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SCULPTURES?



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"Altar" by Ken MacKintosh is only one of many sculptures scattered hither and across the campus as part of the fifth Outdoor Sculpture Exposition. A number of the sculptures are out in the open, easy to see, but others take a little more effort to discover. Please see page 6.

## Board approves tuition hike to help carry load

**Katie Wilson**

Co-Editor-In-Chief

Tuition's going up. Sorry. Technology and credit fees are being raised by \$1 each. This will bring the total cost per credit, plus fees, to \$62.

The Board of Education approved the increase at last week's board meeting.

"We can't stand that we're going to raise tuition on students," said Interim President Joanne Truesdell. "We know that's not the best place to go, but it's also important. We need to meet the load."

This load includes an ever-expanding campus, a growing student body and the need for new technology in the classrooms and offices – not to mention the already-established services, such as counseling and advising, and financial aid.

Meeting students' demands and needs is the first order of business.

"If we don't raise tuition, we lose out on funds to support [students'] education," said Truesdell.

Also, it is a bargaining year for the employees of the college: contracts are being reviewed, campus needs evaluated.

"We are in negotiation with all

the associations," said Ron Adams, board of education chair. "You can't ignore the fact that there are expectations there that will probably result in increases. We want to treat these people fairly, too."

The tuition increase is not merely to support existing services, but to improve them.

"If we don't raise tuition, but you still have a 12-week delay with financial aid, keeping tuition down doesn't help anyone," said Truesdell.

"We felt the \$2 increase was reasonable," said Adams.

According to Truesdell, Clackamas is still one of the cheapest options for college-level education in the area. Mt. Hood Community College is currently \$73 in tuition and fees. Chemeketa is \$64.

"We don't feel any obligation to keep up with other colleges," said Adams. "I think we do a good job of controlling costs, but we don't want to fall behind" in technology and education capabilities.

The tuition increase is not tied in with the cost of buying out the contracts of Former College President Joe Johnson and Dian Connett, former vice president of instructional and student services.

"I was assured by [Truesdell] and Bill Dierdorff that it didn't influence the budget at all," said Adams.

In light of the recent events at Virginia Tech, the editors at *The Clackamas Print* would like to alert the campus to an all-campus e-mail that Co-Counseling and Advising Chair Bill Zeulke sent yesterday.

To all members of our College Community:

We have all heard the tragic news of the horrific incidents at Virginia Tech that transpired [Monday]. I am sure none of us, as members of a college community ourselves, can hear of such happenings without being affected at many levels. I want to assure the entire college community that we have a highly qualified staff of counselors available to assist anyone who feels they might benefit from an opportunity to process this experience with someone. Just stop by the Counseling Center in the Community Center or call Sharon Barley, (ext. 2213) the department secretary to make an appointment. Allow me also to remind all of us that we have, through our benefit package, access to an EAP (employment assistance program). Just call 503-215-3561, mention you are from Clackamas and they will connect you with resources. May we all be a support to each other, and the extended members of our communities as we navigate this trauma in our lives.

Bill Zuelke

## Student president gets buzzed in a good way for charity

**Megan Koler**

Staff Editor

Student leaders are taking a little off top to give a whole lot to Oregon's Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

ASG President Tim Lussier will be shaving his hair off today right outside the ASG Office in the Community Center at 2:30 p.m.

The event is being held to raise awareness for Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Lussier chose to support Doernbecher Children's Hospital because of his personal relationship with a cancer-stricken child.

A few years ago, a member and friend of the family through church was diagnosed with leukemia," said Lussier. "While dealing with his horrific disease, he remained very happy and

enjoyed his last days. Doernbecher was instrumental in helping him through his ordeal."

Lussier got the idea for "Buzz the Prez" after reading about the West Linn police holding a charity event for Doernbecher called "Buzz the Fuzz."

"Fuzz is an old police nickname, I learned, so I named my event accordingly after winning the election of ASG last year," said Lussier.

Last year's "Buzz the Prez" event raised over \$300, and Lussier's father's company matched every dollar. They eventually donated over \$600.

100 percent of the money donated to Doernbecher goes toward helping treat 80 percent of the children in Oregon with cancer. Doernbecher is the only place in Oregon for children to receive bone marrow transplants.

"So far, donations have been people's extra change, which is great. We're not asking for large donations," said

Lussier, "but we'll take those, too."

Another ASG member collecting donations is Britney Hoffman, community relations officer, though there is a catch.

"If I personally raise \$150, I am going to shave my eyebrows off," said Hoffman.

"I think [what Britney is doing] is a great example of someone going outside of the ordinary to give a little more of themselves," said Lussier. "I thought it was different, but I think everyone said the same thing about me last year. Maybe they still do."

ASG will continue accepting donations up until the end of the month. They currently have two donation jars in their office.

If anyone is interested in getting involved with Doernbecher outside of Clackamas, they can visit <http://ohsудоernbecher.com> for more information.



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