Black and White students marching to Dr. Thornton Ford's office to present 11 Obi demands.

Blacks and Whites in Dr. Ford's office watch James Walton present the demands.

Prosecutor Says:

**Law Fair, Says Panel, But Not Equally Applied**
By John Terrien

"We have a good law system, but it isn't equally applied." Ron Hendry, Pierce County prosecutor, told students at a Law Day panel discussion on campus May 1.

Lawyers Jack Tummer, Henry Haas and Tom Fogg made up the rest of the panel which dealt with "Racial Equality in Law."

Fogg, who acted as moderator, gave a brief introduction, defending the relevancy of the Constitution today.

"The system hasn't worked perfectly, but it has worked," he began. "The Constitution was made difficult to change. This gives time for mature thought."

This, said Fogg, prevents the majority from passing unfair laws against the minority because it gives us government by law rather than by men.

Jack Tummer, speaking on the struggle of minority groups under the law, warned against overrival change.

"There's nothing wrong with changing the law," he said. "The laws need to be changed... But students want to throw out the baby with the dirty water."

Tummer said that the establishment should be attacked but warned that instead of just criticizing the establishment, the attackers should "suggest a better system."

Ron Hendry, speaking on the criminal aspect of racial equality, criticized adults for not having a greater racial understanding. Often quoting the Kramer Commission Report, he blamed the human element rather than the laws for unequal treatment of minority groups.

Hendry said there was a disparity of sentencing in the United States because the attitudes of judges differ. He cited the fact that from 1930 to 1959, of the 3,666 prisoners executed in the country 1,972 (over half) of them were black.

The prosecutor presented three reforms our system needs:
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Akins Tells of Struggle At San Francisco State

The Black Student Union at San Francisco State College started negotiations for a Black studies program in 1967. Their struggle and resultant boycott of the college in 1968 gained national prominence.

The propaganda minister for the BSU at the Bay Area college, Solomon "Scooter" Akins, spoke to some 100 students at TCC Tuesday. He spoke of the incidents leading to the strike and the strike itself.

Akins stated the original negotiations, in 1967, stemmed from the fact that the area in which the college is located is 70 percent Black. At that time only one-half of one percent of the student body was black, added Akins.

Then president of the college, Glenn Dunke, promised a Black studies program would be implemented the following term. Akins claimed when the program did start only three or four more Black students were admitted, 84,000 in grants and scholarships were awarded, and one and one-half teaching positions were created. After this, and a series of unkept promises, Akins disclosed the campus boycott was put into effect.

Akins said the Students for a Democratic Society have been "sophisticated" enough to do their part in the fight as followers of the Black leaders.

The BSU is not merely interested in obtaining a Black studies program at the college level. "I'm fighting for the kids," asserted Akins in reference to a tutorial program the BSU has established. The program, affecting some 1,000 school drop-outs of all ages, is based on the hypothesis that the public schools teach in a manner which the ghetto children find irrelevant and incomprehensible. The results of this program, declared Akins, are that the children being tutored are three to four years ahead of their counterparts in the public school system.

The demands included establishment of a department of black studies and a requirement of at least one black studies course for the Associate Degree.

The four-page document that Walton presented contained no reference to a time limit.

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**Walton Terms "Worthless"**

**Trustees, Obi Meet; Demands Reviewed**

A non-convened meeting between Tacoma Community College Board of Trustees and the Obi Society, a Black culture organization, appeared "very good" to the board, but "worthless" to the Obi delegates.

The meeting with the Board of Trustees at 1:30 last Friday was in response to the request made the day before to TCC President Thornton M. Ford by Jim Walton, chairman of the Obi Society. He requested the meeting while more than 20 students silently sat about the president's office in support of Walton.

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Rough Beginning

The meeting appeared doomed within the first 10 minutes. Mrs. Maxine Myers, chairman of the board, announced the meeting was not a legally convened meeting of the Board; therefore, no actions could be taken today.
EDITORIAL...

Administration Racist?

