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No bull-- the Challenge wins awards

By Karlene Johnson
Staff Reporter

For work published in the *Collegiate Challenge* this year, three students have received awards in the Washington Press Association's (WPA) student journalism competition.

Gordon Peterson, former Editor-in-Chief, Karlene Johnson, current reporter and Chris Donahue, former graphic designer were the recipients.

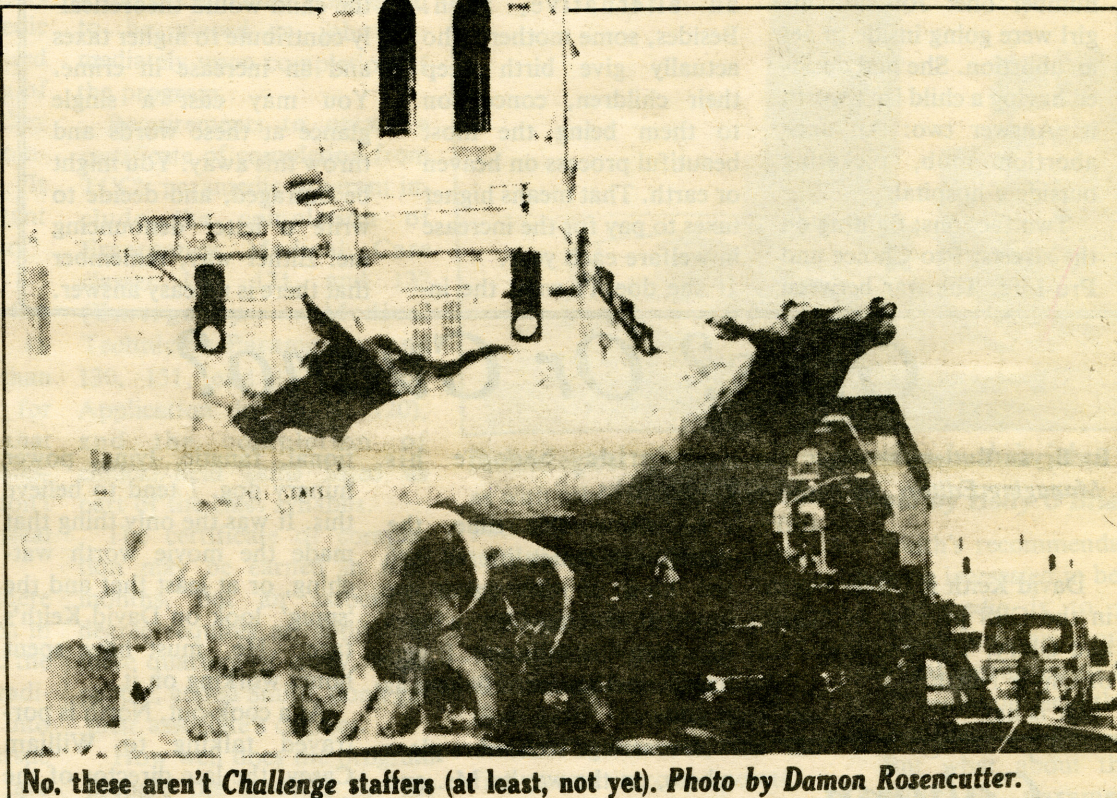
Peterson won first place in the Newswriting category for his article titled "Tale of two ciggies" published in the Jan. 23, 1989 issue. Johnson received an honorable mention in the same category for "Frozen

salaries cool faculty wallets" from the Feb. 8, 1989 issue.

In the category of Educational Affairs, Peterson was awarded third place for a front-page piece on the Black Student Union published in the Nov. 14, 1988 issue.

For his two-page design in the Dec. 12, 1988 issue, Donahue was recognized with an honorable mention in the Editorial Graphics category. Assisted by then-Graphics Designer Eric Wirsing, the centerfold depicted a dim view of the holiday season.

According to LouAnn Kirby of the WPA, over 100 submissions from community college were received.



College student discusses her own experiences with HIV--the AIDS virus

By Karlene Johnson
Staff Reporter

In January 1987, Sue Larson found out she had tested positive for antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus or HIV. HIV is the virus which causes AIDS.

Larson, an attractive 26-year-old woman, attended Tacoma Community College winter and part of spring quarter this year.

In an effort to educate students on campus about the potential of HIV infection, Larson willingly discussed her experiences since discovering she is "HIV positive."

"I thought that I might be able to help someone--either help get rid of some ignorance or let people know that [AIDS] is not just a gay disease and that it can happen to anyone," explained Larson. Larson believes--and statistics back her up--that it's possible there are people attending TCC who are HIV positive

and don't even realize it.

In November 1986, Larson had been in the Navy for six years and was stationed in the Philippines. At that time she, along with others in her unit, underwent mandatory testing for HIV infection. She recalled the joking that surrounded taking the test. No one really believed that he or she would test positive.

Two months later, Larson was notified of the positive results of her test. "My initial reaction was shock," Larson recalled. "At first I didn't really know what it meant. After they explained it to me at the hospital, it really scared me."

Larson was sent to Balboa Navy Hospital in San Diego to attend a 10-day program for people who had tested HIV positive. Larson was the only woman in the program.

At first Larson had no idea how she had become infected. "I've never shot up or anything so sexual relations were the only way," she said. Later,

while stationed in San Diego, a former boyfriend visited her. "I came out and told him that I was HIV positive so that he could be tested. But then he said 'I am too.'" Larson has assumed that she became infected through their sexual relationship.

Since finding out she is HIV positive, Larson has gotten married to a man she met just prior to discovering the results of her HIV test. She and her husband now practice safer sex, although she admitted that at first they weren't always as careful. "So far my husband hasn't tested positive [for HIV]," said Larson.

Larson was discharged from the Navy in June 1988. The discharge resulted when her T-4 lymphocyte cell count dropped below 400--the minimum level established by the Department of Defense for people who are in the military.

Because her T-4 lymphocyte cell count had dropped so

drastically, Larson began treatment with the drug AZT. "Madigan [Army Hospital] provided it to me because my T-cell count had dropped," she explained. "I had side effects [from the drug]. Different people have different side effects. Mine was just some depression. But I was like a slave to the AZT, taking it every four hours through the night."

Larson's T-cell count has since stabilized and she eventually stopped taking AZT. She has not contracted any infections or diseases that would classify her as having AIDS. "I am asymptomatic," she said. Estimates vary as to the probability of a person who is HIV positive and asymptomatic eventually developing AIDS.

"Every once in a while I think that maybe 10 or 15 years from now I won't be alive or I'll be suffering from AIDS," Larson reflected. "But I try not to dwell on it. Overall

I'm real positive."

"Sometimes I think, 'Oh why did I get this.' But I'm into this attitude that everything happens for a reason, so I'm not real bitter," she continued.

Larson hasn't told anyone in her family--other than her husband--that she has the virus because she doesn't want them to worry about her. "I won't tell my mother because, besides being worried, I'm afraid she'll judge me. She might say, 'Well, if you hadn't been the kind of person you were, this wouldn't have happened.'"

Larson is concerned about people's tendency to deny the risks of HIV transmission--particularly among heterosexuals. "The homosexual's rate of actually getting the virus is going down because they're being more careful," she said. "It's the heterosexuals who aren't [being more careful] because they're so caught up in the idea that it's just a gay disease."

No easy answer

By Eric Wirsing
Editor-in-Chief

The time: the present. The place: anywhere in the United States. A mob stands outside a hospital, or Doc-in-the-box, or some other medical station. A man, Jon Q. Normal and is ladyfriend walk casually toward the building. The mob closes in a ring to prevent Jon and his love from entering. Jon gives one a push, and his opponent gives him a square one to the jaw. The situation grows into chaos as bystanders come to the aid of Jon Normal. The police come in riot-control outfits to suppress the violence.

Why were Jon Q. Normal and his girlfriend prevented from entering? Why was the mob outside? Answer to number one: Jon and his girl were going inside to get an abortion. She had decided having a child isn't worth it. Answer two: An anti-abortion mob, picketing outside a hospital.

Two factions; fighting on the streets; Pro-Choice and Pro-Life. The war between

Iran and Iraq has finally ended. Must we have a second Holy War as well? Is there an easy answer to this?

President George H.W. Bush explains 'we must change from abortion to adoption.' Sounds easy enough. Truth to tell, it is too easy. Though the adoption clinics have too few kids for too many parents, adding the one and a half million pregnancies that occur each year could swing the balance drastically in the other direction. Imagine adoption agencies sharing the same policies as the Humane Society, and possibly re-opening the case of abortion. And we shall only mention briefly the expansion of a baby-broker market.

Adoption is not always an alternative, then. Besides, some mothers who actually give birth keep their children, conception to them being the most beautiful process on heaven or earth. That means higher taxes to pay for the increase in welfare each year. If she doesn't want the in-

fant, and the adoption agencies are full, where can she turn? Giving away a child is illegal. The mother must raise and care for the baby herself. When someone is 'stuck doing something, they tend not to do it to the best of their ability. On welfare, the child will get barely enough to live on. When the infant is older, say 6 or 7, the mother will find a job. He then becomes a latch-key kid, which is potentially damaging to mental stability. He cannot receive adequate parenting in this case, and is more prone to drug use, and might engage in gang activity.

Adoption as an answer is mere rhetoric; the federal government has done nothing to support or encourage this view. Keeping the child would theoretically contribute to higher taxes and an increase in crime. You may cast a single glance at these words and throw this away. You might be outraged, and decide to write a letter denouncing me. Either way, remember that there is no easy answer.



Guts? Or Guano?

By Bryan Butler
Managing Editor

David Keith is Oliver North in the CBS premier of "Guts and Glory: The Rise and Fall of Oliver North."

Or is he?

