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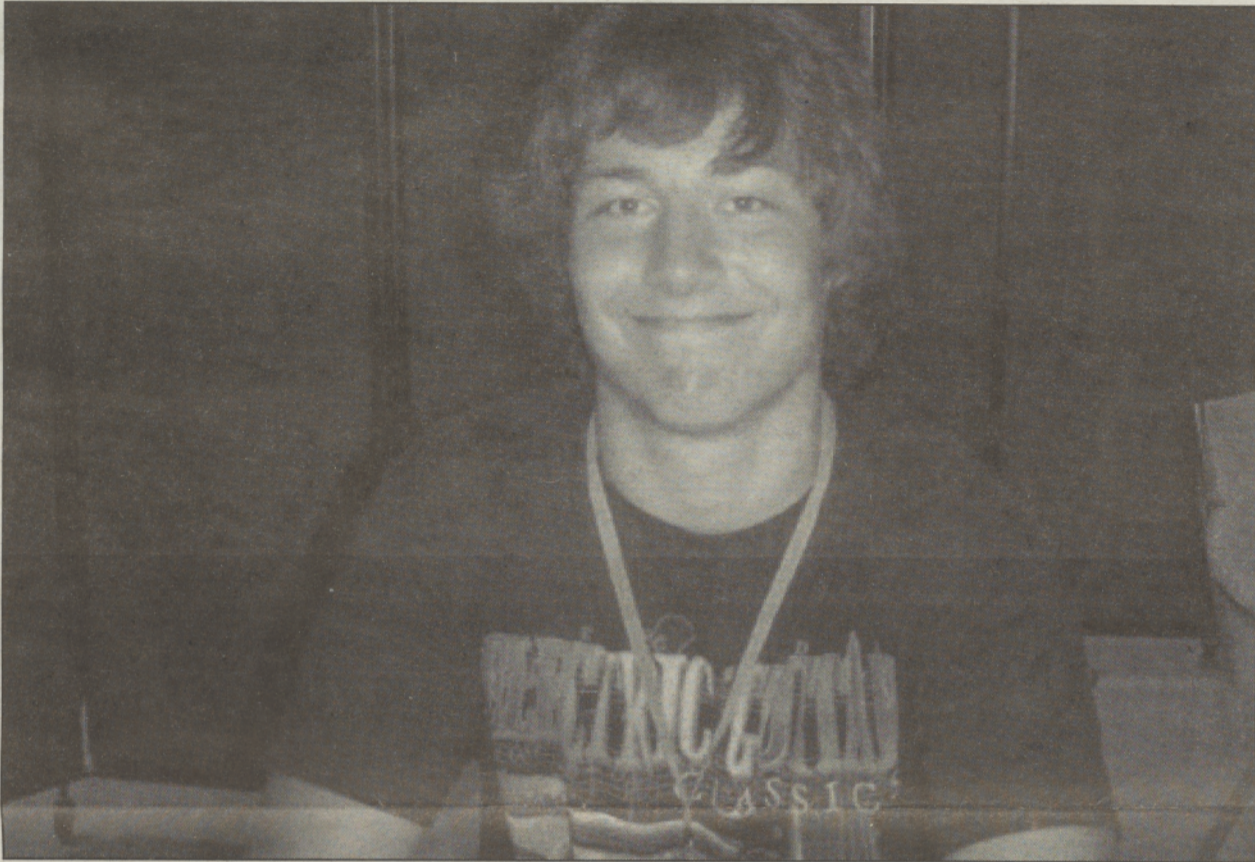
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Remembering Cody Myers

Clackamas student victim of tri-state killing spree

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Niemeyer, the building that holds the Clackamas Community College's music program, is normally bustling with music majors singing or playing instruments between classes. But during the past week it seems to have taken a different tone as the story of what happened to fellow music major Cody Myers is beginning to come to light.

Myers, 19, left Saturday, Oct. 1, for a solo road trip to a jazz festival in Newport but never arrived. A Facebook group titled 'Find Cody Myers' started, in an effort to find the teen. It has 1,653 "likes" to date but the efforts to find Myers alive were futile. A body found 10 miles southwest of Corvallis on Oct. 5 was confirmed to be that of the Clackamas student.

What happened to Myers in the last moments of his life is still unknown, as police departments are withholding information to protect the sanctity of the ongoing investigation. What is known is that he died of gunshot wounds to the head and chest. The suspects, David Joseph Pedersen and Holly Grigsby, were found driving his car just north of Sacramento, CA. They are now suspects in four murders in three states.

Grigsby and Pedersen are being held in Yuba County in California on \$1 million bail. They are being charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful taking of a vehicle as well as other charges. They are wanted in Oregon, Washington, California and federally. Which state will be the most appropriate for them to be held in is yet to be determined.

Grigsby and Pedersen appeared in court on Tuesday, Oct. 11, but the results of the court hearing were not available before print. They have not yet been formally charged with murder. According to Lt. Gregg Hastings of the Oregon State Police Department that can happen as soon as tomorrow

or as late as a few days from now depending on results from the ongoing investigation.

He said that though the family is struggling they are, "a special group of people," and have been, "very supportive," throughout the investigation.

Rather than focusing on the details of Myers' last moments, students are striving to remember him for his optimism and love for music. Friends say that he was always there for them when they needed him. He was always happy and willing to share his love for music, God and life.

Student Erin Irish, became friends with Myers when they met fall term of last year through music classes and riding the bus together. "He caught me off guard because he was so friendly and just a sweet person. He was always laughing and smiling and just a happy person," Irish stated in an interview conducted over Facebook.

The last time Irish saw Cody Myers she told him she liked his guitar strap. "He turned around and told me his uncle had given it to him, and that he felt that it was what made him feel the groove of the music," she stated.

Irish told Myers that her birthday was the following day. "He told me 'Happy Birthday. I hope it's the best day of your life and you get everything you wish for.'"

This was the last time Irish saw Myers. He went missing on her birthday.

"He was just an amazing person. Someone you could just talk to for hours and he would always make you feel better even if you weren't upset," she stated.

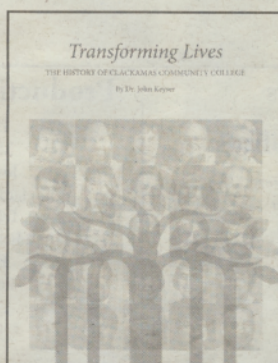
Kevin Asman, who played with Myers, described him as a "stereotypical all American boy, the kid who always did the right thing, was respectful" and, "a young man who an older man could really take an example from."

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