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Grade inflation hitting TCC?

High grades invert normal grade curve

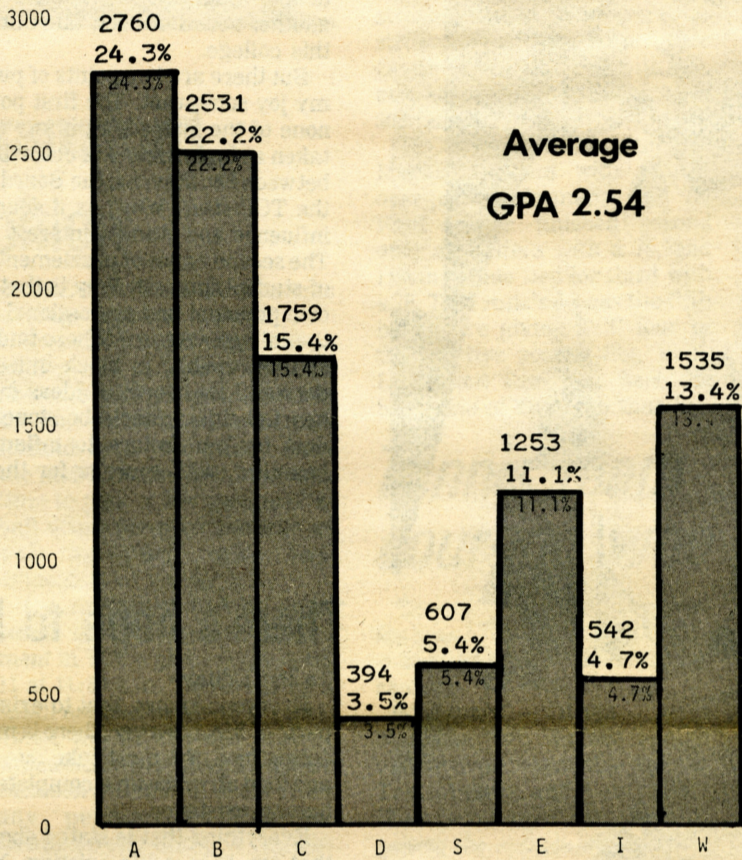
By Donna Cool and Lorrie Carter

Grade inflation might have hit TCC or so it appears from the grade analysis report from the office of Dr. Jack Hyde, associate dean for general education. Extensive grade inflation could affect the reputation as well as the future of the students at TCC.

A report was compiled by Hyde to illustrate the distribution of grades. Instead of the traditional bell-shaped curve, a curve that shows the C grade as the average, it is just the opposite. The highest percentage grade given was A at 24.3 percent, then B at 22.2 percent and so on. (see graph).

There are several points that bear emphasis, according to Hyde. The report is compiled from all credit classes. This means a class such as P.E. which is one credit, is given equal weight to chemistry which is five credits. Also, all of the day and evening classes, off-campus, continuing education, selective programs, human relations and developmental classes are included.

When asked whether there was a grade inflation at TCC, Hyde commented that there is a wide range of students at TCC. For example, evening students are included in the report. According to Hyde, evening students are going to make higher grades because of the small number of people in each class. Each individual is given more help.



Grade breakdown for fall quarter as shown in a memo to all faculty from Jack Hyde, Associate Dean for General Education, dated January 29, 1979.

More help is also given students in the specialized programs, such as nursing. By the time students are accepted into the program, they are already weeded out. So only A and B students are enrolled.

Hyde also commented that community colleges usually attract the extremes. That is the person who is really there to try and produce excellent grades or the person who couldn't care less.

Bill Packard, director of social and behavioral sciences, feels that classes such as the math lab where either students make an A or B or Incomplete mess up the curve because they are able to keep on trying until they get their desired grade. He also commented on the wide range of students as well as the wide range of classes that are taken into consideration when doing one of these reports. One cannot compare a one-credit class to a five-credit class.

The most important thing to look at, says Hyde, is the transfer students. According to reports Hyde has received, TCC students are keeping equivalent grades wherever they transfer. So Hyde feels justified in his opinion that, "We didn't give over-inflated grades, our grades were equivalent." Hyde feels that community colleges have a responsibility to the students. In a letter to faculty

Hyde stated, "The integrity and freedom of the course and instructor must be maintained, but we do have an obligation to students, the college, and other institutions to maintain somewhat similar standards and course content."

Grade inflation, however, has become a problem across the country. According to several students from the University of Oklahoma, that college is also having problems. Their administration's main concern, according to one student, is that the college will lose its accreditation and reputation from local employers. Grade inflation, no matter what the reason, diminishes a degree in any field.

Grade inflation should be looked into if only for the sake of the college. Packard commented that a different grade report should be compiled with just academic scores.

First Annual Bowlathon nets \$3000 in scholarship pledges

By Chris Stancich

Approximately \$1500 of an expected \$3000 has been collected from pledges received during the first annual TCC Athletic Department Bowlathon held March 7 and 8.

According to TCC Athletic Director Phyllis Templin, the event, sponsored by the Titan Booster Club, brought in nearly

twice as much as had been originally expected. During the two-day event, students and faculty bowled for pledges of a penny or more a pin, to benefit the college's athletic department.

Participants are now at work collecting pledged amounts, and have turned in an estimated 50 percent of total pledges.

"We originally expected at least \$1000," said Templin, "and were hoping for \$2000 at best." The \$3000 earned by the bowlers far surpassed her expectations at the outset.

Proceeds from the event will go to financial aid for TCC athletes, according to Joe Betz, Titan Booster Club president and TCC instructor. Funds will provide both tuition and book scholarships for recruitment of area athletes. Betz expected some 30 scholarships to be made available by the bowlathon.

According to Templin, over 75 people participated in the two-day event, held at Tower Lanes. They included student athletes, faculty, students, coaches, and two area pro bowlers, Mary Sears and Bob Bianchi. Individual pledge earnings averaged about \$30, with three individuals topping \$200.

Prizes for the top money earner's will be awarded as soon as all pledges have been gathered. Awards include athletic equipment from local sporting goods dealers. Each participant who earned more than \$20 will receive a free TCC t-shirt.

Faculty split on four-day week possibility

By Ron Wilson

A proposed four-day class schedule shows the TCC student body to be overwhelmingly in favor and the faculty closely divided on it's implementation.

One survey directed to TCC students shows them to be overwhelmingly in favor of the four-day week. The survey was conducted during the closing part of winter quarter.

The survey only included 10:30 a.m. classes, but of 607 responses, 63 percent were in favor of the four-day week. Another 19 percent responded in

opposition and 18 percent were neutral.

In a survey directed to the faculty, conducted by the office of the Dean of Instruction, the majority of opinions was opposed to a change of the five-day schedule.

Although at deadline all results were not in, of the 68 faculty members who had responded, 29 were opposed to a change from the five-day week.

Another 14 faculty members were in favor of a four-day class schedule provided classes were extended to 65 minutes. The

extension of class periods to 65 minutes would ensure the college curriculum continued to meet accreditation criteria.

Some faculty, 17 of the 68 said they would be in favor of "class schedule expanded to provide a greater selection of four-day classes between 12:30 and 5:30 p.m."

There were 8 faculty members who did not want to commit themselves until they did some additional study.

If it were decided to implement the four-day schedule, transition would present some

problems for faculty and students. From the minutes of a March 19 faculty meeting, Dr. Robert Rhule, Dean of Instruction "...pointed out that he felt in-depth research before full implementation of a four-day class schedule is necessary..."

Two primary problems with the four-day program at this time are: the impact it will have on scheduled planning because of the short time to the beginning of the fall quarter, and the effect on student options resulting from the four-day week.