Column

The first five minutes of the program offer little substance to insure its credibility. A dream sequence takes place where North is returning from war before the celebratous crowd of his small home town.

In the background, his wife waves to him from underneath a sheltering oak tree. How sheepish can we get? Do they really expect us to believe that this really happened? It reminded me of a scene from The Waltons.

The movie then flashes to an accident scene, where North is writhing helplessly in a crashed automobile. The viewer's sympathy builds.

North, crippled by his accident is then portrayed as a 'come-back kid.' The viewer's sympathy builds some more.

At one point in the movie, he quotes John F. Kennedy. Funny, I always saw North as a Nixon man myself.

Then come the glory days; North is at the Naval Academy. Here he is shown as an avatar of naval values. Discipline, courtesy, honor,

and pride become his trademarks.

At about this time, the dialogue becomes littered with the kind of silly prose we heard at the Iran-Contra hearings many months ago. It gets harder and harder to believe as it goes.

A marriage seen takes place where, on the way to Mr. and Mrs. North's honey-moon, they are mauled by "communist hippies!"

Then the movie shows North in Vietnam. He comes back from the war and there are no hippies to spit on him as he gets off the plane - remember, they did that at his wedding.

So check this out. He is making love to his wife, when he is painfully forced to peel himself off of her because of guess what - an old war wound. Oh God!

Not a minute later he is preaching about the "damn commies." Ollie, at least smoke a cigarette first!

"We can't survive another Vietnam..." said North.

Is that why you are screwing up in Central America?

"I don't know about any of this politics stuff, I just want to be in the battlefield."

Is that why you applied for a job in the NSC?

Whatever North's intentions are, however how many times he contradicts himself, the point is clear. North is portrayed as a psychotic, obsessive, compulsive, irra-

tional, fanatic, lying, power hungry dog. I tend to believe this. It was the only thing that made the movie worth watching, or at least that and the 'smug' look on David Keith's face. He must have spent hours working on it.

At a cook-out, North is portrayed talking to William Casey, the late director of the CIA. North tells the old codger that nothing is more important to him than the security of the United States. Then he turns around and tells his wife that nothing is more important to him than his family.

At this point I wanted to puke. The whole film makes it clear that North is not very interested in his family life. It does this by detailing about 10 years of misery within his home. If Betsy North bought that line she must be quite a sucker. I bet she can get a golf ball through a garden hose.

I was extremely angry about the portrayal of William Casey and Ronald Reagan. Casey appeared to be a dirty old man, or a satanic figure peeking out of a cracked tinted window from his limo. Anybody who has read anything credible on Casey knows that this was not the case.

As for Reagan, he seemed to be five times the buffoon he normally is. The casting director held auditions at the John Binns room I'll bet.

Henry fingers Butler

In response to A. B. Butler's editorial of 4/24, "Campbell 'Fingers' System"

Bryan, old bean, you usually shoot from the hip, which is fine and dandy, but this time you've shot one straight from the mouth, and therein lies our problem.

are writing in all seriousness, well, we need to talk.

You seem to be saying that as long as we've got a corrupt system anyway, we might as well enjoy it; let's knock off some punks for the hell of it, and while we're at it, we can red-ink a couple of constitutional amendments. As for

'I propose that a better way to go about that would be to keep Charlie Campbell locked up for the rest of his life with no chance of parole.'

In your editorial of 4/24/89 entitled "Campbell 'Fingers' System," you state that the death penalty can not be justified in Campbell's case, or perhaps any case, and you proceed to give (in my opinion) very valid ethical reasons for this. Okay. But then you proceed with what can only be described as a logical non sequiter. "But do we really care about ethics? If we really took the legal system seriously, we would not have the death penalty...We should concern ourselves less with the administration of fair judicial values than with the preservation of our society..."

If you are attempting to play devil's advocate here, I should warn you that you are not being nearly as tongue-in-cheek as you should be to prevent misunderstanding. If you

society being preserved, I propose that a better way to go about that would be to keep Charlie Campbell locked up for the rest of his life with no chance of parole. Would that not be a better way to preserve society than to kill in society's name? And though it is true that this is necessary to make sure an innocent man is not punished unfairly. Look at the case of Randall Adams ("The Thin Blue Line"). Look at the case of James Richardson, found innocent last week after 21 years in prison for murder.

"The concept is that humans should be perfect," you say. "We are far from that." Yes, but is it a crime to approach perfection, as much as is humanly possible?

Signed with a ball-point pen, Paul H. Henry

Homophobia--The second plague of the 80's

By Shanna Kossman
Staff Reporter

Homosexuality is not a communicable disease, but homophobia is, and it seems to be spreading quickly.

Kevin McGuir, a psychiatric nurse, stated, "I think that homophobia is more potent in many ways than even racism. If I'm not a gay person, there's

Analysis

the possibility that there's some homosexuality in me."

On April 25th, Student Services held a showing of the film "Pink Triangle". The purpose was to "increase the awareness of and sensitivity to the subtle forms of discrimination that gay and lesbian TCC students may experience.

The film itself was very powerful. There was a series of 'man on the street' interviews in which people were asked if they knew anyone who was homosexual, and how they felt about homosexuality.

The responses ranged from "No, thank heavens" and "It's not acceptable" to "It's abnormal" and "It should be kept in your own home."

Most people would agree that sex in general belongs in the home. Yet, don't we see sex everyday on television, on

billboards and in magazines? Just because the sex used by ad agencies to sell products is heterosexual sex doesn't make it right, does it?

A few of the homosexual people in the film stated that as children they learned that homosexual sex equalled just sex, and heterosexual sex equalled love.

The myth that homosexual individuals (especially males) go around preying on young boys and girls, trying to convert them to a homosexual way of life, is untrue. Kevin McGuir stated that "Ninety-eight percent of the time, it's heterosexual men that are molesting the young, not gay men and women."

One heterosexual man who was asked for his view on homosexuality said, "It wasn't around in the '50's and '60's, and it shouldn't be around now."

But that young man was wrong. Homosexuality has been around almost since the beginning of man. In the Middle Ages, homosexuals were called "witches". They were hung for their "crime".

The next large-scale persecution of the homosexual population occurred in Nazi-Germany, when Hitler enacted the Anti-Homosexual Law in 1935. This law made the first act of homosexuality punishable by two years in jail, the second act was punished by three years in jail

and the next act was punished by time, if not life, in a concentration camp.

Some states still have "Blue Laws" (Exposures Laws) on the books. According to these laws, if a person is found to be a homosexual, he/she can lose his/her job.

Unfortunately, sex is not mentioned in the constitution. This over-sight gives the states the right to dictate any law they feel is "acceptable" to govern one's sexuality. Only 24 states and the District of Columbia still outlaw homosexual acts when performed in private and between consenting adults.

It would seem that the U.S. is behind the times in allowing homosexual people their rights. In January of 1988, Denmark granted homosexuals the legal status of married couples. They are allowed the same social services and are obliged to pay alimony if they break up.

Homosexuals feel that they serve a function as victims and the rest of society needs them to be victims. In the film, Barbara Smith, a lesbian political activist, stated, "By having a sexual group that you can define as 'queer', then another group of people get to define themselves as 'normal'."

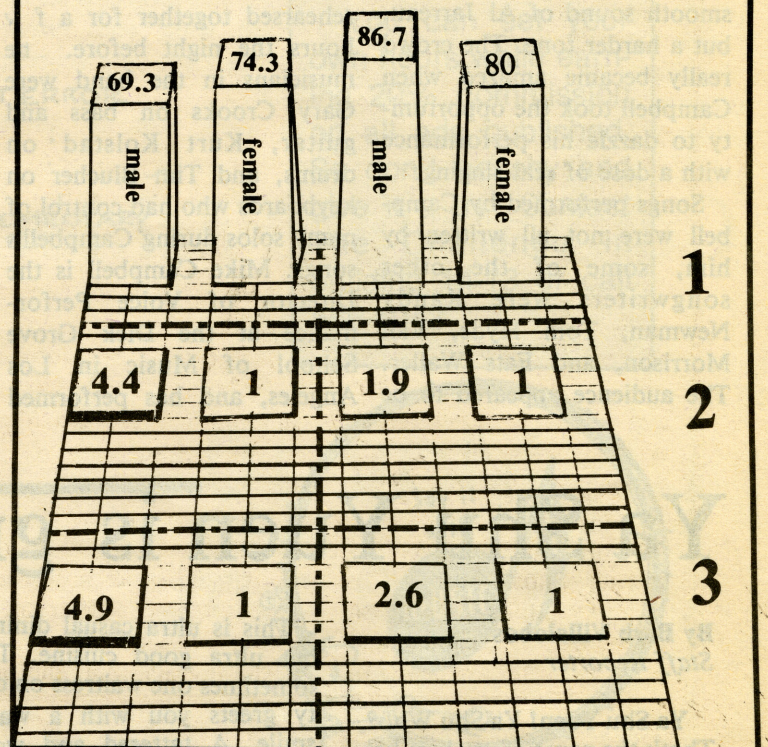
Barbara Smith is also quoted as saying, "By having this group (the queers), (other) people who have lots of questions, deep feelings and pain

Fewer women than men engage in homosexual behavior. By the time they are 45, 26 percent of women have had some homosexual experience, whereas about 50 percent of men have.

Control Groups

- 1 Entirely heterosexual
- 2 Equally heterosexual
- 3 Entirely homosexual

20 yrs old 35 yrs old



around their sexual identity have this kind of scapegoat."

Sexual preference is central to a person's identity. Should

we penalize someone just because their preference is different from ours?

Chemistry knowledge an advantage for a variety of occupations

By Scott Bender
Staff Reporter

Chemistry teacher, Edgar McNeal teaches future engineers, nurses, medical doctors, pharmacists, veterinarians, dentists and even chemists by trying to give his students the chemistry know-how they will use in their careers.

