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Welcome to your room at Scream at the Beach

Send our correspondents to Scream at the Beach for photos galore

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Dark. One hand is grasping your companion's, the other groping blindly in front of you. The floor is uneven and it could abruptly trip you at any moment. There is a haggard breathing coming from you and your group. Suddenly, there's a loud bang next to your ear. Moments like this that make your blood run cold and erupt from within. It's moments like this that make Scream at the Beach the scariest haunt to go to be scared. Scream at the Beach is in its eighth season, and so far it has been the biggest one

ranked in the top 3 percent of all haunts in the nation, Scream at the Beach's seasonal scare is well known to natives and tourists.

Located at the Jantzen Beach Center inside the old



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A modern version of Michael Myers greets Scream at the Beach visitors with a bottle of Sauce on Friday, Oct.

Circuit City building, Scream at the Beach has five haunts this year all connected in one seemingly never-ending tour and is the biggest haunt around.

This was my first year attending the event, and I must say, it held up to my expectations.

Walking through the haunt, I think I screamed and jumped at more things than I have in my entire life. It wasn't the flashing lights or the animatronics that scared me most of all. It was the lack of light, the endless tunnels, and the cast that frightened me to the point of terror.

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It's dark. One hand is grasping your companion's, the other is groping blindly in front of you.

Around every corner, and sometimes above your head, there was something that was not expected.

You start out in the Gothenberg Estate where ghouls and madmen come at you from nowhere. Then you wander through the Clown's Playground where any victim is a coulrophobe. Next you emerge outside in a graveyard and ushered into the darkest tunnel you'll ever be in. In the following moments, you find yourself the human sacrifice in an ancient ritual. Finally, you're running from a military experiment gone wrong.

All the while, you're being asked if you want to play a game.

If you're not the type to get scared by things like that, an amusing way to pass the time in the haunt is to throw off the actors - something that is very hard to do. Every member of the cast is dedicated to their character and are not easily diverted.

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To ban or not to ban

By Abigail Neet
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As many community colleges are doing, Clackamas is in the beginning stages of becoming a smoke-free campus.

According to "Smoking on campus, review and recommendation, June 10, 2009," a smoking ban at Clackamas is consistent with community college trends, not only in the metro area but statewide.

Although, Alyssa Fava, Associated Student Government President, does not personally believe CCC is attempting to ban smoking because everyone else is doing it.

Fava believes banning smoking is a good step and has many benefits, not only health but also environmental.

The Campus Use and Development Committee were the first ones to draft the proposal.

If the proposal were approved, the smoking cabanas would be torn down, and discussion is still taking place on whether or not students and faculty could smoke in their cars in the parking lots.

Fava stated that the process is very much in the preliminary rounds and could take a couple of months to a year.

A possible date that has been discussed is Aug. 9, 2010.

ASG's main goal is to keep students informed and involved in the process, Fava said. ASG plans on releasing surveys to see

how students feel about the possibility of the smoking cabanas being taken away.

"I have heard extremes of, 'Yes, it's great,' and, 'No, it's terrible,'" Fava said, revealing that there are some students already aware of the possibility.

"I think it's a choice, honestly, not a good choice but a choice," said Jannette Newton, a CCC student and smoker, when asked about how she would feel if the school banned smoking. Newton also believes it will just be more hassle for the college.

"If people want to smoke, let them," Newton stated.

"It's unenforceable. It's a shame," Sandra Vincent, a student who smokes, said about the possibility.

ASG has been meeting with representatives for community colleges that have recently gone smoke-free in order to find out the best process to go through for CCC.

Portland Community College has had issues with students smoking on public sidewalks that are right next to the school and throwing the cigarette butts on school grounds.

Fava also explained that other students who are not littering their cigarette butts will carry them with them to class and that presents a smelly situation, as anyone who has been around someone who saves cigarette butts would know.

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