"Let America be America again/Let it be the dream the dreamers dreamed/Let it be that strong great land of law where never kings conque nor tyrants come/That any man be crushed by one above." - Langston Hughes, "Let America Be America again"

The racist administration of Tacoma Community College is playing part of a tyrant trying to keep the voice of the students from objecting to policies and procedures that the college has followed since its beginning.

We, the participating members of the May 5 demonstration, in an effort to right the wrongs existent on campus, have committed ourselves to bring the problem to the attention of the public and the community. For years now the problem of racism has existed in Tacoma but it took the students until May 5, 1969, to reach the level of commitment needed to stage a peaceful and successful demonstration.

The demands presented to the college administration are basically the same demands presented throughout the United States. Institutional Racism abounds throughout the campuses in our cities where students are manipulated through apathetic reactions on campus.

It is our purpose, through peaceful efforts, to present Tacoma Community College's OBI SOCIETY'S demands to the people in order to better inform them of existent conditions.

—Chairman, Jim Walton

There Has Been Progress?

Dr. Thornton M. Ford, president of Tacoma Community College, declared Tuesday that many of the 11 demands presented to him Monday by members of the OBI Society are projects that the college has been working on throughout the year.

"The faculty has been making a real effort to translate these concerns about opportunities for minority races into reality," he said.

At the same time, he said, the college has a responsibility to all of its more than 3,000 students and cannot jeopardize its operations by hasty and ill-considered actions.

"I think we have made real progress," he said. He listed these developments that have taken place in the last year:

1. Dialogue between Dr. Ford and black students was started last summer at the president's request. Formation of the OBI Society was a result.

2. Increased employment of black persons on campus.

3. Development of new credit courses dealing with minorities. Courses which have been approved by the Instructional Council are Afro-American History, African Civilization, Afro-American Writers, Chinese Civilization and Urban Affairs Practicum.

4. In addition, non-credit community service courses have been offered on such subjects as Afro-American history, the Black Revolution, African culture and white racism and American social systems.

Letters To the Editor

Safeway Boycott

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The student body government has asked the SDS proposal to boycott Safeway Stores. This boycott is in response to Safeway buying grapes from California companies who employ Mexican-American pickers. By boycotting Safeway, students are showing that they do not want to support companies who employ unskilled workers.

—Scott Stephen

Dissention

Letter to the Editor:

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Due to the recent printing of some literature asking for your support in boycotting Safeway Stores, Inc., I feel it should be made clear that the Political Science Forum of TCC did not support the boycott (even though its name appeared in the literature).

It's true that as Poli-Sci's AC Rep. I was instructed to vote for it at AC, (and did so)—but after I learned the Forum's membership had not — and did not — support boycotting Safeway.

When I tried to find out what opinion of club members actually was, I was told the boycott was supported by a small margin. As it turned out the supporters of the boycott did not have a majority. Poli-Sci Forum, therefore, does not support the boycott — although some individual members do.

Those of us who do not support the boycott of Safeway take this position only because we feel Safeway is not the proper target for protest against injuries that have been thrown onto the California grape pickers. We have been dished up a lot of obvious propaganda intended to stir our emotions and direct our anger at Safeway, (after all you have to start somewhere). But if the grape pickers strike is not recognized by the Teamsters Union, and the Teamsters haul grapes across state lines, then Safeway be blamed for buying them.

—Norman Dafoe

There Are More Than 5000 or 6000 Disadvantaged Persons

Dr. Thornton Ford

5. Development of a new kind of curriculum (General Education Program) especially for persons not ready for conventional courses. It will feature heavy efforts in counseling and improvement of basic study skills.

6. Compilation of the extensive bibliographic list of black authors and artists to date, with the TCC library staff spearheading the project. Many books in this area have been purchased.

7. Recruiting efforts for trained instructional personnel have been expanded, including the temporary relaxation of some conventional employment qualification requirements.

8. Establishment of the New Careers program, a federally financed, experimental effort to provide both jobs and instruction for disadvantaged persons.

9. Assistance to the development of black-owned businesses by TCC, working with the University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University.