How could one possibly incorporate chemistry while teaching to these professions? According to scientists throughout the world, it is easy to justify teaching chemistry in these fields, since it is the backbone of all health related jobs and sciences. However, it becomes challenging to teach when as McNeal says, "students only want to learn things they will use immediately."

McNeal said TCC nursing and wildlife science students study one quarter of inorganic and organic chemistry. He added the most important item for them to learn is to know how to keep track of units when converting different measurements. Furthermore, he believes students must become familiar with the science vocabulary they will be working with in the future.

Engineering and pre-med students study a year of inorganic and organic chemistry. McNeal said, "These students do primarily problem-solving."

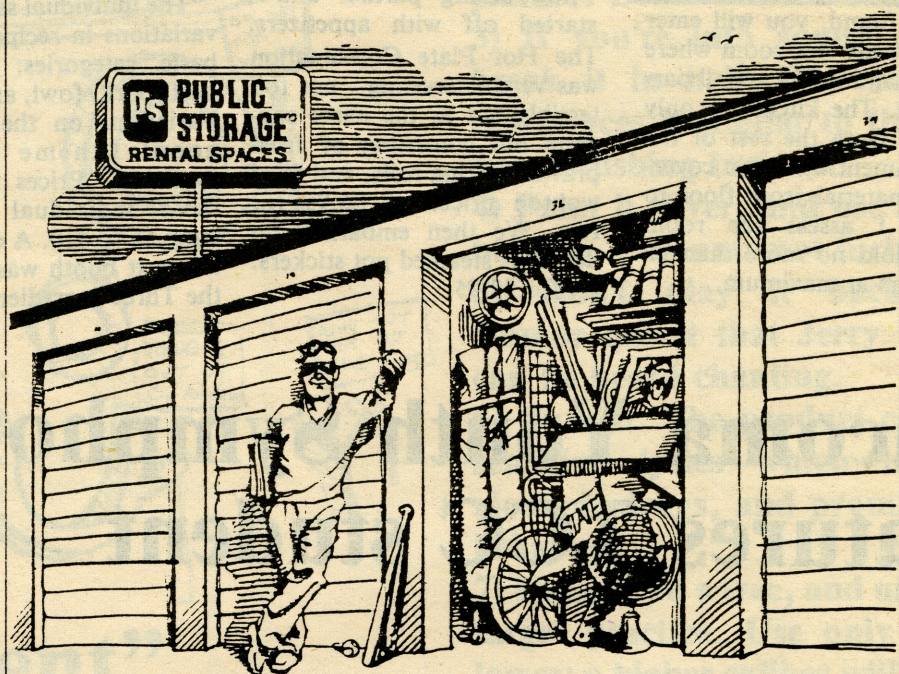
All chemistry students must work in the laboratory. In an engineering student's lab, one may be asked to find a particular unknown chemical by testing known chemicals and noting their reactions. The nursing student might be calculating the volume of a solution by using chemistry's gas laws.

McNeal admits teaching chemistry to these two very different groups of students can sometimes be challenging, but he adds with a smile, "I enjoy the successes in the students' futures." For instance, he might get a letter from a former chemistry student, who has graduated from nursing or engineering and thanks McNeal for his teaching.

McNeal also takes 'great satisfaction' in students who show steady improvement in his class by continuing to work hard even though they might have started at "rock-bottom."

Perhaps most teachers and students can relate to that.

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Campbell jazzes up Student Center

by James Wilson

Staff Reporter

On April 26 just before noon, the feeling of spring breezed through the Titan Union Building with the sound of music courtesy of Jazz vocalist, Mike Campbell.

An estimated crowd of 300 tapped and snapped their way into every beat of each tune.

Campbell's mastered voice can be compared to the smooth sound of Al Jarreau, but a harder tone. The crowd really became amazed when Campbell took the opportunity to dazzle his performance with a dose of scat singing.

Songs performed by Campbell were not all written by him, some of the other songwriters were Randy Newman, Tom Hyde, Van Morrison, and Fats Waller. The audience appeared to be

enthused by each of Campbell's songs, but a few of the crowd's favorite were; 'All is Round and Round', which featured a George Benson style guitar solo; 'Blackberry Winter,' basically a beautiful ballad; and 'I Love You 3/4 Time,' a song written by Campbell to his wife for their 20th wedding anniversary in September. A group of local musicians backed up Campbell in a well organized structure, even though they only rehearsed together for a few hours the night before. The musicians in the band were Gary Crooks on bass and guitar, Kurt Kolstad on drums, and Tim Blucher on keyboards who had control of many solos during Campbell's songs. Mike Campbell is the Director of Voice Performance at the Dick Grove School of Music in Los Angeles, and has performed



Mike Campbell makes special trip from L.A. to play at TCC. Photo by Damon Rosencutter.

with such stars as Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Diana Ross, and the Manhattan Transfer. He is currently working on his third album to be released soon. Campbell came to perform especially for TCC and was not scheduled to

appear anywhere else in Washington at the time. Students and faculty can gratefully thank Gwen Overland of the Music Department for her active role in bringing Campbell to the campus. She is a former student

and employee of Campbell's during her time at the Dick Grove School of Music.

Campbell did comment that he loved the area here, and he would very much like to return to do more performances, which we would all like.

Ya Shu Yuen is great esoteric place to hide

By Barb Villalobos
Staff Reporter

Ya Shu Yuen! Ya Shu Who? That's the name of my best bet for this issue's restaurant review. Actually, Ya Shu Yuen (meaning 'beautiful garden') is a Chinese Restaurant located in the Lincoln District of Tacoma, at 757 So. 38th Street, between Yakima and Park.

Column

Once found, you will enter into virtually one room where cooking and eating are all partaken in. The kitchen is only shielded from the rest of the establishment by a thin covering of material from floor to ceiling. I assess the room would hold no more than 60 customers at maximum.

This is ultra casual dining, but ultra good cuisine. The sometimes one waitress on duty greets you with a warm smile. A tattered and worn menu is handed to you with hand-written prices. The entrees are an assortment of Peking and Madarin cooking. House dinners range from \$16.95 to \$56.95 depending upon the number of individuals dining. Substitutes are available.

My dining partner and I started off with appetizers. The Hot Plate Combination was very interesting - not too terribly hot as the name suggests but consisting of fried prawns, spring rolls, and fried wonton priced at \$6.95 for two. We then embarked on delicious steamed pot stickers: six for \$3.95.

Our main entrees consisted of Mongolian Beef (\$5.95), Oyster-Sauce Beef with Broccoli (\$5.50), Assorted Vegetables (\$5.25), and Pork Fried Rice (\$3.95). All portions were generous and enough was left over to carry

home. I decided to select separate dishes from the menu, rather than go combination dinner style, as so many other times I seem to fall prey to.

The individual selections are variations in recipes from the basic categories: vegetables, beef, pork, fowl, and seafood. Variations on the chowmein noodle theme are also available. Prices range for these individual selections from \$6 to \$10. A customer at the next booth was devouring the Three Ingredients Seafood

-abalone, shrimps, sea scallops, delicately blended and sauteed.

Desserts are interesting. All cost \$3.95 and are choices of glazed bananas, apples, or lychee fruit. Fortune cookies and fried bananas with sugar graced our check.

Beer and wine are available. Beers include: Tsingtao (Chinese), Rainier, Bud, Michelob, Olympia, and Sapporo (Japanese). Wines consist of local white, (Blue Nun), Rose (Almaden), and Red (Inglenook). Wine coolers are also available for \$2.

If you are looking for a great esoteric place to hide away and eat in on Friday and Saturday nights, (until 10 p.m.) at least and perhaps roll a ball or two at Lincoln Lanes

right around the corner) Ya Shu Yuen is for you. The plastic garden vines hanging amply about dimly lit traditional dime store Chinese items, create the atmosphere for many a philosophical discussion to be solved. The classic avant garde touch was American music playing throughout ('Moon River' was the pick during my stay). Regardless of the 'ever so quaint surroundings', the food decorates the soul.

The restaurant is open Tuesday thru Thursday 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. They have orders to go and the owner is the cook. Personal checks are not accepted.

And you thought nothing was east of the mall. Now you know--Ya Shu Yuen!

Tacoma Youth Symphony features TCC student

The Tacoma Youth Symphony, with Harry Davidson conducting, will wrap up its 26th concert season on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Tacoma's Pantages Centre. This gala event will feature a guest appearance of Canadian Soprano Jenni Driscoll-Holmes and will spotlight Concertmaster Tony Lo and Flutists Darrin Thaves and Tammy Reder.

Tammy Reder began her music studies at the age of 11 and studies privately with Jeannie Hill. She per-

formed with the Tacoma Young Artists Orchestra for 2 years before entering the Tacoma Youth Symphony in 1987. In 1988, Tammy was named principal flute to the 1988 Western Washington University Honor Band and chosen for the State Solo Contest. She has consistently received superior ratings in solo and ensemble contests. She is a student at Tacoma Community College and plans on continuing her studies in music. She is presently a

Flutists Tammy Reder and Darrin Thaves will appear together in concert for Cimarosa's *Concerto in G Major for Two Flutes*. Miss Reder and Mr. Thaves are flutists for the Tacoma Youth Symphony.

Doors will be open at 6:45 p.m. for this admission free concert. Donations are welcome. The concert is being partially funded by the Corporate Council for the Arts, Tacoma Arts Commission and other granting organizations.

Sweet Dreams,
Sweet Dreams,
may my mind rest,
may my mind think
of nothing but that
which is not real.

Peaceful pleasure,
Peaceful pleasure,
may my heart feel
while my mind rest.
May my heart be exposed
to nothing but that which
is loving.

