



# re state budget cuts

## sal lowers community college funds by 7%

fund.”  
 The good news for Clackamas students is the governor’s promise to double the number of Opportunity Grants available to students from the current 63,000 to 130,000. The governor hopes this will “[open] the doors for more students to attend an Oregon public university or community college.”  
 The other good news is that the fate of students is not set in stone; the proposal will face much revision by state legislators before it gets ratified.  
 “I don’t think the initial proposal will stand as is, because now it has to go through the legislative process. In the entire state budget, only a few state agencies will be cut, and the community colleges were one of them,” CCC President Joe Johnson said.  
 “The governor’s office has already admit-

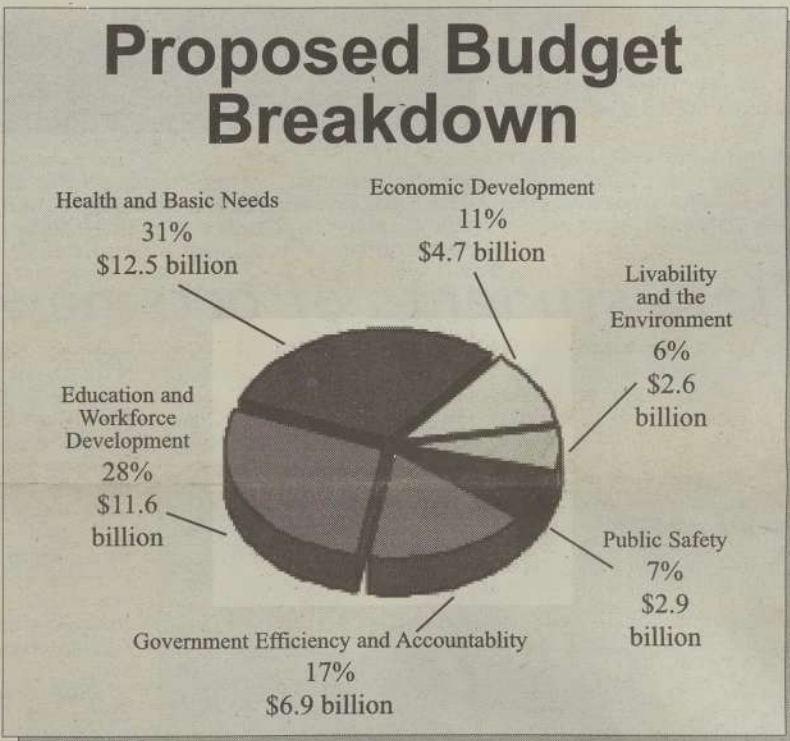
ted they didn’t mean to cut funding for community colleges. I don’t know what the outcome will be, but I think it will be better than what the governor proposed.”  
 According to Johnson, if the new budget passes unchanged, students will see adverse changes to all community colleges, such as cuts to stu-

dent programs and increased tuition, but in the face of this, he remains optimistic.  
 “I am still smiling,” said Johnson in a message to campus faculty. “Remember that we still have control over our institutional destiny, and we are well positioned to respond to any state crises in a reasoned, orderly manner.”

ASG holds BBQ to aid tsunami victims

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Associated Student Government is at it again, this time throwing a tsunami fundraiser in the form of an all-campus barbecue.  
 The event is slated for Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. in the Community Center courtyard. Nicholas Verducci, officer of campus activities, and Grant Bloomhahl, senator of campus activities, are in charge of the event.  
 “We first thought of a barbecue because of the impending blood drive,” Verducci said. “We wanted to offer a lunch to those who gave blood; we ended up changing the day of the barbecue to after the blood drive, giving students a chance to donate to the tsunami relief effort.”  
 ASG will be teaming with the local chapter of Mercy Corps to distribute the donated funds.  
 Mindy Brown, ASG advisor, knows that Mercy Corps will do an excellent job in distributing the donated funds.  
 “We wanted to team with Mercy Corps to give the money,” Brown said. “They will distribute the money ... we presented the idea to the students and it was loud and clear that the students wanted to pick Mercy Corps. We feel real confident that they will distribute the donated money in a real good way.”  
 ASG understands that college students usually do not have large amounts of money to donate, so they will be expecting any kind of monetary support one can give.  
 “College students are broke,” said Verducci. “Students can donate what they can; if you don’t have a lot of extra money don’t worry about it. What students don’t realize is that they do a lot more than donate money, they can donate their service or time to any kind of community service.”  
 The barbecue will be run by the ASG ambassadors who will serve hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken burgers, and vetdogs. The ASG students have a few other ideas in the works for tsunami fundraising, Verducci said.



## Clackamas rolls up on NWAACC competition



L'Trece Prewitt (32) takes it to the house during the Cougars' 68-36 routing of Southwestern Oregon CC on Jan. 8. Prewitt knows how to do it; she scored 20 points while going 7-11 from field 7-11 from beyond the arc. The Cougars will play tonight in the Randall Gymnasium at 5:30 p.m. against cross-river rival Portland CC. The men's game will be directly afterwards at 7:30 p.m.

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## Speech takes first

In a debate tourney at Columbia Basin College in Tri-Cities, Wash. last Friday and Saturday (Jan. 14 and 15) CCC debate team took first place overall. Derrick Ragan brought home five awards including second in debate with partner Brendon Campbell.  
 Being snowed in didn't stop the Pearson family from earning over 10 awards to help the Clackamas team to their first place victory and contribute to their 35 awards.