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## Ex-TCC prexy still in hot water Dr. Stevens under fire in Irvine

By AURA GILLMER  
Challenge Staff

As the embattled president of TCC, Dr. Larry Stevens didn't win any awards for congeniality among faculty and staff. Now, as chancellor of Saddleback Community College in Irvine, Calif., he seems to be having the same employee relations problem. The faculty association there has even offered to skip a pay increase so that Stevens' contract can be bought out.

In 1975, Stevens began his seven year presidency at TCC. He was the president of the Northwest Association of Community Colleges and is a colonel and commanding officer in the Marine Corps reserve. His time at TCC was fraught with trouble almost from the beginning. In April, 1976, TCC employees started making negative remarks about his method of running the school.

By fall, 1976 Stevens had intimidated the majority of the classified staff and threatened to fire entire departments.

In January, 1979, he showed interest in the presidency of Pima College in Tucson, Ariz., soon after he told Robert Rhule, then dean of instruction, to go back to teaching or face early retirement. Faculty members, uneasy about the demotion, viewed Rhule as "highly respected and popular." Rhule stated that his termination was due to a personality clash between the president and himself.

In February, 1979, the faculty issued a vote of no confidence for what could be perceived as a lot of little reasons; but to faculty members, they became too significant to ignore. Among the list of problems was Stevens' order to install carpeting in the buildings during busy finals week.

In response, Stevens reminded them that he was not an employee



Dr. Larry Stevens

of the faculty union.

Jerry McCourt, president of the faculty union at the time, said that there "was an atmosphere of fear and hostility on campus."

In March 1979, the board of trustees expressed its full confidence in Dr. Stevens' ability to fulfill his duties.

However, news stories at the time report multiple turnovers in his administrative staff, which were viewed by some as outward signs of an inability to provide the college with direction.

In June, 1979, the board of trustees extended Stevens' contract to July of 1982.

During the spring of 1980, an

evaluation of Stevens was done by the faculty members and the classified staff at TCC. According to the evaluation, the majority of those surveyed felt that Stevens:

- could seldom be contacted.
- discouraged opposition and did not listen when opposing points of view were offered.
- did not accept opposition and retaliated punitively when opposed.

Listed as his greatest strengths were:

- his "ability to appear to be one thing while in fact another,

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## Campus suicide has no real reasons

By SHANNON SAUL  
Challegne Staff

*"Smile on his face  
Bounce in his step  
Kindness in his heart."*

Written by Paul Douglas  
Twietmeyer's sister on his  
death in April.

"Those three words don't say much but they describe Paul perfectly. That's the way I'll always remember him." Jeff Crockett was talking about his close friend, Paul Douglas Twietmeyer, whose body had been discovered only a week before near the tennis courts on the TCC campus.

He sat on his dorm bed at Pacific Lutheran University, the bright window behind him making him almost a silhouette. There was bewilderment in his voice when he spoke of his friend; for Twietmeyer's tragic death had not been the result of an accident. He had not died in a car wreck, as so many young people do, nor had he died of illness. His unexpected death was the result of suicide, the second biggest killer of young people in the states today.

To Crockett, who had known Twietmeyer since early childhood, there seemed no reason for his friend's death. Twietmeyer seemed to be one of the happiest people he'd ever known.

"He would always put you at ease with his smile and his jokes and his all-over happiness. There was never an unhappy moment with him."

The two friends grew up together, spending long summers fishing, water-skiing, and scuba diving each year. Both loved the outdoors and sports. Twenty-year-old Crockett viewed Twiet-

meyer, who was three years older than he, as a big-brother.

"He was the one person in my life that I can really say was a role model. He was the person I looked up to and wanted to be just like."

Despite Crockett's and Twietmeyer's closeness, Crockett had no idea that his friend was going through enough pain and depression to take his own life. He seemed to have no worries and was full of dreams for the future.

"You've got to start with a dream. Paul had a lot of dreams," Crockett said. He had pulled the blind down over his window and now his face was visible. He was holding a photograph of Twietmeyer in his hand. He stared down at it for a moment, and then looked up to say, "So much is going on inside of them (people) that you don't even know about. It's a weird thing — learning to deal with death. You always ask 'why'?"

In the last two years the friends had drifted apart a bit, both going their own ways, but despite this they kept in touch. Crockett was unsure of Twietmeyer's occupation and plans however.

Twietmeyer was not a student of TCC, but he might well have been. His death, the result of an overdose, is one of the many suicides committed by young people all over the U.S. He was someone with a seemingly fulfilling life, with close and caring friends and a supportive family, but despite all this something, somewhere, was going wrong enough inside him to destroy him. And the thing that makes it worse, as Jeff Crockett said, is that so often no one is aware of what's going on until finally it's too late.

Suicide, often a result of severe depression, is preventable with understanding and caring. See "Suicide" on page 3.

## TCC has no plans to replace parking

By VERNA BROWN  
Challenge Staff

Although TCC's Board of Trustees has recently accepted Pierce Transit's offer of \$101,000 for the replacement of 103 parking space lost when the Transit center was built late last year, TCC has no immediate plans to use the money for parking in the near future.

According to James Kautz, Director of Facilities and Grounds, there is no guarantee on where the money will be spent.

Although replacement parking was specifically mentioned in the lease, TCC is under no legal obligation to spend the money for that purpose. The money may eventually be transferred however, into the general fund to be used for other projects, such as instructional aid, construction of student buildings, or improvement of the landscaping.

The specific mention of Pierce Transit's liability to replace the

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# TCC students to invade Europe

Features

Mission: to learn and enjoy

By MICHAEL CASEY  
Challenge Staff

An invasion of Western Europe is scheduled to be executed come July 19. The invasion will last three weeks, conquering at least eleven cities in ten different countries. And although this excursion will not have the element of surprise in its attack, success will be inevitable.

TCC's Coordinator for Lifelong Education, Edith Holland, will again lead a tour group through Western Europe, exploring such countries as Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. The mission is "Europe Encore '85", and the primary goal is to capture as much knowledge and enjoyment that can be had of European cultures, and return home with the plunderings.

The tour will go through cities like Amsterdam, London, Rome, Venice, Paris, Nice, Florence, Innsbruck, Heidelberg, and Brussels. The Louvre, the Roman Colosseum, the Notre Dam Cathedral, and a castle or two are among the many sights to be seen. Tower buffs, in particular, will enjoy the Tower of London, the Eiffel Tower, and the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Although there are planned sightseeing tours in each city, tour members are free to choose their own courses of action. Holland emphasizes that the most important part of a trip is the planning involved before hand. She works with people on an individual basis, discovering their special interests, and providing literature to help them decide what they want to see on the tour. But, she warns, "I never encourage people to try to see everything, because you can't. If you try to see every museum in



Photo by Patricia Pugh

Edith Holland of the Continuing Education department.

town, your mind gets totally satiated."

Most of the people who take the tour are basically unfamiliar with Europe and do not know the language. This tour is ideal for anyone who would like to see European culture first hand, but is reluctant to strike out on their own. "It's a very safe experience," says Holland. She points out that all of the major details are handled for the people, and that they are free from worrying about such things as flight schedules, transportation routes, lodging, etc.

The price tag for the trip is

\$2,060. It may seem a lot at first glance, but with what you get, it becomes a real bargain. Included in the price are such things as roundtrip airfare between Seattle and London, land transportation by private motor coach, first-class hotel accommodations, breakfast daily, nine three-course dinners, and optional language classes on campus.

The size of the group is limited to 20 persons, and is already half-full. Holland knows of about 15 others who are seriously considering going, so the time to sign up for "Europe Encore '85" is now.

## Representatives from four-year colleges to visit TCC

By VERA BROWN  
Challenge Staff

Representatives from area colleges and universities will be visiting TCC in upcoming weeks to discuss their programs with students interested in transferring to a four-year college.

The representatives will give out information concerning

everything from scholarships to living facilities. They will also answer questions about work-study programs, tuition costs, and preparation that is required for their programs.

Because many colleges have different entry requirements, the best policy is to "think in advance," according to Dr. Paul

Jacobson, coordinator of TCC's advising center. Most students transfer after completing two years, but some need specialized classes offered at other schools before transferring. Therefore, to be safe, it is wise to become aware of what is required at the college of your choice at the earliest possible time and to begin

working towards it.

The schedule is:

MAY 14 — Christine Kerlin will represent the Evergreen State College in the lobby of Bldg. 7, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

MAY 16 — Scott Copeland will represent Saint Martin's College in the lobby of Bldg. 7 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MAY 16 — Camille Eliason will represent Pacific Lutheran University in the lobby of Bldg. 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She will also be here May 29 from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg.

