

# Patriot Hall: 'Will be a valuable resource for years to come'

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The main gym won't be part of the fitness program, but the college is setting up usage fees for community sports, such as basketball and badminton.

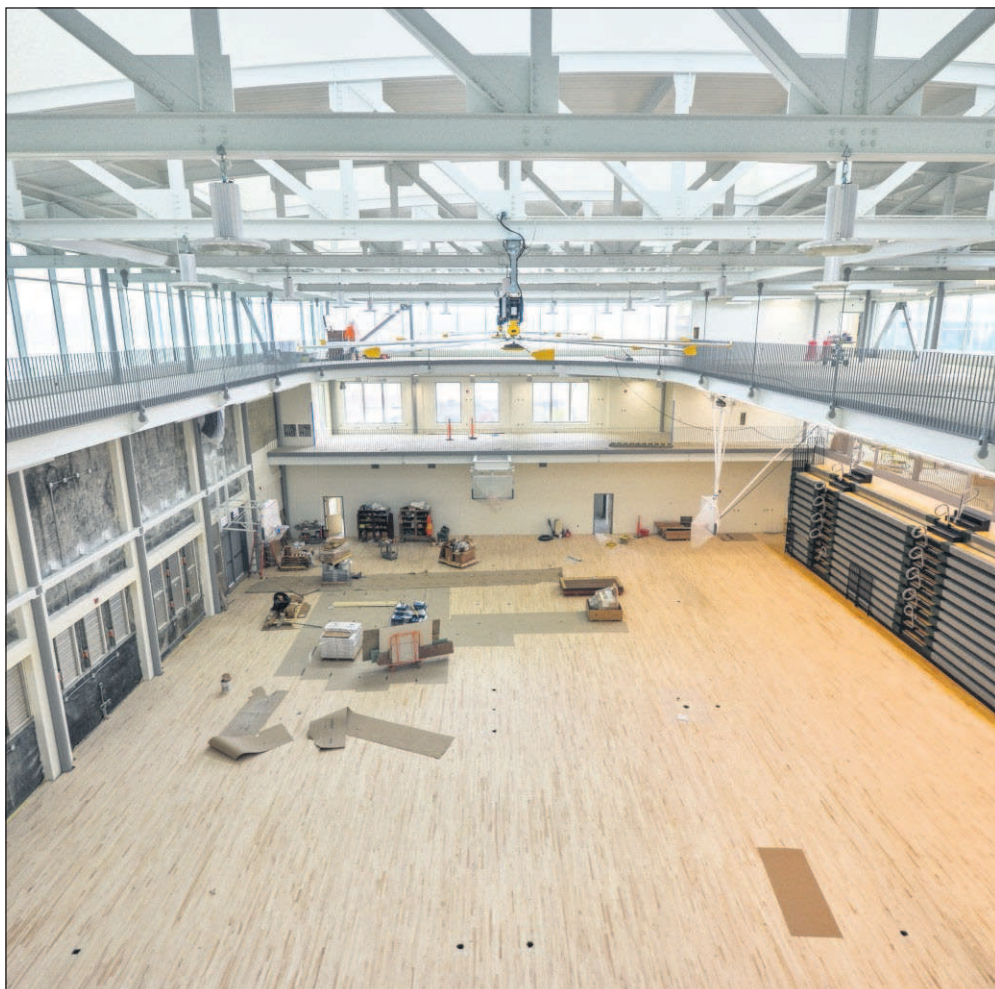
Aiming to make Patriot Hall a revenue source, the college has budgeted \$40,000 in the 2017-18 school year in fees and sponsorships from renting Patriot Hall out for tournaments, conferences and other events. JoAnn Zahn, the college's vice president of finance and operations, said the college will charge \$125 per hour to rent the gym to for-profit groups, and \$62.50 per hour for nonprofits. Patriot Hall will host its first rental, a basketball camp, in July.

Staffing Patriot Hall will be physical education instructor and Dean of Transfer Education Teena Toyas. Zahn said the college plans to use a pool of 15 to 20 federal work-study students to monitor the building.

### Patriot programs

When pushing the county bond measure that paid for half of Patriot Hall, former President Lawrence Galizio touted the building as the future home of paramedic, alcohol and drug counseling and exercise physiology programs. But the college has since scaled back its ambitions.

Kovatch said the college has reached out to other para-



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The inside of Patriot Hall will include a gym on the main floor, workout areas on the second and an elevated running track on the third.

medic programs to gauge the possibility of making the college a satellite campus.

"Partnership discussions are currently underway," she said. "It was determined that a standalone CCC-accredited paramedic program would be cost-restrictive."

Kovatch said the college is

encouraging paramedic hopefuls to take prerequisites at the college before transferring out. One of Patriot Hall's classrooms will be dedicated for an emergency medical technician certification program.

An exercise physiology program was explored, but

Toyas said it was deemed inefficient for students. "Our area is not very conducive to jobs in that program, and people can get the same type of training for less money online," she said.

Margaret Frimoth, the college's new vice president of academics, said the curric-

ulum for a drug and alcohol counseling program has been approved by the state. "But in conversations with the community, it's not the best opportunity for providing what students need for good jobs, and what the community needs," she said.

Frimoth said the college is still working with community partners on how to create an effective program in drug and alcohol counseling.

### Finishing up

The college broke ground on Patriot Hall in June 2015, hoping to open the building the beginning of this school year. Patriot Hall is the third phase of the college's Jerome Campus redevelopment project, after the construction of Columbia Hall and the renovation of Towler Hall.

But Ann Gyde, the college's historian and a manager of the Patriot Hall project, said general contractor P&C Construction, which has worked on the college's previous construction projects as well as Columbia Memorial Hospital's new cancer treatment center, has faced challenges in a constricted, hillside work site at the center of campus. Contractors have had to truck materials up Coxcomb Hill and stage them in a parking lot behind Columbia Hall. A landslide occurred in the project site

at the corner of Lexington Avenue and 16th Street in February 2016, so the property needed to be restabilized.

Gyde said contractors will finish landscaping and the courtyard between the Patriot, Towler and library buildings in early June.

"It is anticipated it will be ready for summer term June 26," she said. "Some work will continue after that date, depending on subcontractors' schedules."

### Honoring veterans

Patriot Hall was first dedicated on the first anniversary of Armistice Day Nov. 11, 1921. The region's veterans, the namesake of the building, were commemorated by a large metal plaque that hung on the old building's northern wall.

The college will hang the plaque at the southeastern entrance to Patriot Hall near the end of construction. The building will be rededicated on the 96th anniversary of Armistice Day Nov. 11.

"Patriot Hall will be a center of community engagement on our campus whether it is through the educational programming, special events or recreational opportunities," college President Christopher Breitmeyer said. "Patriot will be a valuable resource for years to come."

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ILWACO, Wash. — U.S. Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Meet local fire and police agencies; tour the base and vessels; walk on board

the Columbia River Bar Pilots boat; and learn about the Coast Guard's mission. The base is located at 322 Coast Guard Road in Ilwaco.

### AHS Honors Society holds rummage sale

Astoria High School's National Honors Society will hold a rummage sale Saturday to raise money for

classroom materials.

Proceeds from the sale will go to a scholarship available to high school teachers to buy classroom materials. The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 228 Niagara Ave.

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