There is also concern by TCC administration as to how the community will receive the four-day plan. An observation of Big Bend Community College at Moses Lake, the only other college in the state to implement the plan on a full-time basis thus far, notes that while college administration had high regards for the program, the

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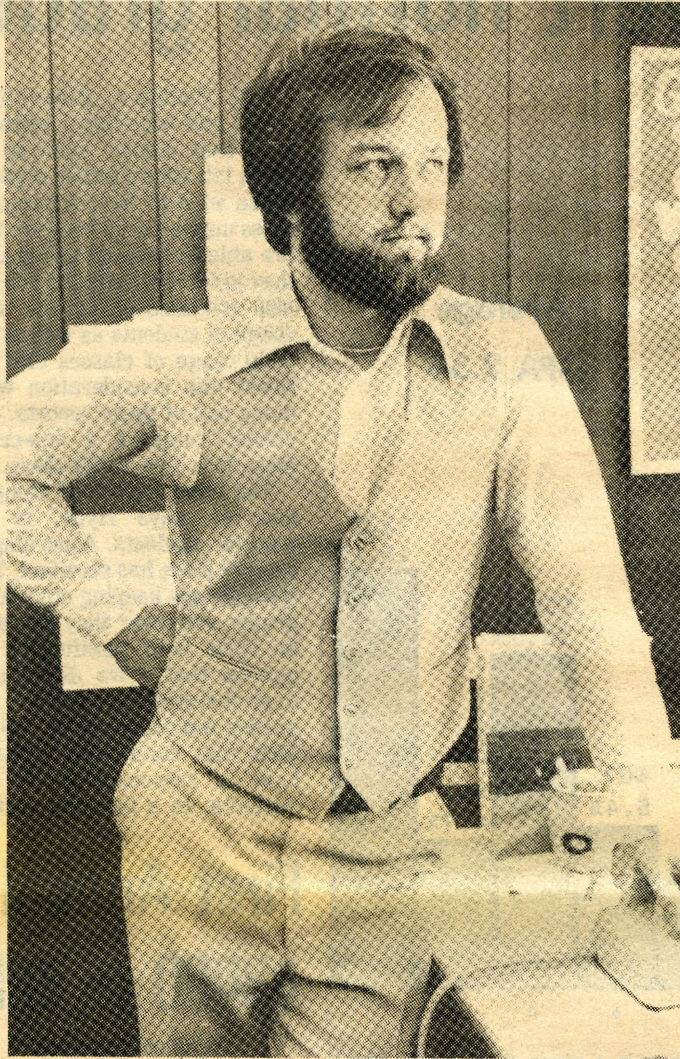
Hasty senate decision could mean repercussions to follow

by Lorrie Carter

If "he who hesitates is lost" then the TCC student body was almost left out in the cold after the ASTCC senate waited until one day before the deadline to ratify our new student government constitution (should students pass it in the April 25 election).

The trouble with governments is that though they make the same mistakes we all do (procrastinate, get angry, forget, etc.) the potential repercussions to others is much more far-reaching. For instance, should the senate not have ratified the constitution at all (as it was they had to scramble to make some last-minute changes) then students would have been stuck with the old, extremely wonderful form of student government which everyone complained about for years instead of this one which the whole country is talking about. The whole process of going to the Board of Trustees to get the constitution suspended (again) would have had to start all over.

As it is student government has to deal with a major (last-minute) change (no vice-president) without so much as a trial run to see how it works. It should be noted that the senate had the entire year to ratify and change the constitution since it was suspended about a year and a half ago, but it seems they were busy trying to get along with each other instead. In all fairness it should be said that no matter how hard they might



ASTCC Vice President George Freeman

try, the senate could do little to make the new government as monumentally inefficient as the last one. But with a little more forethought and action they

might (underline "might") make this the most talked-about form of community college student government in the country.

To the Editor

Student puzzled about teachers

To The Editor:

It would not be altogether untruthful if I admit that I am not sorry that the war between Dr. Stevens, the Board of Regents and certain other members of the campus community is apparently heating up again. You know, a man with Scottish-Irish blood in his veins relishes a little good-natured violence now and then! I refer of course to the exhilarating feeling one gets when there is a fierce ideological contest going on around one. And I would argue that one clear sign of intellectual vitality, particularly on the campus of an institution of higher learning, is a bare-knuckled, no-holds-barred debate about important issues. Hence my elation at the prospect of another round of keen fair-minded discussion about the future of this college.

But there are two points of puzzlement in this affair that dampen my joy somewhat. The first point that puzzles me is the fact that none of the instructors in my courses since the fall quarter have taken a single minute of class time to refer to the matters in dispute between Dr. Stevens, the Board of Regents and various members of the TCC staff. Why? Is it fear, indifference, disdain for student influence and student interest that have sealed instructor's lips? The second cause of puzzlement has been the apparent general lack of student interest. Why is that? Are students so intent upon their own personal and professional objectives that they care not about the college's future? Whose fault is that? Ah, my friends, the future of this republic is black indeed if our young people do not understand the worth of ideas in their lives. And we craven false-hearted elders should be stoned, horse-whipped, stomped into the dust for our failure to inflame their hearts with love for the beautiful, with courage for the right, with zeal for the truth!

Very truly yours,
Jim Haniger

There's hope to be found in savior

To the Editor:

Everyone knows, that to exist, food is one of the most essential parts of life, however, there is more to living a healthy life than just eating food. We must take into consideration that clean air, heat, and food all make up a complete energy source that helps maintain human existence.

Everything that is stated above may come from any one source that can keep a life existing. No creature can live alone for any length of time before they become independent, which means when death is near, you can see that there is life all around you.

Survival might be achieved through many sources; most of these are vitamins; their vital essentials all work together to keep us alive.

The future is now

In my opinion I advise against dangerous feats that might lead to the loss of blood, which is essential for the functioning of our bodies.

Now we can look back into the past and see the faces that were so painfully sad because of the lives that were lost in the bloody needless battles and wars. Pitiful to think of, but it's true; I was there.

So now the future is us—we have faith in staying alive. When I see anything more it makes me very happy. The same when someone is talking. I love the respect of all "Gods" people who are in this room and each room. You shall find love and devotion that leads our futures far and beyond infinity.

Faith is here so that you can see things that once were only heard or read of. So, be patient with your dreams, let them not be a secret. Our Creator knows all about our togetherness. His glory is near to you. Happiness is sharing your faith. You remember when as a boy or girl your mother usually put you to bed and fed you every morning or sung lullabies while you enjoyed the melody. The day went by and night falls again it feels good to be here watching your favorite movie stars play just like you and I. No one seems to hate their jobs anymore. You see, we have a wonderful world to live in and a good Lord, our savior who made this all possible from the beginning to now the "Future." I am closing my summary of a Futuristic World being built around us. I am happy to surrender these words to you.

Lawrence Leffall Sr.

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Senate revises, ratifies proposed constitution

by Lorrie Carter

Due to senate ratification of the proposed new ASTCC constitution, TCC students are being called on to vote yes or no to the new form of student government in an election April 25.

The new form of student government has been in effect as a trial all year, and after one major change the senate ratified a revised model of it on April 5. The change deletes the vice-president position from the executive branch of the government, and creates instead the opposition of activities commissioner.

The proposed government consists of three branches—the student senate, the executive branch and the advisory board. The student senate is set up in a Town Hall form in which the number of members is open (voting rights are restricted only by the requirement of taking a two-credit senate workshop), and the members elect their own presiding officers and act as a separate body from the executive branch. Previously the ASTCC president presided over the senate.

