

Community chatter causes cacophany

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Tension is rising between Community Center staff and students. There have been a growing number of noise complaints from counselors towards students who are disrupting the area and the education process for students. My understanding of the situation is the community in the Community Center gets loud on occasion, and that causes friction because it gets in the way of counselors performing duties," said student Elizabeth Link, who finds herself in the Community Center several times a day. Ellen Wolfson, counselor at the Community Center explained it is a pattern. Staff members will ask the students to quiet down two to four times per day and the students will be apologetic, but about 15 minutes later it is happening again. She believes it is an issue that peaks and doesn't ever die down. Advisers and counselors deal with students in stressful crises, and it becomes more difficult when staff and

those they are helping are distracted by loud noises and inappropriate behaviors. Wolfson explained, "When you can't hear it makes it hard to do your job." Link agreed. "There is reasonable and there is unreasonable."

Link also states, "On numerous occasions counselors have gotten after us with hostility for being loud, whether appropriately or not". Link also realizes that some

students get really loud and does not believe they realize how loud they are being. "This is the hangout," Link added. Both students and counselors are hoping for a meeting where they can reach a mutu-

ally satisfying solution. The meeting should take place this week or the week after, according to Wolfson. Link suggested temporary removable walls set up to block noise from traveling to the counselors and advisers or time limitations for students playing music on laptops.



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The Community Center is the main hangout spot for students on campus to socialize. When too many students gather in the Community Center, it becomes difficult to control the noise levels.

Wolfson said she is looking forward to each group being able to share their concerns and feels hopeful about students having ideas for solutions. Wolfson said the noise levels have been a problem for a couple of years now. Link said the students are tired of being yelled at and believes the meeting will be beneficial to finding a solution. She hopes the meeting will occur during a time when she will be able to go. Campus security officer Pete Kandratieff said, "On occasion there is disruptive behavior and the staff calls, we get info and based on the behavior we match with what is acceptable in the student handbook. If it doesn't agree then we take action. Warnings are usually given first."



Opinion

The Jerk: Wading through Stereotypes

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I have a suspect feeling you know you're getting older when you look at the younger demographic of what would otherwise be considered your "peers" and realize you have very little in common. I thought of a ridiculous amount of clever little ways to make this funny and silly in order to complain about these people, but the truth of the matter is they just make me off. Not very Zen right? Whether it is being an idiot who says "rad" after every other word, or everything is directly related to population you jerk; get a hair-cut. While we're on the topic of prepubescent fashion, multi-colored skate shoes aren't cool. It looks like you ate some Play-Doh after taking one too many hits off the glass pipe your older brother bought you and proceeded to vomit somewhere within the vicinity of your feet. Bravo. Oh and the tight pants... brilliant. Nothing says "I'm unique" better than strangling your crotch with denim. Of course I don't want to be sexist; it looks crappy on chicks too, unless the anorexic legs are in fashion this season. Then of course there is my personal favorite, the "Emo" kid; who, with any luck, will read this and cry some more. Now I'm not claiming to be some sociologist who is an expert in the field of mentally stunted teenagers with a penchant for harlotry, but I do know that kids that want people to think they're dark, brooding, emotional wrecks, aren't worthwhile members of society. Maybe that's too critical... what I mean to say is that the machinations of their mind are equivalent to that of a sea cucumber.

So the question is, why be this mean? The answer is simple: because what you're doing is little better than prostitution. The white kid that wears a flat billed baseball cap from some sports team that he can't even spell the name of, thinks he looks cool because it gets him one step closer to being 50 Cent. Role models are great, especially when they're drug dealing thugs who spent the vast majority in their younger years in and out of prison. The only rational response at that point becomes that he has "reformed" and his turned into a successful rapper. If you want to emulate that then it's all about monetary success. Thus you're hooker; funny huh? Plus that Yankees' hat is really cool right? Who is their legendary closer again? That's what I thought. Of course what makes this more ironic is that nearly 65 percent of the people that came here during Oregon's population boom in the 90s were from California. Which it wouldn't take Holmes to deduce that any sports affiliation a person has would most likely come from their said place of origin. All that implies is that you should probably like the Dodgers. If you really want to be unique, or at least slightly more so, start following the Togo National Rugby Union Team. "Where is Togo" you may ask; well that's your first step isn't it? I know people's beliefs are touchy and it's taboo in our culture to "attack" them, but for those of you who have read John Stewart Mill or know even the tiniest bit of Hegelian philosophy and dialectical procedures understand why I don't care. For the rest of you, I'm sure you'll look those things up on Wikipedia and try to rationalize in your head every way in which I'm wrong; which, by virtue, makes you a moron.

Watch out for flying red balls

A dodgeball tournament hosted by Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be held in Randall 104 Friday, 6 p.m.

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The rules of dodgeball are quite simple. People throw balls at you, and you dodge them. Of course, anyone who attended elementary school gym class before the hostile takeover of the politically correct movement, knows that dodgeball was a game that allowed the most primal of instincts to take over as adolescents mercilessly pummeled one another from opposite sides of their caffia-gym-atorium in a battle for short-lived supremacy, and to see if you could knock the other kids retainer out of his mouth from 50 feet away. Now the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has chosen this nostalgic game of our childhood for their upcoming fundraiser tournament. Due to budget cuts, the FCA is unable to host their usual Christian athletes' retreat. So, they instead thought of a way to still have fun and include others who aren't directly associated with FCA. "We wanted to pick a game that can be played by anyone," said Taylor Reavely, organizer for the FCA on campus. "Not as many people would want to play something like basketball." The purpose of the tournament for the FCA is to show that Christianity isn't all just boring sermons and Gregorian monk chanting followed by stale crackers and cheap wine. Christian people know how to have fun and play hard. And, the event isn't just dodgeball, there will be food provided, T-shirts, Bible hand-outs (not the green pocket Bible people get at every club promotion day, real Bibles) prizes to be named later and a concert in Gregory Forum featuring two Christian rock bands. One is by Mike Hohnholz and the other is a nameless band featuring Taylor Reavely as the lead guitarist and singer. "Our band is actually merged from two separate bands so we haven't really decided on a name yet," said Taylor Reavely. Unfortunately for the FCA, a very small number of people have stepped forward to accept the challenge. No teams have registered in the early



registration thus far, which will make things more difficult to organize when the tournament begins. So, if you think you and your friends are the hardest hitting team on campus, then talk to Kathie Woods in her office in Randall. R e - m e m - ber, all are welcome to participate. Even if you are a non-Christian athlete or even from another college, all college aged or older people are welcome to play. The tournament is set to go down on April 17 and admission to participate is free.