Good blessing,
Good blessings,
may my soul be blessed
while my mind rest and heart
feels.
May my soul guide me to
nowhere
but Heaven.

By John Arthur

Writer turns gloom, sense of humor into art

TCC instructor publishes her first book of poetry

by Barb Villalobos
Staff Reporter

"I am a very gloomy person with a great sense of humor." So stated Joanne McCarthy, English and Creative Writing instructor at Tacoma Community College. She is the author of "Shadowlight" her recently published first book of poetry.

McCarthy appears to be an intense, warm, and extremely aware individual with a diverse sense of knowledge about herself and her surroundings.

Instructing, writing, and raising six children in our community have created visions for her about everyday life when, translated into poetry, go beyond the reading surface to include the reader in meaningful thought.

Although she has been writing all of her life, McCarthy said in the year 1975 she became a "serious writer."

McCarthy grew up in Missoula, Montana where she attained her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from the University of Montana. She was primarily trained in fiction, having studied with Walter Van Tilburg Clark ("Oxbow Incident") who, at that time, was head of the creative writing department.

Moving to the Pacific Northwest, McCarthy pursued her graduate education at the University of Puget Sound where she completed her Master of Arts Degree in English along with her



Joanne McCarthy, TCC English instructor, draws from everyday life to create her poetry.
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teaching credentials. She has been at TCC since 1969.

Her literary publications are many. Her works have appeared over the past ten years in such vehicles as "Artreach," "Writer's Forum," and "Slackwater Review." She helped create the TCC literary magazine, "Trillium," in which she remains an advisory faculty member. She is also listed in "Directory of American Poets and Fiction

Writers" which is published bi-annually across the country.

McCarthy's writing ceased during the years 1982-1986 while she was on a hiatus learning German in Fuerth, Germany. During 1984-1985 she was on a Fulbright Scholarship.

In 1986, the evolution of "Shadowlight" began. At first she felt she could not undertake such a project. Actually her publisher, John Ellison,

suggested the book. He had started Broken Moon Press while attending TCC himself.

In 1987, McCarthy sent a collection of her poems to Broken Moon Press. The "process" had begun and over the course of two years "Shadowlight" was born. She admits the "push" came from her publishers to "do it now!" Also, the intimacy of working with a small publishing firm and the close proximity bet-

ween writer and publisher eased the process even more so. Changes were still being made on the book a month before publication. The title "Shadowlight" arrived after six others departed.

Reading McCarthy's poetry brings to the surface thoughts and images easily passed aside in our current society. Particularly interesting are the selections "Waiting for You," "Undone," and "Again."

Following are several events which will culminate the publication of her new book:

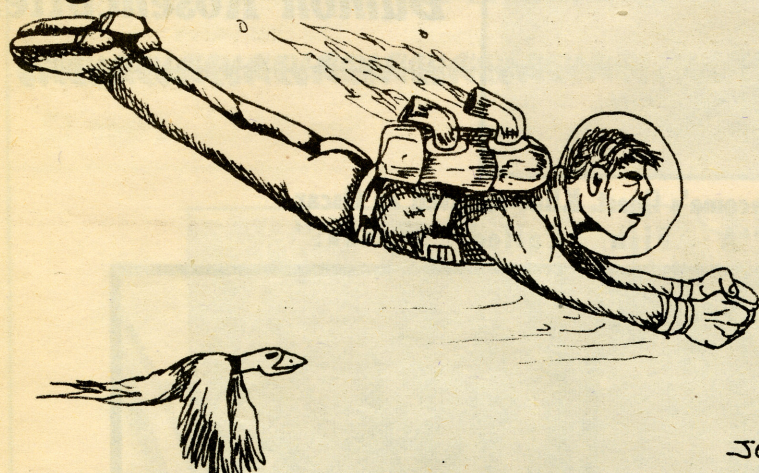
On Friday, May 5 there was a publication party at the Elliott Bay Book Company (First and Main, Seattle). McCarthy read at 7:30 and signed books afterwards.

On Thursday, May 11 at TCC, McCarthy will read selections from her book as part of the Humanities Division Lecture Series. This event will take place at 1:45 p.m. in Building 11A, the quiet lounge.

On Saturday, May 20 also at TCC, she will participate in the Tacoma Writer's Conference, and the weekend of July 27-29, she will be signing books at the Pacific Northwest Writer's Conference held at Pacific Lutheran University.

Inclusive of the events above, her book should also be accessible soon in local area bookstores.

Program blasts students into future



JEFF BAKER

By Damon Rosencutter
Photo Editor

A new coordinated studies program is revving its engine to thrust students into the 21st century. Thanks to John Geubtner and Bob Thaden, the two masterminds of this program, beginning in fall of 1989, Tacoma Community College will introduce "Rethinking the Future."

The program will combine English and writing skills with a business introduction course. Students will have the opportunity to explore the future, and perhaps re-think

the possibilities of what will lie ahead. "We're excited about it," said Geubtner. The future is the theme, and imagination the limit.

Combining how the work environment might be in the 21st century, along with advances in technology and management philosophy, could open a few eyes into thinking beyond the norm and projecting that entrepreneurial spirit into the future. Northwest businesses promise to be explored and interaction with those businesses could prove to be helpful for both the student and the business.

"I think this program will give students better ideas about what they want to do in the way of work," Geubtner said, with a nod of approval from Thaden. Aside from classroom lectures, guest speakers and field trips promise to be on the itinerary.

The class will offer five credits in Business 101, and five credits in English 91, totalling ten. It will start at 8:30 a.m. and run until 10:30 a.m. five days a week. Sign-up will begin May 17th during Advising and Registration Day. Space is limited, so if interested sign-up quickly.

Plant sale gives warm feeling

Scott Bender
Staff Reporter

What could you do that may make you or a friend feel "warm" inside? That's easy, buy them or yourself a plant at TCC's Plant sale. Perhaps, your mother might enjoy a plant too as Mothers' Day is just around the corner.

According to Biology teacher Frank Witt, the TCC Plant sale will be in the campus greenhouse and open Monday through Thursday 8:30-11:30 AM. If you miss it during these days then it will also be open May 13. Witt noted that geraniums, fuchias, and petunias are just a few of the plants in this sale.

Gardening opportunity available on campus

James Cospo
Staff Reporter

Gardening is a lot of fun and can produce some nutritious foods. There are 45 gardening spaces in back of the gym at Tacoma Community College. According to Joe Lossoie, owner of the plots, "they have been there for 15 years."

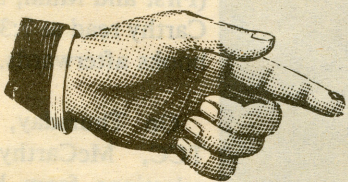
The garden plots were started by the Science Department. Each plot is approximately 24 feet by 24 feet. The spaces are \$5.00, with each of the spaces accessible and plowed. According to Joe Lossoie,

Almost any vegetable a person could want is grown in these garden plots. According to Joe Lossoie "they're just another community service of the college."

"the spaces are used by Senior Citizens, Handicapped, students, instructors, and Staff Members."

There are three plots left at T.C.C. and then they will be gone until next year. Towards the end of summer it is really beautiful in back of the gym. Any one interested in acquiring one of these garden plots call Paul Jacobson at extension 5060.

Tacoma, The new Hollywood ?



River Phoenix, an upwardly rising star, was kind enough to allow a *Challenge* photographer to snap a picture of him at his hotel.



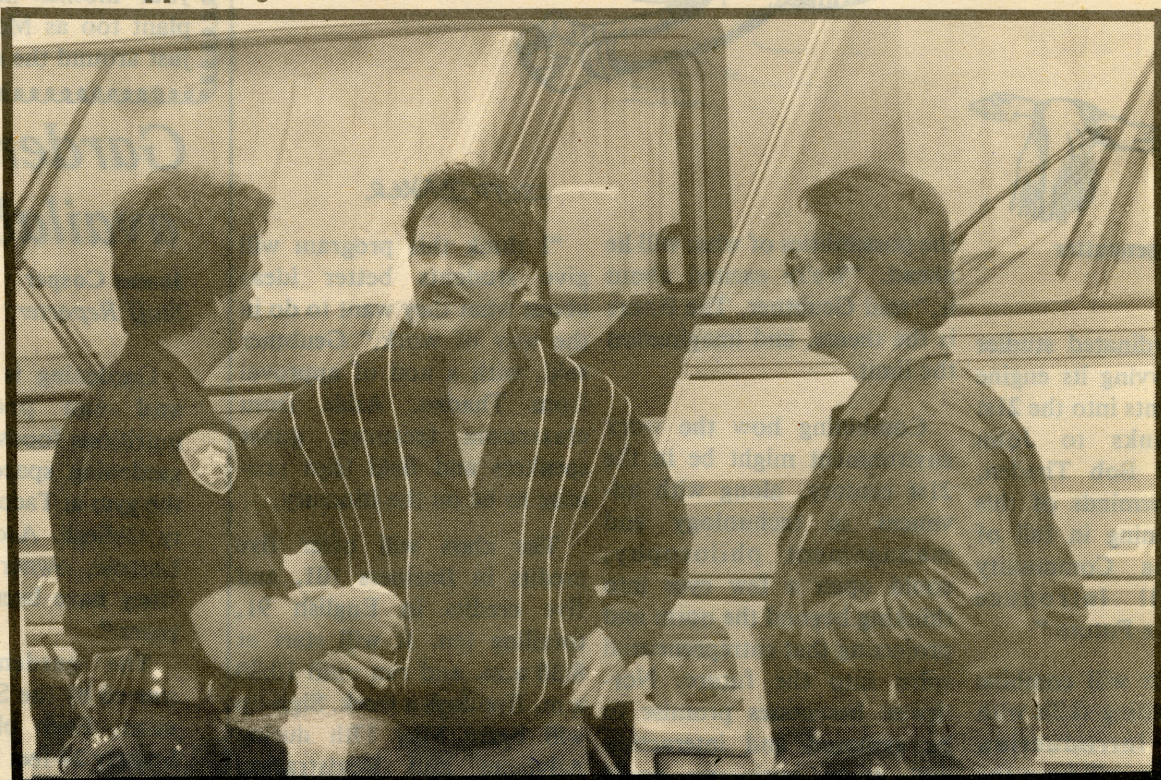
**Photos by
Damon Rosencutter.**

Kevin Kline takes time out from his work to sign autograph's for Tacoma's finest. Kline received an Oscar this year for best supporting actor in "A Fish Called Wanda."

