist at the zoo. Carrie Harding explained that, "The twins have had no illnesses but they have

After little over a month, the pair, both being born ac-At birth Coffee weighed 71/2 tive, have become more active. newborns," according to Kit identical miniatures of their



New kids in town.

parents and are able to function within hours of birth. Coffee and Taffee will be full grown within a year.

Photo by Damon Rosencutter.

If you are interested in seeing Coffee and Taffee, they will be at Point Deiance Zoo and Aquarium all summer.

The Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Celebrate the Centennial

By Kathryn Halffman Staff Reporter

Blizzards, famine and death was the theme a hundred years ago when people like ourselves (although without the luxury of automobiles, telephones and simple modern conveniences like a flush toilet), made their way across desolate, unknown lands to settle in the remotest part of the country ever to be found or dreamed of.

Yet still they came. Following trails established by people such as the Lewis and Clark Expedition, pioneers came here to the Northwest Territory in search of plentiful trees, game, fish and wide open spaces to raise their families.

We have come a long way since then. Population has been expected to reach over 4.4 million by the end of 1989. Advanced technology and trade has increased. Washington State has experienced the most diverse cultures, is still considered the "Evergreen State" and by far the most scenic.

Now 100 years later, our State is celebrating the birthday that our ancestors have created. It is the "Celebration of the Century" for Washingtonians.

Centennial Committees have been established for creating many different activities for the young and old, from cultural programs to just plain fun.

Washington State residents began the celebration with the opening ceremonies on November 11, 1988, and will finish with the closing ceremonies on November 11,

Statewide activities will be held and many individual smaller communities will participate with festivals, parades and exhibits. Washington has been divided into nine regions

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which will help you determine the event that will take place and where specific activities will be held.

Region 1. The Southeast section of Washington; Region 2. The Northeast section; Region 3. Central Washington; Region 4. Northwest Washington; Region 5. King County; Region 6. South Puget Sound; Region 7. Southwest Washington; Region 8. The Olympic Peninsula; and Region 9. South Central Washington.

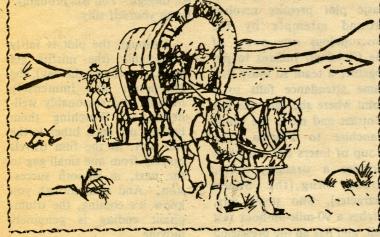
Many brochures and maps are available for more information which you may receive by contacting the 1989 Washington Centennial Commission at (206) 586-1984, Olympia; or (206) 464-6580, Seattle. You may also contact the Washington State Department of Tourism at (206) 586-2102 or (206) 586-2088.

Statewide activities include the longest wagon train celebration ride in history. Riders can participate on a

weekend, for a week, or a month. Participants can join wagon train riders from Canada, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. The Centennial Wagon Train is sponsored by and supported by the Washington Centennial Commission, Washington State Department of Agriculture, Washington State Horse Council, BackCountry Horseman, and many others, including volunteers. receive more information, contact (206) 943-4321 or (206) 586-3454.

The "sports enthusiast" who may have missed the February event, can still participate in the upcoming July or August Centennial Games. levels of participation are available and include those from the novice to the more skilled, from ages 13 to 70, those who are handicapped,

Centennial,



Introducing: Barb's Best Bets

By Barb Villalobos Staff Reporter

Had enough neon and highcorporate restaurants? Want simple pleasant surroundings, flawless service and great Italian food? My best bet is Vince's! The 'other' Italian restaurant choice in Tacoma.

Going west on 6th Avenue towards the Narrows Bridge, Vince's will be on your left at 6218 - housed in the old La Mavada to Tacoma natives.

This restaurant's interior is relatively simple, with red and white checkered tablecloths and landscapes of Italy adorn-

touch is soft Italian music playing throughout. I recognized some favorites of the gondoliers if you happen to have visited Venice, like 'Santa Lucia' and 'O Solo

The atmosphere is not pretentious whatsoever. The very amicable hostess Lisa greeted us with a smile and the remaining staff I found to be very knowledgeable and extremely efficient. The greatlooking chef, Kelly, displays a friendly manner with regular customers, amidst the creation on those wonderful meals.

I felt the menu was ample. It offers the best of Vince's traditional family recipes, ranging in price for dinner from \$6.50 to \$13, which includes ice cream, (sherbert or spumoni) and bread and butter. (Lunches range from \$3.50 to \$4.95).