If you plan to transfer contact the counseling center for information

## Counselor's Corner

### Checking your self-esteem

By DIANE CLARK  
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Did you know that the most important characteristic you have is how you feel about yourself? Your self-esteem affects how you act, how you achieve, and how you relate to others. Loving your Self is necessary *before* you can love others.

People build packages they call "Me," based on past experiences. These are self-images, pictures of who they are. According to Dorothy Briggs, author of *Celebrate Yourself*, the image people have of themselves shifts up or down between low, middle, and high self-esteem.

People with low self-esteem normally avoid self-responsibility and set themselves up to lose. They feel, "I wish I wasn't me," "I'm not OK." They are often afraid of closeness or intimacy and put energy into self-defeating behaviors.

Mid-level self-esteem people have much doubt about their capabilities. They need to be constantly proving their value and are driven to be workaholic types.

High self-esteem people are usually self-responsible, realistic about their strengths and limitations, and genuine and authentic in their relationships with others. They see themselves as winners, but are not out to win at the expense of others. Their feeling is "I'm glad to be me."

Many life situations can affect your self-esteem level. Examples are changes or loss of jobs, changes in marital situations, moving, changes in the amount of recognition or approval received, changes that increase or lessen feelings of belonging (in family unit, community, job, school), or new demands (baby born, child leaves home, in-laws, career adjustments).

Every person has the potential to enjoy high self-esteem and feel like a winner in life and love. Good feelings about yourself do not necessarily come from power, success or the approval of other people. Rather, they are a result of your relationship to yourself. The ability to enjoy life and others is a gift only you can give yourself.

### Suggestion boxes to make their debut

FAITH SCHLEHLEIN  
Challenge Staff

Last quarter the TCC Senate made the decision to put suggestion boxes on campus. Tracy Vinyard brought it up in the senate and everyone agreed that the college needs suggestion boxes.

The purpose of the suggestion boxes is to let the students express their concerns, opinions, and criticisms about anything. Each suggestion will be written down and kept confidential in a log book. If a suggestion needs attention, it will be sent out to the right department head to execute the suggestion.

The "Suggestion Box Committee" members are Tracy Vinyard and Dion Ames. The committee would like to encourage the students to use the suggestion boxes. The smoking issue got a good response. The senate and committee feel that your concerns, opinions, and criticisms are important to them.

The suggestion boxes will be located in the library, book store, cafeteria and bldg. 18. The suggestions will be picked up every Friday by a senate or committee member.

The suggestion boxes will be distributed this week.



# Suicide: 'a tragic, wasteful killer'

By SHANNON SAUL  
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"Though we know not what the day will bring, what course after nightfall, destiny has written that we must run till the end." Pindar. Nemea 6.

These words saved a man's life once. Lost in his own despair, seeing no point to life, he went as a last resort to a friend who listened to him, and made no judgements. And after he had talked himself dry the friend wrote him a note with those words upon it. And the depressed man took the note home and framed it, and for years after, whenever he felt sad, he would take it and read it; remembering in doing so a friend who had listened and made no judgements.

Depression has been around since before 1500 B.C. It is a terrible and sometimes fatal disease, and the cause of an estimated 35,000 suicides a year in the U.S. From the blues to manic depression it strikes relentlessly, and there are few people who have not felt its lash at sometime or another. Many people, especially teenagers, cannot take the suffering of depression and end their lives voluntarily.

Suicide is the second biggest killer of adolescents in the U.S. today. And for many teenagers "running to the end" is not always possible. When life seems empty or pointless, and when pressure takes the joy out of one day, and then the next, and the next, how easy it is to end it all. In oblivion, at least, there is no suffering.

Suicide and depression were the focus of a seminar at TCC's theater building March 8. The signs, the reasons, and the cures for suicide and depression were covered in great detail by many different speakers, each a specialist in his own field.

The seminar concentrated on teenage depression and was aimed mostly at parents and teachers. It was opened by TCC President Carleton Opgaard who gave a short speech and introduced the speakers and topics to be covered. Carolyn Bondy, seminar coordinator and vice-chairperson of the James R. Buck Foundation for Research and Treatment of Depression, was the first to speak.

Bondy gave an outline of the seminar's aim; to remove the mystery surrounding suicide and to bring depression out into the open in an attempt to convince people to search for help before it's too late.

"Many people don't even



know they're depressed," Bondy said, claiming that people often don't know the difference between natural grief at loss or change, and true depression. She cited the example of James Arbert, a 22 year-old Boeing worker who committed suicide despite a bright future and a seemingly settled life, as being one of the main reasons for her attempts to banish the mystery with which suicide is surrounded.

Bondy concluded by saying, "If we can achieve these goals and even save one life, then the memory of James Arbert will not have been in vain."

Depression has many causes. Environment, background and inherited tendency can all cause or worsen depression. Though some people are congenitally more prone to it, it can affect anyone, from toddlers to the elderly.

Loss of various kinds is the main cause of attacks of depression. The more obvious kinds of loss are the death of a loved one, divorce, or the loss of a job, but there are many more subtle forms of loss. Getting dentures, or going grey can cause many people to feel grief and subsequent depression. Even signs of a new wrinkle can make people feel old and therefore depressed.

There are four stages in loss. At first there is denial; "I don't believe it." This is followed by anger; "Why me? It's not fair." Depression is the third stage of

loss and is followed eventually by acceptance of what has happened. These emotions can flash by in five minutes, or take years to be completed. It is normal for someone to feel depression for two to four years after the death of someone close. For some, however, the depression lasts longer and its cause is less obvious.

Though environment does have something to do with depression, many doctors and psychiatrists are beginning to believe that it can be caused by many other factors, such as chemical or hormonal imbalances in the brain. Chemical imbalances are treated by anti-depressant drugs which rather than just masking the symptoms of the disease, actually help to prevent and cure depression by restoring chemical activity in the brain to normal.

Bad diet and lack of adequate nutrition is believed to affect mood also. A lack of Vitamin B can cause stress, while diets high in sugar and caffeine can cause anxiety, fatigue, confusion and mood swings. People in high tension situations are encouraged to eat meals high in Vitamin B such as fish, meat, liver, whole grains, brocolli, and beans.

Exercise is believed to elevate depression by elevating the amount of beta-endorphins in the brain. These affect a person's mood, and a lack of them can cause depression. Exercise may also improve the efficiency of the adrenal glands and the autonomic

nervous system resulting in a better feeling about oneself. Though all the reasons why exercise can elevate moods are not yet fully known, it has been proven that it does reduce depression considerably.

The symptoms of depression are not always obvious and vary according to the age groups in which they occur. In small children they take the form of phobias and irrational fears or an obsession with death, especially parental. In adolescents there is often aggression and restlessness. Teenagers may be antagonistic or withdrawn, isolating themselves sometimes, and other times becoming unusually hyperactive. In older people there may be outbursts of hostility or irrational anger.

Any behavioral changes can be symptomatic of depression. Appetite change and weight gain or loss, problems in sleeping, pessimism, dejection, feelings of guilt, easy fatigability and loss of libido are all signs of depression. The victim of depression may seem socially withdrawn, cry frequently and become indecisive. He will have swift mood changes, and as depression becomes more severe, he will show signs of psycho-motor retardation, or impaired bodily functions. Eventually, as he becomes totally

despairing, he will have suicidal thoughts.

For some people depression lasts only a few weeks and as circumstances change they can pull themselves out of the hole alone. Others need psychotherapy and/or medication to relieve the symptoms, while still others may never be cured, either committing suicide early or remaining depressed throughout their lifetimes.

Patrick Donley, one of the seminar speakers and a doctor for Biological Psychiatry Northwest Inc., claims that depression is sometimes caused by an underlying physical disease. Cancer, pneumonia and diseases of the central nervous system, etc., can be at the root of depression.

"It makes little sense to treat depression if you don't treat the terminal illness of which depression is sometimes just a symptom," he said.

He also said that winter, when the days are shorter, can cause depression, and that some patients lose their depression when summer-simulating lights are switched on early in the morning and left on until late in the evening.

One of the newer ways of detecting depression is the

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# Stevens under fire

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e.g. a virtuous man."

— "He has the wisdom to remain virtually invisible on a campus that would rather not have him here."

His greatest weaknesses were said to be that:

"He lacks integrity" and "is viciously vindictive to all who receive his displeasure."

"He is sexist and racist" and "is a dictator who seems to feel that he could run the college without the faculty."

