

Memories of Ritch Espino ride on

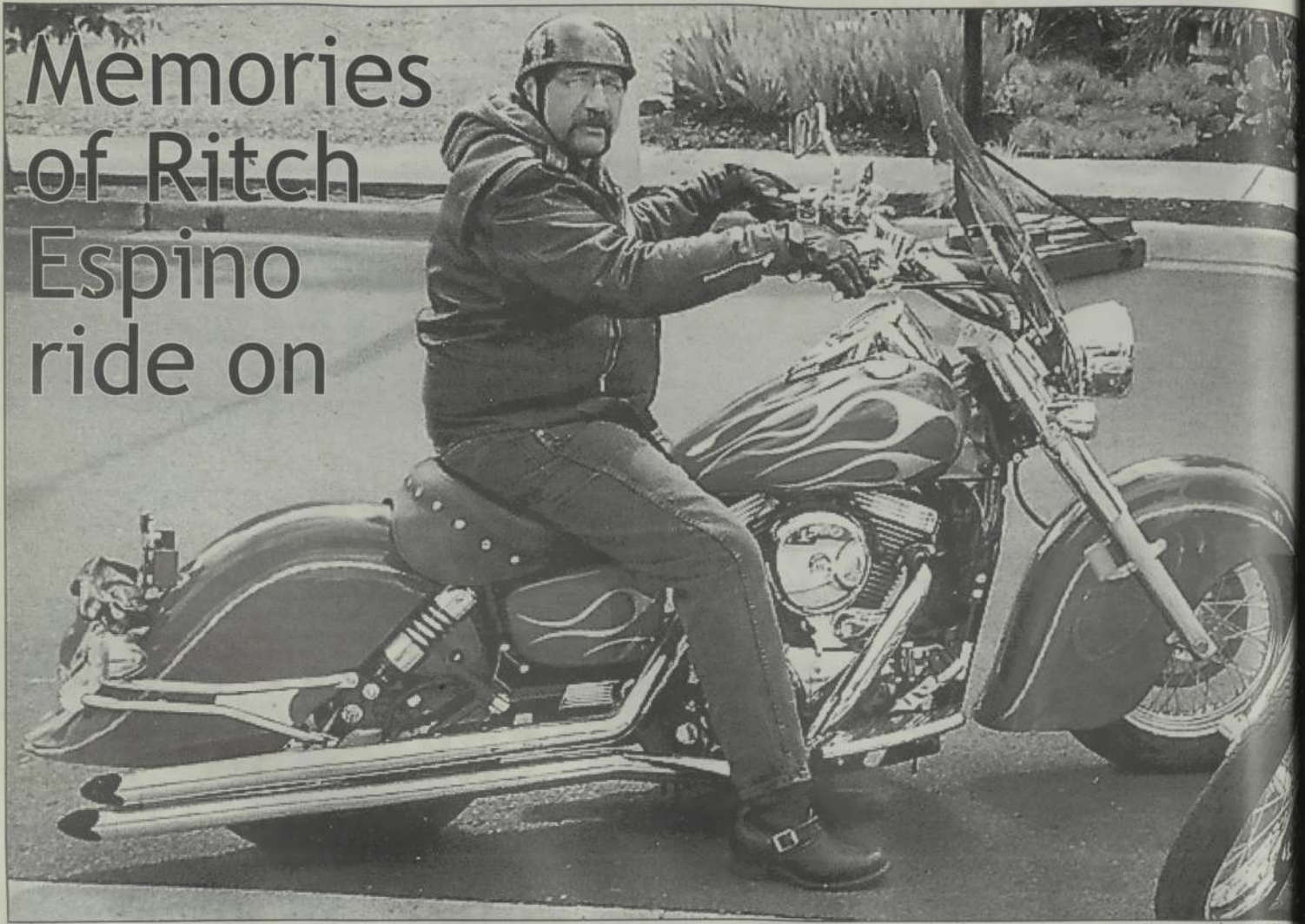


Photo contributed by Ritchie Espino

By Abigail Neet
News Editor

Ritch Espino was a very busy man. While teaching at Clackamas Community College, Espino was also a partner at Lovejoy Chiropractic and retired in 2007 to spend more time teaching and with his family.

