

Budget increases cost of next year's credit

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The Clackamas Board of Education has approved a \$3 per credit hour increase to take effect fall term 2004, boosting the cost per credit hour to \$54.

Although this cost is high, the price is still below that of Chemeketa CC in Salem, Portland CC and Mt. Hood CC in Gresham, according to a memo sent to all staff members by College President Joe Johnson.

According to Johnson, the current Clackamas CC budget has stabilized for the time being. Funding for all Oregon community colleges has stabilized and some modest gains in funding at the state level to community colleges are expected.

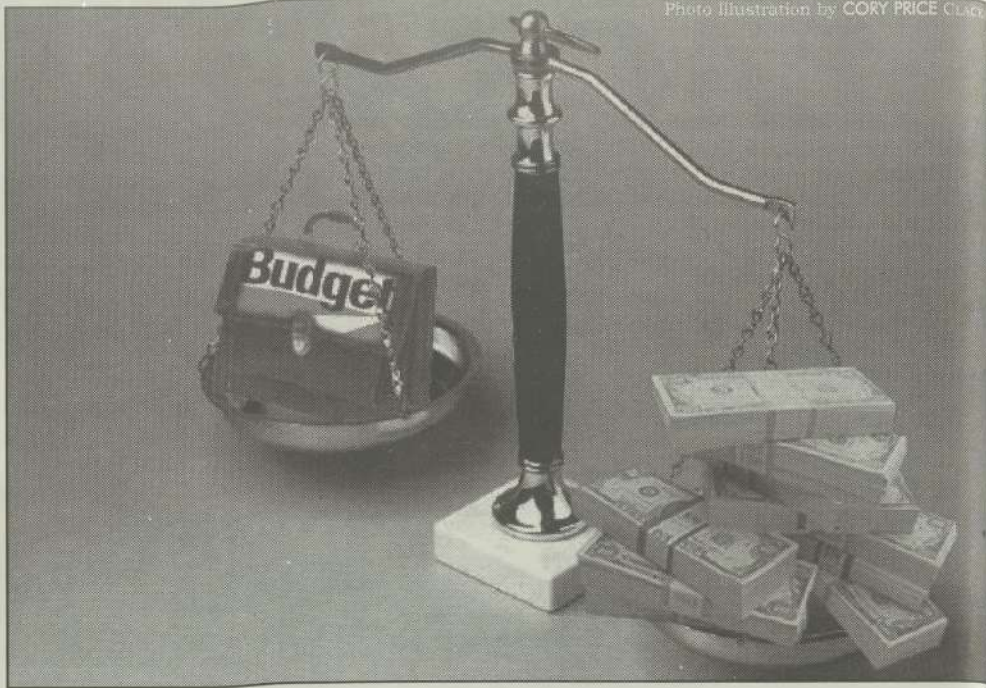
Clackamas is also in the process of filling more than 20 positions that had been put on

hold because of budget concerns. All of the new hires are within budgeted resources.

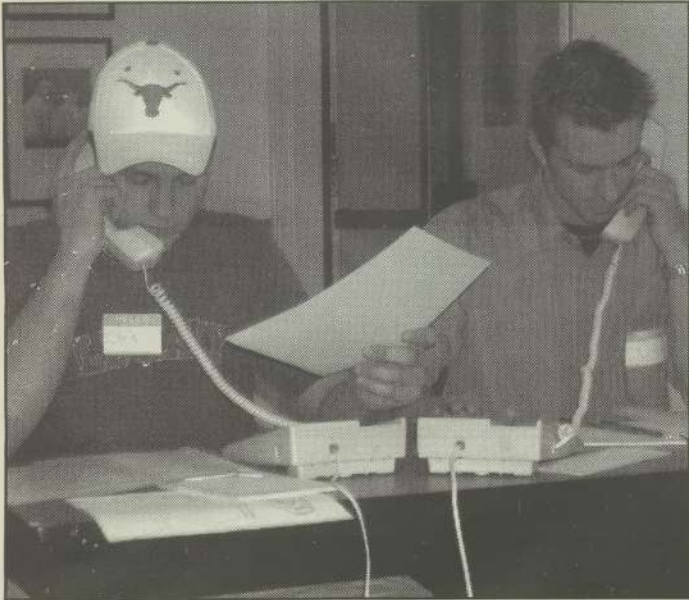
Students will pay roughly the same amount of money to attend any of the Portland metro area community colleges, because although CCC's tuition rate is lower, the fees charged by Clackamas are higher than neighboring colleges, offsetting any tuition savings.

In other college news, mold has been removed from the Harmony Center building and the necessary repairs and remodeling work is ongoing at the present time, which will soon enable the college to re-inhabit about two-thirds of the present Harmony building.

The college cannot afford to remediate the other one-third, but continues to seek state funding for a new facility at Harmony, because future growth cannot be accommodated at the present site.



Phone-a-thon volunteers dedicate time, raise funds to offset tuition increase



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ASG representative Chris Kidby (left) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes member Jeff Steiert made phone calls yesterday in the Gregory Forum to help cover the rising costs of tuition. In addition, each volunteer earned \$20 for their club.

Tuition only small slice of Clackamas' financial pie

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Most Clackamas students would be surprised to learn that tuition dollars account for less than a quarter of the financial resources used to run the college.

According to Dian Connert, dean of instructional services, tuition is projected to provide only 23 percent of the general fund next year.

According to the proposed 2004-2005 budget, property tax should provide 27 percent, state resources nearly 40 percent, and fees, interest and miscellaneous revenue (like bookstore sales), will make up the rest.

Although tuition has increased steadily over the past few years, and will continue to do so reaching \$55 per credit hour by '05, and student enrollment has increased, the amount of funding provided by the state is virtually the same as it was in 1999.

This means that tuition dollars now make up a far greater percentage of the overall funding needed to operate the school.

The college's strategic financial plan reveals that in 1999, state payments provided over \$14.5 million for the college, while tuition accounted for less than \$4.5 million. Projections for '04-'05 show \$14.4 million anticipated from the state and \$8.5 million from tuition.

"Next year we are projecting \$8.5 million in tuition, but just instruction is going to [cost] \$16.4 million," said Connert. "We could put every dollar of tuition in instruction and we still wouldn't cover it. Instruction [which will be allotted 45 percent in '04-'05] is truly just what's happening in the classroom."

Other fund requirements include library and computer costs, financial aid services, counseling, advising, registration, insurance and maintenance of college buildings and equipment, grounds maintenance, campus additions and many other expenses.

The college anticipates that over \$36 million will be required to maintain and operate the college next year, over four times what will be collected in tuition payments.

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