

## Clackamas hopes for budget to be on the rise

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Another special session of the Oregon Legislature is due to meet in Salem sometime this month, and until a state budget decision is reached by lawmakers, community colleges in the state, including Clackamas, are hanging on to hope. Hope that lawmakers will not slash budgets even further than what already may happen.

The state of Oregon faces, at last estimate, an \$880 million shortfall in the 2001-03 biennium budget.

Governor John Kitzhaber has proposed a plan that would add a surcharge to state income taxes for the next three years, borrowing from the national tobacco settlement, increasing the cigarette tax by 50 cents a pack and cutting the corporate income tax, a cut triggered by a change in federal tax laws

that are aimed at benefiting business.

"Until we are informed by the state on how much money we can count on receiving, we are in limbo at the present," said College President Earl "Joe" Johnson. "There is always a chance that the cuts will remain the same, but we have to plan for all possibilities."

President Johnson also stated that "in a worst-case scenario, we would have to look at major budget cuts in every department, and consider an additional \$1-3 tuition increase to take effect during the middle of the next school year, on top of the \$1 increase that will take place Fall term of 2002."

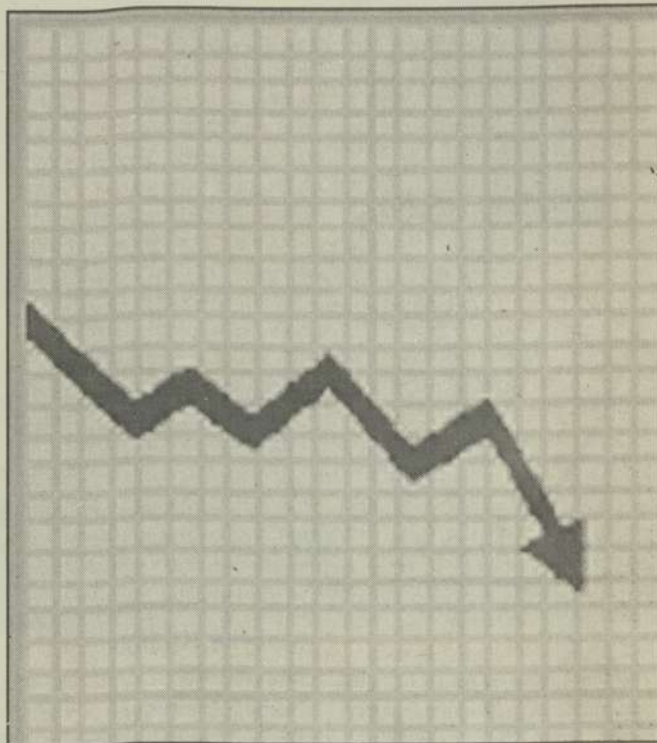
Not only is the state looking at the large budget deficit in the current biennium, legislators may also have to deal with an even larger shortfall in the 2003-05 biennium. That deficit at the

present time is projected to reach \$1.3 billion, if current income levels hold.

In November, Oregon elects a new governor, and both Democrat Ted Kulongoski and Republican Kevin Mannix have particular ideas when it comes to dealing with the state's current budget crisis.

Kulongoski would like to see cuts in the capital gains tax to help stimulate the economy and is in favor of an income tax increase, while Mannix would like to see the state borrow against the tobacco settlement to help fund some of the shortfall. During the primary season, Mannix said that he would oppose any tax increases if he were elected, but didn't offer any specific plans to help solve Oregon's budget problems.

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## The faith, search continues

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In a quiet neighborhood people are waiting patiently for news that Ashley Pond and Miranda Gaddis, the two missing Oregon City girls, are still alive, but as summer begins and the tips and leads are fading, people are still

previous issues. They will be taping segments on Pond and Gaddis throughout July and August. "Unsolved Mysteries" is famous for finding out the unknown and will be doing a segment on the girls this summer as well. Hopefully, the girls will be found before Fall Term, otherwise *The Print* will be running up to date stories beginning October.

### Still Missing, but you can help.



If you have information that could help this case please call 1-800-822-0962.

left with questions. Where are these girls and when they might be coming home may begin to be replaced with if they will ever come home again.

No one knows if or when Pond and Gaddis will be walking through their doors, or if found, if they will even be able to do so. Two strange incidences that began with people thinking Pond was a runaway, then spiraling into a nightmare that families and community members hope to have disappear with the reappearance of the girls.

"The Montel Williams Show" has gotten involved, as stated in

Readers should keep their eyes peeled for anything out of the ordinary and let authorities know if they suspect someone or something. Someone out there could have the information to crack the case wide open.

So, there is no new hope forthcoming. The leads have started to fade away; the tip line has gone all but silent and the people of the community still wait. They wait for an answer that may or may not come, but for the sake of the families involved they continue. They continue searching, pleading and hoping that Pond and Gaddis will be found.

# No guts, no glory!

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### Spring Term Final Exams: June 10-15

Class Day & Start Time	Exam Day & Time		
Mon/Wed or Mon/Wed/Fri	Mon. 6/10	Tues. 6/11	Wed. 6/12
7:45 or 8 a.m.	8-10 a.m.		
9 a.m.			8-10 a.m.
10 or 10:15 a.m.	10 a.m.-noon		
11 or 11:30 a.m.			10 a.m.-noon
noon or 12:45 p.m.	noon-2 p.m.		
1 p.m.			noon-2 p.m.
2 p.m.	2-4 p.m.		
3 or 3:15 p.m.			2-4 p.m.
4 or 5 p.m.	4-6 p.m.		
Tues/Thurs			
7:30 or 8 a.m.		8-10 a.m.	
9 a.m.		10 a.m.-noon	
10 or 10:30 a.m.		noon-2 p.m.	
1 p.m.		2-4 p.m.	
2:30 or 3 p.m.		4-6 p.m.	
4 or 5 p.m.		see your instructor	
Conflicts			4-6 p.m.

1. Examinations will be held in the regular classroom unless otherwise assigned by the instructor. If you have any questions about the schedule, check with your instructor.
2. Evening classes starting 6 p.m. or later will have exams at the regular class meeting time during final exam week.
3. Classes which meet at 7 a.m. (or other hours not listed) may schedule the final exam during the "CONFLICTS" time on the schedule or at any other time that does not conflict with the regular exam schedule.
4. Saturday classes will hold final exams on the last Saturday of their scheduled meeting time. Final exams will be given in their regular classrooms.