The executive branch, which earlier consisted only of the

president and secretary, has been expanded to include a treasurer and now an activities commissioner to deal with student activities and preside over student committees.

The advisory board is a new branch altogether. It consists of students and faculty who interview and select the executive members of the government and work with the budgeting. The advisory board is also empowered to step in where there is conflict between the executive officers and the senate.

Proposed last year

The new government model was proposed last year after the old constitution was suspended by former ASTCC President Ted Fick. Fick says that the task force which was formed to find a better model brought in experts from all over the state and two from out of state to help them. "We spent thousands of dollars in money and time," says Fick.

The former senator adds that the search and writing was difficult. "No one wants to rewrite a constitution. It's very dry."

The previous constitution had been giving student government problems for many years, but only last year when the ASTCC president resigned and only three senators returned (not enough for a quorum) was it finally decided to do something



According to Coordinator of Student Programs Priscilla Bell, the major difference in this form is the unlimited number of students who can become involved.

Bell, who proposed the change from vice-president to activities commissioner, commented that there seemed to be a problem with who was responsible for the major portion of activity planning. The change in positions, says Bell, will hopefully alleviate that.

A few doubts

ASTCC President Susan Talbert, however, says that she has reservations. "My main concern was that as a president I wouldn't have anyone to fall back on," says Talbert. The president adds that though the president of the senate would be next in line should she not be present, the two positions don't really work that closely. "We work as two separate bodies," she says of the senate and executive branches.

Talbert also mentions that others have expressed questions with the move. One person commented that the title of activities commissioner did not seem as if it would attract many persons as an interesting and responsible position.

The election will take place on Wednesday, April 25 in the foyer of Bldg. 7 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Students must have identification of some sort to vote.

Scholarship deadlines set for 4 TCC grants

Several major scholarships are open for application through the Financial Aid Office, Bldg. 2A. Interested persons should contact Deborah Brueckner, 756-5080.

The Lief Erickson Memorial Committee will be awarding a \$300 scholarship to a deserving student who will be attending TCC for the 79-80 school year.

Applicants must be of Scandinavian descent, have a good grade point average, and be in need of financial assistance to continue their education.

Scholarship applications are available in the Financial Aid Office in Bldg. 2A. The committee has extended the deadline for application to April 13. This was done because the Financial Aid Office has not received a single application since this information was published the week of March 9.

The school runs the risk of losing this scholarship completely if eligible students do not apply. Please come by the Financial Aid Office if you think you might be eligible.

The American Business Women's Association, Tacoma Charter Chapter, will be awarding a full time scholarship for tuition to a deserving student who will be attending TCC for the 79-80 school year.

Applicants must be female, high school graduate or some college, and a minimum grade

point average of 2.00. There is no age limit and applicants do not necessarily have to be from low income families.

Deadline for submitting a completed scholarship application with three personal references to the Financial Aid Office is April 13. The organization will interview and select the recipient.

The Quota Club of Puyallup Valley will be awarding a \$300 scholarship to a deserving student who will be attending TCC for the 79-80 school year.

Financial need is a major consideration for this scholarship. There is no minimum grade point average required. The organization's application can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office in Bldg. 2.

Deadline for submitting a completed application to the Financial Aid Office is April 13. The organization will select the recipient.

The TCC Classified Staff is again offering the annual Betty Kronlund Memorial Scholarship to a 1979-80 second-year woman student majoring in Office Education or Business.

The scholarship is \$100, to be used for tuition and-or books. Application forms should be picked up in the Financial Aid Office and returned by April 13 to Chris Sypher in Bldg. 8-9. Announcement of the recipient will be made by April 30.

Four day week being mulled

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community did not receive it as well.

Rhule also observed in a March 29 interview, that if the program were accepted not all programs of instruction at TCC could be adapted to it. Classes with laboratory and clinical assignments may find problems in meeting their hourly requirements.

Also because of the extended time proposed for classes students may find important classes over-lapping.

One advantage in the extension of class periods is a longer period for lecture type classes. The extra time would enable instructor and student to cover more material.

The four-day week is not a

brand new idea at TCC. The campus does use a four-day week during the summer quarter. The summer, however, is the lightest of the four quarters, and as there are less students, classes don't require as many facilities.

While there is still much debate left before a decision is made, reliable sources point out that a few weeks ago there was not much opposition to the idea. Due to problems that were not taken into consideration and the short time to prepare, at this point the idea may be pretty

well dead. The administration's main concern is to choose the best of the two programs. "TCC will offer the program which will provide the best options for the students who will attend TCC," Rhule emphasized in the March 29 interview.

Rhule explained there were still some bugs that were to be worked if the program went into effect, but when asked whether he thought the program could work he replied, "I'd rather be objective at this point."

Electrical inspector sites theater problems; repairs are 'two-thirds done'

A second inspection by Tacoma City Light Inspector Hollis Blackburn revealed that wiring problems in TCC's Little Theatre were limited to back-up and stage lighting and did not affect the in-house wiring already set.

In a letter to TCC Dean of Administration Services Carl Brown, Chief Electrical Inspector Jim Schumacher detailed the problems needing repair and according to Bob Blankenship, buildings and grounds supervisor, the job is already two-thirds done.

On his first inspection March 2, Blackburn noted many problems with extension cords and other stage-light wiring which the inspector said were "very, very bad" and would have to be corrected. During the second (March 14) inspection Blackburn lists those problems, presenting them to Schumacher who formally asked for their reparation.

The problem was reported by TCC student Mike Hazelymyer who worked with the lighting during last quarter. Hazelymyer said that he had received a 110

the auxiliary dimmer panel and volt shock while working with had noted other problems.

According to Blankenship, the responsibility for the lighting will still rest with TCC drama instructor Chuck Cline, who commented after the first inspection that problems arise from the large amount of people constantly using the theatre and often doing their own lighting.


The deficiencies have created no problem for maintenance, says Blankenship, who adds that they are "just routine."

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'Heaven Can Wait' for 'Best Picture'

by Greg Nordlund

Monday marks the 51st year that the Academy Awards will be given out to those people in the film who were at their "best" the past year.

Let's take a look at the nominees in the six major categories and the possible winners.

Best Supporting Actress

- Dyan Cannon
- "Heaven Can Wait"
- Penelope Milford
- "Coming Home"
- Maggie Smith
- "California Suite"
- Meryl Streep
- "The Deer Hunters"
- Maureen Stapleton
- "Interiors"

My personal pick (not my prediction) in this race is Maureen Stapleton. Her role was the only saving grace of one of the year's worst movies, "Interiors." In a film filled with thoughts of death, failure and total depression, she adds a touch of happiness and life to his unsalvageable Woody Allen mess.

Although Stapleton is my choice, I think Dyan Cannon will walk off stage with an Oscar. Cannon was brilliant in "Heaven Can Wait" as Warren Beatty's scheming wife. Couple this with Cannon's great popularity in front of and behind the camera and you get an almost certain winner.

Best Supporting Actor

- Bruce Dern-"Coming Home"
- Richard Farnsworth
- "Comes A Horseman"
- Christopher Walken
- "The Deer Hunter"
- Jack Warden
- "Heaven Can Wait"

Very often an actor who is most commonly unknown to audiences and gives a performance worthy of an Oscar nomination will be placed in the supporting category even though his part may be considered a leading role.

A case in point, is Christopher Walken. It is on the strength of his role in "The Deer Hunter" that he is the most likely winner of the award.

But if I were handing out Oscars, there is no doubt in my mind that this one would go to Jack Warden. As Warren Beatty's football trainer, Warden is fantastic. Here affirms the fact that he is one of the all-time great character actors in film.

