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Ty the Titan, Lane Foundation President Don Rainer, President Mary Spilde, ASLCC President Ashley Jackson, and Board of Education Chair Tony McCown cut the ceremonial ribbon at the Center Building grand opening ceremony in front of the library on Jan. 27.

C.L.A.S.S. IS IN SESSION

Center Building unveiled to public despite some rough edges

BY ZACH SCHATZ
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Dozens of spectators, donors, teachers and students gathered in the refurbished second floor of Lane's Center Building to celebrate its grand opening on Monday, Jan. 25. The \$35 million project known as CLASS, or the Center for Learning And Student Success, has been underway for more than two years, though despite this ceremony a number of loose ends are still in need of attention.

Lane President Mary Spilde was excited to unveil the new library, updated food court and learning spaces, as well as the

new Titan Store directly attached to the Center.

Event speakers included President Spilde, ASLCC President Ashley Jackson, Board of Education Chair Tony McCown and numerous other board members and trustees.

"What I really love about this building is that students have just taken to it," Spilde said.

While the Center Building looks virtually complete, its infrastructure and some other components are still under construction.

"Coming to the end of this cycle of bond projects we still have the chillers and boilers [...] the things you don't see, but without which the college doesn't function," Spilde said.

Even though these finishing touches have not been completed, there are talks of expanding even further. Any future projects

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CENTER: C.L.A.S.S. is in session



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Donors, Lane faculty, students and staff gather to celebrate the grand opening of the Center Building on Wednesday Jan. 27. After voters approved a \$83 million bond in 2008 the college used \$35 million to remodel three floors of the Center Building.

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are still in the infantile stages, though.

"At the board level, we've been discussing going out for another bond project and we are going around at the internal level and asking what do we need," Spilde said.

The building's reshaping has also agitated some of the staff that resides there.

The library's circulation desk was renamed to honor one of the main donors to this project, the Wildish family. However, library staffers are opposed, citing concerns that students would be confused by the new name, Wildish Circulation Desk. This has lead Reference Librarian Jen Ferro and Library Associate Gail Shilliday to file an official complaint.

"[Renaming the circulation desk] would seriously impair wayfinding and undermine one of the library's unifying principles which calls for clear, precise language," the complaint reads.

The library also suffers from some smaller issues, with the front desk having no place for returning books and a general lack of storage for supplies.

"The planning process was disorganized," Ferro said. "The architects had more experience designing student unions."

Ferro remains optimistic, though, and hopes to be more involved in any future changes in the library.

"We are going to try to deal with the design issues and Mary [Spilde] has agreed to help with that," Ferro said.

BIG PROGRESS
ON TINY HOME

Photos by Anthony Reyes / theTorch

In Building 12 on Lane's main campus volunteers Linda Perkins and Wes Shorack in the final stages of completing the rafters on the tiny home. This week the class is finishing the roof, getting ever closer to completion.

NEWS

FEMALE STUDENTS
REACT TO RAZA LAWSUIT

By MIGUEL SANCHEZ-RUTLEDGE
REPORTER

Lane instructor Nadia Raza recently filed a lawsuit against Lane, alleging that the school did not adequately protect her from a stalker despite her requests for assistance for over a year.

"[Raza's] suit alleges that LCC refused to give her information about its response, failed to act when the [alleged stalker] continued to threaten her and other instructors, and obstructed her ability to get a restraining order," said a recent press release.

Following the lawsuit, Lane students gave their reactions to this story, and some were able to relate and share their experiences of harassment on and off campus.

"After hearing about what happened I was shocked," Emilie Beath, a Lane student, said. "LCC must do more to fight sexual harassment on campus."

Despite her concerns after learning about Raza's story, Beath said she has never dealt with problems like this.

"I feel completely safe on campus," Beath said, "Most people I've talked with have been very friendly."

A student, who asked to remain anonymous, was also concerned about the way Raza's situation was handled.

"I think at any school, someone who feels unsafe should be believed and actions should be taken to prevent these things from happening further," the student said. "It's sad nothing was done about this case."

The student has dealt with past experiences of harassment and

as a result carries pepper spray and has learned self defense tactics.

"I have had to deal with harassment at work and just walking around," the student said, "but that this happened at a school is especially disheartening."

Reiann Hardiman, also a Lane student, has been the subject of harassment on campus in the past. She has reported incidents to Public Safety, but says she was given a vague response as to what would be done about any incidents.

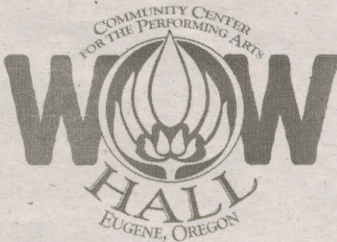
Hardiman dealt with an individual at the bus stop in front of Lane's main campus, and felt uncomfortable in the situation to the point where she sought out assistance from Public Safety. She says the officers did not adequately address the issue at the bus stop and Hardiman had to wait for the bus with the individual nearby her.

"I have been harassed at Lane, and after telling them to stop, I walk away. I ignore the person and if they really do not get it, I inform security," Hardiman said. "But, security has just said, 'we'll keep a look out for him.' They do not really give any indications if things are really taken care of."

The students that were contacted all want to see new, more comprehensive harassment policies implemented, and feel that students need to be taken seriously when asking for assistance.

Part of Raza's lawsuit will require that Lane create a comprehensive sexual harassment policy in the hopes of creating a safer environment for learning.

"The school does take a long time to deal with issues," Hardiman said. "If they [Lane] truly ignored her [Raza's] cries for assistance, then something needs to be done."



