

## Board's approval of game room move sparks controversy among students

Ah yes, welcome to a newschool year, and all the fun that goes with it. Well, we already have a controversy, but does it have the same power as the smoking controversy, that we flogged to death last year? It just may...

Many of you may have passed by a certain area over the last week, occupied by video games, pool tables, and of course a ping pong table. Yes, this area is known as the Recreation Center.

Now the college wants to move it. You see, with the construction of the new building underway, the President's Council approved a plan designed by Lee Fawcett that would move the game room out past Randall Hall into a tiny area affectionately called Trailer A (new students, refer to your handbook).

Let's face it, the idea is uninspired and desperate.

Not only is that Trailer extremely small (it would be comparable to putting the library in one of the restrooms), but also

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potentially dangerous, due to electrical and fire hazards.

To get around this problem, a plan has been proposed to have Trailer A "refitted." I'm still trying to discover its "doublespeak" political meaning.

The idea itself is not even valid. The person who would be running the game room would be extremely isolated. Where is the attendant going to go when he/she runs out of quarters? It would probably be quicker to go to Taco Bell than the Community Center to get change.

The Community Center is a central location that is easily accessible. It would not be accessible in the trailer. Logically speaking, who the hell would travel out to the trailer to play a game of "Heavy Barrel" anyway? Let's face it, ASG (who runs the game room) would not make any money.

My secret source informs me that most of this move is political and charged with faculty self importance. The faculty believes that students may be better served with more space. This is definitely true with Financial Aid, who needs privacy, but is it necessary for other areas? Don't the rest have enough space?

Let's be realistic, the game room is perfectly suited to the area it occupies. In fact if those who want to move it actually went in there once in a while to relax, or enjoy a good game of ping pong (which won't be possible in the new game room) maybe we wouldn't have any problems. But then again, if it is moved here, we newspaper people could set up a concession stand and make a tidy profit....

Tired of overcrowding in the Community Center building? Fed up with the hassles involved running back and forth when you have to deal with the Education and the Career Development and Planning Departments?

Fear not, a solution is at hand in the form of an administrative decision to move the Recreation Center to the recently vacated Public Safety trailer.

This brilliant plan, purposed by former Acting Dean of Students Lee Fawcett, will benefit both students and administration alike.

At this time, there is a shortage of office space in the Community Center for the newly combined Education and Career Development and Planning Departments. Relocating the Recreation Center will open up ample space to house the newly combined departments under the same roof. In turn, this will allow the rest of the departments in the Community Center to expand beyond their boundaries. All of the departments in the Community Center will then operate more efficiently and provide better service to an ever expanding student population.

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Granted, the students are going to have to give up a little space in the new location. There will only be enough room for two pool tables and some video games. The new location is also removed from the central area of the campus.

To compensate for the reduced space of the gaming area, there are some positive features to be found at the new location. There will be room for a TV viewing lounge and a meeting room for campus clubs. Campus clubs will also have access to storage areas at the new location.

Another advantage with the new location is that it will be away from the Community Center and will present visitors to the college with a much better image of our school. Instead of seeing students having a few minutes of fun between classes in a bar room type setting with pool tables and video games, they will be presented with a nice, quiet, well organized office setting with students in the mall area quietly chatting between classes and doing constructive things, like studying.

When one considers the other alternative, which is to lose the Recreation Center altogether, it's not such a bad plan. The administration gets their extra space, the clubs get meeting and storage space, and the undesirable element that frequents the Recreation Center is being removed from the public eye and the mainstream

## How many must die before we wake up to the violence?

Since the murder of an Ethiopian man by Skinheads nearly two years ago, Portland area residents have been forced to take note of the racial problems that infest our hailed Rose City.

Throughout this week, there is an even greater emphasis on breaking down the prejudices that exist as the Portland City Council created a week long celebration of Dignity in Diversity.

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The goal of the week is to create an awareness of the prejudices that circulate and do something to change discriminatory behavior.

It comes as no surprise that a march signaling the beginning of the event happened just the day before the lawsuit against Tom Metzger, the leader of the White Aryan Resistance (WAR), was set to begin in Portland.

Metzger and his 22 year old son, John, have been accused of sending WAR recruiters to Portland to enlist the support of the same Skinheads who later killed Mu-lugeta Seraw.

It is a real shock to me that in our day and age people can possibly believe one race is superior to another, let alone kill another human being simply because of his color. I'll be watching the case with much interest.

More than the Metzger case, I'll be watching to see how people react to it. If people talk about it, it means they are more aware of what is happening. Maybe that will be a beginning to change.

Somewhere along the line, someone convinced me that we are all created equal. I still believe that. I know that I won't just sit by and listen to someone express their thoughts on why whites or blacks or anyone else is better than some other race. I refuse to think some racial jokes are funny. That is the way some of the very ideas that whites are superior to other races are passed on.

It is a pretty sad commentary on our society when it takes something like the Seraw murder in Portland to wake people up to the problem that has existed for years.

Just as the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr in the 60s triggered nation-wide riots for civil rights, the Seraw murder is again setting the stage for action.

This time the fight is not against a generation that grew up with the idea that minorities are inferior. Instead, a younger, more apathetic group, many of whom were not even conceived in the earlier time of unrest, are the perpetrators of these ideas. They are the East Side White Pride, Youth of Hitler and the White Aryan Resistance. They are part of our generations.

It is scary that in a time when color should know no boundaries, we are still fighting for racial equality. Without people who are willing to work toward tearing down the walls, we may be stagnant in the years to come.

How many more murders must there be?

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