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Is TCC Racist?

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Is there racism on our campus?

Are blacks excluded from the faculty, the administration, from full participation in student activities?

Do the courses offered at TCC tell whites and blacks very much about themselves? Do law courses offer legal advice to blacks?

Are blacks discriminated against in the hiring of maintenance personnel, security guards, cooks and work-study people?

These are some of the areas to be explored at the United States National Students Association's Conference on Institutional Racism at Notre Dame Nov. 28, 29, 30, and Dec. 1.

The premise is that racism exists everywhere in the American society and that a good place to begin to change it is in our institutions of higher learning.

The Association recognized "that institutional racism prevails" in colleges and the Association "mandated" the President of USNSA "to see that member schools actively engage themselves in combatting insti-

tutional racism on their campuses."

Student government appropriated \$500 to send two TCC students to Notre Dame to report on the progress we have made to end institutional racism.

There is much work to be done; there are many questions that will be asked of the two students who will represent TCC.

For example: Are blacks given different jobs than whites; does TCC support a racist draft system; does TCC keep its money in a bank that loans money to discriminatory companies; what problems do blacks have securing housing?

These are only a few questions that will be asked at Notre Dame. Fortunately, TCC can be proud of the strides they have made. TCC gave the Obi Society funds, which the University of Washington has yet to do.

The firm ground work laid last summer by the combined efforts of Obi Society, TCC President Dr. Thornton M. Ford, ASB President Bill Kageler and other faculty and administration personnel shows TCC's willingness to work for a better community.