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Construction Foreman Gordon Hoffman (left) and Project Coordinator Tom McMullen (right) survey the progress in the area that used to house a classroom and dance studio.

## Randall remodel: New space for dance, yoga, tai chi

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In the year 2000, a \$47 million bond was issued to Clackamas for construction on campus, and five years later the campus has six new buildings and three newly remodeled ones.

The last building to experience a makeover is Randall Hall, which has served as a home for numerous health, music and athletics-related courses. But with the new Niemeyer building on campus, the music department can finally have their own space, which in turn gives the Health/PE department more room for luxury.

The first order of business in Randall was the construction of a new dance room, which knocked out a music area that once extended throughout much of the top floor in the building. In addition, two new classrooms were created for Health and PE lab areas.

Also upstairs, a storage space was transformed into part-time faculty offices and R-222 was expanded for more space and bigger classrooms.

"Our thinking was that if we could increase the size of classrooms, we could increase the overall class sizes," Athletic Director Jim Jackson said.

P.J. Martineau, athletic advisor for student-athletes, has a new home in Randall as well. Her office is upstairs and contains computers for student use when she is present.

The bottom floor of the building is getting a face-lift that will benefit all students and staff on campus, especially student-athletes.

An old conference room has been extended and will now serve as a women's team locker room, fully equipped with 60 new lockers and a space that the lady athletes here have never experienced.

In June, construction of the training room will take place and it will no longer be divided by central issue and athletic offices. The walls that exist now will be knocked out and new windows will be put up for visibility into the hallway.

Also in June, a state-of-the-art weight room will be built and increased to five times the size of the existing workout area. The classrooms that once existed next

to the weight room will be knocked out, in addition to faculty offices.

"With it opening up like that more classes will take place, and our athletes can fit a weight-training class into their schedule," Track Coach Keoni McHone said.

Another big stepping stone for the weight room is that the school wants to get up-to-date with the American Disabilities Act that was established back in the early '90s by George Bush, Sr. With construction conforming to the ADA, there will be trouble-free wheelchair access, which allows disabled students on campus the opportunity to work out.

"We will be getting specialized equipment for the disabled students on campus," Jackson said. "We want them to feel welcome in using the weight room here at Clackamas."

The only construction that has happened on the main floor of the building is new faculty offices that once were placed on the bottom level; the gym and the commons will remain the same.

Gordon Hoffman heads the construction crew that has been working on this project and according to Jackson he is very pleased with the work they have done. Hoffman and his crew did the remodeling of the Community Center earlier this year.

What once was a building with insufficient resources has turned into a great opportunity for all Clackamas goers.

"Any time you can add on for the betterment of the college is great," Jackson said. "The classes are bigger now and can hold more students, which is always a positive."

## High school contest evaluates auto skills

Friday was the Ford-AAA High School Automotive Skills Competition. 10 schools from Hillsboro to St. Paul school districts competed this year.

10 Ford Tauruses had the same 10 malfunctions, and each team had to fix as many problems as possible. There was a time limit, speed was not a factor of the judging. Obviously, there was an emphasis on quality of workmanship.

"Judges looked at students' workmanship, missed bolts or driving safety," said Ray Conklin, who has organized the skills competition for the past 15 years, despite his role as a Clackamas Community College automotive instructor two years ago. He went on to say, "If any of these criteria aren't met, the team receives a demerit."

This year's winners receive scholarships to Clackamas or Mt. Hood Community College.



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10 high schools struggle against the clock to diagnose and cure their ailing autos. Winners are: Vale HS in first place, South Albany HS in second and Capital Center HS in third.

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