

The Sporting Fool Speaks
by
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**The Rec Center...
Enough said already**

Well, it is great that someone stepped in and made a productive decision in respect to the Recreation Center. As was written a couple of weeks ago, "...the idea was uninspired and desperate."

The Rec Center has now switched tracks and looks like it will be at home in Randall 101. It is the perfect location, with plenty of windows, high ceilings, and above all space.

Give credit to Dian Connett for the suggestion. She has listened to a few vocal students and the outcry of this publication, and has actually taken this into consideration. At least we as students still have a direct voice in the administration.

I consider Randall to be a much better home for the Recreation Center. Why? Well, believe it or not, "recreation" is related to athletics, and billiards and ping pong are considered sports, are they not? Plus, it will be an easily accessible area for athletes to kick back and relax after a hard workout. They deserve that much, don't they?

What about the drawbacks? Well, after some field research, the Athletic department has not increased space over the years, but has been stagnantly the same since Randall was built. The athletic department is now losing space for instruction, for sporting events, and for other miscellaneous events.

The loss of 101 for instruction is not that terrible. I have been in that classroom for numerous subjects, and is it ever awful. It is cold, big, and noisy (due to the music department upstairs and the gym next door). The real loss is for those miscellaneous events. When teams come to compete at Clackamas, they must be assigned a room for half time. Without that room, where are they going to go? Downstairs to the women's locker room? Could you imagine coaches going into 101 trying to talk to their team, while they're playing "Bad Dudes?" Actually, that's not a bad idea....

Let's just say that there will be drawbacks wherever the Rec Center is placed, and someone will be unhappy. It is just a matter of how any area is to be compensated for the inconvenience of lost space. In any case, remember that no final decision has been made, yet.

Personally speaking, Randall would be extremely convenient and a great location for the Recreation Center. Hopefully, everyone will be content with whatever decision is made.

...Congrats to Gretzky, who eclipsed the 2000 point barrier. Too bad he has such an ego and has changed from the gracious man I watched before "The Trade."

...The Devil watch: Their record now stands at 8-3-1! Alright!

**Holy takedown, how many are there?
Wrestling team gets ready for the season**



Photo by Darby Pereira
Wrestling Coach Jim Jackson shows an unsuspecting wrestler how to execute a standing headlock. The members of the team will be participating in the Takedown Tournament on Nov. 3 in Randall Gym.

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If you ever need an army, just call Coach Jim Jackson and his wrestling team.

Coach Jackson will have approximately 42 wrestlers this year, with just under ten returning.

"We have the best talent overall in a while, but it is a little too early to tell," commented Jackson.

Those returning include David Grieve (Eagle Point), who red-shirted last year, and is wrestling at the 118 weight class for his first year. Matt Lindland (Gladstone) is another returning wrestler who was one of two that competed in the NJCAA National Tournament, which took place in Bismarck, ND. Also returning is Dave Moore (West Linn), wrestling at 167 lbs, and Steve Teeney, who unfortunately missed the NJCAA tournament last year due to injured ribs. Other returnees are David Cloud (David Douglas), Kelly Reichner (Gladstone), and Jason Baurer.

Then there are the freshmen, which makes up the majority of the multitude.

"We do have a lot of them [freshmen]," summed up Jackson.

The long list of freshmen starts with John Mehas (Reynolds), Travis Whitaker (Molalla), Chris Lowrey (Jefferson), Eric Adams (Grant), Mark Flores (Woodburn),

Brian Lemos (N. Marion), Paul Roane (Estacada), Brian Bartosch (Hudson's), and Travis Ziegler.

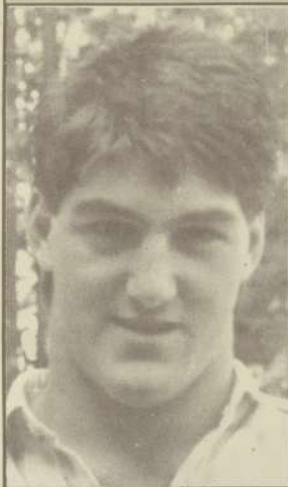
The list continues on. All the way from Juneau, Alaska comes Damon Schultz, and the rest of the freshmen are Tony Brown (Grant), Corey Nevins (Hudson's Bay), Noe Meza (Central), Dean Roth (Woodburn), Shane Melton (Dayton), Travis Woods (Tigard), David Oliveros (Central), Kurtis Burns (Molalla), Chad Westover (Centennial), Greg Benner (Barlow), Tim Stewart (Newberg), Dominic Moore (West Linn), Ryan Young (Centennial), Dan Trussell (Banks), Donald Robertson (Benson), Bruce Bel (Reynolds), John Meier (Jefferson), Scott Trayhorn (Reynolds), Aaron Aguirre (Aloha), Bob Brewer (David Douglas), Adam Reynolds (Glencoe), Syrell McCray (Grant), Carlton Slater (Jefferson), and Chris Monahan (Estacada) rounds out the list.

Surprisingly enough, there is very little community college competition for Jackson's boys in the Northwest, which means they have to go all the way to Idaho for their stiffest competition, North Idaho College. The team will meet North Idaho six times throughout the schedule.

The first competition for the wrestling team will be at the Nov. 3 Takedown Tournament here at Clackamas.

PROFILE

STEVE TEENEY



Date of Birth: 06-18-71
Sport: Wrestling
High School: Silverton
Major: Business. "I plan to transfer to OSU and then work for my

dad."
How long have you been wrestling?: "For about 12 years. I heard about it first from my brother."
Is wrestling comparable to anything else?: "Well, it's like a street fight."
What other sports/hobbies do you enjoy?: "I'd probably do cross country, since I do like it. The Chicago Bears are my favorite football team, but other than that, I don't really follow any other teams. I also like hunting and fishing."
What has been your career highlight?: "Placing in the top three at the Nationals."
Who is your main competition?: "It's basically North Idaho College."

PROFILE

MATT LINDLAND



Date of Birth: 05-17-70
Major: elementary education
Where are you going to transfer?: "No comment."
How long have you been wrestling?: "Since I was a freshman."
What are your hobbies?: "Moun-

tain biking, horseback riding, and of course freestyle and Roman-Greco wrestling, and watching women's volleyball at CCC."
Do you have any sporting idols?: "Jim Jackson, and the guy who beat me at the Nationals."
Favorite movie?: "Blues Brothers. Jim Belushi is also my favorite actor."
If you were President of Clackamas for a day, what improvements would you make?: "I'd try to get the team a wrestling room, and some more support for our home matches since we have seven of them."
Would you like to comment on the budget difficulties?: "I think that people should cough up more money for taxes, especially the rich."
What do you think of Ballot Measure 4?: "We should shut down Trojan, no matter what."

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