10. Budget requests for the next school year call for increased efforts in the direction of adequate instruction for minority students. The requests have not yet been approved but are under consideration. They include:

(a) A black studies instructor, $7,000-14,000.
(b) Visiting black lecturers, $7,000-14,000.
(c) Consultants and in-service training personnel to aid in curriculum development and faculty orientation, $6,000.
(d) Additional counselors to augment the present student counseling program on the campus, $7,000-24,000.
(e) Project Outreach (a program which would not provide services to minority students on the campus but would bring educational facilities to disadvantaged neighborhoods)

Dr. Ford said he is willing to discuss the college's past efforts and future hopes in this area with anyone with a sincere concern.

Library Not Providing Service

The Tacoma Community College Library is not providing this institution's students with the services they deserve. The library has an obligation to have on loan a minimum of one copy (possibly at the reserve desk) of all books and printed material that students are forced to purchase for a class. The library should also provide all the books that accompany, or that are extra reading, for classes.

The library is a student service and should provide materials in help students save money while still providing the reading materials necessary to receive the best possible education. This situation should be corrected before spring finals and must be incorporated into permanent library policy.

—Don Swanson

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1. That OBISociety be allowed use of present OBIFunds to extend financial aid to those students presently enrolled at this institution who demonstrate need of this aid.

Explanation—That OBISociety be allowed to extend financial aid to those brothers and sisters presently enrolled at Tacoma Community College whose position as students in this institution is being threatened because of financial difficulties.

2. Recruitment of 200 non-white students for the community school, year 1969, with OBIServing as themajorecruiter.

Explanation—That the chance to attend an institution of higher education be extended to 200 non-white students for the community school, year 1969.

3. Financial aid be made available to those students recruited who demonstrate a plausible need for this aid.

Explanation—That these students who are in need of financial aid in order that they might be better able to attend Tacoma Community College be extended this aid.

4. That necessary funds ($25,000) be made available to help those students through counseling and tutoring in order that they might effectively benefit from their educational experiences.

Explanation—That funds be made available to supply counseling and tutoring services for these students to aid them in furthering effectively their education.

5. That requirements for obtaining an Associate degree be changed to include one Black Studies course.

Explanation—That all students applying for an Associate Degree be required to take one Black Studies course to fulfill requirements for this degree.

6. Institute a class or classes dealing with Black Literature.

Explanation—That new classes at Tacoma Community College that are specifically oriented to Black Literature and poetry.

7. Institute a Political Science program dealing with contemporary Africa and the problems encountered by the Blacks there.

Explanation—That a program whereby the students are helped to become better aware of the problems of the Black in present-day Africa and aid to aid in general and over-all education.

8. The immediate inclusion of the Black man in courses dealing with people: Sociology, Psychology, History, English, and Economics.

Explanation—That the necessary importance of the problems of the Black in present-day Africabe achieved by instituting classes immediately which definitely illuminate his role.

9. That there be a department of Black Studies.

Explanation—That the Black Studies Department, chairman, staff and faculty be allowed to recruit, hire and fire course instructors without the interference of the racist administration and President.

10. That the security officers on campus continue to be students and those police officers that are white.

Explanation—That the police are guileless of racial prejudice and are not capable of functionally and effectively teaching a course in Black Studies be relieved of their positions.

11. That the police with the departments and the racist administrators, not with the Black Studies Department, chairman, staff.

Dismissed from their teaching positions of incompetent and biased instructors.

Explanation—That all instructors who are guilty of racial prejudice and are not capable of functionally and effectively teaching a course in Black Studies be relieved of their positions.

Student Activist Sincere

Much has been said about the current state in student activism and discontent. Unfortunately, most of it is wrong.

Student activists have been called everything from "destroyers" to "Communist-inspired bastards." They are neither. They are the son of the nation that is the world's social conscience, and they are concerned with social change and with solutions to the great problems of our time. They want to solve these problems and that right.

These problems are solvable and the time is right now, when it is never before been possible for us to solve them. Students have a duty to try and they are willing to accept that duty and demand that right.

