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## Is this the end of the line?



Photo by Nolan Kidwell

There has been an increase in enrollment at Clackamas this school year. Some students had to wait in line for appointment cards for an hour or more last term. This term, seating was provided for students waiting in line for appointment cards.

## Tough budget decisions result in program cuts

by Angela Wilson  
Editor-in-Chief

The budget reductions proposed by the Presidents Council last week will have a drastic impact on students and staff working in the Vocational/Technical Department.

According to Assistant Dean of the Industrial Programs Kit Youngren, the decision to cut six occupational programs, eight full-time instructors and some part-time instructors from the Vocational/Technical Department budget was based on economics, student head count and employment.

"We had to make an economic decision based on the amount of money verses the amount of students and the employment opportunities," Youngren said.

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-Kit Youngren.

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## Student services suffer in budget crunch

by Jennifer Soper  
News Editor

The student activities budget will be reduced by \$62,000 next year if the college board approves the proposal at the March 13 meeting, according to Acting Dean of Students Dian Connett.

The cuts in the department include the elimination of one full-time staff position and the reorganization of the remaining three full-time positions.

Eliminating the position of events co-ordinator, which is presently held by Paul Kylo, is among the proposed budget reduction measures.

"At this point everyone in student activities has been talked to and understands the implications," said Connett.

Included in the proposal is the re-classification of the student activities director to a "specialized professional." This cut also

means a reduction in pay for the position, which is currently held by Debbie Baker.

"The cut for our area is certainly logical," said Baker. "We may be in the middle of fall term before we realize the entire impact."

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-Dian Connett  
Dean of Student Services

Associated Student Government President Tony Franklin explained the proposed cuts in student activities are not as significant as cuts in other programs.

"If the position we lost will allow for a full-time instructor, so be it," said Franklin. "I'd rather keep a full-time faculty member; We are here to learn."

Other members of ASG are not as accepting as Franklin.

"I think it is deplorable, but it's what the voters said they wanted," said Senator Gayle Kirkpatrick.

"I'm very sorry to see all the programs being cut," Kirkpatrick continued. "There are a lot of people who will be left out in the cold with half an education."

Vice President Andreas Lühring said it is too soon to speculate about changes in next year's student activities.

"Certainly no one likes it. No one is happy about it," said Lühring. "The fact is we will have less money."

Connett said the board will be given the proposal at tonight's meeting.

"None of these are decisions I would have chosen to make," Connett said. "This is not evaluation. This is budget crisis."

## Group forms to help relieve war worries

by Brenda Hodgen  
Sports Editor

Several students on campus, whose family and/or friends are serving in the Gulf War, are experiencing feelings of grief and fear in response to the war.

Clackamas Counselor Ellen Burbridge and several faculty members are attempting to offer a bit of support for those who are struggling. Today, and every Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 p.m., a counselor, as well as a staff facilitator, will be available for a drop-

in support group for students and staff members who wish to discuss their thoughts and emotions or who are seeking help and encouragement from their peers.

The group will meet each week in the Barlow conference room. The staff members involved will be able to clarify the different stages of emotional trauma and resistance during the time in which families wait for their loved ones to return. The members will also provide suggestions for coping

skills, as well as offering an ear for those who just need someone to listen.

"I think what we want to focus on is simply being a support for those who need and want to talk," explained Burbridge during a preliminary meeting, "as opposed to getting into a debate over whether the war is right or wrong."

The meetings are open to anyone on campus. For further information contact Lynn Maloney at ext. 526.

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The number of students enrolled in these programs fall term was 238 according to Youngren. The programs that will continue are automotive, manufacturing, parts and merchandising and Apprenticeships.

"The manufacturing and automotive both have a wide spectrum of jobs available," Youngren said. "Parts and merchandising is a support service to automotive and manufacturing and the apprenticeship program deals with all of the trades."

Along with the cut in programs eight full-time instructors and some part-time instructors will also be cut from the Vocational/Technical Department. According to Youngren, the eight full-time instructors are: from electronics, Bob Lehman and Gary Wallace; from fluid power, Dave Miller; from graphic arts, John Bohan; from HVAC, Tom Duncan; from welding, Clarence Lasley, Phil Leplante and Steve Sailor. Sailor is a full-time instructor working at the college through a contract with Precision Cast Parts and according to Youngren the terms of his contract still haven't been determined. All the instructors from the fire science program are part-time.

"None of this is final," Youngren said. "These are our projections and suggestions for reductions."

"All staff members are being asked to take a look and see what adjustments they would make,"

Youngren said.

With the budget cuts being made state wide there has been some concern over which schools will cut what programs and who will absorb the difference.

"There have been no formal discussions with other community colleges, so far, as to what is being cut," Youngren said. "We're not all on the same time line."

"There have been general discussions and hopefully we won't all cut the same programs."

"Clackamas is ahead of most community colleges, but we want to give the students and staff enough notice to plan ahead. We didn't want to wait," Youngren said.

"Some of the staff members will have the opportunity to take early retirement and some will have to find new jobs," Youngren continued.

"We want to be as helpful as we can."

"Overall I'm impressed with the professional attitude of the staff. No one likes to see their program discontinued," Youngren said.

"Once we know all of the cuts we will assist students in finding other opportunities," Youngren said. "We will make all attempts to adjust to the students needs."

The college will have to cut \$3.8 million from the budget over two years and according to Youngren there "are not a lot of options."

"I don't see another good way we could have done it (made cuts). This was the only option other than to take a straight- across-the-board cut which would severely handicap everybody," Youngren continued. "This way we eliminate some to benefit those that remain."

"Tax payers are forcing us to make tough decisions," Youngren said. "With Measure 5 we no longer have the option of offering a high variety of programs."