Stevens' resignation was accepted by the board on July 30, 1982, to become effective September 10, 1982. All turmoil, said Stevens, was a byproduct of steps used to turn the administration into an efficient machine.

He became chancellor of Saddleback Community College after leaving TCC. By April 1983, only 8 months after his arrival on campus, he was publicly accused of similar faults as an administrator as he was charged with at TCC.

The problems there continue to this day, and in February, 1985, Sharon MacMillan, president of the Saddleback Community College Teacher's Association stated that "even the most conservative teachers (at Saddleback) now ask, 'When do we strike?'"

Stevens, with a doctorate in community college administration, believes that many of the complaints about him are barbs directed at his military background, according to a Los Angeles Times report.

Robert Kopfstein, a reading instructor at Saddleback who is the faculty association's political action chairman said that it is not his military affiliation that bothers the faculty, but the way he tries to command a college along the military model. "I think that one of the things he has discovered is that teachers make lousy troops," Kopfstein said.

Saddleback Community College's Faculty Association has given two votes of no confidence in Dr. Larry Stevens. They have offered to take no salary increase in 1984-85 in order for the district to be able to afford to buy out Stevens' contract — at a cost of approximately \$240,000.

By DEREK ALLEN  
Special to the Challenge

I have been a sports fan for over 20 years. If it involves the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat, I was a fan, and still am.

I can remember when the idea of having a professional sports franchise was a dream in every fan's heart. To heck with what kind; any kind of team would do, almost.

Then came the Seattle Pilots, a team so bad that once a player was traded there, he started looking for other means of earning a buck. Of course, the playing facilities for major league baseball were a sign of those times — Sick Stadium — if ever a stadium reflected the way the team played on the field and the opinions of the fans who braved the cold to watch that team play, it was Sick Stadium. Well to make a long story short, the Pilots came, they saw, and were conquered by not only the elements but the elements on the field as well.

Now we have the Seattle Mariners, a team still looking for respectability amongst its peers.

Well gang, this may be the season the M's not only gain respect from their ball-playing peers but they may gain back the respect of the fan too. The time has come for the M's to shake off their "nice place, but I wouldn't want to play there" image. And it looks like present management agrees.

Mark Langston and Alvin Davis, rookie pitcher and rookie of the year in the American League, were re-signed by the Mariners. Management in Seattle no longer will let the rest of the league profit from their penny-pinching mistakes. And this is only the beginning of the good news. The Mariners will have most of their same personnel back from last year's team. Heck, not only the fans appreciate that fact but the ballplayers do, too. No more of that who's on first, what's on second routine to distract both the fans and players from the game.

I realize I've spoken fairly hard against the M's in issues past but that doesn't stop me from pointing out the fact that the Mariners are sick and tired of the way they play both on and off the field, and they are doing something about it. It doesn't take much thought to kick a team when it's down, however, if one is truly a critic, one must point out when good things are happening as well.

The Mariners want more fans to attend their games. I believe the latest management of the M's has earned back the respect and trust of fans of the Pacific Northwest. I believe fans think so, too, and will prove it at the gate.

While I don't agree with those that proclaim this team to finish first in their division, I also don't agree with those that forecast a season in the low rent district, either.

In my opinion, the M's are still one third baseman and one catcher away from being a legitimate contender for the crown. Until these holes are filled . . . Mariners in third place at seasons end.

The Seattle Supersonics have played like they were out of sync lately. Right now they are about 10 games under the 50/50 mark. So what's their problem? I'm glad you asked . . .

The Seattle Supersonics have given us fans in the Northwest our only world championship. It still feels good to say, "1979 N.B.A. champion Sonics." But what have you done for us lately?

Not much, frankly. All is not lost, however. The Sonics are in the race for the worst record in the N.B.A. If they should wind up the season as one of the seven worst teams in basketball, they would have a shot at one of the seven best athletes available in this year's college draft. Everyone seems to think that Patrick Ewing is the man to take. For another franchise, yes, but not the Sonics.

The Sonics need a scorer from the small forward and guard positions. Danny Ainge, while talented defensively, will never be a scorer. Neither will Reggie King, Ricky Sobers, or John Sunvold ever be consistent scorers.

Also I believe Lenny Wilkens should be given another long-term contract. With his future no longer on his mind, Wilkens will be able to work his magic that produced a championship team. The starting five that won the N.B.A. championship: Jack Sikma; Johnny Johnson; Gus Williams; Lonnie Shelton and Dennis Johnson; while they were pretty good individually, then could never have won an N.B.A. championship without Wilkens.

And that is the problem with the Sonics even as you read this today. The Sonics lack chemistry — the intermingling of talents, egos and goals into one cohesive unit — a team. We had a good team once, with Wilkens, and a good draft; we could have one again.

The Sonics are moving back to the Seattle Coliseum next season.

Don't be surprised if they win more games. The coliseum had something for basketball fans that the Kingdome never will — charisma — the home court advantage. Teams used to worry about playing there, now they will have to worry again.

The Seattle Seahawks are firmly established as a contender for the football crown, now that Chuck Knox has arrived.

On the other coach and style of play the Seahawks used to have, let me say this: The meaning of entertainment was unknown to the N.F.L. until Jack Patera and his band of merry men showed them what it meant. If they weren't passing when they should have been kicking, or kicking when they should have passed, the Seahawks weren't playing football. And in my opinion, that was the best way the situation could have been handled.

A lot of fans still grumble about what could have been when we had the right to draft Tony Dorsett, now with the Dallas Cowboys. I believe they made the right decision. A running back without an offensive line would have been like the Christians against the lions; no contest.

I still don't believe Kenny Easley is worth more than Steve Largent. While Largent toiled year in and out and earned his money, to me, Easley hasn't definitely proven he's worth what he's being paid. Yeah, yeah, I know, he was all pro. I also realize that in that last game of the season against the Dolphins, Easley should have covered the play. He went for the interception and the Hawks were burned. Largent, as far back as I can remember, has never cost the Seahawks a game because of his own best interests being before the teams'.

However, the Hawks are in good hands now. Easley may yet make me eat my words, but that's okay, I just don't want another of those multi-year giant contracts to fall back in our faces. If the cash is guaranteed, why should today's athletes always give their best? Well, that's another story, but I'm out of lines.

## With love to Mom

By CARRIE GAYNOR  
Special to the Challenge

I dedicate this article to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I would like to share a very special message!

The other day, while my mom and I were in one of our "heart to heart" talks, she told me a story that meant a lot to her. It was short and sweet.

The evening before, she and my sister were up talking about how tired they were. Deciding to leave a kitchen full of chores, they thought it would be best to try to get some much needed sleep, and clean up in the morning.

Saying goodnight, my sister sincerely promised to do the work when she got up. However, when she went into the kitchen the next morning, everything was spotless, and there was a note.

Nothing was written on the piece of paper, but the message was deep: there was a little drawing of a "mother-type" face, looking down and smiling warmly, (my mom's way of saying that sacrificing her time was a joy).

Before leaving for school, my sister was sure to also write a message. On the paper she drew another little ("daughter-type") face. It looked up at the mom with big, warm eyes; floating upwards to the mom were hearts!

My mom was glowing as she

shared her feelings.

Love is the reward we will receive when we show "real" love to others. We know this is true because of the evidence throughout the Bible: God first showed us His love by sending His Son to die for our sin. And, as we show our love to others, for His namesake, we will give and receive overflowing love back to Him.

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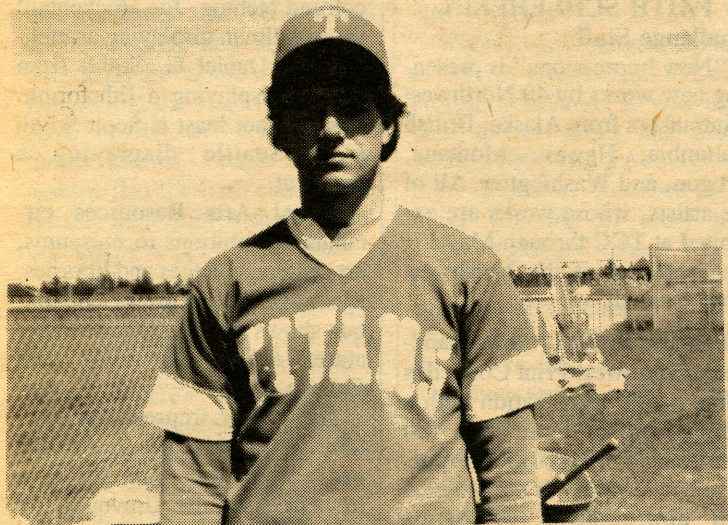
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## Blowers drafted: others will follow



Baltimore Orioles draft pick, TCC's Mike Blowers.

