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Accreditation for three years for Tacoma Community College was announced in mid-December by the regional accrediting agency, the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. For students accreditation means that it will be easier to transfer credits earned at TCC to four-year institutions. For TCC faculty members, it is recognition of their high level of performance. TCC achieved accreditation as fast as is possible under the Northwest Association's rules.

For people interested in learning without redtape, TCC will offer four non-credit courses during the winter quarter. The 10-week courses will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. one night a week. They are: "Vietnam: American Folly or Obligation?" "Geology and the Pacific Northwest," "Hemingway: His Life, Works and Philosophy" and "Astronomy for the Layman." The cost: \$10. For application forms, call H. J. Schafer, TCC director of community services, at SK 2-6641.

New records are the norm when it comes to enrollment. Latest fall-quarter figures show that 2,697 persons signed up for at least one course at TCC. (The comparable year-ago figure: 1,846) In full-time equivalents, the fall quarter figure was 2,247. Despite the heavy fall enrollment, space is available in many winter quarter classes.

TCC, which has been building at a rapid pace since it opened in portables 2½ years ago, will pause long enough to dedicate its 19-building campus Feb. 15-17. The Fine Arts Building, which houses art and music classes, will be dedicated in special ceremonies at 8 p.m. Feb. 15. A formal installation for Dr. Thornton M. Ford, TCC president, is planned for 11 a.m. Feb. 16 in TCC's new 335-seat little theater building. Many of the people who contributed to the founding and development of the college will be recognized in campus dedication ceremonies during the afternoon of Feb. 16. Campus tours are planned for 1-4 p.m. Feb. 17.

Additional buildings may be in TCC's future. TCC has submitted a list of capital needs for the 1969-71 biennium to the State Board for Community College Education. The projects, needed to make maximum use of the present campus, are a second science building, \$667,985; a 16-room classroom building, \$456,640; a third faculty office building, \$289,487; an addition to the cafeteria, \$114,602; an addition to the business office, \$75,065; a maintenance building, \$73,000; landscaping and a drainage system, \$175,000; and equipment for the Instructional Resource Center, \$173,000. The total: \$2,024,779.

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