

Skateboard enthusiast takes sport seriously

Personal ramp considered best in Northwest

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Whether he's cruising the courtyard in his free time or saving shoe leather by gliding between classes, student Tim Knorr can be found on campus doing what he enjoys: skateboarding.

"I've always been into personal sports. It's a good personal sport, and there's always something new to learn, new tricks," Knorr, 18, said about his love of skateboarding. A first-year student at Clackamas Community College, he has been skateboarding since the age of eight.



As much as Knorr likes skateboarding on campus, he also has the proper facilities to do so at his home in Beaver Creek. At home can be found a 16-foot wide skateboard ramp, which he proudly calls "the best ramp in the Northwest."

This ramp, which is currently being widened to 28 feet, is considered by Knorr to be the best facility out of a few other ramps designed for skateboarding in the Portland metropolitan area. He explained that there are only about two or three other major ramps in addition to his that exist in the area.

The popularity of Knorr's ramp has grown since it was installed last summer, as he said he has had people from as far away as the state of Washington come to skate. Knorr said most of the popularity has been generated by word-of-mouth.

"Everybody's heard of the Beaver Creek Ramp," he said, using the title the ramp is most commonly known by skateboarders. He estimated that in the last year he has had about 50 people use the ramp.

But Knorr's enthusiasm for skateboarding doesn't end with the Beaver Creek Ramp.

He said he has a dream of someday "making the ultimate ramp."

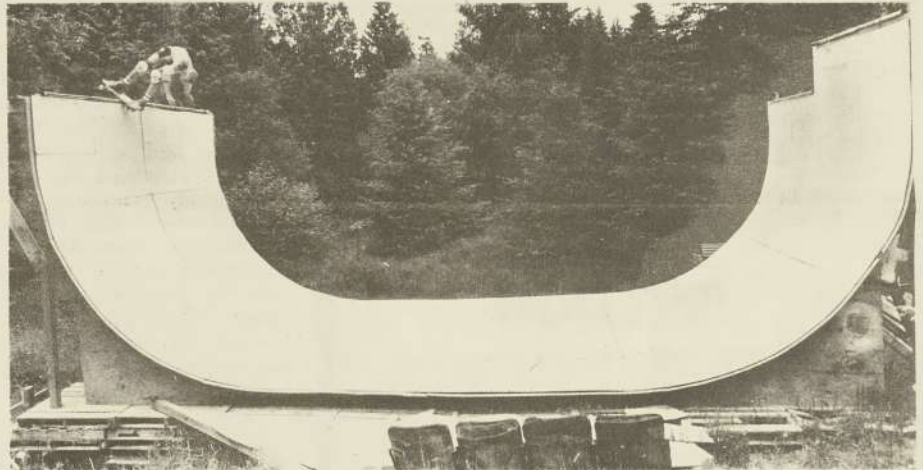
He explained he would like to get together with some friends and rent a warehouse, build this "ultimate ramp" and then charge people using it to pay for the rent. "If we could make enough money to keep it going that would be cool," he said.

Knorr added he would like to hold a pro skateboarding contest this summer at his home. "The things they (professional skateboarders) could do on my ramp would be so cool," he said.



RIDING HIGH--Skateboarder Tim Knorr demonstrates his skills by performing a back side air (above) and a fakie ollie air (bottom, left) on his personal ramp (bottom) located at his home in Beaver Creek. The ramp is currently 16 feet wide, but is being extended to 28 feet.

Photos by Joel Miller



News Briefs

Chinese educators from Fujia plan Oregon tour

A delegation of eight Chinese educators from Oregon's sister state in China will wind up a two-week tour of Oregon colleges with an extended stay at Clackamas Community College.

The group from the Fujian province in the People's Republic of China will be in Oregon City June 9-12 and will stay at the homes of College staff members.

The Chinese professors and administrators will study Oregon's higher education system in Portland June 2, and they will stop at seven other colleges before beginning their four-day stay at the College.

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College instructor Jim Meiser, who is a member of the Northwest Regional China Council, is coordinating the group's campus visit. He said the Chinese are interested in examining the College's ad-

ministrative structure and academic programs.

Delegation members are also scheduled to visit the Business Center of Clackamas County, located in downtown Oregon City, the Portland

Rose Festival, Multnomah Falls, the Columbia Gorge area and Powell's Bookstore in Portland.

For more information about the Chinese visit to Oregon City, contact Meiser at ext. 315.

Faculty contract agreement on hold

The possibility for a tentative faculty contract agreement between the faculty and administration has been put on hold temporarily until both sides review the terms of a second-year proposal.

Jim Painter, who is a member of the administrative negotiating committee

representing the College's Board of Directors, said it is possible an agreement could be reached for either a one or two-year contract proposal. He added a meeting between both sides is being set up for either today, June 5 or Thursday, June 6.

"We're looking at the

possibility of a multi-year contract," Painter said, with both the faculty and classified (see related story, front page) members. He added the goal at this point is to be able to of-

fer contract recommendations for both groups to the Board at its next meeting on June 12.

Campus books for sale

The ASG Book Mart is off and running as of Monday, June 3. The mart is designed to help students who would like to sell their textbooks for a better profit.

Interested students should stop by the Student Activities Office in the Community Center to fill out a "For Sale" card and place it on the large bulletin board in the same area.

Students also interested in buying a textbook at a discount price should check the listings on the bulletin board.

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