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If an individual is convicted of illegal possession, the law says the marihuana shall be confiscated by the Internal Revenue Service and forfeited to the U.S. Government.

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Muhammed Ali Suspended

I am beginning to clearly understand why Muhammed Ali was suspended from the boxing ring because of his desire to return to the ring. I thought it unfair at first, but since then I have given some thought to the matter.

The black man in this country has waged a life-long struggle for manhood and survival. He must penetrate barriers and overcome opposition in order to assume a masculine posture. By contrast, the white man does not face those barriers; the first principles of manhood are settled at birth by the possession of a penis and a white skin.

There are two areas where the white man has allowed the black man to function with little or no restrictions. These are the bedroom and the stage, be it platform, gridiron or hardwood. This was allowed because they could be suppressed. From this kind of suppressive practice came the stereotype — over-sexed superior athlete of black manhood.

The field of athletics has been very helpful to a large percent of black people who otherwise would have been relegated to an impoverished way of life. But there is much to all this on paper are the black athletes that were not the superior Jim Brown type that was just used to entertain the white capitalist devils and then cast back into the ghetto and become just another "nigger."

The white "jockey" who is bred as the black man has specialise in luring blacks to his campus by dangling a worthless scholarship in their faces. The only stipulation is "Keep your mouth shut and serve the grindstone." One has to be double-faced of a system that produced Owens, Willy Mays, Floyd Patterson and Willie Turner, just to name a few.

I was quite pleased to see the action of the University of Washington's E.R.U. against the OUI! racist athletic system. I hope it will open the eyes of some of the black athletes at TCC.

I hope that all black people can be acclimated to all walks of life by the white devils, we refuse to entertain them and cut their pocketbooks.

Jim "Baraka" Walton

God Is Dead

God is dead! The Christian religion is a falacy created by the white man to smother this society. Pray to the great beyond for your deliverance from this living hell where the white man prays to make it more of a hell for you. What good do you pray to, nigger? What God do you pray to white man, justifying sending millions of dollars and tons of goods to the world except to the ghetto across town; read a man to the moon and let a black child starve.

If Jesus walked the earth now in the land of plenty, we would have to kill him the same way. Christianity is a religion that has supported the American public like an uncontrollable disease which dehumanizes its victims. Christianity is a white sect that has hidden behind, steal, rape and legally kill, gather material possessions, and coldly murder the Negroes in the same breath till you get to heaven, it will be better there.

Christianity is politics. George Wallace received the support of 10 million white Christian Americans who wanted to save America. Christians are in mass killed by people struggling. Pray to the great beyond for your deliverance from this society.

God is dead. He died when the first black man came to America, not as a man, but as property forever marked and placed into a caste system sanctioned by the local church. While ministers speak empty phrases of brotherly love to the empty and closed minds of their congregations, we may wonder, "Has the idea of Christianity ever really been tried in America or was that idea abandoned because too many Christians left the church because they objected to it?" What other reason better justifies this society?

Enrollment Reaches 2637

Total enrollment in credit classes at Tacoma Community College during the spring quarter reached a record 2,637, Records Officer Joseph F. Luthen reported.

The comparable total for the spring quarter 1968 was 2,276.

In addition, 575 persons enrolled in adult education courses at Lincoln High School and 497 enrolled in community service courses at TCC.

Dr. Thornton M. Ford, TCC president, noted the college served an average enrollment of 350 students with non-traditional students during the 1968-69 year. The FTE figure is computed by adding the number of credits earned by each student to the total number of credits enrolled and divided by 15.

He observed that TCC was overenrolled this year as in the previous three years in terms of state support. TCC received support for only 2,325 FTEs.

Obi Forms Combat Racism

By Charles Canada
vice minister, OBI Society

The OBI Society was formed to combat institutionalized racism. This is the first reason the society was formed. To date we have failed in this endeavor. We have fallen for one reason. We have no power to start the programs we have thought up. We have no power to spend our money.