Best Director

- Woody Allen "Interiors"
- Hal Ashby "Coming Home"
- Warren Beatty and Buck Henry
- "Heaven Can Wait"
- Michael Camino
- "The Deer Hunter"
- Alan Parker
- "Midnight Express"

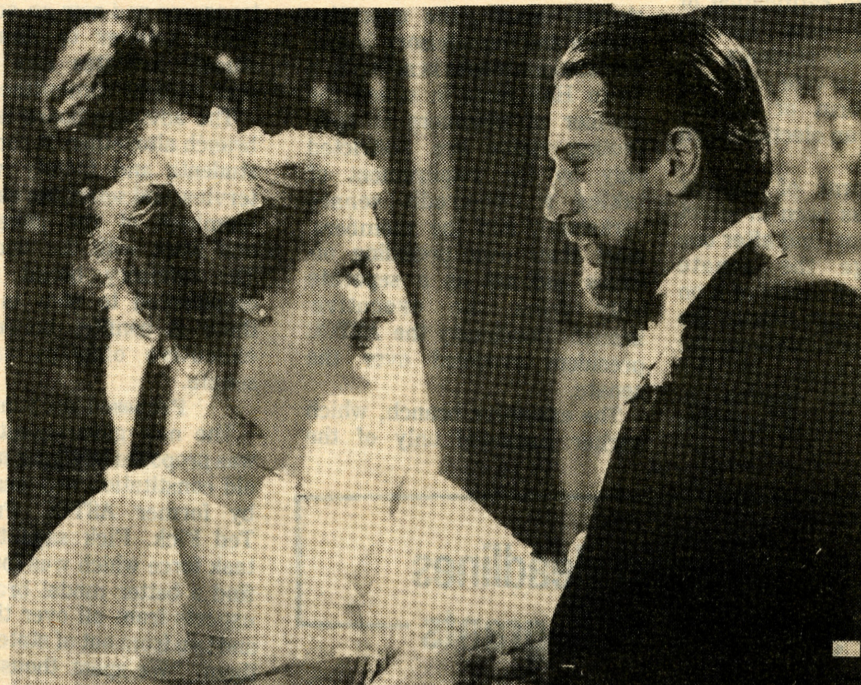
My preference and my prediction are not always different.

Most people believe that the award for best direction should be given to the director of that year's best film. Not me. A movie can succeed with excellent direction but still may not be the best, or even one of the five best movies that year. (Woody Allen's nomination proves this).

One movie that did succeed this year was "The Deer Hunter" and one big reason for its success was its young director, Michael Camino. Being only his second film, Camino is promised a long and successful career as a director. It may be difficult for such a new face to win the Oscar, but if the Academy overlook this then it should be Camino that leaves the theatre with the award.

Best Actor

- Warren Beatty
- "Heaven Can Wait"
- Gary Busey
- "The Buddy Holly Story"
- Robert DeNiro
- "The Deer Hunter"
- Laurence Olivier
- "The Boys From Brazil"
- Jon Voigt "Coming Home"
- Vietnam was a very popular subject this year and produced two very good films about this time in our history, "The Deer Hunter" and "Coming Home."
- Both were made basically to



Meryl Streep and Robert DeNiro in "Deer Hunter" wedding scene

deliver messages opposing the war.

"The Deer Hunter" presented its opinions through very visual, graphic scenes. "Coming Home" told its story at home, through the people who had been there. This latter approach is by far the more difficult and must rely almost

entirely on the actors.

Jon Voigt played the most vocal of the characters in "Coming Home," and is a very deserving recipient of the award. Many people also think that Voigt was cheated out of an award for "Midnight Cowboy" by John Wayne for "True Grit."

Best Actress

- Ingrid Bergman
- "Autumn Sonata"
- Ellen Burstyn
- "Same Time Next Year"
- Jill Clayburgh
- "An Unmarried Woman"
- Jane Fonda "Coming Home"
- Geraldine Page "Interiors"
- Last year's best actress, Diane Keaton, won for her role as "Annie Hall." Keaton was

good, but it was on the strength of "Annie Hall" and her performance in "Looking For Mr. Goodbar."

This year Jane Fonda will almost surely be given the Oscar for her role in "Coming Home." Fonda was nominated last year for "Julia" and has had much success this year in "Coming Home," "Comes A Horseman" and "The China Syndrome." It is on the strength of all of these parts that she is my prediction. It is also for these reasons that Fonda would be my choice, too.

Ingrid Bergman and Laurence Olivier (in the Best Actor category) have a chance of winning what is known as the "sentiment award." This means winning by being a very popular established star who have breathed the vote-getting word, retirement.

Best Picture

- "Coming Home"
- "The Deer Hunter"
- "Heaven Can Wait"
- "Midnight Express"
- "An Unmarried Woman"

I'm not sure whether this award should be changed to "Favorite Picture" or "Best-Made Picture." I've always taken it to mean best-made.

On that assumption I will be so brave as to say that this year's best picture will be "Heaven Can Wait."

When I say "Heaven Can Wait" people groan and grunt and say, "A light funny film can't win the Oscar." I immediately refer to "Annie Hall," last year's winner.

"Heaven Can Wait" is the only light film nominated this year. The others are all dealing with heavy, serious subjects and may cancel each other out in the final vote.

"Heaven Can Wait" excelled in all categories and amassed nine Oscar nominations to prove it. "The Deer Hunter" also had nine nominations and poses the only real threat to "Heaven Can Wait."

The awards will be broadcast live beginning at 7 p.m. this Monday on Channel 4 (KOMO-TV).

Shenandoah cancelled

By Michaelletta DeForrest

TCC's spring play, "Shenandoah," has been cancelled due to lack of a sufficient number of men auditioning to fill the 24 quota.

The play was a musical concerning the civil war and a farm-family's struggle within that war.

Three nights only—March 12, 13, and 14 were held for auditions and were open to anyone who was able to sing and dance.

Only six men showed up for the 24 openings that needed to be filled and these were people from off-campus.

Two reasons for poor turnout, according to TCC music instructor Gene Nelson, were: (1) the field was flooded with competing productions throughout the community that were already in progress and (2) poor timing of publication and the fact that it was not publicized in the Challenge.

Nelson also stated that he had learned something from this experience. "It was the first show that I have ever had a problem with...I think it was due to not enough publicity and advanced notice." There are plans to start production of "Westside Story" in the summer.

BSU sponsors design and fashion show

The BSU will sponsor a design and fashion show in May. BSU extends an open invitation to any TCC student who would like to participate. Women and men are needed as fashion models. Participants may model their own clothing or the clothing of the sponsoring shops in the

Tacoma area. Anyone desiring to be in the fashion show, can get further information by contacting Barbra Morris or Rita Jones in the Minority Affairs office between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



Coffeehouse goes country

Steve and Maureen will provide bluegrass and country music at the Freshlybrewed, TCC's Coffeehouse, April 12 at 8:45 p.m.

The duo will entertain students with original down-home music which they have refined while touring the country the last six years.

An 'open mike' will be held at 8 p.m. for all persons who wish to provide entertainment of any kind.

The coffeehouse, located in the Student Lounge, will be open the second Thursday of every month. Admission is free. Coffee, tea, and cider is available for 20 cents a cup. This event is sponsored by the TCC Student Programs, and Activities Office.

Field portrays great emotion in 'Norma Rae'

by Donna Cool

Few filmmakers probe reality with the incisiveness director Martin Ritt brings to Twentieth Century-Fox's contemporary drama, "Norma Rae."

Ritt has chosen to illuminate his characters through their feelings so we can understand and identify with their struggle.

The resulting film proves a triumph of creative commitment for all concerned. Produced by Tamara Asseyev and Alex Rose, it is suffused with humor and glows with warmth, even though there is a clash between two fiercely opposing forces.

