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## Student-athlete takes own life

Chris Chatfield, student-athlete and 1997 graduate of Oregon City High School, died from self-inflicted gun shot wounds Monday afternoon.

The 20-year old resident of Oregon City, who lived with his parents, ran cross country in 1997 and 1998 and ran distance for the track team in the spring of 1998. He had rejoined the

track squad in recent weeks to finish up his second year of eligibility.

"Chris was the type of person you would love to have on your team," said Head Track Coach Jack Kegg. "He would do anything for anybody. He was an excellent athlete and an excellent student."

Chatfield received his degree

in Building Construction in only a year and a half, according to Kegg, but had plans to obtain a second degree in Engineering to increase his choices of attending four-year colleges next fall.

A funeral has been planned for Thursday at 3 p.m. at Holman, Hankins, Bowker and Waud Funeral Home in Oregon City.



FILE PHOTO

Chris Chatfield (left) and Andy Monhead run together during a track practice two years ago. Chatfield died from self-inflicted gun shot wounds late Monday afternoon. Monhead and Chatfield were friends since their days at Oregon City High School.

Please see next week's issue for further coverage and a look back at the young life of Chris Chatfield.

## Candlelight vigil inspires peace, healing

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News Editor

Last Wednesday's Candlelight Vigil for Tolerance, sponsored by Clackamas' Rainbow Coalition for gay and lesbian students, attracted a group of 60 or more students, faculty, alumni and guests.

They gathered near Gregory Forum in the cold dusk. Kate Gray, Coalition advisor, opened the ceremony and spoke of the incident leading to the vigil—a complaint filed against instructor Dr. Donald Epstein for alleged anti-homosexual remarks in his Judaic Studies/Holocaust class.

"A vigil is wakefulness, or watchfulness," Gray said. "The idea is to heal and progress."

College President John Keyser spoke for the college.

"Thank you for being here and sharing our mutual interest of confirming the college's commitment to diversity and the values that we promote so strongly that lead toward human understanding and compassion..." he began.

"However short we have fallen," he continued, "the gap that remains can be closed, I think, with true col-



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[above] Jeremy VanKeuran, former Clackamas student, lights a candle for Epstein. VanKeuran was the only person to express support for Epstein's teaching style.

[left] Pat Lichen brings her 5-yr-old daughter Hallie to the candlelight vigil that was held last Wednesday evening.

lective human action and our own commitment to making things better."

The President ended his remarks, saying, "And I hope that what we've had here, this experience, leads us in that direction."

Reverend Dominic Taranowski, minister of the United Church of Christ in Beavercreek, also addressed the gathering. His church recently

declared itself an "open and affirming" church in which gays and lesbians are welcome.

"God created the world and all that is in it and pronounced it good," Taranowski said. "For humans to declare homosexuality is to be condemned because 'it was not created by God' is very tenuous theological ground," he added.

"Who are we to say heterosexuality was created by God," he asked, "but homosexuality was not?"

The minister continued, "It is love that needs to be the deciding factor of what is created and not created by God. If there is a gay or lesbian relationship where there is love and commitment, and people are growing, I say God is there."

"So," concluded Taranowski, "it's important to look for God where love is found, and I think love is present here and that's a very powerful thing... to know that this gathering is here to say that love is greater than hate."

English instructor Diane Averill

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## Local author brings stories of courageous women to campus

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A&E Editor

Portland local Katherine Martin, author of *Women of Courage: Inspiring Stories from the Women who Lived Them*, is the guest of honor tonight at 7 p.m. in Gregory Forum at Authors' Night.

Martin will be reading from her book and will be joined by three Portland actresses as well as three of the actual women who contributed stories. Martin's book is a compilation of 41 stories featuring women "who are out there doing things, making things happen."

"This is a version of a theatrical reading," said Martin. "Three actresses will read from the stories, and

then the women themselves sort of meld into the stories at a certain point. It's quite powerful."

Martin was the senior editor at *New Realities* magazine in San Francisco and has contributed numerous stories to *Ms.*, *Parenting*, and *Mothers Today* as well as other publications. She also worked as a screenwriter for Showtime, which she said was not as fulfilling as one might think.

"I was working in Los Angeles as a screen writer," said Martin, "and I was beginning to feel very stuck." Martin said she was being sucked into the "Hollywood undertow," as one columnist put it.

"I was accustomed to seeing what I wrote in print within six months at least, and in Los Angeles things hap-

pened in terms of years," said Martin. "I was beginning to feel very impotent."

After moving to Portland from Los Angeles, Martin began to look for women to profile in her book. She wanted to meet people who had done extraordinary things, and to write stories that gave inspiration to the reader.

"Writers often write about things they want to learn about," said Martin. "I wanted that bigger than life, courage stuff to rub off on me."

The original manuscript took two and a half years to research, write and edit. She met with a wide variety of people to complete the book, including senators, actresses and ordinary women who took the extra step to

change their lives. Of all 41 true stories in the book, half were written by Martin and half by the women themselves.

Tonight, Martin will talk about the great surprises she encountered while compiling the book, and will relay a few of the emotional stories of the 41 women.

"It is written in a very emotionally-available way," explained Martin. "They (the women in the book) got very vulnerable in their storytelling, so when you read it you really feel like you are inside somebody's skin."

Included in the book is a story of a 19-year-old college student who went to help at refugee camps by the Thai-Cambodian border and was

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TIMOTHY A. BELL / Clackamas Print Katherine Martin