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Hundreds attend Governance Center dedication

■ A source of pride and monument to tribal achievements



Honorees Les AuCoin (above) and Elizabeth Furse received gifts from Tribal Council for their years of support and friendship.

By Oscar Johnson, Staff Reporter

On November 6, the Grand Ronde Tribe celebrated the grand opening of the new Governance Center honoring the courageous efforts and sacrifices members have made on behalf of their tribe throughout the decades. Elders, Tribal Council and scores of other



members and guests gathered in the main ceremonial area of the elaborate 40,000 square foot structure to honor what to most represented a monument to tribal achievements.

"I think it's fantastic, I never dreamed we would come this far," said Tribal Council member, Val Grout. "I can remember going with my mom to the old building when they canned foods in the kitchen and there was a back room where tribal Elders used to quilt — if they could see this now."

Grout's sentiments echo those of other Council members including, Council Chairperson, Kathryn Harrison.

Harrison, visibly moved by the event, recalled the bare-bones accommodations of the old tribal headquarters during her welcoming speech for the opening.

"I remember how far we had to go just to get water from the spigot for coffee or the 22 steps we had to take in the cold and snow to get to the 'his' and 'hers,'" she reminisced. She added that "the first two days in our new offices we felt like we were guests."

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Moonlight Pour: Rip Caswell does it again

By Tracy Dugan, Editor

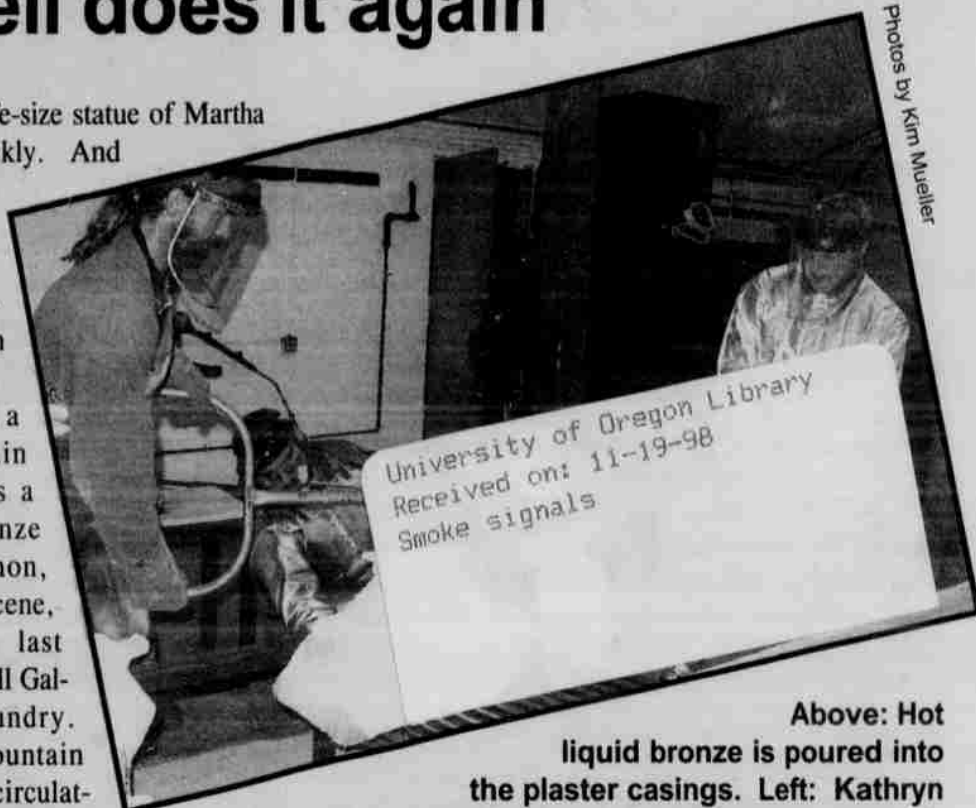
It doesn't seem like three years ago that artist Rip Caswell sculpted the twice-life-size statue of Martha Jane Sands to adorn the entrance of Spirit Mountain Casino. Time passes quickly. And now another bronze sculpture has been completed at the Caswell Foundry in Troutdale — this time to be placed in the foyer of Spirit Mountain Lodge, the



Tribe's new hotel, scheduled to open on December 21.

The sculpture, a water fountain which includes a life-size bronze coyote, salmon, and a forest scene, was poured last month at Caswell Gallery and Foundry. The bronze fountain will hold self-circulating water.

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Photos by Kim Mueller

Above: Hot liquid bronze is poured into the plaster casings. Left: Kathryn Harrison, Ivanetta Cook and Dorothy Lawe visit with a foundry worker while admiring the Coyote head.



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For more information, call Val Grout at 879-2352.