The heroine of the film, Norma Rae, portrayed by Sally Field is a poorly educated woman working in a Southern factory. Rage sparks when she discovers that her mother has temporarily lost her hearing from the loud machinery in the

factory and the company won't do anything about it.

Her parents, portrayed by Pat Hingle and Barbara Baxley, both work in the factory along with Norma Rae. In fact, the factory is their whole life. Frustration builds up inside Norma Rae because she feels she must do something but has no way of knowing what.

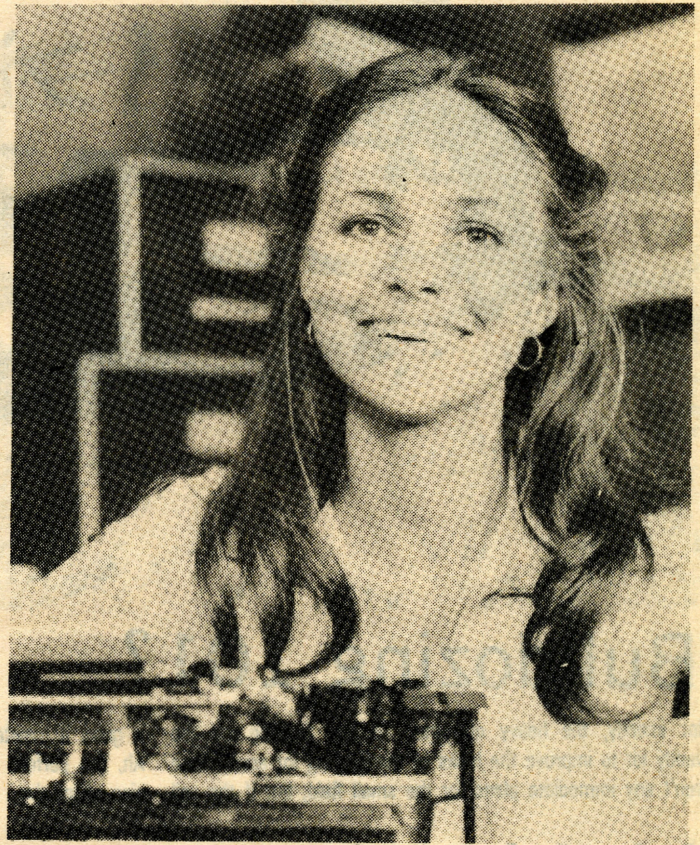
Then Reuben, portrayed by Ron Liebman, comes to the factory as a union organizer but doesn't get a very welcome response from the factory owners. Norma Rae and Reuben develop a strong relationship and work together to get the workers to organize the union.

Ron Liebman brings his personal electricity to the brash New Yorker who acts as the catalyst in Norma Rae's transformation. He is strong-willed and will stop at nothing.

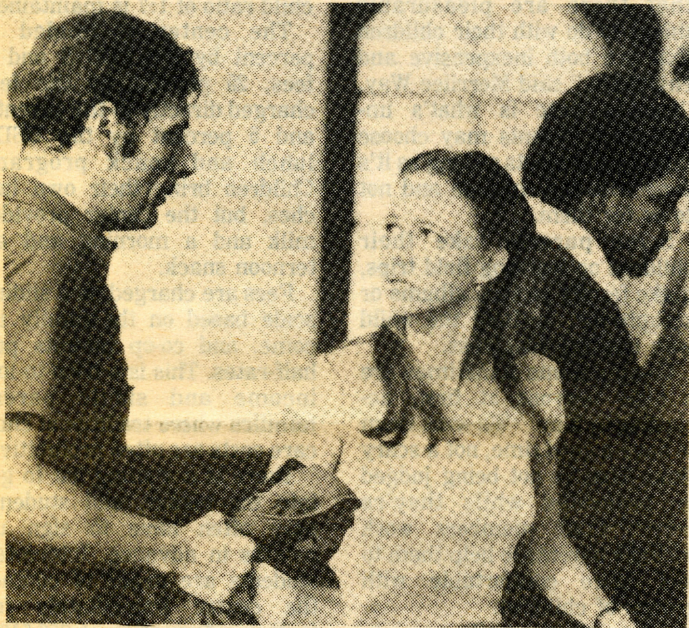
Norma Rae marries Sonny, portrayed by Beau Bridges, who tries his hardest to show Norma Rae how he feels about her. He really cares about her and stands by her to the end. Bridges gives a fine performance portraying a very sensitive man.

The story of this woman, which was inspired by the true story of a real Southern woman is a serious American film about a working-class woman. There haven't been very many movies such as this in the past. Norma Rae is gutsy, vulnerable, and down to earth and should give others all over the world the drive to look at themselves.

I found the film truly emotional with the characters in a form of reality. The performances are done brilliantly and it is a powerfully moving motion picture experience.



Sally Field stars as "Norma Rae."



Reuben, portrayed by Ron Leibman, and Norma Rae.

Entertainment

Uncanny timing for 'China Syndrome'

by Lorrie Carter

The movie has a chilling, technically authentic feel to it, the suspense is very well developed and the stars turn in brilliant performances, but probably the most incredible thing about "The China Syndrome" is its uncanny timing.

Just a couple weeks after opening in the theatres as the new space-age thriller (with a destined-to-be famous line from a nuclear professor who ends a statement "...could render an area the size of Pennsylvania permanently inhabitable"), "The China Syndrome" moved in status from an excellent film to a near phenomenon when a true-to-life accident occurred at Three Mile Island nuclear reactor in Pennsylvania.

The crisis at Three Mile Island paralleled the one woven into the prophetic plot of the movie which stars Jack Lemmon, Jane Fonda and Michael Douglas, who also directs the film.

In at least one aspect the film follows a currently popular trend in films and television (All the President's Men, Lou Grant, The American Girls)—the media saves the day, or at least gives it a good shot.

Jane Fonda and Michael Douglas open the film as a broadcaster-cameraman team busily doing features on singing telegraph people and nuclear power plants. As you might guess, something a bit odd happens while they're filming the nuclear reactor feature.

While watching operations from a sound-proof booth, Fonda and Douglas witness an "accident"—buttons start flashing, alarms go off, technicians are running about in mass confusion amid what seems to be an incredibly accurate reproduction of a control area for a nuclear power plant. Enter Jack Lemmon as the plant manager.

The crisis is developed into a full panic stage carrying the audience with it, though those who aren't nuclear physicists most likely haven't the slightest idea what is happening. Unbeknownst to a somewhat sugary PR man, Douglas gets the whole thing on film, himself not sure what happened.

And then the movie gets tense. The plot develops around Lemmon's struggles with himself and then later with the men at his plant. It also focuses on Fonda who is new on the broadcasting scene and as usual is slow to jump on the bandwagon. Douglas, on the other

hand, is the first to be suspicious (as usual) and is less a central force in the film than a driving force behind Fonda.

All performances are superb, but in particularly brilliant form is Lemmon, who from the first alarm buzzer adds a wonderfully uncomfortable reality to a subject which often seems all to unreal. He is at his best here, and for Lemmon that is exceptionally good.

Although the movie has already ignited several anti-nuclear demonstrations outside of theatres showing it, I would strongly recommend it to proponents of nuclear power as well for the technical aspects involved, and to those who are neutral the movie offers a fine evening of nail-biting entertainment as well as stimulus for some interesting conversations afterwards.

Trillium: A difference each year

KEITH RICHARDSON

When will the first Trillium be published? "Towards the end of May, for the opening of the Spring Festival," was the quick response of Joanne McCarthy, creative writing instructor, and advisor for the Trillium.