By MICHAEL CASEY  
Challenge Staff

The TCC Titans baseball team is generating some major-league potentials this year. One player in particular, shortstop Mike Blowers, has already been drafted by the Baltimore Orioles. And considering the quality of local talent, more drafts may be on the way for the Titans.

This isn't the first time that Blowers, a graduate of Bethel High School, has been drafted by a major league team. He's had offers from the San Francisco Giants and the Seattle Mariners. However, those deals weren't very substantial and Blowers elected to remain in school.

Now, with a \$10,000 baseball scholarship to the University of Washington, he has the leverage needed to strike a good deal with Baltimore. Blowers is trying to play his hand wisely, for if a good deal doesn't come through, or if he doesn't make the team, he can fall back on his scholarship and work toward a master's degree in business administration. Either way, he wins, and the door will still be open to the majors.

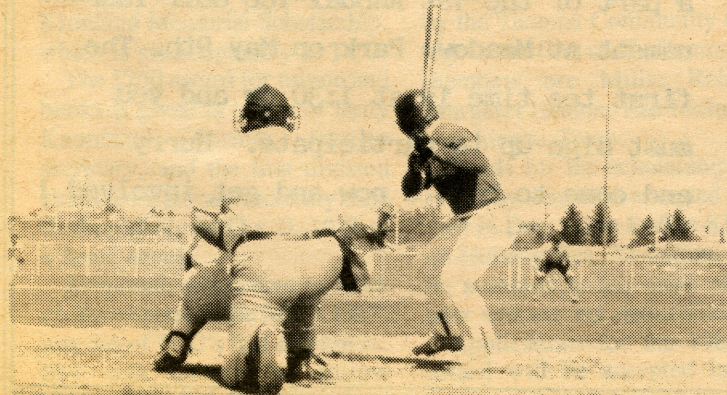
Of playing professional baseball, Blowers says that he "never really thought about it until my senior year in high school." He points out that playing for TCC helped him get noticed by the

major-league teams, noting that the type of team, and its quality, attracts the pro scouts. Blowers said there's a good chance that a few more Titans might get drafted by June of this year.

Coach Norm Webstad concurs with Blowers on the quality of his players. "We have several outstanding local athletes here at TCC," he explains. "We recruit the best local athletes we can find, and they develop into good students, as well as players." He describes the Titan team as a close-knit ball club, with a very professional attitude.

Of Blowers, Webstad feels his chances are good for breaking into the majors. "He's been a team leader here for two years, and has improved as both a player and a person," says Webstad. "I believe he has a potential to play major league baseball."

Being drafted results in no contractual bind between Baltimore and Blowers. His skills will be tested to determine his future with the team. If accepted, and an agreement reached, then Blowers would become "property" of the Baltimore Orioles baseball club, and would report to the minor leagues. Blowers figures that if all goes well, he should be playing minor league ball by mid-season of his first year as a pro.



Titan men swing into action.

Photos by Laurie Gillmer

## Sports 'n Stuff

# RECNET offers unique advantages

By SCOTT GALLAGHER  
Sports Editor

Tired of being subject to the whims of your usual partner in sport? Ready to take on a new challenge, like scuba diving or water skiing? How about up to 50 percent discounts on goods and services? Well, sports enthusiasts, you too can become a member of RECNET! That's right, you can let your fingers do the walking with the Seattle area's new sport networking service.

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For those that want to take up something new, RECNET has

many pluses. Says Larry Woodkin, RECNET president, "Suppose you had always wanted to try kayaking. Our directory tells you where to find the equipment, the boats, lessons and local kayaking groups.

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The network's directory, the ACCESS Guidebook<sup>SM</sup>, is put out seasonally and updated with monthly newsletters.

For your \$75 subscription fee (\$120 for couples), you will also receive a RECNET Subscriber Savings Card, which can yield up to 50 percent discounts from ACCESS Guidebook advertisers, which include over 100 shops in the Seattle area.

For more information call Larry Woodin at (206) 622-2377.

This sounds like a really good idea. There have been countless times that I've wanted to take up javelin throwing, but just haven't known who to call.

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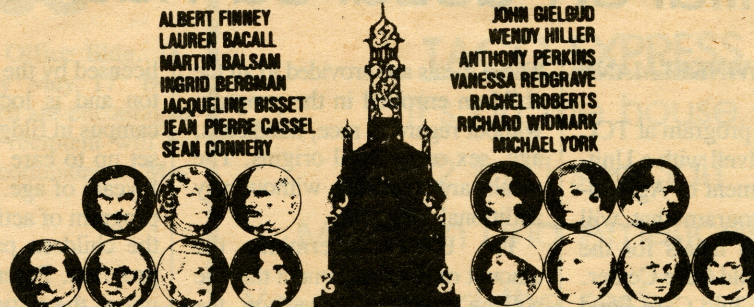
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# TCC receives 10-year accreditation renewal

By **DEBORAH HIPSKIND**  
Challenge Staff

Prospective college students consider many aspects of the college to which they apply, ranging from the credentials held by mathematics professors, to the ratio of male students to female students. But just how much consideration do they give the accreditation status of those colleges?

Well, consider this, the ease with which credits are transferred from institution to institution depends heavily on whether or not the former institution was accredited. This is especially true when transferring from a two-year college to a four-year university.

Tacoma Community College renewed its accreditation in December of 1984. Accreditation is voluntary, but the process of becoming accredited is fairly complicated. "Accreditation gives the college credibility," says Dr. Carlton Opgaard, President of TCC, "so the benefits of accreditation by far outweigh the effort it takes to become accredited."

Following the guidelines issued by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges in their Accreditation Handbook, the college first compiles a Self-Study Report. This Self-Study Report covers all aspects of the college, from the institutional objectives, to the general operations of the bookstore and Food Service Department.

TCC's Self-Study Report is 250 pages long and took the better part of a year to complete.

The next step in the accreditation process involves sending the Self-Study Report to the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. The Commission on Colleges then sends a nine-member evaluation committee to the school to evaluate whether the school's Self-Study Report was accurate. The evaluation committee examines each of the areas covered in the Self-Study Report and talks with the students and staff.

The evaluation committee then composes an Evaluation Commit-

tee Report. This report gives descriptions of every aspect of the school, as well as commendations and recommendations for that school.

The Evaluation Committee Report is then presented to the Commission on Colleges in Portland, Oregon, and a hearing is held. In TCC's case, the evaluation committee arrived on Oct. 10, and reviewed the college until the 12th. Then they held their hearing in December.

On Dec. 5, 1984, James F. Bemis, executive director of the Commission on Colleges, sent a letter of congratulations to TCC President Opgaard for having received a ten-year renewal of TCC's accreditation.

It is not the policy of the Commission on Colleges to grant accreditation for a definite number of years. Every accredited institution must conduct a self-study and be visited by an evaluation committee at least once every ten years. During the 5th year, the institution may be required to submit an interim report. TCC, however, was not required to submit any progress reports.

# Art exhibit to be displayed in library

By **FAITH SCHLEHLEIN**  
Challenge Staff

"New Impressions" is presenting new works by 40 Northwest printmakers from Alaska, British Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. All of the artists, whose works are exhibited at TCC through May 17, are members of the Northwest Print Council.

Founded in 1981, the Portland-based Northwest Print Council is a non-profit organization with a membership of more than 100 professional printmakers. Its purpose is "to promote the practice and appreciation of printmakers."

Each of the artists in "New Impressions" is represented by one piece. The works include etching, linoleum cuts, lithographs, mezzotints, monotypes, screen-prints and woodcuts.

Six artists from Washington will be displaying their works. They are: Joann Alber from Port Townsend displaying a lithograph, Joan Ross-Bloedel from Seattle displaying a motoetching with handwork, Karen Guzak from Seattle displaying hand-

colored etching, Joe Hockenull from Pullman displaying an etching and Daniel G. Smith from Seattle displaying a lithograph. Last but not least is Scott Smith from Seattle displaying a woodcut.

Visual Arts Resources circulates exhibitions to museums, art centers, colleges and libraries. Most exhibitions are in Oregon, but shows often travel to other states across the U.S. and Canada.

The "New Impressions" exhibit is jointly produced and presented by Visual Arts Resources of the University of Oregon Museum of Art, and by the Exhibit Touring Services of Washington State.

