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# Bond Fails

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Clackamas County voters rejected the college's attempt to raise in \$130 million for technologies for classes, buildings and two buildings for Clackamas Community College.

At the time of publication, the Clackamas County elections reported that the "No" had 63.7 percent of the vote and the "Yes" vote had 36.3 percent.

Other election news, incumbent Chuck Clemans lost his seat on the school board, defeating a challenge by a CCC student, Mario

the campus, the big issue was the bond measure.

According to college president Joanne Truesdell, the budget for 2011-2012 is able to cover all of the operations of the school despite the bond failure.

is our (operational budget) 2012-2013 and beyond we will need to take a look," she said. The college will still owe \$100 million for the Harmony Center construction at the end of the fiscal year; the payment of that debt would have come from the bond. Without the bond would have had changes, the school board's mean status quo. The 4 incumbent Clemans opponent Smith, a political student, who ran for prom-chancellor to the college, is making the institution-free. Clemans is on the platform that his service in education and contacts in legislation will serve the college best. Will make Clemans' third on the board of education.



## New center seeks to help veterans

A sergeant and staff guard bring in the Oregon and American flag to commemorate the grand opening of the Army Strong Community Center on Saturday, May 14 in the Gregory Forum.

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"OORAH!" That was the joyful cheer of the crowd of soldiers, families, community leaders and college representatives on Saturday, May 14 as Clackamas Community College cut the ribbon for the only Army Strong Community Center west of the Mississippi River. The ASCC, located in the Bill Brod Community Center, is one of four centers of a community-based pilot program designed to serve soldiers, veterans and their families.

"The ASCC is a place for military members and their families to come and get needed services," said Laura Stultz, wife of Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, head of the ASCC. "It's not like we are going to take care of every problem, but we're there to help them find the solutions to their problems."

Despite the name "Army Strong Community Center," all branches of the military are welcome.

According to college president Joanne Truesdell, this has been a project four years in the making, starting with working with Oregon National Guard soldiers returning from active duty and finally coming to fruition with a letter to the ASCC program by Congressman Kurt Schrader and his wife Martha. When the ASCC received the letter not only did it say that Oregon needed the ASCC but they also had the perfect place in mind: Clackamas Community College.

As they were touring the veteran center located in DeJardin Hall, the personnel from ASCC mentioned that they were looking for a place on the West Coast for their next center.

"We just raised our hand and said based on what we've been

finding, having an on-base army reserve strong center here would be absolutely wonderful," said Truesdell. "We did what CCC is known to do. Not only did we do the right thing but we are really a friendly group and we try to do our best for students in the community."

According to Truesdell, CCC is anticipating 500 known veterans this year, but if the attendance were added up for all the events and support CCC has offered over the past three years, she said the school has helped over 12,000 veterans.

According to Jack Stultz, who is also the commander of the U.S. Army Reserve, when they were looking for a place on the West Coast for their next center they knew that they had to find a place out in the community instead of another center on an Army Reserve installation.

"Say you're a family member, and you're going to the Army Strong center in Rochester, N.Y. There's a big fence around that facility. You get inside the fence and then there's a cipher lock on the door, and you have to buzz yourself in. You're sitting there thinking 'Do they really care about me?'" said Jack Stultz.

Laura Stultz was the visionary behind the birth of ASCC. While her husband was overseas, she didn't have the support of a military installation where she lived, inspiring her to create support. During the ceremony, she said that this pilot program began when her husband was named commander of the U.S. Army Reserve.

"I decided to make something of that and see what I could do for the families," said Laura Stultz. "I came to Jack with this concept (and said) 'I didn't live next to an installation any of the time you were gone, and I know what it's like. We need to bring installations to the families.'"

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