

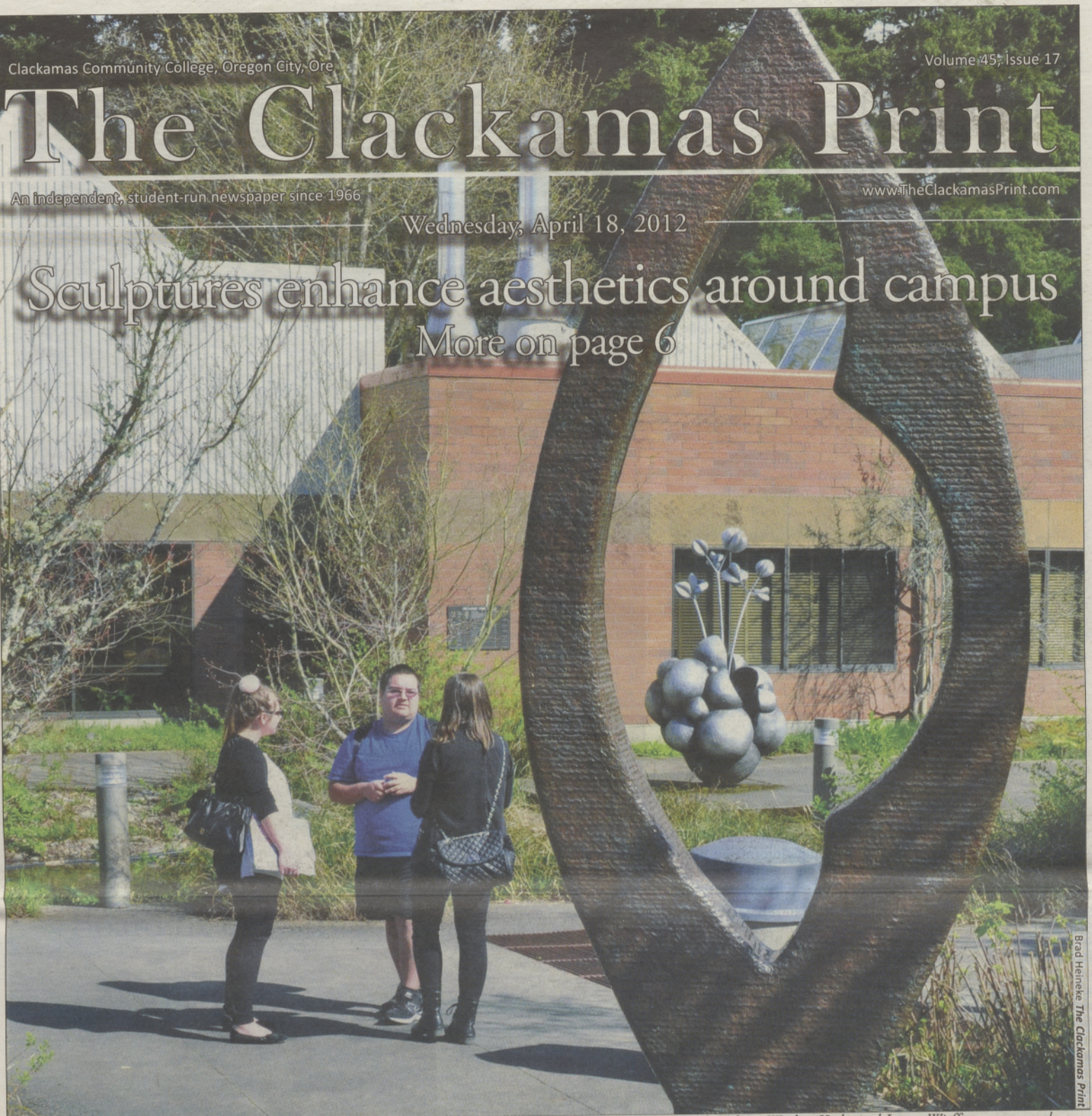
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A sculpture titled "U.F.O." by Gilles Foisy adorns the space between the Pauling science buildings. Students Beth Nelson, Waylon Krebs and Laura Witff converse nearby.

Tuition increase to \$79 draws chafed acceptance from students

By Felicia Skriver
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Students will once again be asked to fork over more money to attend school at Clackamas Community College.

The board of education met last Wednesday to vote on increasing tuition from \$77 to \$79 per credit hour. The targeted amount of \$2 would bring in a drastic amount of revenue to ease the burden of diminishing

state support. The board unanimously voted yes for the increase, but expressed their regard to the financial hardship it would place on some students. The jump is a growing problem for majority of students, but according to the Oregon Community College Association the state's average is little over \$81 per credit hour meaning that Clackamas has some of the cheapest tuition in the Portland area. Over the last 3 years tuition at Clackamas has increased by \$15, and

while some stress over financials, others see it as undeniable inflation to the economy.

"Yeah I see it as sad that I will have to pay more for my education, but what can I do about it? I need an education and therefore, I'm going to end up paying for it anyway," said student Alex Milton.

With current economic climate, colleges have seen less and less funding. Oregon's main flow of revenue — state income tax, has

become increasingly unstable over the last couple of years. Last year alone Governor Kitzhaber was forced to cut \$17 million out of the budget for community colleges in Oregon. As the domino effect hits here at Clackamas we see the consequences first hand. As the numbers in classes get bigger, the budget gets smaller — meaning instructors are forced to take on a bigger job than before. Around 26 vacant positions at the school will remain vacant for the time being

to reduce spending and save the resources we have — saving us around \$1.5 million. At the next Board meeting the possibility of an additional \$20 service fee will be discussed to ease financial worries.

"It is unfortunate that tuition is rising once again, because I myself am very strapped for cash right now, and so I just see it as really unfortunate to see it rise once again," said student Dane Vanderwiele.

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