Funding of the Art Exhibit is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Oregon Arts Commission, the friends of the Museum, and private foundations.

The Art Exhibit is free in the TCC Library, Bldg. 7, May 16-17. Library hours are 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Friday. For more information call 756-5000.

## Guidelines to spot symptoms of depression and ways to alleviate the problem

Continued from page 3

regulating of voice patterns. Patients are asked to count to ten and their words are monitored on a screen. Healthy patients speak regularly and clearly, with steady pauses between words, while depressed ones, due to psychomotor retardation, speak unusually slow with irregular pauses between words.

Many depressed people make veiled hints that they're thinking

of suicide in an attempt to find someone who will understand and care about their pain. Others refer to suicide jokingly and claim that friends and family would be better off without them. "If I died nobody would care. I'm just a burden to everybody," is the typical statement of a depressed and perhaps suicidal person. Unfortunately one of the suicide "myths" is that people who talk about suicide don't actually com-

mit it. But "people who are serious don't tell anybody," is a fallacy. Often claims from a teenager that he is going to commit suicide are a cry for help. An appeal which if not taken seriously may indeed end in death. If somebody close to you refers, even jokingly, to suicide, don't laugh. Don't change the subject or make judgements. Ask them about their problems, listen, be a friend, and if there is any doubt

whatsoever - get professional help.

Suicide is a tragic and wasteful killer. Too many adolescents are struggling through incredible tension; broken homes, family friction and changing values, and for some the struggle may be too

much. Suicide attempts are not just attention-getters. "I'm going to O.D. and no one'll care," is not just the cry of a child seeking attention. They are serious words from youngsters with problems.

## Children assured nutrition

By **HEATHER WINKELMANN**  
Challenge Staff

The child care program at TCC has become involved with a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) program that will provide nutritious meals for the children at the Child Care Center.

The USDA's Child Care Food Program is set up so that children will be assured a balanced breakfast, an afternoon snack, and milk with their sack lunches. Jo Ellen Sutton, Child Care Center director at TCC said that the children will often help prepare their afternoon snacks as part of the learning activities at the center.

These meals are provided to all the children enrolled in the program without regard to race, handicaps, age, sex or national origins. The meals are available without any additional charge.

The USDA determines the amount of reimbursement that the college will get based on the parents' income. Income eligibility guidelines are used to determine TCC's amount of reimbursement. In order for a child to be counted as eligible for free or reduced meals their parents' income must meet the USDA requirements.

TCC's Child Care Center is

licensed by the State of Washington and is located on the TCC campus in Bldg. 23. The center is set up to care for children 2½ - 8 years of age. A comprehensive program of activities is offered to the children participating in the program. Parents' income determines the tuition of the children enrolled at the center, tuition is based on a sliding scale.

The center's services and programs are available to all children of TCC faculty, staff and students. For more information about the center contact Jo Ellen Sutton at 756-5180.

### 1st ANNUAL TCC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golfers, if you think you have any skills at golf - come show your expertise and win some golfing prizes. Be a part of the 1st Annual TCC Golf Tournament at Meadows Park on May 9th. The first tee time is at 1:30 pm and you must sign up to participate. Hurry and come to bld. 6 now and get involved !



# Ireland's image the victim of IRA

By SHANNON SAUL  
Entertainment Editor

Perhaps the most absurd of all the questions I've been asked about Ireland, and its people, concerns the conflict between Britain and the Irish Republican Army or IRA, as it is more commonly known. People seem to assume that the Irish cannot step outside their door without someone taking a pot-shot at them.

"Aren't you afraid to go outside?", "Have you ever been shot at?", and "What does a body look like?" are some of the questions I've been asked since I came over here a year ago. To people's surprise, my reply is that Ireland is probably safer than

many parts of the States. Even Belfast, the seat of all the troubles is not nearly as dangerous as it was 10 years ago.

When I was younger, we used to visit my grandparents in Derry, Northern Ireland. It was usual then to see tanks and armed soldiers patrolling the streets, and to be frequently disturbed by the noisy whirring of army helicopters passing overhead. Several times we were ushered out of supermarkets because of bomb scares, and we stood restlessly in the streets until the "all-clear" was given and we could return to our shopping. Once we even saw a soldier shot while passing through customs on our way home. One moment he was lean-

ing against a car while our car was being searched and the next he was lying on the ground and the soldier searching us was telling us to "get the hell out of here." My stepfather didn't argue, though we kids wanted to stay and watch the action!

Nowadays, however, much of the violence has gone. The IRA are still around and making their presence felt, but Belfast is no longer as rigid about not allowing people on the streets at night; and though one's bag is still searched on the way into cinemas and stores, the feeling that death in the form of a bomb is hiding in someones' pockets is much less strong.

Today there is plenty of freedom of movement between the two countries. The sand-bagged and patrolled check-points of a few years ago are rare now, and the long lines waiting to clear customs are almost non-existent. Sometimes it's even hard to tell exactly where the border is. And though there are still shootings and bombings in the North, the Republic of Ireland is relatively safe. Even the policemen down South don't carry guns. In fact drugs and high crime rate are more of a problem than the dreaded IRA.

So, for those of you out there who wonder if death waits around every Dublin corner and is strewn

helter-skelter on the streets, the answer is no. Ireland is not a nation of killers lurking for just one more shot. The IRA are there and the "Troubles" do still continue, but life in the south does not center around a gun. Even Belfast has a night-life!!

Also, in answer to some of the other questions I've been asked about life in Ireland:

Yes, we do have running water.

We have got T.V.s, and telephones, and cars.

I speak English fluently because English, not Gaelic, is Ireland's first language.

NO, Ireland is NOT in South Africa.

## Where losers went Reiner has winner

By PAULINE MILLER  
Special to the Challenge

Does this plot sound familiar? Average looking young man, emotionally unfulfilled, wants a relationship (preferably short-term) with a stunning dream girl. Object: sexual gratification. Anyone who watches HBO will have had ample opportunity to see numerous variations on this theme: *Los'ng It*, *Making It*, *Risky Business*. These represent a genre I will call, for lack of a more accurate term, the "Let's get laid" movie; a form that has become increasingly prevalent in recent years, mostly due to pay TV.

The new movie "The Sure

Thing" directed by Rob Reiner shows all the markings of a movie belonging to this group. The movie's hero, Gib, is told by his best friend that there is a gorgeous girl waiting for him in the sunny paradise of Malibu, CA. Gib's problem: how to get from his east coast university to UCLA in time to meet this girl. She is, he says, a sure thing: no questions, no guilt, no commitment, no involvement... a sure thing.

The markings are there, but the scriptwriters have avoided the trap effectively. Gib, a regular guy, spends his time at school drinking, playing football, drinking, doing badly in classes, drink-

ing, and lusting after girls. One girl, Alison, catches his eye. Prim, proper, intelligent; she is the antithesis of Gib's Bohemian lifestyle. In one scene Gib expounds the merits of junk food to her: "There are three basic categories of junk food." Naturally Gib wants her. He asks her to help him with his English assignments. Alison reluctantly agrees. With other things on his mind Gib takes Alison to the top of the library building and uses his roommate's tried-and-true pick-up line. Furious, Alison beats up Gib and they assume adversarial positions.

The movie focuses on the journey they both make to L.A. Gib for his sure thing, Alison to see her law school boyfriend. Both are ride-pooling together — neither has the funds to fly, and therein lies the dramatic conflict for the movie: Can Gib and Alison travel 3000 miles together without killing each other?

The movie is so different from

the "let's get laid" genre that it should not be considered along with others of that type. The bulk of the movie is concerned with the journey. If it is to be classified by genre it really has more in common with *African Queen* than with *Last American Virgin*. On the trip of course Alison and Gib realize that they want something more than what waits for them in California.

John Cusack as Gib and Daphne Zuniga as Alison give excellent performances. Cusack really seems like the kind of jerk who would use a line like "you and I speak the same unspoken language." Zuniga is equally natural as the perfectionist Alison — she keeps a leather bound daily schedule detailing minutely her life. She also takes class notes verbatim. One gets the impression that she probably color codes her notes as well. Neither performer seems so stunningly beautiful or graceful that they seem out of place in their

situation.

