Knight to discuss triumphs, challenges

Annual Clark College address set for Thursday

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Clark College President Bob Knight will give his 2010 State of the College address Thursday against a backdrop of record student enrollment and likely state budget reductions

The speech begins at 11 a.m. in the Gaiser Student Center on Clark's main campus, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

Doors will open to the public at 10:30

a.m., with first-come, first-served seat-

ing for all guests.

Parking maps and driving directions are available at http://www. clark.edu/maps.

Bob Knight Clark College president

Guests should expect parking to be very tight.

Knight will dis-Knight cuss budget chal-lenges and Clark's contributions and accomplishments

over the past year. He also wi He also will make the rounds at the school's other sites: the Columbia Tech Center building, which opened last September; the Town Plaza train-

ing facility; and Clark's classroom building at Wash-ington State University Vancouver. and

Prior to Knight's keynote address, Clark student ambassadors will col-lect nonperishable food donations that will go to Share Vancouver, provider of emergency shelter and other services

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Donations also will be taken from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Clark's Welcome Center, located in the basement level of the Penguin Union Building, adjacent to Gaiser Hall.

As part of a Children's Hunger Initiative, Share operates a "backpack program," in which food is supplied after school on Fridays to more than after school on Fridays to more than 650 children in 28 regional elemen-tary schools. Absent the food-filled packs, many children might go hun-

packs, many children might go nun-gry during weekends.

For that effort, foods such as gra-nola bars, fruit rolls, canned tuna, soup, cereal, crackers, peanut butter, jam and juice boxes are especially wel-come, Clark officials note.