On this particular evening, myself and three friends enjoyed four of our time-tested

I chose my wonderful Fettuccine Alla Caprese: fettuccine cooked in a silky smooth cream and cheese sauce with bits. Another friend chose Tortellini Alla Panna: meat filled pasta prepared with broccoli in a rich cream sauce. The third person chose Gamberoni Piccanti: large prawns prepared in a hot tomato sauce made from scratch. I tasted and felt the spices were adequate - my friend wished it was much hot-

ing the walls. Another nice minestrone soup, salad, pasta, ter and much spicier. The last ties. in our group ordered Saute di Vongole: Italian style steamed clams. The garlic permeates the air when they are served and these were MEGA clams absolutely huge!

> We also ordered appetizers of Bruschetta - an Italian version of American garlic bread, and believe it or not, a tuna pizza -fantastic! (I also recommend the Pizza Bianca: 'white' pizza).

Vince's maintains a basic well-bar in which a woman bartender mixes 'Chi Chi's' and 'Smith & Kearns' with ease. Some Italian beers are: Raffo, Moretti, Peroni, and, my favorite local brew, Rainier Dark on tap for \$3 a excellent food and most impitcher A back room is portantly - fantastic service, available for small private par- service, service!

The restaurant's hours are Monday thru Thursday.11 a.m. until midnight, Friday and Saturday until 2 a.m. Sundays their hours are 4 p.m. until midnight. Major credit cards are accepted as are personal checks with proper identification.

There is another place besides Denny's to go to for food after getting out of the theater at midnight. Vince's staff assured me they serve food on Friday and Saturday nights until 1 a.m.! (The Tacoma Police have already discovered this for their evening breaks). I applaud Vince's for having nothing less than

Don't crush that dwarf, he's my friend Hardcore sci-fiers spend Easter at Tacoma Sheraton

By Ann Lowenstein Staff Reporter

Three weeks ago, a Washington Rite of Spring occurred. The Eleventh Annual Northwest Regional Science Convention, (Norwescon 11, to you and me), descended upon the Tacoma Sheraton. For four hectic and wonderful days, from the Twenty-third through the Twenty-sixth of March, this normally staid downtown hotel was awash with every conceiveable variety of Science Fiction and Fan-

elaborately costumed or jeaned and t-shirted, a great time was had by all, and all are looking forward to next year, and Norwescon 12.

Upwards of two thousand writers, artists and fans came to attend such annual events as the writer's workshops, the dealer's room, the Masquerade, and the Stardance; or just to dress up and see or be seen in the halls and lobbies. Many fans came dressed as their favorite characters from Sci-Fi and Fantasy literature.

Vulcans, Romulans, Klingons, and Starfleet personnel abounded, as did assorted and sundry Barbarians, Magic Users, and Faery-Folk. There were around fifteen vampires, (up from last year), and three or four Ninja Warriors, (down from last year). A couple of Whether fan or pro, people wore jackets with every pin they'd ever received at a convention on them, and one woman wore a black string bikini, tiger stripes, and not a whole lot else.

Also to be seen wandering the halls and lobbies, as well as on various panels and in workshops, were some of the brighter luminaries of Sci-Fi and Fantasy literature and art. Marion Zimmer Bradley atended again this year, as did Greg Bear, F.M. Busby, and game designer Steve Jackson. Artists included David Mattingly, Don Maitz, and William R. Warren (who never met a drink he didn't like). Writers, artists, and fans all relished this opportunity to let their hair down and get to know each other better.

For information on Norwescon 12, other area conventions, and the Northwest Science Fiction Society, [which sponsors Norwescon, among other things], call the NWSFS Information Hotline, at:



A balding Klingon and his mate. Photo by Ann Lowenstein.

'Tears of Joy' reign at TCC



Performers from 'Tears of Joy' puppet theater.

By Shanna Kossman Staff Reporter

On May 3rd, the "Tears of Joy Theater" will give two performances of a play based on the Native American Legend 'Hamitchou The Miser."

"Hamitchou The Miser" has been adapted from a tale as told to explorer-pioneer Theodore Winthrop over 150 years ago. The play tells the story of a wealthy Indian hunter consumed by greed. While seeking to add to his personal wealth, Hamitchou encounters guiding spirits who leave him a wiser, more generous man.

"The Tears of Joy Theater" is one of the nation's premiere puppet theaters. It was founded in 1971 and has traveled

throughout the United States performing plays adapted from myths and ancient tales. The Vancouver-based company combines a variety of theatrical skills with contemporary modifications of "Bunraku" puppetry.