One performer who especially deserves mention is director Reiner. Instead of making a standard B-flat teen sex comedy he sought out a script that emphasized character and plot rather than emphasizing a degrading display of flesh. After overcoming this first obstacle to making a marketable picture, Reiner still had to get it made. It is hard to judge a director when his body of work consists of two movies (his first - *This is Spinal Tap* is one of the funniest movie parodies made) but here Reiner has directed from a daring premise: leave the camera still, get actors who can, and edit the movie like a romantic comedy instead of a music video ala *Risky Business* — a similarly pretentious movie that tries to be a serious film worthy of consideration because it was filled with phony 'artsy' shots. In *The Sure Thing* Reiner set out to make a romantic comedy and he easily succeeds.

## Scholarship offered at TCC

By BARBARA J. COHEN  
Challenge Staff

Academic excellence, good character and financial need are the requirements for the Betty Kronlund Memorial Scholarship, which is given annually at TCC.

The \$250 award for tuition and books is given in honor of Betty Kronlund, former faculty secretary, and the first division chairman's private secretary. She died suddenly on Oct. 9, 1971 of a heart attack.

Kronlund, who came to work on the campus in the fall of 1967, was one of TCC's first employees. She was known by fellow

employees as an exceptional secretary, personable office manager, and a dedicated "pioneer" of the campus.

The scholarship is sponsored by the Tacoma Community College classified staff. Committee members are Millie Rohers, Margaret Heaton, Rae McIntire, and Juanita Torre.

Funds for the scholarship are raised by donations accepted each year in Dec. at the Koffee Klatch or Holiday Tea. Donations will be accepted at any time of the year and are tax deductible.

Applications for the 1985-86 award will be accepted in the

Financial Aid Office Bldg. 18, through Friday May 17. Both men and women are encouraged to apply. The recipient will be notified by the committee on May 24.

Applicants should be second year students at TCC that are majoring in education or business. The scholarship has helped students financially, making it possible for them to complete their education and qualify for better positions in the job market, said Rhors.

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# The future drifts for Tacoma Boat

What will the future hold for Tacoma Boatbuilding Co.?

No matter what happens, it could almost not be any worse than the troubles that have been plaguing the company for the last three weeks.

First, the company announced that it had lost \$48 million last year, and that its accounting firm had informed them that without a substantial influx of funds soon, its ability to continue functioning in business would soon be questionable.

The news didn't get any better for them.

Their president resigned shortly after this information was released, and Tacoma Boat also learned that they owed over \$3 million in back rent and overdue taxes, and the Port of Tacoma last week took legal action in order to collect \$1.27 million in overdue rent, with the threat of eviction due to unpaid April shipyard rent.

With total debts of over \$12 million, and a cash shortage of \$8 million less than projected, the two men who purchased Tacoma Boat late last year were forced to take some drastic steps which included selling some assets, closing warehouses and giving stock as payment to some of their vendors.

Whatever happens, there are some decisions that will have to be made by the Port of Tacoma and Pierce County, tough ones to make for sure, but necessary.

Let's hope that when the final choices are made, that those people whose responsibility it is to sign the eviction notice and the property seizure notice remember the over 1500 employees whose careers would be ended. Perhaps our local governments used the example given by the federal government when it helped out the Chrysler Corporation, which was about to be closed and would have put hundreds of thousands of people out of work. Five years later, Chrysler has managed to pay the government back, and is back on an upward swing.

Pierce County has already lost enough jobs with the closing of the smelter, and to lose Tacoma Boat would mean that our aspirations for improving Tacoma/Pierce County will be stunted that much more.

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## Biology 106 strikes it lucky

With the recent surge of world and national hunger causes, TCC's Biology 106 class, "Contemporary Biological Problems," decided to jump on the bandwagon, and brought truth to the saying, "Charity begins in the home," or a variation of that, with their April 17 student poll on whether to start a campus food bank/nutrition information center. With any luck, this class of approximately 18 students will get one started. That's just what the Biology 106 classes have had since the course's onset in 1972.

An example of this luck lies in the shrubbery and trees near the TCC tennis courts. Anyone who's ever had Life Sciences chairman Richard Perkins for biology knows he has mentioned the supposedly "unknown" nature center over there. That was set up and built by the Biology 106 class in the summer of 1980, he said. Previous to that in 1974, the class started the TCC blood bank reserve, and because of the Biology 106 class prior to 1980, there is no smoking in any of the campus classrooms.

Perkins said Biology 106 is an



**SYDNEY JACKEL**

"involvement-type" class and is biologically-oriented, but deals with human needs. Because of the class, "neat things have happened," and "it takes a special (kind) of person" to be involved, he said.

Realistically, an educational or nutrition information center would most likely be set up as a result of the food bank poll. Although 81 percent of the approximately 1000 students surveyed welcomed the idea of starting such a center, Perkins said a food bank would be hard to maintain, and "running a food

bank is a real big job. It takes dedicated people to keep it going."

The main thrust of the educational program, he said, would be how to shop and get good value for (your) money. "Nutritious, but inexpensive."

"Education is so important. People can re-learn how to shop for inexpensive foods and cook nutritious meals for lower costs," he said.

Students from the Biology 106 class are working in groups, or committees, gathering data necessary for starting an information center. He said that one group is also working on a coupon program — perhaps one that low income people could come in and utilize — and another is gathering recipes of low-cost foods and nutritionally-balanced meals.

Perkins stressed that the primary idea of such a center would be to help people — not just people at TCC — but those in the community as well.

"Through education, we can help people to help themselves, to improve their life."

## Ad stupidity; in the limelight

Television viewing began before my family even thought about me (way before), but a percentage of TCC students have watched T.V. grow from infancy to "adultery." Though I have a job, am co-editor of this paper, and am carrying a full credit load during my final quarter here at TCC, I occasionally have time to vegetate in front of a T.V. set; unfortunately I am seldom pleased about what I must watch. It's not the violence of the "cop shows", the innate stupidity of the "sit-coms," or even the sex found in most "made-for-TV movies" (this can be experienced in every day in "real-life"), it's the commercials.

Okay, maybe I'm being a bit harsh but I really doubt there are entire families who sing, dance, and GRIN while cleaning with Murphy's Oil (soap). In fact I hardly believe anyone sings, dances, and grins while cleaning wood (especially an eleven year old girl; as appears in the ad). I don't believe my house will experience it's own, personal, earthquake if I use the wrong drain cleaner either.

Now, raise a hand if you think "I wonder if he/she has dandruff" every time someone nearby scratches their scalp (this ad-scum seems to have started its own unique form of paranoia in



**VICKI MATLOCK**

the U.S.).

Have any friendships been ruined because your husband, fiancé, boyfriend hardly drinks one cup of your coffee, but downs one after another of your best friend's brew?

How many food lovers will replace the seven sandwich fillings because there is only a teaspoonful of Miracle Whip? or will go to the store and bang on the window; begging the employees to sell just one more jar?

I really shouldn't mention ads which implore youngsters to "do this" or "use this" to be like some sexy, good-looking, or powerful image. With my belligerent style of writing I could run

on forever . . . and a page.

I'm all for name-brand comparison, but it seems to have gotten a bit out of hand lately. Take, for example, the recent breakfast war waged by fast-food chains (and thrust at T.V. viewers with regularity). This battle has left scars upon my memory which even an ice cold Coke, 7 UP, Pepsi, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Sunkist, Mr. Pibb, or Orange Crush could erase. Using wide-eyed youngsters to provoke adults into buying one morning sandwich at this place, instead of at that place, has worn a bit thin.

"We're sorry, we're so sorry" "McDonalds, McDonalds"

Ad agencies who credit viewers with only a child-like mentality, and sponsors who believe that "any publicity is good publicity, should wake up and listen to disgruntled viewers. In my opinion the best thing on television this season will be the little knob that shuts it off.

Q.: What's more clever than speaking in several languages?

A.: Having learned to keep your mouth shut in one.

Q.: What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

A.: A teacher.

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Poise is the art of raising eyebrows, instead of the roof.

