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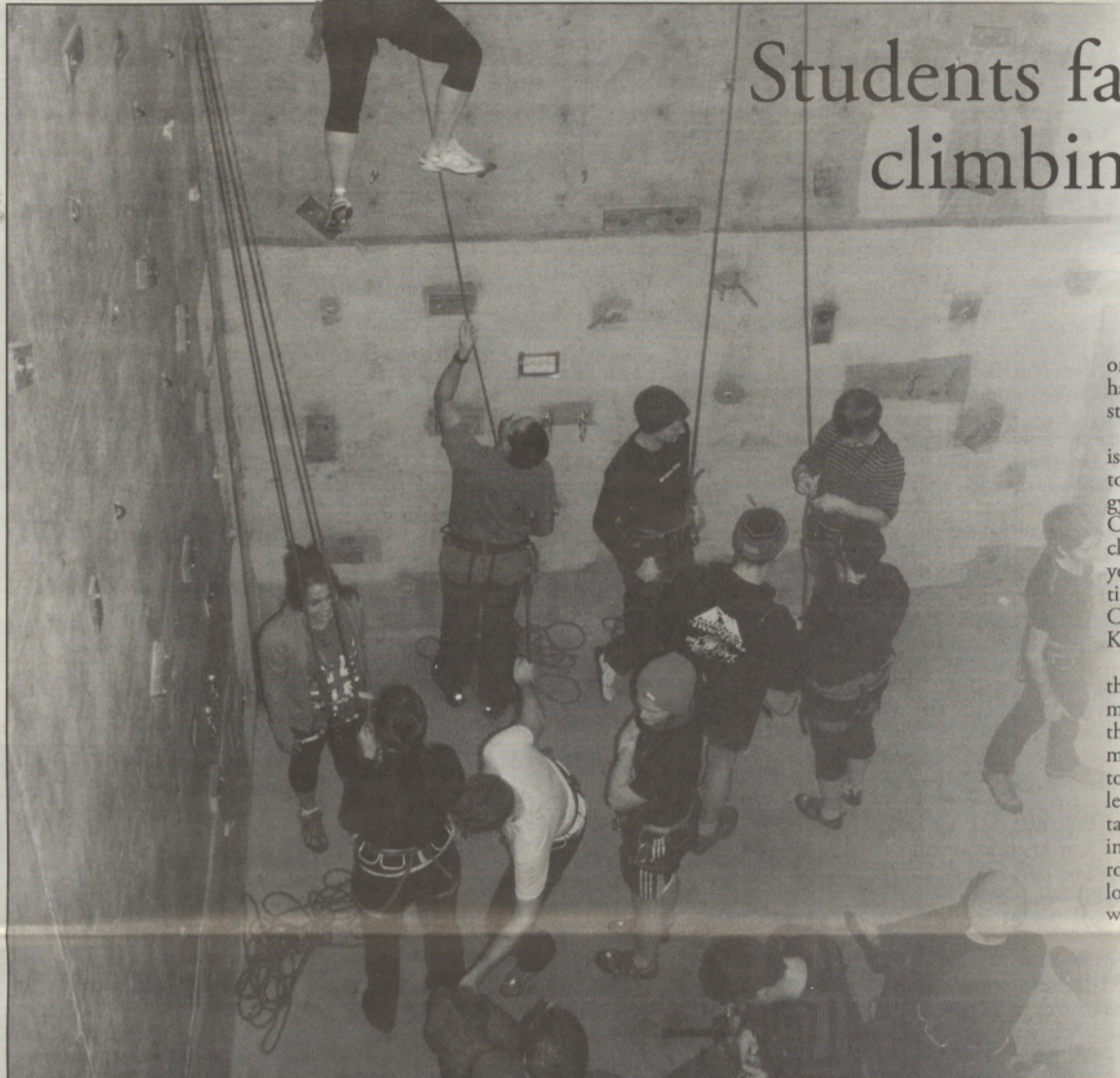


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## Students fall for rock climbing class

**By Isaac Soper**  
Arts & Culture Editor

The sheer exhilaration of using all of one's strength to climb a vertical wall with handholds less than a centimeter thick is staggering.

If this sounds interesting or fun, there is a rock climbing class at the college and to the surprise of many, there is a rock gym in Randall Hall. In fact, Clackamas Community College has offered rock climbing courses for approximately 30 years. Over the course of time, multiple instructors have come and gone. Currently Clackamas alumnus, Marlin Kendall is leading the charge.

At the start of the term, the class goes through the basics of climbing equipment, knots and climbing safety; after the first few days of class the students are mostly on their own in the rock gym, free to climb and hone their skills. The short lecture part of the rock climbing class takes place in the second story of Randall, in R219 and then later moves into the rock gym, which is located behind a locked door at the top of the tallest stairwell connected to Randall.

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Esther Haikkila scales the climbing wall in Randall Hall as fellow students prepare their equipment. Students learn the basics of climbing safety, especially how to tie correct and secure knots with their climbing ropes.

## College remembers board member killed in accident

**By Joshua Dillen**  
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A celebration of life is truly what happened when the many friends, family and colleagues of Charles "Chuck" Clemans gathered to honor the former Clackamas Community College Board of Education Chairman. Clemans sat on the board from Dec. 12, 2001 until his passing late last year. The somber mood of attendees on the chilly winter afternoon was soon uplifted.

On Jan. 7, the crowd of people who filled nearly half of Randall Hall Gymnasium was sad, yet exuded respect and adoration. The grief seemed to soften as the bleachers filled. The sadness of Clemans' tragic death on Dec. 22 in a single car accident near Mulino was obvious, yet partly replaced with a genuine feel-

ing of how great and awe inspiring his life had been. They murmured with pride to have known such a well loved and accomplished man.

Clemans was 77 years old when he died. He had been recovering from a serious injury from a fall and brain surgery in July of last year.

For more than 30 years, Clemans was an advocate for art, education and civil rights in this community.

"I don't know when he slept," said David Smith-English, theater arts instructor, during the service. "His fingerprints are everywhere."

Anyone who has ridden the Municipal Elevator in Oregon City has experienced the history of its construction through the art placed there. Clemans was part of the Steering Committee of the Clackamas County Arts Alliance, which coordinated the art that depicts the history of the elevator's construction. He was a central fig-

ure in the completion of Niemeyer Hall amidst project cuts and named Oregon City's 2009 Citizen of the Year. Through his work, Clemans will be remembered for years beyond his incredible life.

Things would not be the same in Oregon City or on campus without Clemans influence throughout his years of service.

A slide show compiled by Shelly Parini titled "Remembering Chuck," started the ceremony with pictures of Clemans throughout his life. Memorable photographs were accompanied by heartfelt quotes and stories from his many mourning friends that reinforced his greatness. The presentation told a tale of a man that had a passion for skiing, race cars and boating in addition to his contributions to education and arts.

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Chuck Clemans ran against a student last spring and retained his seat in the election.



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