The first performance isscheduled for 10:30 and is for elementary school children who were specially invited to attend by the school. The second performance is scheduled for TCC students. Both performances are to be held in the theater and admission is free.

The performances are sponsored by the Associated Students of TCC as part of the college's celebration of the Washington State Centennial.

At the movies.

By Ann Lowenstein Staff Reporter

Welcome to my movie review column. Of the slew of Spring movies out so far, I've only been able to see two, so bear with me, and next time theatre, 'Cyborg' is probably I'll do better.

Column

Cyborg: starring Jean Claude Van Damme, and no one else I've ever heard of.

film? The plot, to be charitable, is thin, and the character development is, well, negligible. It's major attribute, in fact, is a great deal of icky-nasty violence perpetrated, largely on the Van Damme character, by a dish baddies who call themselves the 'Flesh Pirates.'

The director, Albert Pyun, ball, and has all the prescision

referred to this film as a tribute to the Road Warrior films. I refer to it as a highly derivative mess, and suggest that unless you paid money to see such films as 'The Bronx: 1990', or 'Defcon:4' in the not going to be your cup of

Major League: starring Tom Berrenger, Charlie Sheen, and Corbin Bernsen.

This is a funny film. The basic plot premise revolves around attempts by the What can I say about this unscrupulous new owner of the Cleveland Indians to put together a team so lousy that game attendance falls to a point where she can void her contract and move the whole franchise to Florida. The group of losers she assembles includes a strangely coiffed group of excessively outlan- young thug, [the Sheen character], who steals cars, pitches a 90-mile-an-hour fast

control of a runaway wrecking ball; an aging catcher with damaged knees and a drinking problem; and a Cuban refugee whose religion is Santorio, and who can't hit a curve ball to save his life.

'Major League': As good as 'Bull Durham', last summer's baseball smash? perfectly honest, not quite. Worth seeing? Definitely, absolutely, unquestionably, and unequivocally YES! Be warned, though. You will probably laugh yourself silly.

Although the plot is fairly predictable (the misfits get together and win the day), the characters are immensely likeable and reasonably welldefined. Watching them bounce off each other is the fun part, as the film travels quickly from one small gag to the next, in smooth succession. And even though you know it's coming, the triumphant ending is genuinely

Contro

by Anastasia Petrovich

Physically, I am here, Yet something is gripping my mind. Though my brain is sane, it somehow feels

As if the seams of reality have been stripped along their fine line.

It is not my fault, for who I am, Was tossed about during genetic construction. Abrasions and bruises plague

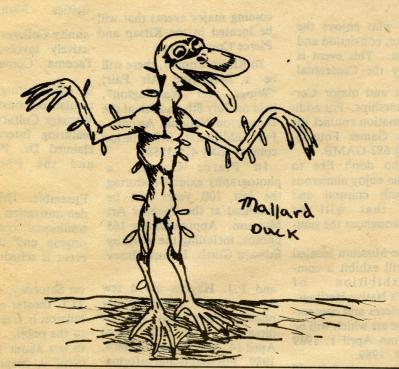
this brain, Briefly blinding the mind's eye, a short interruption.

Phasing in, phasing out, Such a tiresome battle you wage.

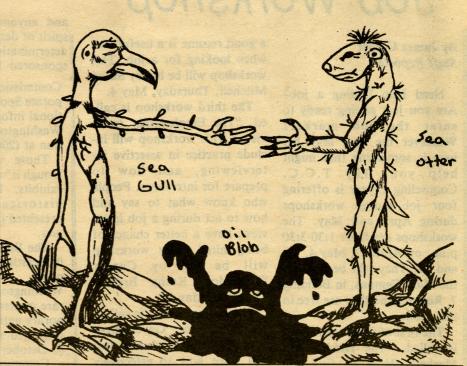
To fight for the right of reality, TOO LATE! The brain has set the stage.

This life is in a prescription bottle labelled S.O.S. I wish I could walk away. Away from all those pills that will make me "NORMAL." Like a junkie, medication rules my days.

Dear God, I despise this establishment. Look what it has done to me. Stripping away my rights, pumping drugs in my veins, This is what I am "supposed" to be. . . . not me.



AFTER THE Catastrophic oil Spill In Prince William Sound, Certain Animals underwent Radical, Horrible, Chanbes.