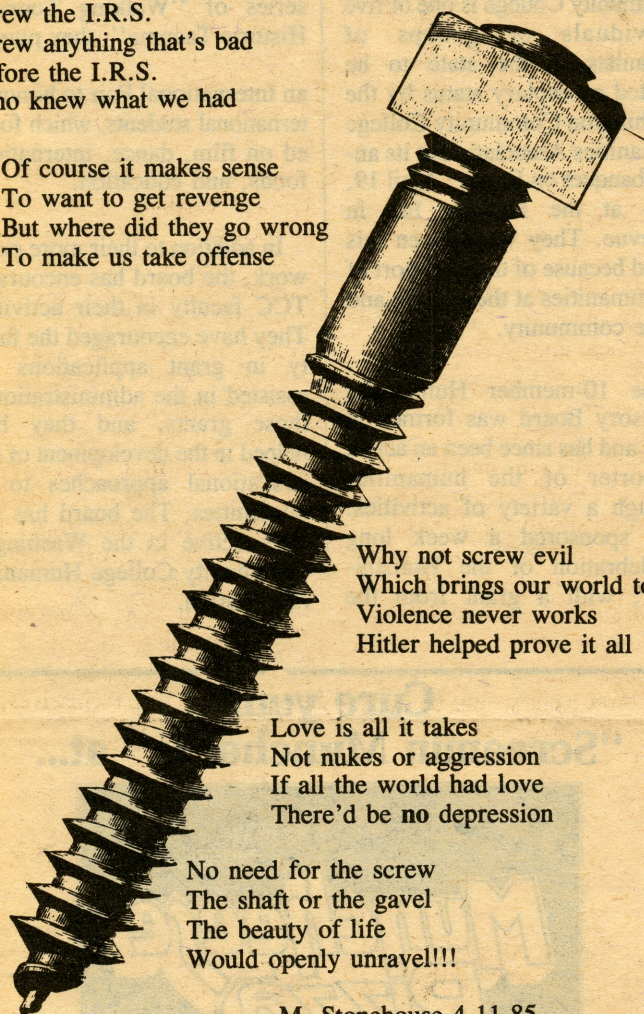


# Poetry...

## Screw the IRS

Screw the I.R.S.  
Screw anything that's bad  
Before the I.R.S.  
Who knew what we had

Of course it makes sense  
To want to get revenge  
But where did they go wrong  
To make us take offense



Why not screw evil  
Which brings our world to fall  
Violence never works  
Hitler helped prove it all

Love is all it takes  
Not nukes or aggression  
If all the world had love  
There'd be no depression

No need for the screw  
The shaft or the gavel  
The beauty of life  
Would openly unravel!!!

M. Stonehouse 4-11-85

## Thinking Twice

By SHAWN JACKSON  
Special to the Challenge

No time to waste.  
Is this the place?  
Noticing you are there.  
As you look over here.



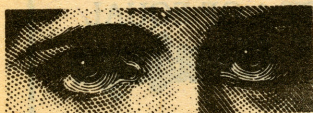
The way you are dressed.  
You're not like the rest.  
People may glance and stare.  
But, Who is there to care?

Am I so blind?  
Can I see what is behind?  
Thinking twice, Why? Why?  
Looking into your eyes.

So young and in motion.  
Moving slow with caution.  
Thinking twice, noticing you.  
Watching the things you do.

Glancing down as you drink.  
Wondering what people may  
think.  
Listening to friend's advice.  
Yet, still thinking twice,  
Why? Why?

Dedicated to Michael Black



# Now, it's the right to die

One of the pet issues of the press in the past few years has been the right to life/abortion debate. Now another issue, at least as important as this one has arisen, the right to die.

At first glance the "right to die" issue seems clear cut. The question is: should treatment be withdrawn or withheld from terminally ill patients? Most people take on to this question the unspoken thought that the treatment will only be withheld at the patients request, and that the treatment being withheld does not include intravenous feeding and hydration. In fact for some time the "Living Will" has been in existence, this "will" consists of a statement that the patient does not want to be kept alive by artificial and extraordinary means.

Is intravenous feeding and hydration extraordinary means? In a recent New Jersey Supreme Court ruling no distinction was made between food and water (until this point considered care, not treatment) and medical treatment. In January of this year the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that intravenous feeding tubes could be withdrawn from incompetent nursing-home patients "with severe and permanent

mental and physical impairments and a limited life expectancy (a year or less)."

Somehow this is beginning to sound more like euthanasia rather than the right to die. Should there be a distinction between the two? Is there, at the present time a distinction? Yes. One is the choice of the person about to die. The other is...murder. Maybe murder is too strong of a word when dealing with the guilt-ridden doctor who decides to withdraw a patient from total life support. But when you STARVE someone to death it should be classified as murder.

Some years back the governor of Colorado said that it was the duty of the elderly and terminally ill patient — not their right — but their duty, to die. Oh, there were protests about what he had said at that time and yet... Now a state's Supreme Court has made this horror a possibility. What could be next? With these attitudes present in this society, and they do exist, (closer to home than some might think) maybe we should take a step back and re-evaluate our morals, before we are all lined up at the age of 30 and put to death because it is our duty, for the good of our society.

# Letters to the Editors

Dear Editor:

I think in the following passages you'll find the titles of some self-help books. Have you ever painted yourself into a corner? Locked the key to your troubles in a little black box?

What's a perfect 10? Is your world all colors including tints and shades? Does your world revolve around just four colors? Are there no family phantoms in the closet?

When the priorities of a nation or village are rearranged, a lot of people are displaced. In the world of the 80s that is what the U.S. president did. He brought the plight of the world at large to our attention. Isn't that what happened just before the "gay 90s" and the "roaring 20s?"

There isn't a man or woman in the 20th century that can say he's not among the above mentioned. That's what makes us human.

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Applications should be turned in to instructor Chuck Doud in his office in Bldg. 12 or the Challenge office, Bldg. 14-13, no later than May 23. The Editor will be chosen by vote of TCC's media Review Board.



## Tacoma Skate King caters to children of all ages

By PATRICIA GROVER PUGH

### Challenge Staff

Students at TCC who have children and want inexpensive entertainment for them should try the Skate King skating rink at 6817 27th West, Tacoma. It's geared for 10-year olds and under and is arranged so that kids can have fun while learning to skate. There are beginning classes to help children gain confidence, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning, while learning to skate on their own and also open-skate tiny-tot sessions.

Parents may join in or merely sit back and relax, enjoying free coffee while they watch their kids skate without the worry of the older ones running over them.

"Hokey-Pokey" dances and blue light games are enjoyed and a favorite event is the arrival of Blue Bear every week. Blue Bear joins in the fun; playing Hokey-Pokey, skating with little ones and paying a visit to the birthday area.

According to Rick Gray at the skate counter, kids as young as 13 months have joined in the fun.

Cost including skates and lessons is \$2 or \$1.50 for the tiny-tot session only. If kids are under three feet tall, the tiny-tot session is only \$1.

For more information, call 564-3867.



Photo by Patricia Pugh

## Parking lost to transit center

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lost parking stalls was basically used to classify the compensation as a government-fundable project. If instead of a compensation Pierce Transit had chosen to pay a substantial rental for the space taken up by the center (Pierce Transit only pays \$1 per year for the use of the space) the cost would have been non-government fundable.

The money may still be used to build additional parking in the future. "We haven't seen any need for the moment to rush out and build additional parking," said executive Dean of Planning and Operations Don Gangnes. "We are adequately providing parking spaces at the present time for students. Whether it is convenient (for students) or not is another story."

And it is a very interesting

story. An average of 75 parking citations are issued per day by persons monitoring the lots. Most are received for illegal parking, not because there are no parking spaces available, but rather because it was more convenient at the time for the person to park in an empty space that was not designated for them. To decrease the problem, Kautz suggested open parking, where there are no spots saved for any particular group (students, faculty, visitors). He also suggested stronger enforcement of the rules that have been established.

Originally, 199 student parking spaces were lost from the conveniently located corner lot where the existing transit station now stands. Of that number, 96 spaces were replaced, leaving the total

loss at 103 spaces. The replaced spaces are now open for general parking.

Since the fall quarter of 1984, about 7,717 parking permits have been sold according to Joe Ittner, TCC parking. The total number of permits sold includes both permanent (full year) and temporary (one quarter) parking, and both day and night classes. The total number of usable parking spaces on campus at this time is 1,680, Kautz said. Parking permits are not sold according to spaces available, but according to the number of people that want to buy them.

Kautz said it is not TCC's responsibility to guarantee parking spaces for these who purchase parking permits, "because it doesn't say anywhere that we have to."

## Humanities get special award

The members of the Humanities Advisory Board of Tacoma Community College is one of five individuals or groups of humanists in the state to be granted exemplary status by the Washington Community College Humanities Association at its annual banquet on Friday, April 19, 1985 at the Holiday Inn in Bellevue. They were given this award because of their support of the humanities at the college and in the community.

The 10-member Humanities Advisory Board was formed in 1982 and has since been an active supporter of the humanities through a variety of activities: they sponsored a week long "Celebration of the Humanities"; with a grant from the

Washington Commission for the Humanities, they sponsored a series of "Walking Tours of Historic Tacoma"; they planned

an International Fair to honor international students, which focused on film, dance, international foods, and education.