Continuing, she advised, "Contributors should turn in all work in Bldg. 20, art to Paul Clee and writing (which should be double-spaced) to me." A self-addressed envelope should be included, artists should arrange to have their work picked up.

A non-profit magazine, the Trillium is funded by the Associated Students of T.C.C. The original idea was derived from John Wong, a transfer student of Minnesota, and former student of T.C.C. His approach inspired other students, thus giving birth to the current Trillium. The first issue was published in spring 1975, and since then has been an annual spring affair.

As McCarthy stated, "This is basically a college literature magazine, there will be no articles of information, but for

reading pleasure," thus exposing "creative talent in art and literature," already existent on campus. "All contents are copyrighted," she emphasized. Further stating that contributors are entitled to a free copy and a chance of a featured photograph in the magazine. Their work will also be viewed by the public, however, they will not be paid materially.

"I don't know what to expect," said she. "There is a difference in the magazine each year, since editors' staff (comprised of students) and contributors are usually changed."

Therefore, you can look forward to a bright and interesting Trillium with "new and original material." T.C.C.'s own magazine.

A sale price has not yet been determined for the Trillium, however, it will be available in the college book store-building two, following the expected spring festival.

The magazine is edited by Fern Honore and Jeff Koch.

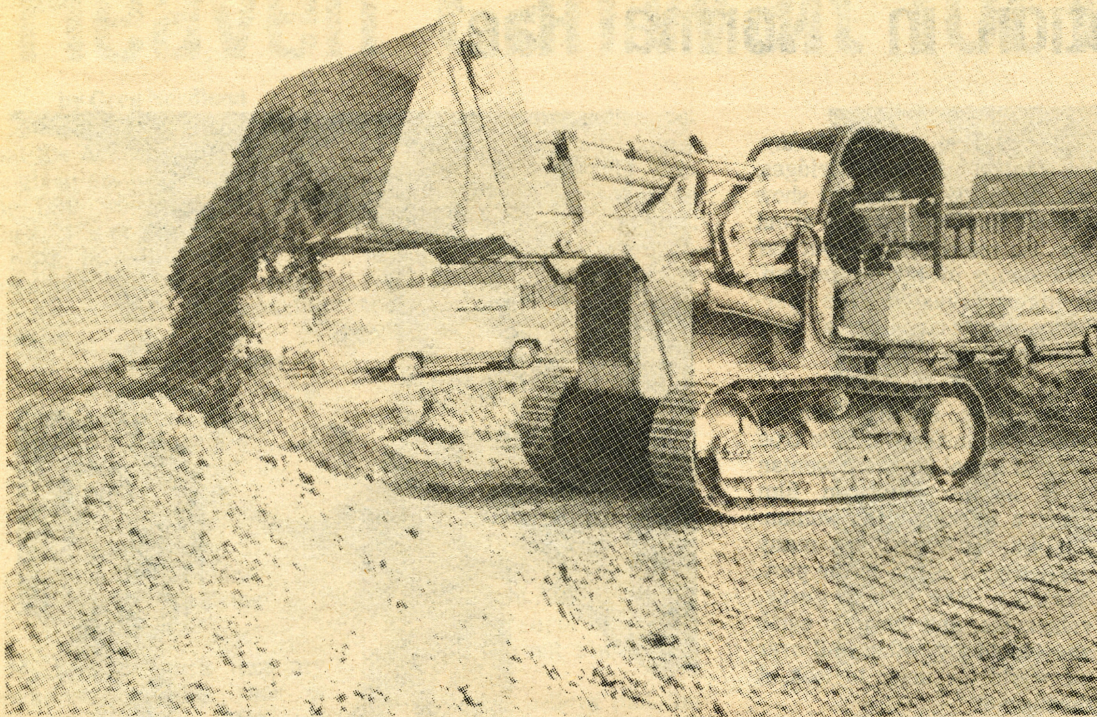
CCS chooses new officers

The Council of Concerned Students (CCS) has reorganized and membership is now open to any student.

The new officers are: president, Mary Jo Gilbert; vice-president, Donna Cool; secretary, Lorrie Carter.

The purpose of CCS is to solve pertinent conflicts regarding activity promotion. As a service club, CCS will offer unique activities such as one activity that would bring in revenue would be to bring movies back on campus. This revenue will help pay for the activity and any extra could be used to better promote the club itself.

CCS members welcome any feedback from students about activities that would be enjoyed the most and CCS could successfully put on.



Bulldozing 101?

Not exactly, the heavy equipment is just leveling off the weedy lot to improve the looks of the parking lot area. There aren't any immediate plans for the small field, but if the soil is good, a maintenance course indicated, they may plant grass. Ah, the perfect classroom for dozing between classes some nice spring day.

Hazelmyer photo

Administration expressing concerns

By Marie Rice

In the community college system, does tenure guarantee teaching experience or prevent instruction from keeping pace with changing public need?

A yes answer to both questions points to a problem that is common among community colleges statewide.

TCC Trustee Alan Vandeventer said, "Our faculty is doing an excellent job. The University of Washington accepts our transfer credits, and vocational students are in great demand. But 88 percent of the faculty has tenure (an instructor's guarantee for a lifetime of teaching). There is no balanced range of age or teaching experience. Ideally, there should be new teachers, some in the middle years of experience, and others near retirement."

Reduced percentage

At the last Board of Trustees meeting, Vandeventer stated that he will vote against all future tenure recommendations until the college implements a program to reduce the percentage of tenured faculty, and can control the problem for cost and quality reasons.

"We can't cut the existing faculty, and we don't want to. The percentage will be reduced by normal means of retirement. Hiring more part-time teachers is one way, but there are other ways, too," he said.

Vandeventer didn't elaborate on the other ways to reduce tenured faculty. He said other colleges have lowered their percentages, and the trustees must study the various means.

Trustee chairwoman Ellen Pinto said, "Tenured people are highly trained in one area and not as flexible to new programming as the public demands. Reduced student enrollment and lowered state funds (which are allocated on the basis of student headcount) have placed us in a financial bind."

"TCC has the highest cost faculty among the 22 state community colleges because of the long time and service in teaching. The trustees have tried diligently to protect the

faculty by not discontinuing classes (and firing tenured teachers) as some colleges have had to do. But the Board has taken no position on future tenuring yet."



Dr. Robert Rhule

TCC Dean of Instruction Dr. Robert Rhule said that the concept of tenure is very valuable to the faculty in that it protects them from arbitrary or capricious actions and exploitation. "No tenuring and a turn over of full-time faculty could result in a morale problem," he said. "New

teachers must be fully aware of the philosophy of the trustees and the institution when they are hired."

"No tenuring by the end of the three year teaching probationary period could create hardships within some programs," Rhule said. "For example, would there be qualified personnel available to rehire in the single person instructional program such as Radiologic Technology?" By state law, a teacher who is not granted tenure by the end of the three-year probationary period must be fired, he explained.

In summary, there is no easy answer to the problem of job security in teaching, high faculty scholarship, flexible teaching expertise to meet changing public need, and enough money to pay for it.

Robert Wark, manager of publications at the State Board of Community College Education said, "There is little colleges can do under the present law and union contracts. Throughout the state system, the number of tenure faculty is in excess of 80 percent. Colleges can seek legislation to lengthen the probationary period but individual schools have limited options in this regard."

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TCC center state's only college child care co-op

by Julie Gilstrap

The only college co-operative day care center in the state of Washington is the TCC Child Care Center.

The center, presently under the direction of Merrilee Way, has been functioning in the Fircrest Methodist Church located across from TCC on South 19th Street for the past five years. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during regular school days.

