

# Student shaken up after accident

Cory Price, staff writer for the Print, and Steve McCaffrey, Clackamas student, were in an auto accident Jan. 27 on Maplelane in Oregon City. The following is a first person account of the accident, written by Price.

**Cory Price**  
Staff Writer

They say your life flashes before your eyes. My life never did that. In my case, things slowed to a near halt, then everything went black as night.

When I awoke moments later I was upside down with no clue as to what happened. I looked over to see my friend Steve mumbling unknown words and rambling. I immediately realized what had happened. My jeep went off the road and rolled down a nearly vertical 25 foot drop off.

Unable to comprehend what was going on, I crawled out of the window. As I went up the hill to get help my back was in excruciating pain,



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Student Cory Price mangled his Jeep Wrangler in an accident he and Steve McCaffrey were involved in on Maplelane Road Jan. 27.

and I felt blood dripping down my face. When I got to the road I saw no one but a strange man down the road walking our way. With no warning at all Steve regained his ability to speak and started to yell frantically for help.

I ran and slid down the hill to see if Steve was alright. He was thrash-

ing and trying desperately to escape from the car, but he was tangled in his seatbelt. I tried to calm him down but he wouldn't listen.

Suddenly I heard a car coming down the road. Hastily I crawled back up the hill to flag down the motorist. He almost didn't stop but when he realized how hurt I was he

came to a halt and jumped out of his car to come help. He and I went back down the hill to help Steve, who was still yelling. A few minutes passed and then a few more. It felt like hours waiting for the paramedics.

Finally, I heard the sirens blaring, but they still sounded far away. A police officer showed up first, then a whole barrage of fire trucks and ambulances. They secured a rope that pulled me out of that hole for the last time. As I pulled myself out of the ravine I was greeted by a paramedic who strapped me to a board and loaded me into the ambulance. I was rushed away from the scene with no clue as to how Steve was doing.

When I arrived at the hospital I was examined by what felt like every doctor there and poked at like a lab rat. They were very concise in their evaluations of me and discovered that I had a compressed fracture in my back. It took them two different x-rays to find that, and I worried that if they did any more I would start to glow. They kept me

overnight for safety's sake, and released me the next day.

Steve was kept for five days due to bleeding on his brain, which they drained off. The doctors said that he will recover fully. I, on the other hand, have to wear a back brace for two months.

I was very lucky to survive such a horrific accident and to be able to walk away from the crash with only a back injury, and I am grateful for that. It has taught me many things, and it has changed me for the better. Every time I get into the car now I am a more defensive driver. I have a new respect for life, and every night before I go to sleep I stop and thank God for giving me another chance.

The bad things are the nightmares that I have to endure. It feels like every night I have a dream that I am getting into a car accident, thus causing me to always be tired and unable to concentrate. Those are things that come with a traumatic incident, and it will take time for me to heal. But the important thing is that I am still alive and able to share what I feel is a miracle and blessing from God.

## ASG President Molly Stanley: dedicated to future Molly's passion for scholarships is driven by family encouragement

**Sadie McCarthy**  
Staff Writer

Molly Stanley's passion for scholarships has shaped specific goals for not only her future, but also the future of Clackamas Community College. This passion, she claims, has been inspired by her family's encouragement and support throughout her transition into adulthood.

"I had never been outgoing before," Stanley said. "But now I'm having people come up to me for advice and the position I hold has really stretched me."

Her position happens to be the president of Clackamas' Associated Student Government (ASG).

"I'm the youngest of four daughters who all came to Clackamas. They were involved with student leadership and gave me a lot of good advice based on their experiences," Stanley said.

Stanley grew up in a small town just

outside of Estacada, where she was home schooled, then attended the Portland Christian High School, where her father teaches.



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ASG President Molly Stanley

"Both of my parents have been strong role models in my life, even though they are [strict] once in a while," said Stanley.

"I'm planning on transferring to

Western Oregon after this spring to complete my degree in elementary education," she said. "I'd like to teach either first, second or third grade."

Stanley first recognized her interest in influencing children when she worked as a counselor at an Estacada-based summer camp. "I really enjoyed it! I love to motivate young children because they are most impressionable at that age. It is extremely important for the rest of their lives," she said.

Now that she is leader of Clackamas' student government, it is her goal to continue promoting educa-

tion. She assures that she can speak for the entire student government when she claims that helping students succeed is the best part of being involved with ASG.

"It's so good to know that we are providing a meaningful service," said Stanley.

One of the significant programs that the ASG has revised and organized this year is child care. Spending on average 10 hours a week in the Student's Activities Office, she and her team make grants available for specific needs, such as single mothers in need of sup-

port.

"Another thing, (ASG is) proud to have made Randall's room 101 available for students and clubs to utilize," Stanley said. "Everything we accomplish adds to our learning and growing experience, we're all very dedicated."

Several legislative visits to Salem are scheduled to occur during the spring. Stanley's last term here. With those visits, she and her team want to express the concerns that many students have in regards to the future of our education, especially after the failure of Measure 28.

## Covell: Speaker makes custom tank

tion because a perfectly fine piece of metal can easily be ruined. There is no way to fix or patch a hole that has been melted.

The main approach Covell took was the shape and stretch technique. He had a cutout of what one half of the motorcycle tank was going to look like made out of aluminum sheet. Laying the cutout on a sandbag, Covell used a hammer to shape his tank. The first hit was made in the center of the cutout to get the design started. He followed with a series of hits, pounding out the rough shape he wanted. The product looked like shrapnel from a train wreck. He then brought the piece over to his stretching machine where he manually ran his project through what appeared to be two moving cylinders. Covell moved the cylinders close together to fit his piece of metal and then began smoothing out his tank. After about 10 minutes of smoothing he had a

beautifully-shaped first half of a gas tank with no dents.

After a half-hour intermission and treats, the crowd reassembled for the second half of the presentation, which continued demonstrations on the aluminum sheet metal.

This fun-filled evening came to an end with great results. People who knew nothing about motorcycles before attending this show left with the knowledge needed to start their own projects. Overall the event was very successful as it has been for the last three years.

Covell will hit 17 other locations nationwide this year performing workshops. He may be back next year for his fifth Clackamas appearance.

For more information about Covell or questions regarding automotive information, contact Pam Brown or the auto department at ext. 2354.

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Portland Center (12753 S.W. 68th Ave.) Thursday, February 27, Wednesday, March 5  
Clackamas Community College (19600 S. Molalla Ave., Oregon City) Tuesday, February 11  
Salem Red Lion Inn (3301 Market St. N.E.) Wednesday, February 26  
George Fox University Salem Center (2600 Pringle Rd. S.E.) Monday, March 10