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According to Dean Bill Loftus, "there's a 99 percent chance the place will be located in the bookstore."

Endless groups of students and others have fashioned their vision of a gathering place. The version which has emerged as the prominent vision depicts a pub-like atmosphere (without alcohol), a short-order grill, delicatessen food, small tables, comfortable chairs, current magazines, a stereo system, and flexible seating to accommodate a small stage for impromptu performances from students or planned performances from invited entertainers.

"We would play WSAP on the stereo system, creating a large audience for the radio station so that broadcasting experience at St. Andrews becomes realistic," says Ann Leist-White, SGA Vice President, "Also, we've talked about having 'club night' once a week in which a club could have full rein of the place to sponsor a party or discussion or some other event in a very comfortable and relaxed atmosphere."

She adds, "We wanted the place in the bookstore because it would be centrally located, quiet, and overlook the lake."

According to SGA President Henry Ogden,

the students sent a memo directly to the chair of the Internal Affairs Committee requesting that the room currently occupied by the bookstore be selected as the site.

"The kind of place under consideration requires space for more than 100 people. The bookstore is probably the only place it could go," said Perkinson.

The location of the students' gathering place has floated around campus since the beginnings of St. Andrews. When the Belk Center was originally built, a cafeteria/gathering place was in the same room that the bookstore now occupies. It later moved to the room where the current SGA offices are, and was called the Red Lion. It stayed there until a few years ago when Farrago was renovated.

The idea then was to make Farrago into a popular "coffee house" by moving the kitchen there and holding dances and other events there. The old Red Lion room was partitioned into SGA offices and used for student meetings with the goal of centralizing student government activities, creating wider participation and greater efficiency in the student government. The results have been mixed. Farrago is not used as a popular gathering place but the SGA offices are widely used for government and club meetings.

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