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- 4 Shake
- 7 Yorkshire river
- 10 Tire
- 11 Adopted son of Mohammed
- 12 Madam
- 14 Building (abbr.)
- 15 Feud
- 17 But (Lat.)
- 18 Let
- 19 Eur. Economic Community (abbr.)
- 20 Italic (abbr.)
- 22 Tip
- 24 Imitation
- 27 Health (Fr.)
- 31 Maple genus
- 32 Compass direction
- 34 Nipple
- 35 Jewish month
- 37 Native
- 39 Laughter

- sounds
- 41 Priest (Sp.)
- 42 Marsh
- 45 Atomic physicists
- 47 Limited (abbr.)
- 50 Huntress
- 52 River into the Yellow Sea
- 53 Leek
- 54 Hebrew letter
- 55 In the matter of (2 words)
- 56 Absolute (abbr.)
- 57 Carbohydrate (suf.)
- 58 Gamble

- DOWN
- 1 Valley
- 2 Eld (2 words)
- 3 School course (abbr.)
- 4 Spear
- 5 Title of Athena
- 6 Wash

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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OEC	OTIC	HORA
RDA	KANT	ENNA
BELIE	OLAF	
TREK	EDILE	
SORS	DUMA	NOD
AGE	RADON	ELI
PED	AMOK	ADAT
AESOP	SEAN	
TRET	GEEST	
APOD	ABIR	UCA
LANE	AARE	CAN
ACER	LACE	HBO

- 7 Uncle (Scot.)
- 8 Glut
- 9 Shak. shrew
- 10 Public Broadcasting Service (abbr.)
- 13 Son of (Scot.)
- 16 Tooth (Lat.)
- 18 Sp. article
- 21 Father of Abraham
- 23 Stamping machine
- 24 Fortify
- 25 Here (Fr.)
- 26 Compass direction
- 28 Threadlike
- 29 Indo-Chin. people
- 30 List-ending abbreviation
- 33 Encircled area
- 36 Calif. wine country
- 38 Drunk driving (abbr.)
- 40 Saint (Sp.)
- 42 Exclamation
- 43 Great Barrier island
- 44 Dress
- 46 Eight days after feast
- 48 Pastry
- 49 Female deer
- 51 Pounds (abbr.)
- 52 Freedom, briefly

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Sudoku

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Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 note: there is only one valid solution to each puzzle

Answer to Sudoku

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9	2	4	3	6	1	5	8	7
1	7	8	5	2	4	6	9	3
5	3	6	9	8	7	2	1	4
3	8	9	4	7	6	1	5	2
2	6	7	1	3	5	9	4	8
4	5	1	2	9	8	7	3	6

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SPORTS

JAM THE GYM

PUMPS UP TITAN COLOSSEUM

BY KYLEE O'CONNOR
REPORTER

Two exciting games, over 300 spectators in attendance, 200 white rally towels and 350 pounds of non-perishable food items collected for FOOD for Lane County; that just about sums up Lane's seventh annual Jam the Gym. Multiple facets of Lane's athletic program, faculty members and others among the community showed up Saturday, Jan. 30 to cheer on the Lane Men's and Women's basketball teams as they competed against Clark College. Although Lane's top-ranked women routed the eighth ranked Clark Women's program, winning 87-43, the real win of the night was the extensive support that was shown by the myriad of fans.

"I like our own student athletes getting involved — that's what my favorite part is," said Head Women's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director Greg Sheley. "Then I also enjoy the canned food donation to help the community and, so, hopefully we did a good job with that, as well."

The canned food donation was a prominent success. Admittance was free with the donation of one canned food item, which brought in an estimated 350 pounds of non-perishable food items. The first 200 fans to show up were offered a Bi-Mart sponsored rally towel from siblings Nora and Anna Goodrie, both Lane soccer players. The crowd was also encouraged to participate in a 3-point competition at halftime of both the men's and women's games. A made basket resulted in a free Vitamin Water.

The 3-point competition was something that sparked the interest of many attending student-athletes, some more

successful than others in this endeavor.

"Well I air-balled three times so, you know, it was tough," said Charles Sudduth, Lane track and field athlete. "But our team as a whole was showing that we can be hoopers!"

The Academic Support and Compliance Officer for the student athletes, Jillian Schmidt, was in attendance for her third straight Jam the Gym and also enjoyed the 3-point competition.

"This year was not as good as last year as far as my personal performance, but I think it's a fun tradition," Schmidt said. "I'm glad that it happens every year."

Brent Ellison, game manager for the Athletic Department, loves seeing the crowd "involving people who normally wouldn't come out."

That is exactly what this event was created for — to increase the fan-base and create support for Lane's basketball programs.

"Jam the Gym night is special because obviously there's going to be more people there, higher energy," said Schmidt.

The energy from the crowd adds a unique atmosphere that can help fuel the athletes. Although that energy was present throughout the Men's basketball game, they unfortunately fell short to Clark, 89-74.

Jam the Gym 2016 was ultimately a success. It is a one-of-a-kind night that has become a staple to Lane basketball; a night that many throughout the community mark on the calendar and do not aim to miss.

The men's and women's teams will play Clackamas in Oregon City on Saturday, Feb. 6.



Chris Palanuk / theTorch

Titan guard/forward Sara Kesling jumps for a two point attempt as Penguin point guard Breann Nueku reaches high to block her in Jan. 30 Lane versus Clark match-up. Kesling, a 5' 8" sophomore, had six points and two assists on the night. The Lane Titans would go on to win with their biggest lead of 44 points to beat the Clark Penguins 87-43.

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