Principal photography began April 10th in our beloved and belittled city on a Lawrence Kasdan film "I Love You To Death." The film is a Chestnut Hill Production for Tri-Star Pictures.

Starring in the ensemble cast are Kevin Kline, Tracey Ullman, William Hurt, River Phoenix, Joan Plowright, and Keanu Reeves. Lawrence Kasdan directs from a screenplay by John Kostmayer.

The film is based on a true incident. "I Love You To Death," is an off-beat romantic comedy about a wife who almost kills for love and a husband who almost dies for it.



Visions. . .

James Cosper
Staff reporter

Snake Lake Nature Center is unlike many parks when walking down its paths it's like entering a new world. It's hard to believe a park like it can be found in Tacoma. When listing to the tranquil sounds of the birds, squirrels, trees and water, one might wonder how the park came to be. According to pamphlets and brochures about the project, it took some ten years from the purchase of some 16 acres, by the Tacoma School District, to the completion of construction of Snake Lake Park.

Originally in early 1969, the Tacoma School District purchased the 16 acres to have filled in for the development of a playfield for Foss High School. Then in April of 69, a letter was sent to the School Board from the Tahoma Audubon Society, suggesting that the site might serve better as a natural study area. Working toward this same goal was the Tacoma Public Schools Environmental Education Committee.

The State Highway Department had made plans to fill across the lake for a new highway. By May 1970, The Associated Conservation Council of Tacoma had started discussions among representatives from the School Board, City of Tacoma, Metropolitan Park District and the State Highway Department, contesting these plans. In July 70, the State Highway Department, with the understanding that a nature center would be built, yielded to the citizen's concerns and agreed to bridge instead of fill.

Things seemed to keep plaguing the plans for the nature center. From September 1970 to January 1971, the Conservation Council was in a battle to keep the City of Tacoma from relocating Mason-Tyler Street. The city finally won and moved the street closer to Snake Lake.

Finally things started looking up. In April of 74, Conceptual plans for the center were approved and by May a seven-member Snake Lake Nature Center Committee was appointed by the Park Board. Planning funds were obtained by June 1975, from City Block Grants. These funds were to plan both the park and the interpretive center. The park planner was R.W. Ramsey and the building architect was Alan Liddle and by December 75, the plans were completed. Half the cost of the building was granted by the Block Grant Committee in January 76. In November of 76, \$33,850.00 was appropriated by the Tacoma School District, this money was to go toward the operating budget for 1977 and 78.

Then the bottom fell out in January 77. They failed to receive the second half of their funding from the Block Grant Committee, the project failed; the School District withdrew its operating funds and prices began to escalate. The committee's requests for funding from other sources were in vain.

Their thinking changed in October of 77, instead of thinking about building an interpretive center, they thought about construction of the

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Photos by
Robert Stevens.

Issue of AIDS a concern to many people

Transmission of fatal disease threatens more than homosexual population

By Karlene Johnson
Staff Reporter

Eight years ago the average college student didn't even know about AIDS and "safe sex" had not become a cliché. Condoms were not seen advertised in billboards, distributed through vending machines on campus or stapled to school newspapers.

"The AIDS epidemic has added enormously to the American ambivalence about sex," wrote Professor Harvey L. Gochros in an article published in *Social Work* May-June 1988.

"We must deal with a cultural history in which condoms were seen as a symbol of immoral, clandestine, casual and dirty sex. We must assert that sexual desire, planned sexual encounters, sexual talk between actual or potential sexual partners, and condoms are good common sense," declared Gochros.

He is critical of campaigns urging people to "just say no" to sex. "By emphasizing the dangers of sex and ignoring the fact that most responsible sexual acts by most responsible people do not lead to pregnancy, disease, or death, the healthy, joyful, naturalness of sexuality is

obscured," wrote Gochros.

"Just as there is no vaccine or cure for AIDS, there is no universal risk-free strategy for its prevention. Sex can be risky, abstinence can be risky, living is risky," he continued. "The risk of death from sexual activities can be compared with the risk of fatal car accidents. The risks of both can be reduced by deliberate responsible behavior without sacrificing pleasures and needs."

In a workshop at Tacoma Community College in April, Patrick Rumrill of the Pierce County AIDS Foundation pointed out that death shouldn't be the price that young people pay for experimentation. Rumrill advocates personal responsibility as a main focus of AIDS education. Rumrill's message was: "Practice safer sex. Don't just jump into bed with people you don't know."

Heterosexual transmission

Although the number of AIDS cases transmitted heterosexually remains low, it is increasing.

"In 1987, 2 percent of all cases were transmitted heterosexually," said Eileen Deutscher of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. "By 1988 that number had doubled to 4 per-

cent." By contrast the number of AIDS cases transmitted through homosexual contact is decreasing.

According to statistics published in *Prevention* magazine's March 1989 issue the "risk of acquiring the AIDS virus from one episode of penis-vagina intercourse with someone who has tested positive for AIDS" is "1 in 5,000 (with condom) or 1 in 500 (without)."

Prevention states that the odds get worse with repeated heterosexual intercourse. "After 500 times with someone who tests positive and doesn't use a condom, for example, the chance of being infected is two in three."

Sexual intercourse with someone who has not tested positive for AIDS still carries some risk. "When you're sexually involved with someone, you're really having sex with everyone that person has slept with before," quoted Deutscher from an AIDS education video. "That's the real risk we see, particularly for college students."

Deutscher explained that even if a young person is currently involved in a monogamous relationship with his or her only sexual partner, the partner may have had previous partners—who

also had previous partners.

Since the AIDS virus has a long incubation period, an individual could be infected for five to eight years before being diagnosed as having AIDS.

Since the first documented case of AIDS in Washington in 1982, the number of people in the state with the disease has risen dramatically. According to state Department of Social and Health Services statistics, 19 cases of AIDS were reported in 1983. By 1988 this number had jumped to 352.

Spectrum of HIV infection

"HIV infection is a spectrum of disease," stated one video shown at an AIDS workshop at TCC in April.

At one end of the spectrum are people who are asymptomatic. These people are infected with the virus but have not developed any of the symptoms associated with AIDS. A person who is asymptomatic may not even realize he or she is infected with the virus.

Authorities do not agree on the percentage of people who are HIV positive and asymptomatic who will eventually develop "full blown" AIDS. "Scientists still say that if you're HIV positive—if you have the virus in the bloodstream—you will eventually develop AIDS," said

Deutscher.

She explained that making an accurate prediction is difficult because "we've only been able to test [for HIV antibodies] for a short time." As more information is gathered about the virus "the spectrum [of HIV infection] is becoming longer," said Deutscher.

At the other end of the spectrum are those people who have AIDS. "AIDS is usually diagnosed after the occurrence of an opportunistic infection or disease," explained a video at the TCC workshop on AIDS. "AIDS by definition occurs when you have a potentially life-threatening infection."

T-4 Lymphocyte (T-cell)

The AIDS virus attacks the immune system by destroying a cell called the T-4 lymphocyte (or "T-cell"). This cell is critical to the healthy functioning of the immune system. The immune system of a person with AIDS, therefore, has a decreased ability to fight infection and disease.

Opportunistic infections take advantage of the weakened immune system of an HIV-infected person. A cancer called Kaposi's sarcoma and a type of pneumonia are two of the more common opportunistic infections which a person with AIDS may contract.

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park. A proposal was made to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and a grant for \$90,500.00 was approved. When that was put with the 98,500.00 previously funded, that made a total of 189,000.00. Even that was not enough to do it all, but it was a start.

Everything was prepared and the project placed for bid. A contract was awarded, following a second bid, to Leo Finnergan Construction Company of Fircrest, that was in March 1978. By June of 79, construction of the park had been completed, but such things as observation towers,

paved parking, concrete walks, aboretum planting and irrigation system, etc. were left undone.

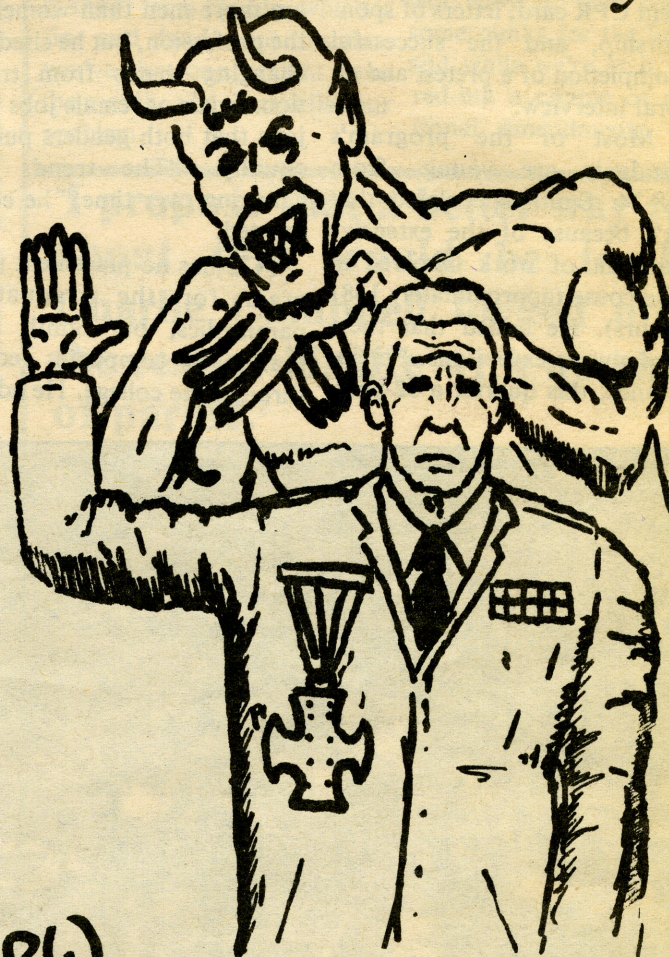
Today the nature center consist of 53½ acres of forest, marshlands, thickets and ponds. There are four observation shelters with wildlife feeders. There are more than two miles of self-guiding paths and three bridges that span the lake. For information and assistance there is an interpretive center and an administrative office. There are 20 species of mammals in the park which keep fairly well hidden during the day. A few timid garter snakes represent the snakes and they are more

afraid of people than people are of them.

