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Black clouds cover CCC budget

By Brian Baldwin
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All Oregonians know that when it rains here it should be water, not bad news. All state-funded programs in Oregon are subject to a 9 percent cut due to an economic forecast for the coming year, Gov. Ted Kulongoski announced Wednesday, May 26.

The college will have to make up a shortfall of \$1.3 million. Janet Paulson of CCC's public relations said that the college hasn't made any decisions for how it will recover from this reduction.

Parks, transportation, city maintenance, and education every service that is funded receives funding from the state government is going to deduct yet another chunk from its budget.

In a recent interview, Board of Education member Chuck Clemans commented that in the 2007 through 2009 triennium Oregon colleges appropriated about \$500 million, and in the current triennium for 2009 through 2011 colleges had a 10 percent deduction in funds. He projected that we would see less in the next session and

this announcement from the state's executive office reinforces that statement.

"Originally, the anticipated revenue shortfall was roughly \$100 million. For a variety of reasons, the current shortfall for this biennium [statewide] is \$562.6 million," stated Joanne Truesdell, President of CCC, in an e-mail to all staff members.

Students are continuously pushed to the middle as state funding fades and the college has to increase fees and tuition. Last year the college had to increase per credit hour tuition rates by \$10, implemented the "Pay Now or Pay Later" system for paying for tuition, and now they are adding another \$2 per credit hour starting this summer term.

The increase for summer is projected to make the college \$340,000, but the 9 percent decrease in state funding will overshadow that amount that the college will lose in 2011.

"We received our notification of a \$1.3 [million] reduction in state support for Clackamas for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011," Truesdell stated.

Chem control

You may have noticed how lush our campus looks with its green grass and low pesky-insect population, but *at what cost?*

Imagine coming to class and seeing strange gasses emitting from the lawns, consisting of chemicals that kill the weeds and bugs, sprayed by people in hazmat suits. Those kinds of chemicals are being sprayed all around the school, according to art instructor David Andersen (right), who wears a gas mask on campus because of chemicals being sprayed. The only difference is that there are no noticeable gasses or smells.

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Story by Erik Andersen News Editor

Andersen sent a mass e-mail to facility and staff to protest the use of the herbicide. This e-mail can be viewed on our website.



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Oregon City police, Clackamas County Sheriff, Clackamas Department and others set up displays as part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

Sobriety could save students lives

By James Duncan
The Clackamas Print

Imagine for a moment that the last sound you hear is the scream of metal warping and glass shattering, as flashing lights and wailing sirens around your crumpled car start to tunnel and fade before your eyes. The Emergency Medical Technicians and paramedics are cutting through the roof of your car with the Jaws of Life. Before you lose all sensation, you think of your family, the lights overhead, your childhood, the sound of a blaring horn, your friends in the back seat. Fade to black.

"There is a natural cause and effect to anything that you choose. If you say yes to one thing, you say yes to something else," said Lt. Jim Wachlin of Clackamas Community Fire District 1 Engine 16.

"We aren't trying to preach don't drink, don't have a good time," said Wachlin. "The only message we are trying to deliver is awareness."

This last week was the Alcohol Awareness week at Clackamas Community College, presented by the Associated Student Government. They are working to increase people's understanding of

the need to not drink and drive.

"You know awareness is about offering repetitive and frequent opportunities for people to learn," said Director of Oregon Impact, Susan Lehar.

The high point of the week was Wednesday, May 26. Many organizations were present to help drive the point home, including members of Clackamas Community Fire District 1, Oregon Impact, Bird Song and American Medical Response.

"I think it is a great way to remind students [of] the dangers of drinking and driving or driving under the influence," said Dia Bolt, AMR Community Educator. "Right before summer kicks off - graduation, Memorial Day - you know there are all kinds of things that people are drinking, celebrating, and we want to remind them that isn't safe."

There are about 25,000 DUI offenses in Oregon every year. In 2008, 37,261 people were killed behind the wheel of a car, and 13,846 were killed as a result of alcohol. That means that 37 percent of all vehicular deaths are alcohol related.

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