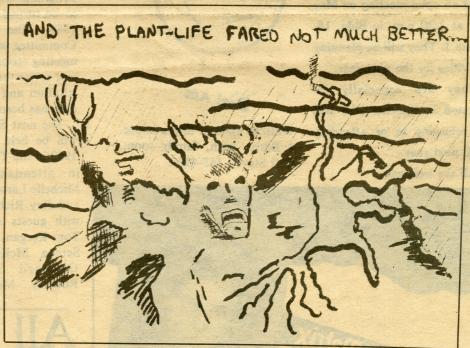


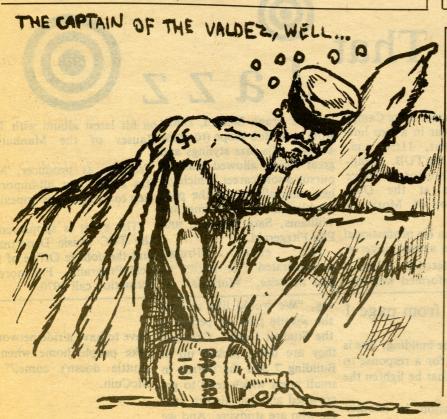
Many of the Creatures developed uncharacteristic bonds of Freindship to help them through the Hardships.

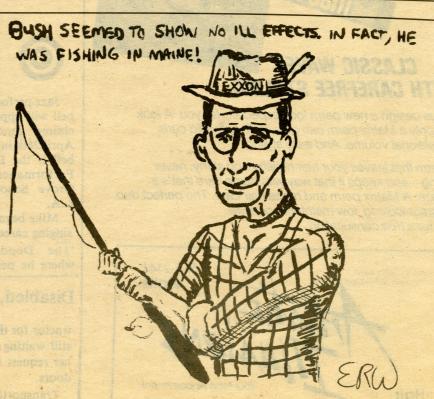




THE INDIGENOUS FISH HAD UNDERGONE RADICAL METAMORPHOSES ...







Job Workshop

By James Cosper Staff Reporter

Need help finding a job? Are you just getting ready to enter the job market? Whatever the case may be, here is something that might help you. The T.C.C. Counseling Center is offering four job-finding workshops during April and May, The workshops are from 1:30-3:30 p.m., on April 27, May 4, 11, and 18. They will be held on the Main Campus, in Building 7, Room 9 and they are free to the public.

The first of these workshops is called, "The Hidden Job Market" (How to find job openings that are not advertised.) At this workshop you will learn how to look for, find out about and apply for, the many job openings that are never advertised. This workshop will be led by Kathy Brown of T.C.C.'s Career Center, Thursday, April 27

called, "Effective Resume May 11, May 18 from 1:30 to Writing." At this practical, 3:30. To reserve a place at any how-to workshop, learn how of the seminars, call the to present your best image in a T.C.C. Counseling Cewnter, esume. Organizers stress that

a good resume is a useful tool when looking for a job. This workshop will be led by Susan Mitchell, Thursday, May 4.

The third workshop is called, "The Employment Interview." This workshop will include practice in assertive interviewing, and how to prepare for interviews. People who know what to say and how to act during a job interview, have a better chance of being hired. This workshop will be led by Career Counselor, Kathy Brown, Thursday, May 11.

The last workshop is called, "Applying for Government Jobs." In this workshop you will learn how to effectively apply for the many positions that open in government agencies. This workshop will be coordinated by Bonnie Butler, Personnel Analyst and EEO Officer for Pierce County, Thursday, May 18.

All four of these workshops are FREE. The dates and The second workshop is times are April 27, May 4, Building 7, phone: 566-5122.

Phi Theta Kappa

The community college honor student's fraternity will hold an open meeting on May 3rd at 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 18, Room 1. They will be planning activities for the next year.

They are especially interested in students who will be returning to or attending TCC next year.

All are welcome.





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Centennia!

and anyone who enjoys the spirit of desire, conviction and determination. This event is sponsored by the Centennial

Commission and major Corporate Sponorships. For additional information contact the Washington Games Foundation at (206) 682-GAME.

Those who don't like to "rough it" can enjoy numerous exhibits, both cultural and historical that will be presented throughout the summer.

The Burke Museum located in Seattle will exhibit a complete exhibition Washington's Native Heritage, rare masterpieces and contemporary native art which will be displayed from April 1, 1989 to October 1, 1989.

Community events that will be taking place are too numerous to mention, but I have selected a few of the up-

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coming major events that will Pierce County areas.