The Tacoma School District is no longer involved with Snake Lake Nature Center except, according to John Garner, Manager of Snake Lake, "to provide school programs and teach workshops."

There is no charge to visit Snake Lake Nature Center except for classes. On the fourth Saturday of each month at 10 a.m., the center conducts a free guided tour for the general public. The park is open 8 a.m. to dusk daily. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5:30.

Ollie: The True Story



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The third batter tried to bunt, but was thrown out on a fluke infield fly. Then Mike Slick of the Rangers belted a single to score two runs. The Rangers take the lead 5-4.

But just when you thought the Titans were down and out,

they came back. With the first two batters both walked, Richard Hanssen grounds in to what looks like a double play ball to short. The slide by Kevin Aldridge, however, breaks up the double play. The runner on second advances to third, and later score on a wild pitch. The game is

put into extra innings with the score tied at 5-5.

In the bottom of the eleventh inning, after a number of close calls, the Titans finally won it. Scoring an easy run from third base on a wild pitch, Tacoma finished a very topsy turvy game without climax.

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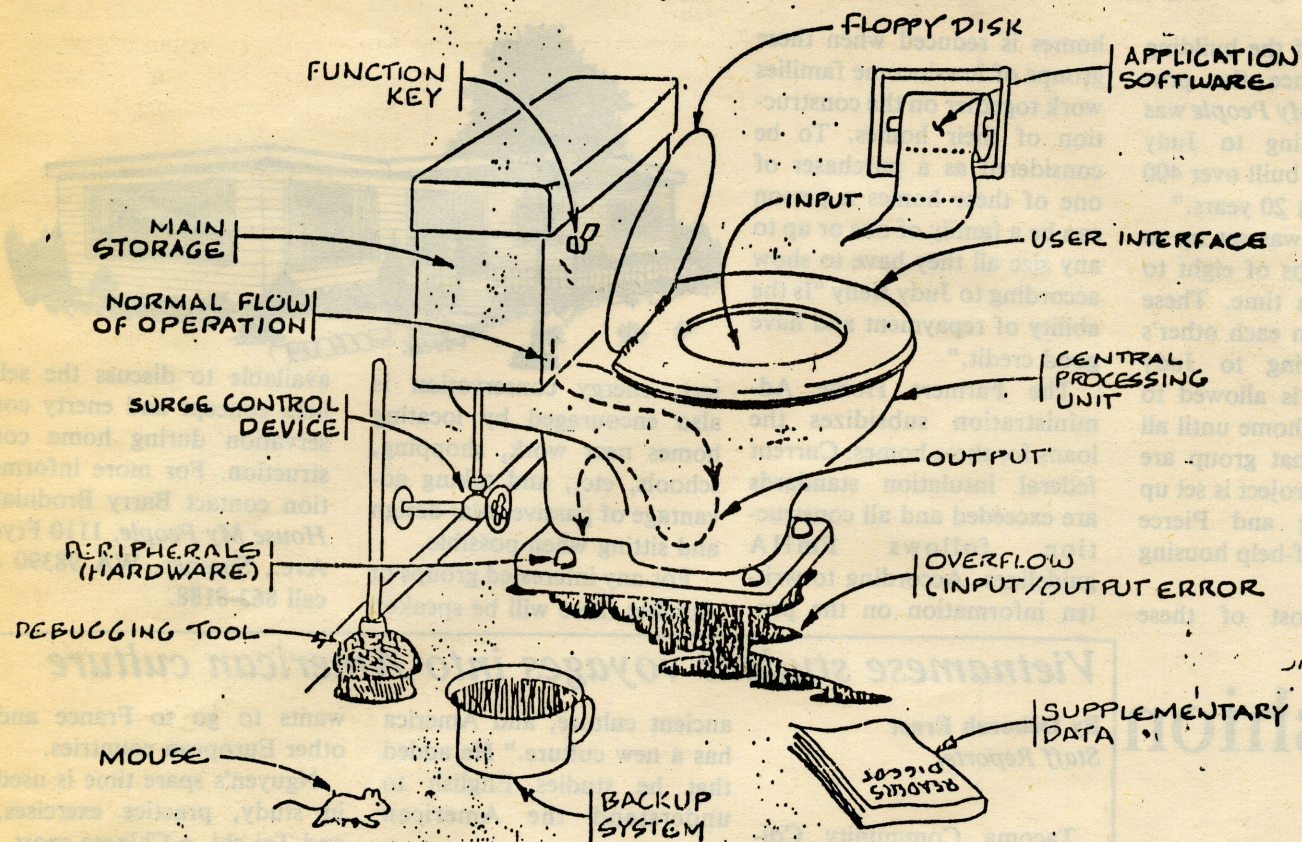
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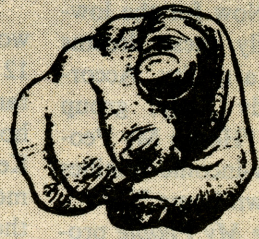


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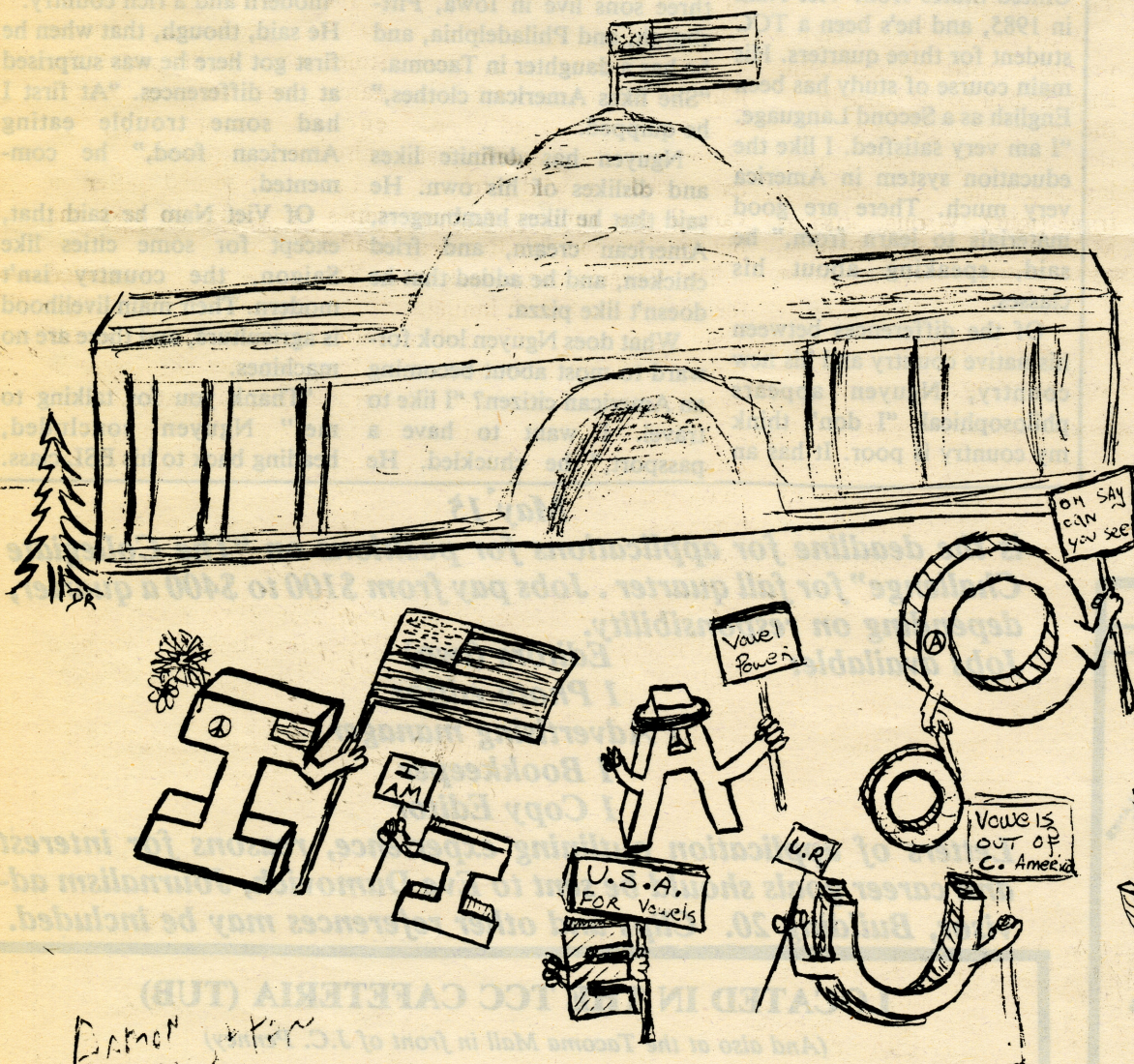


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- 2) Bake in oven for 20 minutes, lift up by sides. Shape in form of planter. Drain hole included.
- 3) If you're into sound effects, break it in half. The sound it reproduces is similar to that of a bone crushing incident.
- 4) Paint it silver, and use it for a hubcap. Lug nuts not included.
- 5) Don't play it backwards! Rumor has it that Jerry Falwell can be heard chanting.
- 6) Burn it. The product contains sensitive lyrics which lead to alcohol, drugs, and promiscuous behavior.
- 7) Hang it on a tree, and use it for target practice. Use only .22 or lower; a higher caliber will shatter it too quickly.
- 8) Take it to a Metallica concert (there's one in June), proudly display it on your back. I wanna see some blood!
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LY hate.
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Low-income families construct own homes

By James Cospers
Staff Reporter

Many people dream about owning their own homes. A few dream of building their own home. Now for the low-income family these dreams can become a reality. According to Judy Kelly, group coordinator, "House My People helps low-income families build their own home."