Co-op parents work two hours a week at the center, enroll and participate in a parenting discussion class, and complete an outside project with their children.

The center is available only to children of TCC students between the ages of 2½ and 6. The parents may choose whether or not to participate in the co-op section of the center. More than half of the children's parents are members of the co-op.

"We want to let parents see that there are pleasurable things to do with their children that are both inexpensive and enjoyable," said Merrilee Way. "Quality time is what's important." Parents may choose their own projects as long as it's done with the children and not to or for them.

Some parents take their children on learning field trips, make family picture albums or scrapbooks, or help the child with reading readiness.

Co-op parents sometimes are a little nervous at first, according to Way. "We want them to have a good time, not a scary time. They're not being judged or evaluated while they're here." Staff members work with the parents to help them to feel more comfortable with groups of children.

"The parents really seem to

enjoy it (the co-op experience). It allows parents to participate with their children in the Day Care Center instead of just dropping them off. They are able to learn a lot about their children by watching them interact with other children," explained Ms. Way.

She stressed that the staff handles all disciplinary action with the child while the mother is present. "It is much more comfortable that way. The staff is trained to handle different problems. A child will react differently at school with his or her mom there."

The center's main objective is that each child have a successful first school experience. It is stressed that learning can be fun, and should be coupled with developing a child's positive self image.

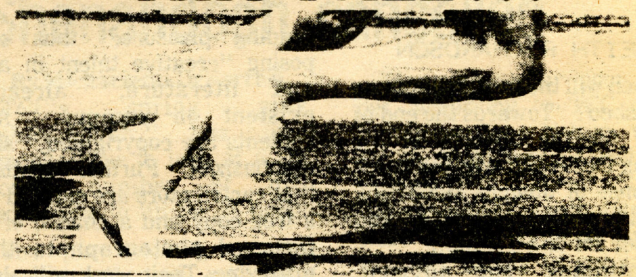
The learning activities are highly individualized, recognizing that each child has different and distinct needs and rates of growth. A teacher-to-child ratio of 1:7 is maintained.

The center is funded 70 percent by the TCC S and A fees, 25 percent by the fees charged directly to the parents, and 5 percent by the USDA lunch and snack program. Children bring their own lunches, but the center provides milk and a morning and afternoon snack.

Fees are charged on a sliding scale based on the family income, and co-op parents pay half-rates. This is a boon to low income and single parent families where traditional child care costs are often prohibitive.

There is a waiting list to get into the center, and students may often have to sign up months in advance. Interested students are urged to contact the center immediately for further information at 756-5180.

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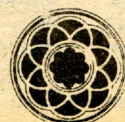
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Ivan Bransford

Billiard great Bransford slated for exhibition

Ivor Bransford, considered to be one of pool's immortals, will be giving an exhibition April 11 on campus.

The 70-year-old pool genius has been behind the eight-ball for 58 years. Playing the immortals such as "Fast" Eddi Farrel, "Whitey" Michaels, Frank Greenleaf, and Andrew Ponzi.

Bransford's credits speak for themselves. In 1932, he placed second in the Pacific Coast Pocket Billiard Championships, and 1940 he won the Pacific Coast "9" Ball and the United States Championships.

In addition to all of this, Bransford has a personal record for the highest run in straight pool of 195 (an astronomical figure when

compared with our local talents average highs of about 15).

Bransford's exhibition will be highlighted by about 40 trick shots, 10 joke shots, and he will fix 3 or 4 trick shots to be performed by a young lady from the audience. He will also take time to play a few games of 8-ball with interested students as well as teach some fundamentals of the game.

The exhibition will be sponsored by the student government in TCC's game room April 11 at 11:30 a.m. There will be a small admission fee of 50 cents. There will be elevated seating which will allow students to see Bransford's skillful shots from any perspective. For information call George Freeman in Bldg. 15 at 756-5123.

Mittmen's league opener today

By John Scholer

During the pre-season, the Titans baseball team discovered that good sometimes isn't good enough.

The Titan players turned in some good solid performances during the last two weeks, but discovered the meaning of an old adage: "going it one better." With the help of a few defensive errors they have lost

a handful of games by one run.

However, the Titans got into the win column on their fourth try when they rapped Olympic 5-3, March 24 then the Titan nine split a double header with the Rangers (Olympic CC) March 26.

Spending last weekend on the east side of Mt. Rainier in the Yakima Valley Region, the

Titan Sports

Golf team: one of the state's best

By John Scholer

TCC's golf team this season has all the potential of becoming one of the state's best golf teams in the circle of community colleges.

During the spring break, the Titans logged an impressive victory in match play against Lower Columbia, and Olympic Community College at Gold Mountain. Finishing the course (which is known for the degree of difficulty) with 306 total strokes, the Titans were 23 strokes better than second place Olympic who finished with 329, also ahead of Lower Columbia's 362 points.

TCC's Sig Boettcher received Medalist honors with a one-over-par performance of 73. Paul Carter finished second over all golfers with a 75, and Devin Kanda tied for third with a 78. Tom Hale's 80 was the fifth best score giving TCC four of the top five scores. Sig, Paul, Devin and Tom have been the backbone of the team thus far,

Tennis team courting woe

Tennis Coach Harland Malyon wasn't exactly welcomed back to the coaching ranks.

Malyon's Titans were blanked, 7-0, during spring vacation at Centralia by the Trailblazers and Centralia's Blazers returned last week by salting the wounds with another Titan blank, 7-0.

and have been given some strong back-up by Jeff Amber and Chris Scott.

Against the University of Washington, the Titans lost the match 10½ to 7½. The Titans had actually won the match but were penalized two points when one of the Titans allegedly used his putter to pat down a divet which he thought was a clump of sod. The incident was reported by one of the U of W players who neglected to warn the Titan before he committed the penalty.

Paul Carter with his one over par performance scored a 72 earning point for the Titans. Sig Boettcher as well as Tom Hale scored 73 earning 1½ points. Devin Kanda scored 77 earning 3 points, Chris Scott with 84 earning ½ point, and Jeff Amber with a 78.

TCC's golf team opened their conference schedule Monday with an impressive win at home against Shoreline. Jeff Amber led the Titans with a 79 seven over par on a wind blown Oakbrook Country Club.

Women's slowpitch host tourney

TCC's women's slowpitch team started the season hosting an eight team tournament Saturday at Peck Field. The hosting team was sent home early losing 8-4 to Edmonds and 6-2 to Shoreline. Green River captured first, Shoreline took second, and Edmonds placed third.

Head Coach Glenda Dunn said that, "The girls did exceptionally well considering that it was their first time playing together."

Assistant coaches Don Brisbois and Jimmy Smith agree that the team needs work on baserunning, hitting the cutoff man, and hitting.

Coach Dunn encourages all girls who would like to play on the team to contact her in building 21 or phone 756-5175. Practices are held at West End optomist from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Basketball intramurals begin

Spring intramural activities started this week featuring 3-on-3 basketball tourneys in the gym.

Under the guidance and supervision of TCC's faculty member Jack Heinrich, students, faculty and staff interested in playing that day will draw cards for team selection and positioning—this gives all the potential basketball 'stars' a chance at getting someone good on their team.

The activities have been scheduled for Monday, and Wednesday every week at 12:30 p.m. in the gym. Basketball will run for the first portion of the spring quarter, and softball (slowpitch) for the latter part of this quarter.

For more information contact Jack Heinrich at 756-5065.

Titans suffered through a crushing defeat by Yakima, being nipped twice in a double header with Big Bend losing 4-3, and 8-3, then losing to Spokane Falls twice 5-4 and 8-3, and a five hour van ride.