In Kitsap County, there will Tacoma Community College be a Bremerton Air Fair; "Wings over Washington", Bremerton National Airport. contact (206) 479-3588.

In Pierce County, a photography exhibit featuring the last 100 years will be presented at the Tacoma Art Museum. Approximately 165 photos, including the work by Edward Curtis, Darius Kinsey

and F.J. Haynes are a few among other contemporary photographers that will be diplaying their work from April 14. 1989 through June 4, 1989. For additional information, please call (206) 272-4258.

Communities and Statewide

activities are not the only one that will be sponsoring activities. Many local Com-

be located in the Kitsap and nunity Colleges are becoming ctively involved as well.

is participating in a specheld on July 8th and 9th at the tacular demonstration of the Vietnam Cultural Celebration For additional information featuring Internationally acclaimed Dr. Phong Nguyen and the Phong Nguyen

> Ensemble. This will include a demonstration of Vietnam's traditional costumes, music, singing and dancing. This event is scheduled to be held

on Saturday, April 15, in the TCC theater at 4:00 pm. Admission is free, and it is open to the public. It is anticipated to last about 1-1/2 hours. The event is cosponsored by the LAC-VIET Cultural Association and Tacoma Community College.

Senate

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the Budget Committee. All hree clubs participated and items were tabled and will included Terri Claxton, be presented at the next representing PTK; Kevin meeting.

ed that anyone who is in Spann, President of BSU. terested in becoming at Thanks and encourage-ASTCC Senator, must at ment to our public official tend three consecutive was delivered by Natalie meetings, read the Con-Spann, says Kelli Forrer, stitution and By-Laws, and in President's Report, answer questions about them. Applications may be picked up in the Student Programs Office. They are Legislature. Those who parto be turned in by May 9, 1989. The Constitution by contacting our State Committee will be holding a Representatives resulted in meeting soon, to discuss the passing of a budget for and revise the current Con- \$31,000,000.00 to Comstitution and By-Laws. No date has been set.

will be held on April 25, 1989 in the TUB. Senators in attendance included Michelle Larson, Jay Lloyd and Ray Richardson along with guests Amy Demko, Tom Keegan, Derek Keith, Serena McKechnie, Carl Opgaard and Vilma Roberts. Members from

Skyles, representing Kelli Johnston announc- Vanguard: and Natalie

regarding the support received from our Senators, Representatives ticipated in supporting TCC munity Colleges. It would The next Senate meeting Opgaard, to continue your be a great idea, stated Dr. past support as TCC students, by writing and thanking your representatives for their support. By keeping up the effort you previously have demonstrated, he states, may even produce the same type of success in the House.

Betz From page 3

are mistakes or not]."

Betz enjoys it when his students question him on his work. He even thanks them for it on occasion.

"That's one of those ploys in teaching that protects you from all of the mistakes that you make as a human being and also alllows the class to realize that they're part of the process."

Besides being a dedicated teacher, Betz is also very involved in his family, his church and sports.

Betz and his wife, Pauline, have been married for 28 years and have four children. He has coached all of his children in sports (mainly basketball).

One particular issue that is close to Betz's heart is the Right To Life Movement. He used to be a speaker for the movement. Of his involvement he says, "I tried to create a positive structure where we were interested in helping people who had problems concerning birth, but not making the choice [for them]."

Jazz performer Mike Camp- likes of Frank Sinatra, Diana on his latest album with Tim

bell will appear in a free lun- Ross, and Bob Hope (to name Hauser of the Manhattan chtime concert, 11:30 a.m. April 26th in the TUB. Campbell is the Director of Voice Performance at the Dick Grove School of Music in

Mike began his professional Ella Fitzgerald. singing career as lead singer of The Doodletown Pipers,' demonstrated this purity of dent Programs. For more in-

a few). His jazz stylings and great voice allowed him to Transfer as producer, Mike pursue a solo career, which led has taken that all-important him naturally down the path step to broaden his appeal. established by Mel Torme, Joe Williams, Sara Vaughn, and

His early where he performed with the jazz heritage. Working

The event is sponsored by

the TCC Music Department, albums and the college Office of Stuformation call 5070.

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tractor for the building. She is still waiting for a response to her request that he lighten the

doors. Transportation is another issue McCuin's group is tackl-

ing. "We would like to have the shuttle pick up people in they are being picked up in take people home when the Building 7 and the library in shuttle doesn't come," said small areas which tend to get McCuin. crowded and can disturb people who are studying. And we

the Student Union. Currently have to have a ride network to