

Casino Night hits roadblock: no gambling

By Tom Rhodes

The Community Center lounge another Atlantic City? Not according to the State Attorney General's office. When ASG attempted to put on a "Casino Night" to make money for itself and other organizations, it was halted before the plans left the starting blocks, due to state gambling laws.

Under the event plans, the Community Center lounge would have been turned into a miniature gambling casino with tables and all the gambling paraphernalia (save organized crime and prostitution). Campus clubs and organizations would have governed their own tables as students and

faculty used play money that they purchased when entering the lounge. The more money spent at a specific table, the more money the organization governing the table would have received.

David Buckley, student programs specialist, said, "We wanted to borrow the equipment and have prizes that winners would cash in the play money for."

The word "would" has been used often to describe Casino Night, because the plans were halted by what is known as "the law." "We talked to Clackamas County District Attorney James O'Leary, and he

said that the only way we could do it is if we required the people to purchase only \$10 worth of tokens (play money)," Buckley said.

Buckley later discovered that another "only way" they could have had the casino night would have been to exchange the tokens for prizes 50 miles away from the College, according to the state gambling laws.

"Mt. Hood did the same thing last year and got busted and everything was confiscated," Buckley said. "Schools get away with cake walks all the time and legally, that's gambling."

Lawyers Guild: Fail to the chief?

Last night, Washington D.C., was the site of President Reagan's inauguration and subsequent ball. But in Portland, the National Lawyers Guild was holding a different kind of celebration: a counter-

inaugural ball.

Held at the Earth Tavern from 8 p.m. to 12, the party included live music, dancing and speeches. The objective: to raise money for the Guild, a liberal, non-profit organization

formed by "...a group of attorneys who disdain the trappings of the legal profession," in the words of one member, Jack L. Schwartz.

Schwartz is a Portland lawyer who is active in the Guild. Said Schwartz, "Our goal right now is to see Reagan's removal...I mean, the man got elected with less than 25 percent of the eligible voters voting for him."

According to Schwartz, the Lawyers Guild is not against only Mr. Reagan. "We see the Republicans and Democrats as two parties run by the corporations. What we'd like to see is a Citizen's Labor Party in 1984."

The counter inaugural ball drew quite a crowd. The Guild was worried about a poor turnout, said Schwartz, because, "...we've had a pro-

blem with Portland's conservative, homogenous press. They sometimes won't even run our non-profit advertisements."

Schwartz said that the Guild's fears of Ronald Reagan are well founded. "Since he (Reagan) won't be able to turn the economy around in four years, we're afraid he'll start a war. That's always good for the corporations," said Schwartz.

Asked if the United States is heading in a conservative direction, Schwartz said, "I think that's bullshit from the press. We're not moving to the right. People know that the corporations are screwing us."



AMERICA'S NEW president faces internal problems as well as external: last night's "counter-inaugural ball"

Science building near completion

Progress on the Linus Pauling Science Building has been slowed down slightly because its completion now requires the laying of carpet, painting and the placing of certain hardware. Despite the short delay, construction is still ahead of schedule. Classes will commence in the new building after spring break.

At a recent planning meeting, "punch lists," dealing with various small jobs that must be finished in the near future, were discussed.

Regarding the landscaping, Bill Ryan, dean of college services and planning, commented, "It's coming. We have to wait for the right weather."

Mall offers rooms

each week until Feb. 23. Advance registration is required.

According to Haley, a majority of the merchants at the Clackamas Town Center are quite supportive of the program. Students who satisfactorily finish the course will receive a certificate of completion, which can be used when applying for work at one of the 180 stores at the mall. The new Clackamas Town Center, located near Sunnyside Road and 82nd Avenue, is scheduled to open March 1.

"Although the course does not guarantee jobs, it will provide training for those who do not have actual retail experience," Haley said.

'Alternate lifestyle' seminar offered

A special Focus seminar titled Living Together: Legal and Emotional Issues will be presented by Community Services January 22 and 29 from 7-10 p.m. in Room 117 in the Community Center.

The seminar, which will be jointly taught by Gay Canaday and Marv Clifford, will be concerned with legal and emotional issues which confront unmarried couples living together.

Marv Clifford, a registered clinical social worker, has taught the Men Don't Always Need To Be Strong seminar in the past.

Gay Canaday is an attorney

for Oregon Legal Services and has previously taught the Womens Rights seminar. "The first night we'll be discussing emotional issues concerning current relationships, and legal issues concerning contracts, wills and joint ownership of bank accounts," stated Canaday. "The second night we'll move on to emotional issues concerning past relationships and legal issues concerning children, abuse and enforcing contracts." Special attention will be given to agreements that couples may enter into before living together and after dissolving their relationship.

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