We have to utilize the very system that keeps us down in the first place if we want to accomplish anything. We have come to a decision: We will succeed on the first level. We know that we are being used by the "Man." There are many students here that don’t know that they are just a pawn in the power struggle. The decadent system is having my head with his left hand while fighting with his right hand. It is up to us — the students — to bring about a significant change. By uniting, we can gain more power than the "Man" can deal with.

At the beginning of this year, we went to the administration to bring about a few changes at TCC. As a token, we received a Negro history class, half a program room, and a promise to get more in African culture for next year. Many of us won’t be here next year. I have no doubt in my mind that the dollars we have spent in the alleged cutback in funds there will be no programs.

We have been lied to, cheated, tokened-to-death and God knows what else. God only knows what we’ve done. We need to show people exactly what is being done on our campus. We need to show people exactly how they are acting against the community. We need to show people that we are not a bunch of kids who want to just make trouble.

WE ARE GOING TO SHOW THIS CAMPUS THAT WE CAN AND WILL ACT TO CHANGE THE CONDITIONS AT THIS SCHOOL.

Obi Demands Reviewed

(Continued from Page 1)

Walton said he had been sitting in such meetings since last July and he wanted action today. Walton said, "If you are not in a position to act, we are wasting our time.

Mrs. Myers assured Walton, "Mr. Walton, we would not be here if we were not sincere."

Walton said, "I question that; I see sincerity through action."

The Board's legal advisor, Bob Felter, said the Board could not legally act upon anything but topics could be put on the next board meeting's agenda, May 20.

Commitments?

Alvin Hart, an Obi representative, asked the Board, "Could we go down the list (of 11 demands) and get a yes and no response?"

Mrs. Myers responded, "You could get reactions." She further said, "We are here and we would like to listen — that's about as far as I can say."

Hart then asked Mrs. Myers if she had read the demands. When Mrs. Myers replied, "Yes," Hart demanded, "Then you should be able to commit yourself."

TCC President Dr. Thornton M. Ford said, "I don't think it is hopeless to come up with a commitment." He asked the meeting to "be informal and friendly."

Walton said he would play their game one more time. He read the demands:

Action

The Board members seemed favorably responsive to all of the demands, but little action was taken. Dr. Ford announced one of the demands (for a Black literature course) had already been taken care of. He said, "The class will appear in the catalog this fall."

It was determined that State money could not be used to pay for tuition for those blacks who were attending school on the promise to pay Frank Cooper, outgoing Board chairman, suggested Obi use funds already in hand and re-budget for this purpose.

Walton said, "The composition of the students' demand makes it impossible."

Walton mentioned anti-Obi groups, such as "SCALE," who would lobby against any such action. The board, however, said that if the board ever saw fit, to let it be known.

Lynn Hodges, executive director for the Human Relations Commission signed an agreement with Dr. Ford and said of the establishment of such funds, "Any community that could have a "New, New Lincoln" could supply the needed money."

It was reported Dr. Paul Jacobson, dean of instruction, has no intention of appointing a new Board chair, Bob North, a Black instructor, who had earlier been ruled out because of black political convictions.

Disaffirmation

Miss TCC Ronnie Winston spoke for a demand to disarm campus dormitory nights, and said, "This is a protection against arming them (fire arms and chemical weapons) on their persons. Accidents do happen and guns are used for protection.

Frederick Low, an Obi representative, told the Board of a present campus policeman who had at one time been a student and said, "This is all I need."

Low mentioned alleged bigoted statements made by the same officer and said, "These are the people we are protecting us."

William Muse, TCC instructor, made it clear to the Board that the reason of disarming campus police was not a Black-originated demand. The same had been at the recommendation of student government earlier in the year. He expressed a fear that some whites would look at this demand as a concession the Board was making by Obi to the campus.

Board member Charles Edwards said, "I will go on record that I was for it at that time, but I was except for night hours and while transferring money from one building to another."

At the conclusion of the meeting Jim Walton said, "There is going to be an educational change in America and at TCC through marches, demands or bulletins. We favor books."