

Budget Brainstorming

✓ Students & Faculty speak out

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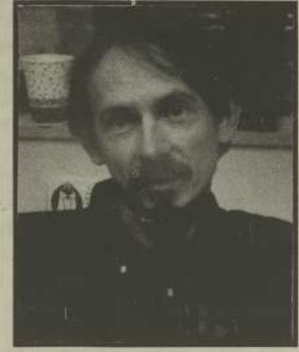
Alex Krieg, student:

"We should go to the high schools and have representatives from each program. That might be a good way to get the high schools more excited about school."



Shannon Weber, student:

"We have baseball fields and a track, we could host more events...This is a community campus and we don't have a lot of activity with the community, and there is a lot of things that all of this wonderful space could be used to raise money."



Nick Molatore, computer science instructor:

"The computer lab has already been cut back, support staff is stretched beyond it's means. Right now were so backed up with stuff to do."



Brenda Bellamy, ASG senator:

"Overall enrollment will increase, there will be ups and downs. Eventually it (enrollment) should go back up. A tuition increase seems like a permanent solution to a temporary problem."



Peggy Hess, cashiers office:

"I would like to see registration cut down to about a week to two weeks...you wouldn't have to have as many part-time people...we wouldn't have to be open as many nights."



Mary Dykes, assistant dean of student services:

"I would like to see some staff and administrators be able to teach a class in addition to our administrative load...There's a lot of talent out here in our administrative staff."

Tax cuts will buy you a car, a house, an education

Eric Eatherton
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Now that we have a Republican majority in Congress (and ol' Newt is the Speaker), the possibility of tax cuts is very real. And people ask me what I believe Congress should do about tax cuts. So, I decided I would write out my thesis on tax cuts.

The important point I want to raise about tax cuts is that they pay for themselves. Why do they pay for themselves? Changes in

human behavior. The less money government withholds from people (or more appropriately, their paychecks), the more money people have in their pockets, which in turn leads into an increase in conspicuous consumption.

The more money people spend, the more revenue business generates. That in turn generates tax revenue as a result of corporate taxes. At least nickels on the dollar more than what you began

with, which in turn answers what some people consider the drawback to tax cuts a necessity in spending cuts due to a loss of revenue. And then you repeat the process.

That is a psychoeconomic standpoint of tax cuts. Yet even without the usage of statistics, the case I make is a valid one. You go to (fill in name of your favorite mall here) and you will see big-ticket items there. With more money in their pockets, those

same shoppers would buy more of those items.

And while we're on the subject of economy, there's another thing that could save us dollars - the greater efficiency of our government.

Why not have government run like a business? For every dollar taxpayers fork over to Washington, only 28¢ returns to the beneficiaries. If your business was run like that, you'd be summarily out of business within

about six months.

So if our taxes are cut, what then do I suggest you do with the extra money? Buy yourself a wardrobe. Or a house or a car. Or, how about an education here at Clackamas? Yeah, that's the ticket. We need the students (and if you were reading the Print, I wouldn't have to tell you that; you'd already know).

Let Congress know you want your oppressively burdensome taxes cut, and cut now!

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