



# 40 YEARS AND ALL THAT JAZZ



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Music from a very enthusiastic marimba band – Chicamarimba – drifted across campus from the direction of the Niemeyer Center last Saturday.

The center itself, all doors thrown open, hosted a large crowd of faculty, community members, families and the few scattered students. Outside was an improvised stage where groups, such as Chicamarimba, serenaded visitors. Inside were readings, performances by the jazz band and the chamber ensemble. In Gregory Forum, the international stage took over with mini-drama performed by Spanish students and a puppet play put together by French students.

From noon until 5 p.m., the college celebrated its 40 years of existence. "I thought it went wonderfully," said Shelly Parini, dean of college advancement and foundation executive director.

Parini was instrumental in organizing the event. "Everyone rallied together to make it a really memorable day," she said. It was a day of food, art, music and memories.

People were ushered into the Osterman Theater later in the afternoon for the only formal timeslot of the party.

Former College President Dr. John Hakanson spoke about the beginning years of the college. One of the first ever CCC graduates shared what Clackamas gave to her. The Theatre Department performed a vignette from their upcoming production, *Oklahoma!*

Dean of Humanities Bill Briare announced the winners of the community Art Mystery. The winners, a group dedicated to hunting treasure, decided to give their prize – a Dell laptop computer, a year's tuition waiver, a \$100 bookstore gift certificate and a basket of "goodies," according to Briare – back to the college to award to a student as a scholarship.

"It was fun for me to put together," said Briare about the Art Mystery. When asked if another art mystery is planned for the future, his only comment was: "Anything is possible."

The event officially closed with everyone singing "Happy Birthday" to Clackamas Community College.



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 Celebrating the college's 40 years! TOP: Counseling Chair Ellen Wolfson plays with her marimba band, Chicamarimba. MIDDLE: Samantha Madison, sitting in the sun and enjoying the balloons outside the Niemeyer Center. ABOVE: The CCC Chamber Ensemble performs under the direction of Instructor Gary Nelson. LEFT: The old Oregon City Trolley gives tours of the campus throughout the afternoon.



# Cougs take second in heartbreaker

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The 2007 softball season ended Monday at Delta Park for the Clackamas Cougars as they dropped a heartbreaker in the NWAACC championship game to Lower Columbia College 3-2, giving the Lady Red Devils their second consecutive title and eighth in the last five years.

The Cougars took on LCC in CCC's third game of the day and jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning on consecutive RBI doubles by Jessica Slocum and Casey Forbitto. The Red Devils tied the game in the fourth on a two-run homer by Hayley Ridout.

The Cougars were robbed of potential home runs by Sam Daline in the fifth and Katie King in the seventh by catches by LCC outfielders, then the Red Devils pushed across a run in the bottom of the seventh to win the game and the title. Renee Santos capped a memo-

orable freshman season on the mound for Clackamas, tossing her third game in six hours on Monday in the loss, striking out 12 Red Devils hitters and only surrendering four hits. Santos added to her school-record strikeout total during the tournament, striking out 70 during the weekend, and finishing the season with 404 K's, which is believed to be an NWAACC single-season record. Her total leaves her only 36 strikeouts short of the Clackamas career record held by Holly Marlow.

"It truly was a great softball game, played by the two best programs in the Northwest. We played great, got great pitching and good defense," said Head Coach Jessica Farnsworth. "We got robbed by great Lower Columbia defense, so we easily could have won this game. We just fell a little



A Highline CC Thunderbird looks astonished as a fastball zooms over home plate striking her out. The Lady Cougs beat the Thunderbirds 7-1 Friday during the NWAACC softball tournament.

short, but this loss doesn't take away what a great season that we had. Just awesome."  
**Game 1**  
 Clackamas opened tourna-

ment play on Friday with a 7-1 victory over Highline CC. Santos, who was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's All-American

team earlier in the week, struck out 11 and allowed only two hits in the victory.  
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