The *House My People* program was started back in 1969, when a group of low-income families got together and figured out that it would cost them less for their homes if

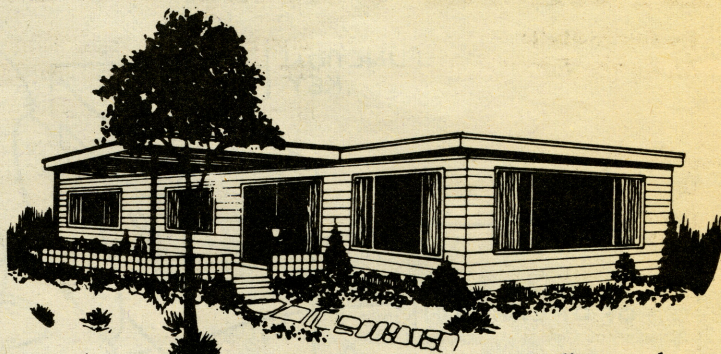
they did some of the building themselves. Hence the program of *House My People* was started. According to Judy Kelly, "We have built over 400 homes in the last 20 years."

The program was set up to work with groups of eight to 12 families at a time. These families work on each other's homes. According to Judy Kelly "No one is allowed to move into their home until all the homes in that group are finished." The project is set up for rural King and Pierce counties as a self-help housing program.

The cash cost of these

homes is reduced when these groups of low-income families work together on the construction of their homes. To be considered as a purchaser of one of these homes a person can be a family of one or up to any size all they have to show according to Judy Kelly "Is the ability of repayment and have good credit."

The Farmers Home Administration subsidizes the loans for these homes. Current federal insulation standards are exceeded and all construction follows FmHA guidelines. According to written information on the pro-



ject, energy conservation is also encouraged by locating homes near work, shopping, schools, etc., and taking advantage of passive solar design and sitting when possible.

For any interested groups or families there will be speakers

available to discuss the self-help concept and energy conservation during home construction. For more information contact Barry Brodriak, *House My People*, 1110 Fryor Ave., Sumner, WA 98390 or call 863-8188.

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Lorraine Hildebrand, Commentator

Vietnamese student voyages into American culture

By Deborah Ernst
Staff Reporter

Tacoma Community College attracts a varied student population, both ordinary and extraordinary. Tu Nguyen is one of these students, but there's nothing ordinary about him.

Nguyen, 73, came to the United States from Viet Nam in 1985, and he's been a TCC student for three quarters. His main course of study has been English as a Second Language. "I am very satisfied. I like the education system in America very much. There are good materials to learn from," he said, speaking about his classes.

Of the differences between his native country and his new country, Nguyen appears philosophical. "I don't think my country is poor. It has an

ancient culture, and America has a new culture." He added that he studies English to understand the American culture.

Nguyen came to the U.S. because "I wanted to be a citizen," and he is studying to pass the test. He expects to become a U.S. citizen in 1990.

Besides himself, Nguyen has four children in the U.S. His three sons live in Iowa, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, and he has a daughter in Tacoma. "She likes American clothes," he quipped.

Nguyen has definite likes and dislikes of his own. He said that he likes hamburgers, American cream, and fried chicken, and he added that he doesn't like pizza.

What does Nguyen look forward to most about becoming an American citizen? "I like to travel. I want to have a passport," he chuckled. He

wants to go to France and other European countries.

Nguyen's spare time is used in study, practice exercises, and Tai chi, a Chinese sport. "I like the library," he added. "I like to read books about the American culture."

Before he came to America, Nguyen said that he'd read French books about America and thought of the country as "modern and a rich country." He said, though, that when he first got here he was surprised at the differences. "At first I had some trouble eating American food," he commented.

Of Viet Nam he said that, except for some cities like Saigon, the country isn't modern. Their main livelihood is agriculture, and there are no machines.

"Thank you for talking to me," Nguyen concluded, heading back to his ESL class.

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Legislators get their priorities straight Branch campus is on, then off, then on again

By Bryan Butler
Managing Editor

According to Donna Kerr, the Director of Branch Campus affairs for the University of Washington, the future of the UW extension is encouraging. Kerr illustrated the legislative triumphs of the branch campus program, which should become a reality by 1990.

"If it were not for a very heavy campaign in this area, I'm not sure this program would be where it is now," said Kerr.

She went on to explain that the community efforts, outside of the branch campus

committee, was responsible for the sudden renewed legislative interest in the University of Washington extension. By this, she meant the thousands of phone calls that kept the phones of the branch campus hotline ringing off the hooks, which was followed by the reactionary pressuring of public officials.

A \$400 million projected budget surplus for the state revenue in the upcoming biennium did not hurt much, however.

At this point in time, still, the budget appears to be in the skeletal stage. Legislators in Olympia seem to be reluctant to make too many promises.

According to the State Board of Community Colleges, the growing concern is over whether or not the state income tax will be adopted.

"The Governors [second] budget, won't fund five programs we wanted to start...[and] three of those were undergraduate [and] the best the senate budget would offer would only be good enough for part time teaching. Eventually the idea is to offer a combination social sciences and humanities program; one or two four-year interdisciplinary degree programs in liberal arts."

While Kerr did not comment on whether or not the University of Washington

would push for a referendum on the branch campus, she tactically noted that everybody votes for legislators, and that the same kind of involvement they have been getting from the hotline will help a lot more than any lobby.

Many critics of the branch campus program point out that the idea of expansion is absurd when the proposed education budget does not even bring the state of Washington to the national average.

Kerr went on, however, to note that education is a fundamental resource. She noted that the state of Washington is a whole institution behind in

the lower Puget Sound region. She illustrated that the lower Puget Sound area is seriously academically deficient.

"It largely has to do with people who attend community colleges and don't have a place to go afterward. The state of Washington is about 10 percent below the national average in participation. In this area it is 40 percent below the national average."

"We proposed a program that would bring us to the national average within 20 years. [They cut that.] How slow is slow? There is molasses and then there is cold molasses."

Paramedic program paves way to rewarding career

By Deborah J. Ernst
Staff Reporter

"I think the future of pre-hospital care is continuing to get brighter all the time," stated Michael Smith, Tacoma Community College's paramedic program director. According to Smith there is a reason to be optimistic. "Of the handful of programs in the state, TCC's has shown a real commitment to quality."

What does it take for a student to enter the program? According to Smith, the requirements for entry include basic emergency medical technician knowledge, a current CPR card, letters of sponsorship, and the successful completion of a pretest and an oral interview.

Most of the program's students are young, from 18-24. Smith speculated that it's because of the extensive amount of work involved in the course (approximately 1481 hours). He added that there are always exceptions. For instance, this quarter a 52-year-

old student is enrolled.

Cody Arledge, a 1984 graduate of TCC's paramedic program, agreed. He advised that if a student is thinking of entering the program that they make sure it's a strong commitment to them first. "It needs to be the most important thing in your life for a year," he added.

Also, Smith noted, the paramedic program is dominated more by men than by women. The reason for this, Smith speculated, is that it's a "very physical" profession, and some women don't want to accept the physical challenge.

Arledge agreed that there are more men than women in the profession, but he cited the changing trends from traditional male or female jobs into jobs that both genders pursue equally. "The trends are changing over time," he commented.

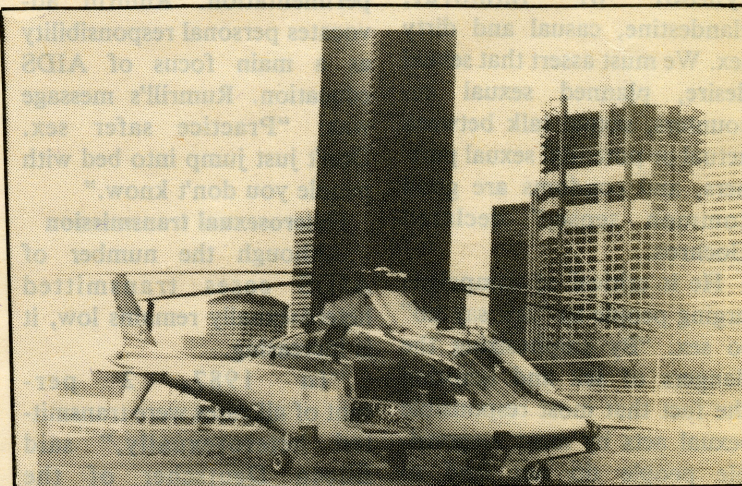
TCC has no placement program for the graduating paramedics, but Smith said that many companies recruit through the college. He added

that approximately 95 percent of the present class is expected to be placed in jobs immediately upon completion of the program.

