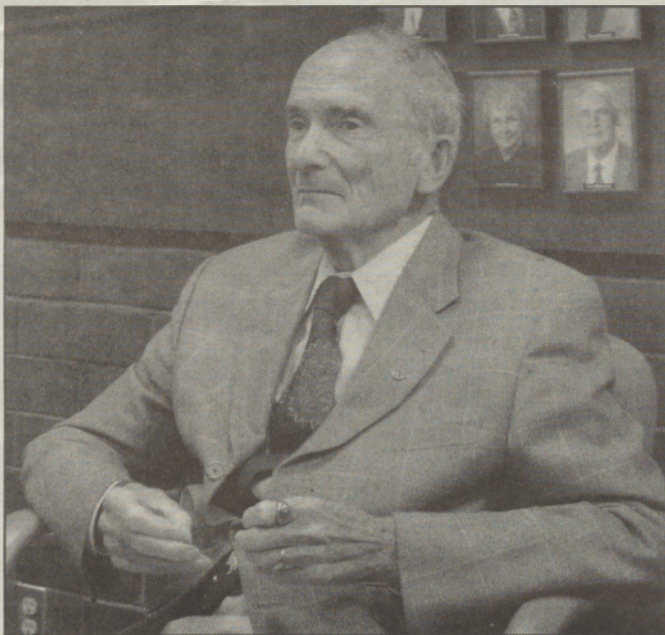


Clemans recovering from July fourth trauma



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Clemans sits patiently in the community center. He is one of seven Board of Education members at CCC.

The next CCC Board of Education meeting is Oct. 12 in CC-127 at 5 p.m. Clemans is expected to be in attendance.

By Patty Salazar
News Editor

"It really is a miracle that he is alive," said Karen Martini, executive director of the Clackamas Community College Foundation, about Board of Education member and College Foundation member, Chuck Clemans.

During the Fourth of July weekend while everybody was celebrating Independence Day with a barbecue, fireworks and good old family fun, Clemans' fun came to a screeching halt when he fell on his head causing him to be knocked unconscious.

Clemans wife Nancy Hungerford called the paramedics. They arrived to Clemans breathing and without a heartbeat. Once doctors at Willamette Falls Hospital realized the seriousness of his head injury, they rushed him to Oregon Health and Science University for further evaluation where Clemans was in the Intensive Care Unit there until Aug. 2.

While in ICU, Clemans had several surgeries; along with getting rid of a hematoma, he had a defibrillator planted in his chest and had a

titanium plate placed in his skull to protect his brain.

"He was always there but just couldn't express himself," said Jack Hammond, Foundation member and longtime friend.

Hammond explained that the first visits were difficult for communication. Clemans was unable to talk due to a tracheotomy which led him to use hand signals to communicate with visitors. He was given a voice box to use while Hammond was visiting.

"All of a sudden he was there and was talking like we used to... It was back to normal times."

"I give my wife big credit, because when you are in the hospital somebody else has the key to your room, you want to make sure that somebody else is someone you can lean on and trust and that would be my wife Nancy," said Clemans.

Clemans has been a part of the Board of Education for CCC for more than eight years and last spring Clemans and former CCC Student, Marlo Smith, went head to head for the Board of Education seat. Clemans ultimately beat Smith, making it Clemans' third term on the Board of Education.

Now, three months after the accident, Clemans is back to attending

Board of Education meetings, foundation meetings and even going to rotary with friends.

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CCC Foundation member

Though his injuries have created some setbacks, Clemans explained his priorities have changed after his accident. He now has to decide where and when he can accept speaking invitations, and he is more careful on what he agrees to do.

Clemans is sporting a few new scars such as a dent on his head that could not be repaired. Although it has been a long process it is clear to see he has made great progress and is striving to get back to the way his life was before the accident.

CCC student rolls the dice on Portland mayoral election

By Brian Baldwin
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What would a 19 year old do after high school? Take some college classes, watch sports or hang out with their friends. Lincoln High School graduate and current Clackamas Community College student Max Brumm is giving his post high school life a more political approach by putting his name into the 2012 mayoral run for Portland.