In addition to their more public work, the board has encouraged TCC faculty in their activities. They have encouraged the faculty in grant applications and assisted in the administration of those grants, and they have helped in the development of new educational approaches to the humanities. The board has also been active in the Washington Community College Humanities Association.

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# New constitution passes ASTCC Senate

By PAUL SWORTZ  
Opinions Editor

At the ASTCC Senate meeting of May 7, President Tim Hallmark's revised version of the constitution was approved by the senate unanimously.

Earlier in April, Hallmark informed the Senate that he had been working on a constitution revision in order to do away with the Board of Management as it currently exists in the constitution.

"They answer to nobody, and are accountable to no one for anything they do."

When Hallmark presented the changes he proposed at the meeting of April 30, he told the Senate members that, "Student government is not intended to become a political organization, but rather a model for a political system that gets things accomplished. Under the constitution we have now, our student government is so political that it has become unmanageable and therefore inefficient."

Hallmark outlined six areas in particular that he felt his revised constitution would aid the students at TCC. Specifically, 1) the recruiting and selection of senators, 2) retention of the quality senators, 3) better education of all members of student government, specifically in terms of the constitution, by-laws, and parliamentary procedure, 4) increasing the productivity of the Senate meetings, 5) making the student body more aware of the issues at hand before the Senate, and 6) a system of self-evaluation for executive committee personnel and senators as well.

The actual changes in the constitution lie for the most part in the section concerning the Senate Board of Management, which currently consists of five positions to which the responsibilities of everything, from presiding officer of the Senate, coordinating student activities to acting as liaison for the child care center, fall.

Hallmark's major complaint was that the members of the Board of Management answer to nobody but the entire Senate. So, in the newly accepted version of the constitution, these five board members will be done away with, being replaced instead with three vice presidents, all answerable to the ASTCC president for their responsibilities.

The titles of these vice presidents are, first the legislative vice president, whose responsibility it is to organize and chair

the ASTCC Senate meetings, to serve as publicity agent for the Senate, to appoint a parliamentarian as required, and to advertise publicly the workings of the ASTCC in order to promote student interest.

The second new vice president in the constitution is the financial vice president, whose main responsibility it is to have a working knowledge of the budget, and to report to the senate on the status of any budget account, to be chairperson of the budget committee, and to develop and maintain a record of service and activity fee budgeting policies.

The final vice presidential position is that of the Personnel vice president. This person shall act as the parliamentarian of the Senate, be in charge of every senator's education training program, coordinate a quarterly Senate retreat, and present an orientation program to all new senators.

In order for the constitution that Hallmark proposed to become effective, it is still necessary for the student body of TCC to vote on and approve the constitution as Hallmark has presented it. In order for this to happen, the proposed changes must be published in the Collegiate Challenge for perusal by as many students as possible, who will then vote on it, and the simple majority will rule on the issue.

At the meeting of April 30, Senator and Chairman of the Budget Committee Tracy Vinyard announced that due to the budget shortage, certain items that had been approved for the budget of school year 1985-1986 had to be cut even further. The areas that were affected are: the drama and music departments, student clubs and organizations, the Artist and Lecture Series, Tutorial Services, and a number of other areas, primarily ASTCC projects.

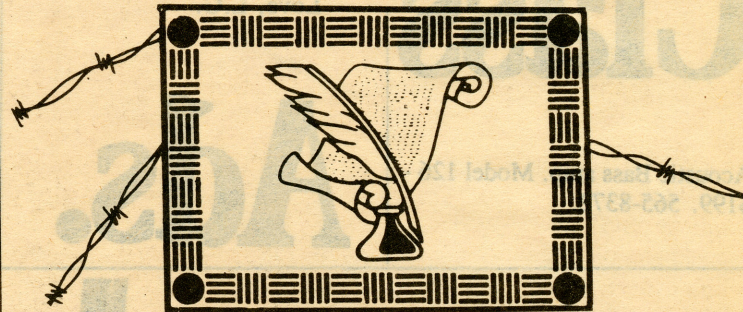
After these cuts were made, Vinyard explained, a total of \$21,396 had been deducted, but there was still a shortage of \$19,000, so Vinyard then made a proposal that the ASTCC raise its Service and Activities Fees (S&A fees) for next year to the amount highest allowed by law, from \$2.60 per credit hour to \$2.85 per credit hour. (The S&A fees are the funds which are appropriated from each student's tuition and allocated for use by the student activities department at each community college in Washington State).

The Senate then passed a mo-

tion allowing the S&A Fees for school year 1985-86 to be increased, in order to balance the budget for next year.

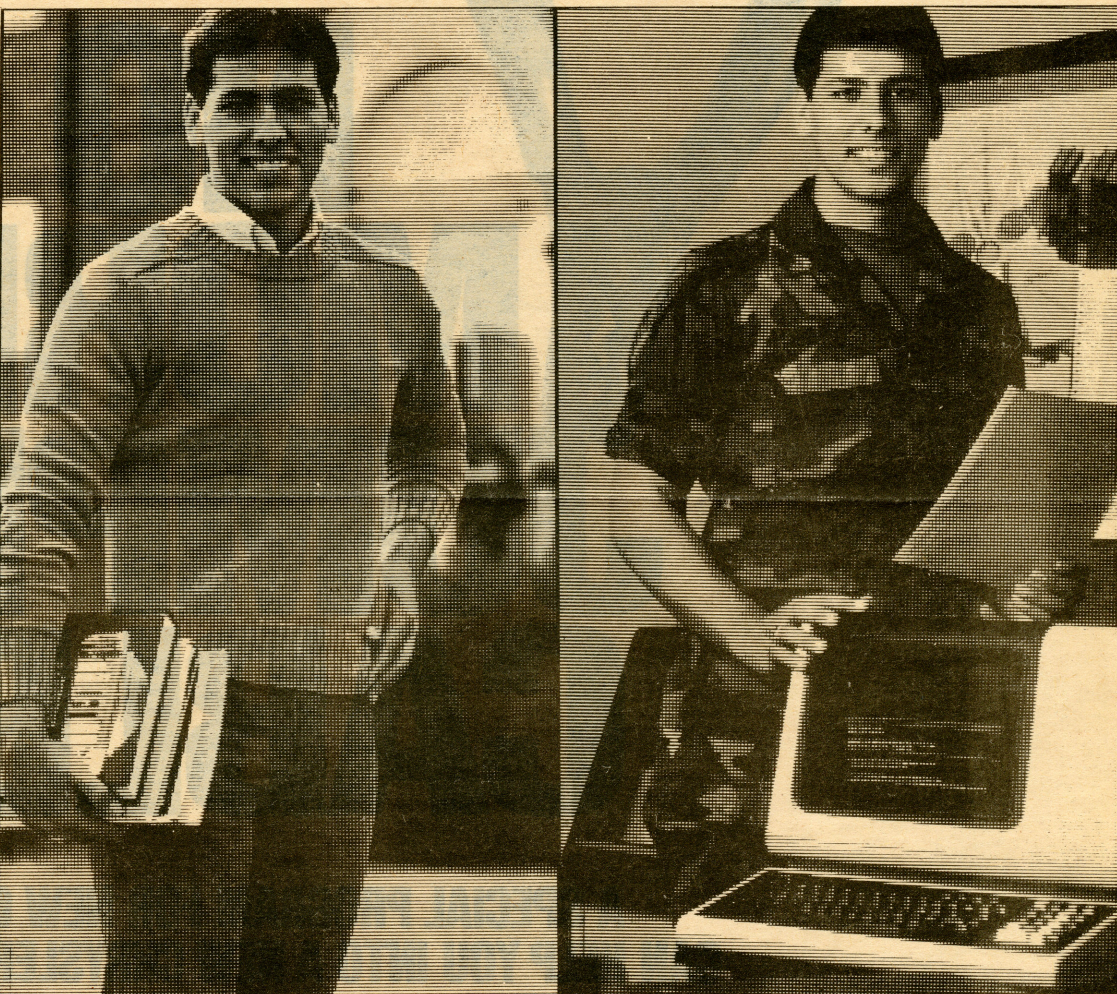
It was announced at the meeting of May 7 that there would be an open election for the positions of ASTCC president and ASTCC secretary. And that applications would be accepted until May 24.

The Royal Intensifiers Club of TCC, which is a club consisting of members of the Radiology students at TCC, informed the



Senate that on their trip to Eastern Washington for a conference, the exhibits presented by TCC students had taken second and third place, respectively. It was

then suggested that the Intensifiers inquire about displaying their projects in the library so that the rest of the student body could view the exhibits.



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