Requirements to obtain a certificate of completion from TCC's paramedic program include the completion of Emergency Medical Care classes 120, 121, and 122 (Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic) and 130, 131, and 132 (Clinical Application for EMC 120), and the completion of clinical/field skills listed as part of the class syllabus.

The certificate of completion may be earned in nine months, but an associate's degree requires an additional three quarters of study. Most people, added Smith, don't get their associate's degrees.

How well does the program prepare the students for the "real world" of emergency medical care? According to Arledge, the program had the best of both worlds--study and field experience. The last part of the course was spent actually on the job. He added that,



Technological advances aid paramedics in their jobs.

as with other things, when one puts a large amount of effort into the program, one will get a lot out of it.

Where do the program's weak points lie? As far as Smith can see there is "nothing that hasn't already been addressed." However, he did find some strong points. Smith cited excellent in-field and clinical affiliations, a "talented and committed" program medical director, Dr. Steve Pace, and "unswerving" administrative support.

Smith doesn't believe learning is one-sided. Before coming to TCC in September 1988, he served for eight years at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa and trained in South Chicago. "I have a very interactive classroom," he stated. "I learn new things from them daily."

Photo by Holly O'Brien.

Smith's recommendation to anyone interested in becoming a paramedic is to get experience as an emergency medical technician to find out if it's really the field they want to go into.

But what about the "real world" or paramedics? Arledge admitted stress is a large factor in his job but added that stress is something a paramedic student should realize there will be and to prepare for it. His advice on stress is to deal with it when it occurs and not put it off. Shifts, he said, are often 24 hours long, and a camaraderie builds between paramedics that can help handle the stress.

Does Arledge enjoy his profession? "Most definitely. There's a lot of variety, new people, and a chance to provide assistance for people in their times of need."



Paramedics put into practice what they've learned. Photo by Holly O'Brien.

PHI THETA KAPPA, TCC's honors fraternity, will be recruiting new members May 17, 1989. They are especially interested in students who will be returning next fall. Elections for officers in this organization will be held in the near future. Honor students with an interest in leadership and growth are encouraged to apply for positions therein. Service to the community and the campus are primary goals.

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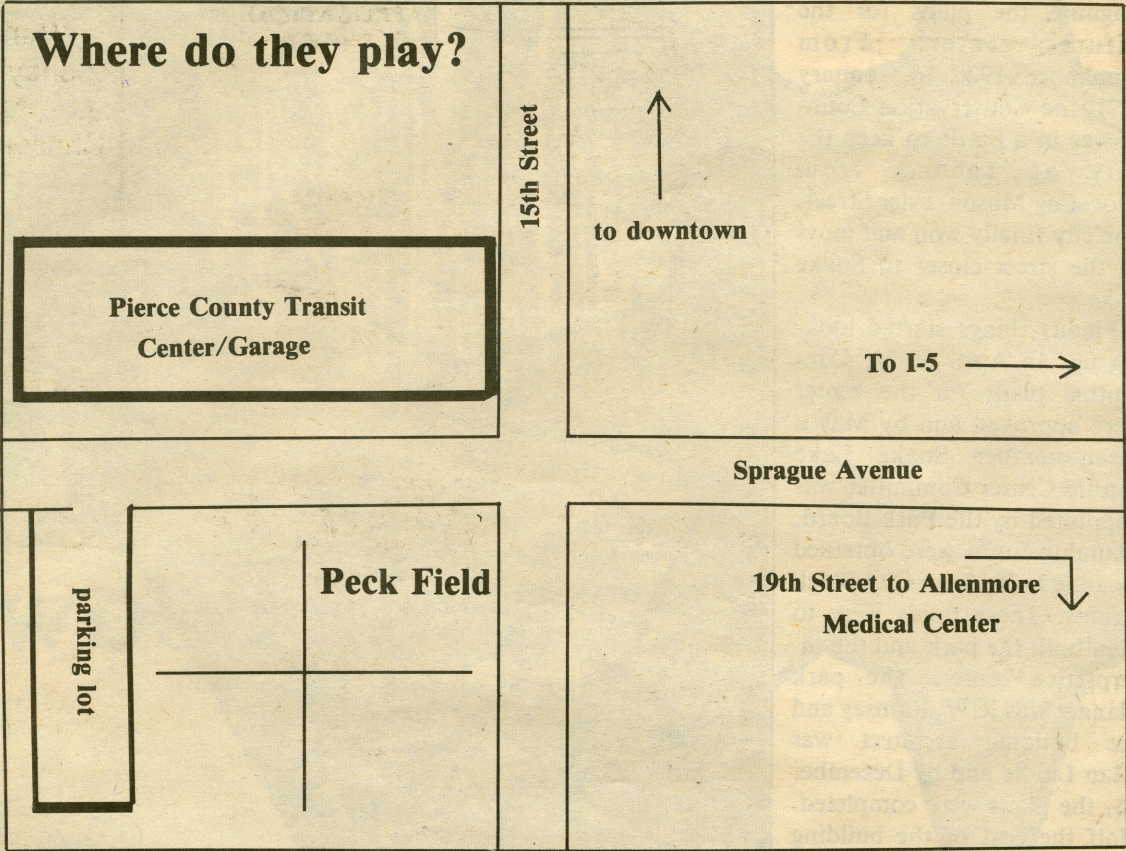
Titans face a struggling season

By Bryan Butler
Managing Editor

The Tacoma Community College ladies modified softball team has faced a season full of many different adversities. Still they have managed to have fun and keep a healthy, positive attitude. Although their record is only 3-14 for the season, the Tacoma ladies have managed to beat the top three teams in their division. Clakamas, Highline, and Green River all fell to the surprising slugging of an inexperienced Tacoma team.

"Half the team has never played fast pitch softball before, and the other half is injured...We have only 10 players," said Tami Ness, a multi-position player.

Indeed, the injuries have taken a large toll. Shannon Bucher is out with a bad arm.



Lori Martel, the teams top pitcher, broke her arm. Cyndi Johansen sprained her knee. Shelly Casey has bad ankles and knees. Patricia Doss threw out her back. To complete the list Jackie McDaniel messed up her shoulder.

Head coach Bob Maguinez said, "Some of the girls have never played ball before, it is a miracle how long they have come in such a long time."

Maguinez, who is a professional scout for the Minesota Twins, said that the number one problem he had this year was the weather. "There is simply not that many things you can do in a gym," he said.

Already, the team is looking forward to next year. There is a glow of positivism, and good chemistry.

Men slugers pull off heartbreaker

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On Tuesday, May 2, the Titans played against the Olympic Rangers in a crucial league game which could put them three games ahead of second place Lower Columbia. To say it was exciting for the fans would be an understatement. The Titans roared to a come-back victory in the bottom of the 11th inning, with a score of 6-5.

The action didn't start early, however, as the top of the first inning brought the fans only a couple of walks. The other batters grounded out, to the credit of decisive Titan pitch selection. The play on the field reflected the weather: dull gray and dreary.

Then a slight breeze started to blow, a chill pervaded the grandstands, and the sun came out. You knew something good was going to happen.

The Rangers' pitching was a little wild, as a couple of Titan slugers nearly lost important limbs, but the pitcher was still warming up; you could tell he was tense from the consternation on his face.

Kevin Aldridge showed great base-running skill as he beat out a ground ball for a base hit, and stole a base on a pitch-out.

"People know our signals, I swear," said Sean Mcgiver, a disgruntled Tacoma player. "At Green River they did a pitch out every time we stole."

Unfortunately, that was all that happened until the bottom of the third inning. The weather started getting better

and better, and so Tacoma's hitting.

With one out and nobody on base, Justin Maloof launches the ball to the fence in the corner of right field. It ricochets off the fence, bouncing three times. A double or a triple right? Wrong. Just as Maloof is rounding first he tripped and fell flat on his face. A cloud of dust settling on his uniform added insult to injury as he gets only a single off of such a great hit.

It didn't matter though, because the next batter was Kevin Aldridge. Aldridge promptly showed why he is leading the team in homers, as

he knocked the pill down the throat of God. The ball nearly landed in 12th street traffic as it soared more than four-hundred feet to its death.

The rally continued when a batter walked and another batter singled. A wild pitch advanced the runners further, but they were unable to score.

The Rangers came back in the top of the fourth inning. They systematic advanced a runner to third base on two sacrifices, who then scored on a wild pitch. After that the Rangers score a couple more runs and then fizzled. The score was 3-2 with the Titans trailing.

The Titans once again took the lead in the bottom of the fifth inning. Kevin Aldridge again showed phenomenal base running, as he beat out yet another ground ball for a

single, the second of the day. Guess what? Deja-vu! Another pitch-out, another stolen base. At this point, the game was turning heads enough to qualify for chiropractic insurance.

Laverenz scored after a series of singles to take the lead 4-3.

The fans at this time seemed to get tense. It seemed, that with the lead switching hands so rapidly, that they were in for a long spell of speculation. It aint' over until the fat lady sings. On this day, she had laryngitis.

In the top of the ninth inning, it looked as though Tacoma had wrapped up the win. This was not the case.

The first batter was hit by a pitch. The second batter walked.

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Titan Box Score					
Baseball			Softball		
	LEA	SEA		LEA	SEA
Tacoma	11-2	16-3	Clakamas	13-2	18-6
Lower Columbia	11-3	17-10-1	Highline	12-5	14-6
Green River	6-7	9-14	Green River	12-7	14-9
Pierce	1-12	2-17	Grays Harbor	10-8	12-12
Centralia	1-12	1-18-1	Olympic	8-11	12-13
			South Puget Sound	5-13	7-17
			Tacoma	3-14	3-14
Golf					
	Green River	10-2			
	Tacoma	10-2			
	Bellevue	5-7			
	Grays Harbor	5-7			
	Lower Columbia	0-12			