Brumm is a baseball player here at Clackamas and right now is getting his pre-requisite classes out of the way. He's been a college student for two years now, making the switch to Clackamas after he found out that none of the Portland area community colleges had a baseball program. And when he isn't in class, conducting interviews, gathering supporters or playing baseball, he enjoys spending time with his friends and playing Dungeons & Dragons as a reckless warrior character.

Brumm was always politically minded, though he didn't necessarily approve of the way things were being run. One day after baseball practice he had an epiphany. If he felt he could run the city better than current Portland mayor Sam Adams can, why not do it? He gathered friends and family and made a team that he hopes will help win him the mayor's office.

I sat down with Brumm and discussed what issues he would face as mayor and what his plans would be.

The Clackamas Print: What made you decide to go for Portland mayor at 19?

Max Brumm: Well I've always been involved in politics. Like my grandparents, they worked for Wayne Morris for Senator.

TCP: Now, what made you do it? What was that last straw?

MB: I was in the car on the way to baseball practice from Lincoln [High School] going to Gabriel Park and something came on the news, I think it was 2008, about the Sellwood Bridge and the city was going to rebuild it. Multnomah County owns and operates and repairs all of the bridges. And I said 'That's ridiculous. Why is the city paying the money to do that? It's a county issue. The mayor shouldn't do that. I can run the city better!'

It was kind of like a joke with my teammates and then it evolved into 'Hey, that's a great idea.' Like people always say, if you want change or you want to do something go do it yourself.

TCP: What do you say to those that may say 'What experience do you have to run the city? What makes you think

you can do it?'

MB: I say back to them, 'What has experience gotten us? What experience have politicians given us?'

TCP: What can you do to prove to voters that they should vote for you?

MB: The big thin for me basically is the ideas of a candidate. Other candidates are raising a million dollars for a job that only makes \$180,000 a year. That's not a very smart investment. I think that the political system has become corrupt in the sense that money buys elections and the idea that if you throw enough money at someone you'll get their vote.

TCP: How are you getting your name out there?

MB: By being everywhere I can. I'm going to neighborhood association meetings, every street fair, every event that goes on in Portland and make an appearance there, just getting out there and with the people. I don't think the other candidates are really doing that much to get personal and interacting with people. Every time I meet someone new I ask them what they think the city needs to change, and they always tell me something different each time. I'm trying to get a feel for what the people living there want.

TCP: What are some of the major issues they are really caring about?

MB: Basically funding and how some of the city projects are funded.

TCP: What benefits would you try to bring to Portland?

MB: I have a couple ideas on how to fight gang violence in the Portland area. I want to get 500 scholarships for Portland schools and house the students there with city housing with urban renewal money. Then each of those students is required to work 80 hours in different bureaus in the city getting job experience while getting a bachelors or associates degree, whichever is needed for them to become a middle class or taxpaying citizen.

And also parks. My idea is for multi-purpose parks for year round play everywhere in the city. Suburbs all around Portland have their own multi-purpose parks. We're closing fields and canceling games because of the amount of rain we get in Oregon.

TCP: If elected you'll have the job as mayor, you'll have baseball and you'll have college. How are you going to manage your time?

MB: If I become elected my job will be the mayor. I'll continue my studies doing night classes or online classes, and then put off baseball a couple of years.

TCP: Tell me about your campaign staff, because I noticed that a lot of them were either family or friends.

MB: Yeah, there are a lot of friends. Most of them are from

my 2010 high school baseball team. I developed a great relationship with them. They know me and I know them well and I trust them to bounce ideas off them. They're all pretty smart kids too and have great ideas to help make a change.

Brumm also wants to get young voters his age to become more active and more politically savvy.

"We're going to be leading the next generation and if there is no one interested, it's just going to be a struggle," said Brumm.

For more information about Brumm or where he is going to be next, visit www.max4mayor.com.



Contributed by Max Brumm

Max Brumm surveys the downtown Portland streets. He hopes to win the mayoral race in 2012.

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