

Brother and Sister: Competitive family's youngest keeps spirits up

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Editor's Note: This is the second part of a three-part series on the Kamahoaho siblings, Ryan and Malia. The third part will appear next week.

As the youngest child in a very competitive family, Ryan Kamahoaho – younger brother of Clackamas – freshman volleyball player Malia Kamahoaho – absolutely loves sports. With two coaches for parents and three siblings heavily involved in sports, Ryan has always had a game to watch and a team to cheer, even if he couldn't see them.

Ryan was born with WAGR syndrome. As a result of the syndrome, he was born without an iris in either eye, a condition called aniritea, and is legally blind.

His mother, Jackie, also explained that he has what is considered "highly functional" mental retardation, and after two bouts with kidney cancer (another condition of Ryan's syndrome), Ryan went under the knife again to have a kidney transplanted, provided by Jackie herself when Ryan was only nine years old.

"We were out of time and put him on dialysis," said Jackie. "Not only were we the fastest work-up they'd ever done in the history of OHSU ... but he ended up healthier than he had been."

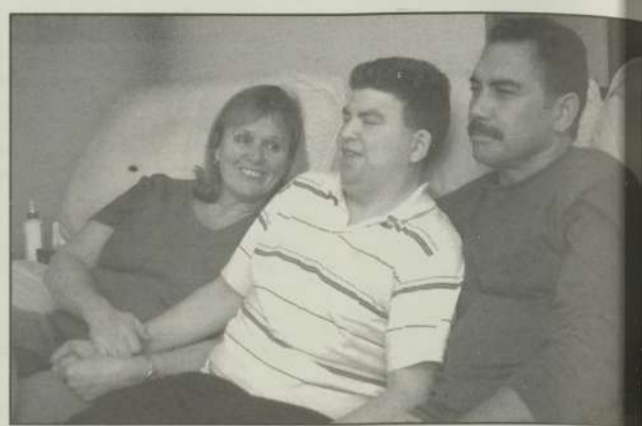
According to a story The Oregonian printed about Ryan – which is proudly pinned to the family's refrigerator – he has also survived nearly 60 other surgeries, and had been in and out of one hospital or another at least once or twice a year, every year of his life.

"I think it was his sophomore year when we almost lost him again," Jackie said. "It was because of his immune system deficiency. There's a parasite they found in the water that got into his body ... and he hung in there. We



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LEFT: Ryan and Cougar volleyball player Carla Crowder – were crowned Canby High homecoming royalty in 2005. Ryan and Queen reunited at the NWAACC championships last season. RIGHT: Ryan. RIGHT WITH mom Jackie and dad Bryan (right).



for the story on the fridge – and likes hanging out with his brother and sister playing ping pong and spending time with their friends.

"He cruises with me sometimes," said Ryan's older brother, Derek. "[My friends] love him. He's hilarious,

and he's so outgoing and funny ... he's always the life of the party. I wish I could take him to more parties, but my parents won't let me."

Based on statistics alone, Ryan Kamahoaho should not be alive today. Instead, he's now 19 years old and has grown to affect the lives of his family and the people around him in ways that those closest to him never expected.

"Anyone that comes in contact with him, he's going to change their life to an extent, but when you're blood, and you're going to see him for the rest of your life ... there's some serious life-changing things that happen," said Derek. "Some people call him handicapped, and I just see him on a different level. It's like God has given him gifts that very few people have."

kind of look at him like this amazing, lucky, little miracle."

Ryan might have had trouble medically, but his family concedes that – through their efforts as well as his own – he certainly lives a "highly functional" lifestyle.

"He can stay home by himself now," said his father, Bryan. "He wasn't babied or spoiled. He was raised just like [the other kids]. He was expected to act correctly and do things properly."

Another big part of the reason Ryan's family considers him a blessing is Ryan's perpetually positive disposition.

"He's a pleaser. He wants to help people, and he's always thinking about others first, which is a little different from most people," said Bryan.

In his free time, Ryan likes to play golf – which was the basis

Catch student ski bus

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With snow still falling on Mt. Hood, the ski and snowboard season is far from over, and the Associate Student Government is ready to provide a ride for frugal fans of the slopes.

The ASG ski bus is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 10, and provides more than just a set of wheels to get riders up the mountain. Lift tickets, rentals and even lessons are available at the ASG lessons in the Community Center.

The process of signing up is much easier than most college programs.

"The hardest thing is to have your doctor's name on the Meadows form," said Campus Activities Officer David Black. "Your payment reserves your spot."

All the basic information can be obtained from flyers and handouts in the ASG office, and if there are any questions about the ski bus, Black is ready to answer them.

According to the official information sheet, the bus will leave

the Tri-Met turnaround in front of Roger Rook at 12:45 p.m. The bus will leave the mountain at 9 p.m. and be back to the school in time for riders to run home and watch *Saturday Night Live*.

The ski bus is a yearly tradition, and usually has more than one run per year.

"We had one scheduled for the 27, but that was the week of all the snow," said Black. "There will be another one, but we'll see."

The ride itself will cost \$10 for students and \$13 for non-students.

"It's really more of a service for students," Black explained.

Lift tickets, rentals and lessons are all available to those who sign up for the ski bus. For a ride and a lift ticket, it's only \$20 for students and \$30 for non-students.

The bus is available to novice and veteran skiers and snowboarders.

"Once you're up there, you're on your own," said Black.

"We'll be playin' a movie and have snacks for the ride," said Black. So, bring a friend, family member or ski-buddy for a cheap, carefree night of snow-induced euphoria.

"The materials and exercises have immediate application – and the discussions help put those principles into practice."

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Brian Howarth can tell you anything you need to know about the Criminal Justice Department at Clackamas.

He really should know: he developed a good portion of the curriculum and has taught many of the classes offered, including one of the most popular Criminal Justice classes, Mass Murders and Homicide.

"It goes with the time; the Hannibal Lecter side of the world, CSI things," said Howarth.

Howarth started his law enforcement career at Western Oregon University as a reserve officer for Monmouth Police in 1970. He moved on to work for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission as an undercover officer.

"It was crazy," said Howarth. When the OLCC suggested he transfer to Klamath Falls, Howarth took a position at the Clackamas Police Department so that he wouldn't have to move his family.

Aside from teaching at the college, Howarth enjoyed a 26-year career at CPD. Howarth was responsible for recruiting, hiring, reserve officers, Homeland Security, Human Resources, and was the Public Information Officer for the force from 1994 until his

retirement in 2005.

"I was very proud of my department," said Howarth. "That's important to know because people get unhappy with their jobs and treat it like a prison cell."

In 1980, Howarth took a position at the college teaching Prison, Jail and Detention. Howarth isn't take for granted the staff he's worked with while at the college. He gives credit to Jim Brouillette, former Criminal Justice Department Chair, who the Clackamas County Public Safety Center is named for, Richard Ashbaugh, the current Criminal Justice Department Chair, Instructor Ida Flippo, and Tina Kramer, a former student and now a colleague of Howarth's here at the college.

Department Secretary, Dianna Sheperd is credited by Howarth as the "real wind in the sails. She keeps the udder in the water."

Make up the students that make up the best part of his day, though.

"Any teacher should take as much out of the term as the student gets," said Howarth.

"He's an easy-going

guy," said John Bergeron, a Clackamas Cadet and criminal justice student of Howarth's. "I would say he's well-versed in the subject matter."

After Winter Term, Howarth and his wife will be moving to Richland, Wash. to be closer to his family of three children and seven grandchildren.

"I'll just enjoy life," he said.



HOWARTH