

Filming disrupts Cottage Grove market

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Filming may have generated crowds in Cottage Grove for the shooting of "National Lampoon: Animal House" but businessmen in the city say

filming hurt their business. Film crews invaded the small town last week but will return to the University today.

"National Lampoon's Animal House" may be a comedy, but not everyone is laughing. Especially the Cottage Grove downtown merchants.

Filming of the Animal House homecoming parade on the main streets of Cottage Grove has left many downtown merchants without parking near their stores and blocked street access to customers.

Complaints from several downtown merchants have prompted Universal Studios to pay \$10,000 to those businesses affected by the confusion of the past two weeks as the filming progressed.

Many of the merchants complained of the blocked streets, the crowded doorways by curious on-lookers and little or no parking for downtown shoppers. The complaints were relayed to Peter Macgregor-Scott, Universal Studio's unit production manager for the movie, who compensated the store owners with a \$10,000 check for their trouble.

The check, which was provided by the Universal Studio executives, was given to the merchants Saturday. According to Lloyd Eastman, manager of Cottage

Grove Chamber of Commerce, a meeting may be held to determine what to do with the money, although no plan has been suggested.

Several of the store owners reported an increase in both non-buying customer traffic and shoplifting. Others, particularly restaurants and fast food establishments, noted an increase in business. Stores outside of the downtown area also reported shopping increases.

Filming began in Cottage Grove

nearly two weeks ago with the opening of the movie's climatic scenes in the destruction of the homecoming parade. For several clear-weather days, the Animal House cast and crew filmed the chaotic bedlam as parade float after parade float was systematically destroyed by the Animal House fraternity members.

The movie filming will return to the University campus today with several scenes to be filmed in Johnson Hall and the EMU fish-bowl.

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