Espino died unexpectedly on Thursday, Jan. 28.

Espino had been the lead full-time instructor of anatomy and physiology at Clackamas since 1989. Espino got his associate's degree from Clackamas and earned his doctorate in Chiropractic Medicine from

Western States Chiropractic College in 1990.

Espino resided in Oregon City since graduating from Clackamas.

He was born in Los Angeles, Calif. on April 11, 1951.

He is survived by his three sons, Ritchie Espino Jr., Joey Espino and Nico Espino, his two sisters Marisela Cruz and Liz Gomez of Anaheim, Calif. and preceded in death by his parents Ricardo and Alicia Espino.

"He was extremely dedicated, probably the most selfless person. He always put everyone before himself," said Naomi Sether, department secretary of Engineering, Life and Physical Science. "He was so much

more than a friend," Sether added tearfully.

"The most important thing to him was people succeeding," Sether said.

Kelly Steigleder, assistant to the dean of business, math and sciences, said, "He was very much a mentor. He was an incredible worker and an incredible friend. He was the type of person you wanted to know. So good and pure, he drew people in, he had such a big heart." In his spare time, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle and playing in his band.

Although Steigleder and Sether discussed whether or not his motorcycle was a Harley or a Kawasaki,

they both agreed he enjoyed his bike. Ritchie Espino, Espino's son, cleared up the situation and admitted that his father's bike was a Kawasaki.

"He did everything he could to make it look like a Harley," Ritchie Espino said.

"He enjoyed so many things," Ritchie Espino added. "He was a big car guy."

According to Sether, he loved to party and was the best host ever.

"He loved being with his friends and above all loved being with kids," Sether said.

Ritchie Espino also said his father put out three records in the 1970s and was a great drummer as well as

singer. "He was an excellent musician. I believe me. I went to the party," Sether said.

Ritchie Espino was famous in his own right about his father's music. "He was an awesome dad."

He also added that his father meant a lot to him. "He was a great dad," he said, also saying, "He was an awesome dad."

A memorial service will be held in Gregory Forum Saturday at 2 p.m.

Donations can be made to Ritch Espino Children's Fund at OnPoint Credit Union.

Mingo moves behind the camera for fall term sabbatical

By Erik Andersen
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Andy Mingo, a broadcast journalism professor and movie script writer, has decided to go on sabbatical for the next fall term.

When asked what sabbatical was Mingo said, "Depending on the institution ... generally around every seven years, full time faculty are given a year off for research and/or professional development. So it's basically paid leave."

According to Mingo, sabbatical is a "great aspect of academia."

Mingo goes on by explaining that

it is a great time for professors to do things such as write books and heighten their skills.

Even though Mingo has decided to take just the fall term off, it is possible to take as much as a year off for sabbatical.

During his time off, Mingo has decided to work on a short film that he has written the script for, one in which he wants the plot to be kept secret until he is done, hopefully in the late fall. He said that they will be going into production some time in the late summer and into the fall where he will then finish up such ends as shooting and editing.

Mingo explained that he mainly

works on drama these days and that this film will be no exception.

Aside from making the film, Mingo also anticipates learning more about the new equipment his classes have, such as the new cameras, and to "become more proficient in all aspects in digital film making and production," he said.

To take the temporary place of Mingo's next fall will be part-time professor Brian Lindstrom who currently teaches digital video editing here at Clackamas Community College.

"[Mingo] invited me to teach and I thought it would be a great experience," Lindstrom told Clackamas News Online reporter Brian Baldwin.

"I love teaching and I love being on campus," said Lindstrom.

Lindstrom explained to Baldwin that when he was around 18 or 19 and fresh into college, he became interested in telling stories and how film was able to do that.

Lindstrom went to film school for directing and screen writing. Since then he has made a couple of documentaries called "To Pay my Way with Stories," which he said follows three participants in what is called "Write Around Portland," a series of writing workshops. Lindstrom also made a film called "Finding Normal" where he follows three long term crack and heroin addicts as they try

to regain their lives after the film aired on OPB and shown in Portland.



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