

# Clackamas budget process still on hold

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A student forum addressing the current state budget crisis was held last Wednesday in the Community Center. Dean of College Services Al Erdman outlined what actions Clackamas was taking in dealing with the state budget shortfall.

"The college has always taken a conservative approach to the budget process, and this budget was no different," said Erdman. "We have taken what we feel are the necessary steps in helping the college deal with the limited resources that we are likely to get from the state."

The college early on decided not to budget in the two percent increase in state funds that they were scheduled to receive, thereby not having to reduce spending that much more. College administrators knew that budget cuts were coming, so it was good foresight on their part.

In the past year, the college has reduced a dean and an associate dean position from the administration and reorganized the entire administrative structure of the college. A \$3.7 million surplus was used to pay off all of the college's outstanding debts, thus saving the college from having to budget those debts in for another year.

The bond measure passed by voters last November will be put to immediate use. As the college gets ready to break ground on new construction, some of the bond money will help refurbish existing buildings on campus.

"There will be a lot of work this summer on all of our existing buildings," said Erdman. "Many maintenance projects include updating all of the heating/ventilation systems, fixing exterior components of buildings, making sure we don't have any air quality problems like we have had in some of our buildings in the past."

The college has reduced over-

head costs all over campus, including financing of the operations of the Public Safety Training Center in Clackamas and the Oregon Advanced Technology Center in Wilsonville.

Clackamas has also secured grant funding close to \$3 million in the last few years, helping to reduce the funding problems that many programs have faced or are facing as the college continues to expand.

"The Clackamas Community College Foundation has had a major role in helping the college where it is today, as far as funding of programs are concerned," Erdman said. "Their many tireless efforts have propelled this campus into the upper tier as far as other schools in this state is concerned. David Dickson (Associate Dean of College Advancement) and his staff are to be commended for their work."

Right now, the college is in a holding pattern as state lawmakers

fight it out with Gov. John Kitzhaber over the budget for the 2001-03 biennium. The state is facing an \$850 million shortfall that likely will not be solved anytime soon. After two failed special session attempts, the Legislature has tentatively been scheduled to resume budget talks in June.

The need to keep all programs intact, keeping tuition increases down to the bare minimum, and protection of all full-time employees of the college are the priorities of the college, according to Erdman. As of now, the college is looking at a \$1 per credit hour increase to take affect next fall, raising tuition to \$41 per credit hour.

Almost every community college in the state is looking at raising tuition anywhere from \$2-8 per credit hour. Lane Community College in Eugene is facing a potential \$7 million shortfall. Chemeketa in Salem is looking at cutting several popular industrial programs. Clackamas is looking at all de-

partments for savings and has asked all departments to come up with at least \$10,000 in savings by cutting what they can.

In addition, the college will save \$100,000 each from the Customized Training Department, the Small Business Development Center and Community Education. The College Advancement Division is being asked to come up with an additional \$50,000 in fundraising revenue through a variety of projects, and Plant Services will be asked to cut \$40,000 from its budget.

With the current hiring freeze in effect at the college, any open positions will be filled on a case-by-case basis, taking into account how long any open positions can remain open until they have to be filled. Along with retirements and job reorganizing, total attrition savings should be approximately \$100,000.

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## Fame invades campus during Sculpture Exposition

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Two well-known artists will capture the artistic audience this spring by participating in the 2002 Sculpture Exposition, a two-month art exhibition on campus.

Robert Irwin will give a lecture on April 24 and lead a walkabout of the sculpture show the next day.

Irwin is known for his environmental installations; one of his most recent works is the landscape design

for the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

Ken Butler, artist and creator of hybrid musical instruments made of objects such as tennis racquets, hubcaps, combs and bicycles, will perform and give a lecture on May 11.

His works have been featured in numerous exhibitions and performances throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe and have been reviewed in The New York Times, The Village Voice, and Smithsonian and Sculpture maga-

zines. He has been featured on many TV programs, including "The Tonight Show," with his unique musical sculptures.

Twenty-five students and staff will participate in the free sculpture shows. The Outdoor Show begins April 7 and the Two-Dimensional Show begins April 10, and both end on June 7.

Students, staff and community are invited to an artists' reception on May 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Pauling Gallery. Admission is also

free.

The Sculpture Exposition is the largest show of its kind in the Northwest.

"This is an opportunity for artists to promote their work and

share it with a wider audience," said Rick True, art department chair and organizer of the show.

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Ken Butler (left and above), artist and creator of musical instruments made from everyday objects, will lecture on campus May 11. His lecture is part of the 2002 Sculpture Exposition, held from Apr. 7 through Jun. 7 on the Clackamas campus.

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## Gaddis: School bus now stops in complex

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all school buses will begin picking up Newell Creek Village students at four stops within the complex rather than on Beaver Creek Road. According to Luther, Pinnacle Realty, the management company at Newell Creek, has been advocating for this change for three-and-a-half years.

For the last several weeks, the management staff at Newell Creek has provided maximum cooperation and support to law enforcement agencies.

"We have added on-site management staff to assist the residents and law enforcement," said Luther. "We are beginning to organize crime prevention activities on site. We will shortly convene the tenants, solicit their ideas and start working with lo-

cal crime prevention specialists."

So far, no solid information on Gaddis' whereabouts has surfaced. Anyone who might have seen Miranda or knows something about her disappearance is asked to call Oregon City Police, who plan to release a profile of the possible abductor today, at 503-496-1616.

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