A clean slate has been handed to the Titans in the form of league games. The Titans will try to keep the loss column on this slate clean today, April 6 against Edmonds at Edmonds, and tomorrow, April 7, at 1:30 p.m. the Titans will play their first home game of official league play against a tough Ft. Steilacoom. This could possibly be the best game of the season.

Games Room sponsoring pinball tournament

This coming Thursday 32 students will have the chance of becoming TCC's first Pinball Wizard.

Keith Hillstrom, student and games room operator, will sponsor a campus Pinball Tournament in the Games Room April 12 at 2:30 p.m. There will be a \$2 entry fee which will include the cost of playing the pinball machines, and the cost of the trophies.

The tournament will be limited to the first 32 persons to

sign-up before 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Games Room. Trophies will be awarded to the top four finishers.

Members of the tournament will play each of the four machines in the Games Room, and top four positions will be decided by total points of all the machines.

For further information contact Keith Hillstrom in the Games Room, or phone Student Programs in Bldg. 15 at 756-5115.

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Bowling recap

Standings Through games of March 29

	W	L
TCC Vets	19	9
Overly Dramatic	16	12
Team No. Four	16	12
Team No. Three	14	14
Team No. Five	12	16
Us	12	16
Team No. One	12	16
Massive Bruits	11	17

Week's high series

Men	Score	Women	Score
John Scholer	529	Mary Calloway	498
Keith Brightwell	512	Karen Munson	429
Ed Daniszewski	487	Doreen Hall	406

Week's high games

Men	Score	Women	Score
John Scholer	196	Mary Calloway	176
Ken Gentili	189	Karen Munson	169
Keith Brightwell	185	Mary Calloway	162

League meets Thursdays, 3 p.m. at Tower Lanes

Wednesday, April 25 The Associated Students of Tacoma Community College ask you to vote in the special election to adopt a new constitution.

The constitution, designed for more easily accessible participation by students, has gained national attention by the benefits it offers student government. But it can't work unless you vote yes April 25

CONSTITUTION of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PREAMBLE

We, the Associated Students of Tacoma Community College, hereinafter referred to as the ASTCC, do hereby establish this Constitution to insure that as students we are capable of fully exercising our rights concerning our education and concerning expenditures of service and activities fees consistent with law and with the policies of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 22.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Constitution is to affirm the individual right of each student to participate directly in establishing policies and procedures associated with student life at Tacoma Community College. Additionally, this Constitution reaffirms the principle that the best student government is that which guarantees student participation which is direct, open and responsive to changing student needs, which is integral to and not isolated from other decision-making and governing processes of the college, and which provides varied opportunities for the continuing personal, social and educational development of each student participant.

ARTICLE I Membership

Section 1. Any student currently registered at Tacoma Community College and who has paid a service and activity fee shall be eligible to participate in ASTCC activities, subject to conditions and limitations stipulated in this Constitution and the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

ARTICLE II Organization

Section 1. The government of the Associated Students of Tacoma Community College shall consist of a senate and an executive branch whose primary staff advisor shall be the Director of Student Programs and an advisory board whose primary staff advisor shall be the Dean of Student Services.

ARTICLE III Executive Branch

Section 1. Executive power shall be vested in a president who shall assume office on the 15th day of June for a term of one calendar year. The president shall be assisted by a treasurer and a secretary, and such other officers as the president may require to fulfill executive responsibilities and who shall receive a compensation which shall remain unchanged during their terms of office. A student coordinator of activities shall be responsible in cooperation with the Student Programs office for providing a well-balanced program of student-sponsored activities.

Section 2. The president shall implement all matters and responsibilities derived from college trustee policy and senate legislation.

Section 3. The president shall present and articulate the official position of the students of Tacoma Community College.

Section 4. The president shall sanction annually all student clubs and organizations at Tacoma Community College.

Section 5. The president may veto senate legislation within two (2) instructional days of its passage. The senate may over-ride any such veto by a two-thirds vote within five (5) instructional days of the veto.

ARTICLE IV Advisory Board

The advisory board shall consist of eleven voting members and the Dean of Student Services who shall serve as non-voting secretary ex officio.

Section 2. Six (6) members of the advisory board shall be students appointed no later than October 15 by the senate for a period of one year. Acceptance of an appointment to the advisory board will render a student ineligible to serve either in the senate or as an executive officer.

Section 3. Three (3) members of the advisory board shall be members of the college's full-time faculty, appointed by the president of the officially recognized faculty organization no later than June 1 and who shall serve, staggered, two-year terms.

Section 4. Two (2) members of the advisory board shall be members of the college's administrative staff, appointed by the president of the college no later than June 1 and who shall serve staggered, two-year terms.

Section 5. The advisory board shall choose a president, treasurer, secretary, and student activities coordinator from among the applicants for these positions.

Section 6. The advisory board shall arbitrate and resolve by a two-thirds vote any dispute of policy or operations arising between the executive branch and the senate, subject to review by the Dean of Student Services of the college.

Section 7. The advisory board shall serve as the service and activities fee budget advisory committee and shall issue annually in March an appropriate report and recommendations to the senate. Such report with recommendations shall be consistent with current statutes and Board of Trustee policy and shall guide the senate in the preparation of the annual service and activities fee budget.

ARTICLE V Senate

Section 1. All legislative power shall be vested in the senate including:

- (a) preparation of service and activities fee budget for presentation to the Board of Trustees for approval and adoption; and
- (b) allocation of funds from the reserve/contingency account of the service and activities fee budget.

Section 2. The senate shall review appointments made by the ASTCC president and may veto such appointments by a two-thirds vote of the members present provided that such veto action is taken within twelve (12) instructional days of said appointment.

Section 3. The senate shall provide a public forum for the identification, presentation and discussion of issues pertinent to the students of Tacoma Community College.

Section 4. The senate shall elect its own officer(s) who shall receive a compensation which shall remain unchanged during their term of office.

ARTICLE VI Vacancies

Section 1. The order of presidential succession shall be presiding officer of the senate. The advisory board shall appoint a new incumbent to fill the vacancy in the office of treasurer or secretary when these positions are vacated during a regular term of office.

ARTICLE VII Removal from Office

Section 1. Grounds for removal from office of a senator or executive officer shall be limited to malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance.

Section 2. Procedures for removing an executive branch officer or member of the senate from office shall be stipulated in the by-laws of the advisory board and shall provide for due process and rights of review by and appeal to the office of the Dean of Student Services.

ARTICLE VIII Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by referendum from the senate in a special election submitted to the students provided that:

- (a) such referendum shall have been approved by a two-thirds vote of the senate members present and voting.
- (b) such referendum shall be placed before the student body no sooner than twenty (20) instructional days following its favorable adoption by the senate; and
- (c) such referendum shall receive a simple majority of votes cast in said special election.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by initiative petition submitted from the student body provided that:

- (a) such initiative petition contains the valid signatures of no less than 200 currently enrolled students who have paid a service and activities fee as verified by the College Records Office; and
- (b) the full text of such initiative petition shall be published in both the college newspaper and the college bulletin no sooner than twenty (20) days prior to a special election.
- (c) such initiative shall receive a simple majority of votes cast in said special election.

Section 3. The advisory board shall conduct such special elections for such referendums or initiative petitions as are submitted to the student body for ratification and shall insure that all ballots are tabulated by an impartial committee of at least three persons.

Section 4. Amendments shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees of Community College District 22.

ARTICLE IX Implementation

Section 1. This Constitution shall become operational and effective upon its acceptance and approval by the president of the college and the Board of Trustees of Community College District 22.

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Polls will be open Wednesday, April 25 in the foyer of the Library (Bldg. 7) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

VOTE