

# HARMON: Friends, staff mourn loss of CCC student



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Sawyer Wilson looks on as Dylan Stronks places a bouquet of flowers on the impromptu memorial that has continued to grow since the accident. They were both long time friends of Harmon.



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An impromptu memorial grows near the bus stop where Harmon was hit last week. Friends and family leave flowers, pictures and candles.

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Harmon succumbed to her injuries last Thursday at 10:50 p.m. at OHSU, according to a press release from the Oregon City Police Department. A previous press release stated that the driver of the vehicle returned to the scene and has not been charged with any crime. He is cooperating with police. There was no damage to his vehicle, which suggests she was already in the roadway when struck police said. Police determined that the driver was not impaired in any way.

"The driver simply knew he hit something because it was in the roadway, and basically went down to the cor-

ner, turned around and came back," said Lt. Bill Kler of the OCPD. "We don't consider that a hit and run; that's a driver doing his duties and trying to figure out what happened."

According to Kler, the investigation is still pending and is not considered a homicide case. He said that Harmon did have a blood alcohol content of 0.094. He also said full toxicology tests have not been completed. Police are still requesting that anybody who has any information about the case to come forward. Potential witnesses with information are encouraged to call the Oregon City Police TIP line at 503-496-1616 or the non-

emergency dispatch number at 503-655-8211.

Life changed abruptly for those who knew the student. Cathy Hanson, the department chair of skills development, was her instructor. She worked with Harmon and helped her acquire a GED here at CCC before she became a college student. After receiving her GED, Harmon was inspired and excited about pursuing her educational goals, according to Hanson.

"She was a good soul and was doing very well at overcoming obstacles in her life. Christina was an inspiration in spite of other things going on in her life," said Hanson. "She faced and overcame the

challenges in her life and rose above them to become a college student."

Alexandra Haynes, 24, is a student here who didn't know her, but remembers Harmon vividly. Haynes was touched enough by the tragedy to place flowers at an impromptu memorial at the TriMet bus stop near the scene of the accident. Accompanied by her mother and two children, Haynes added her bouquet to the growing collection of pictures and items left by friends and family.

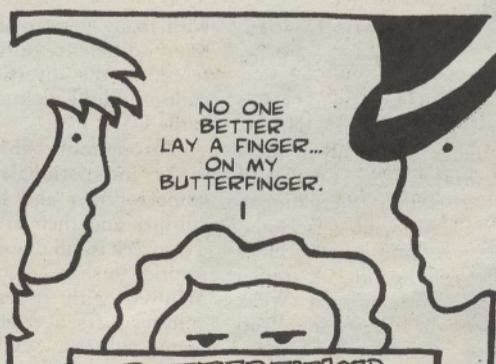
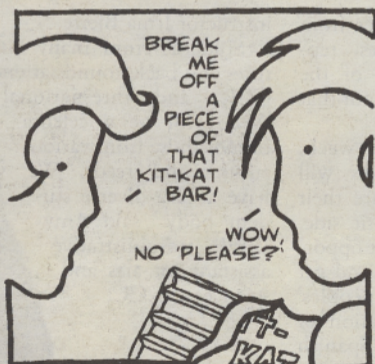
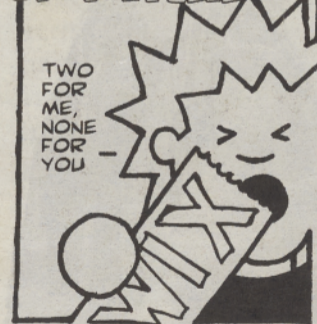
"She is beautiful. Why would this happen to someone like her?" said Haynes. "It hit close to home. My brother is the same age and it could have been him. That is why I

came to pay my respects."

A Facebook page has been created in memoriam to Harmon. The page is titled "Remembering Christina 'Tina' Harmon." The page states that more information will post in the future about where and when a memorial service will occur. The page will also be updated with the necessary information for people who wish to donate funds for funeral services. The page is also a place where messages can be posted in support of Harmon's friends and family.

The page can be found at [www.facebook.com/RememberingTina](http://www.facebook.com/RememberingTina).

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