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Lane County Sheriff Dave Burks says he doesn't want a repeat of the "criminal activity" observed at the Grateful Dead concert held at Autzen Stadium last summer. Burks recommended to county commissioners that a permit for the proposed Chicago concert at the stadium be denied. The University doesn't plan to appeal the decision.

Concert denial will stand

By **KEN HASWELL**
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The recent Lane County Community Health and Social Services (CHSS) decision to deny the University an outdoor assembly permit to use Autzen Stadium for the proposed Chicago rock concert will not be appealed, says University Pres. William Boyd.

"It seems to me futile to appeal it when the appellant body is the same body who made the decision and when the prevailing counsel has come from the sheriff and where there are two strong lines of argument made by the sheriff," Boyd says.

Burks based part of his objections on last year's Grateful Dead concert at Autzen, saying the gathering was "literally a sanctuary and a haven for criminal activity."

"The Sheriff felt that there were a lot of violations and there is not much profit in my arguing that piece of history with him," Boyd said Monday afternoon.

Burks also objects to the proposed July 21 concert date, which coincides with Cottage Grove's Bohemia Days Festival. He says he must use 20 of his 69 deputies to provide the festival with security and cannot provide additional officers for

the concert on that date.

A county ordinance says the University must obtain an outdoor assembly permit to use the University-owned Autzen Stadium anytime a proposed event lasts more than four hours and more than 15,000 attend.

Based upon Burks' recommendation, the commissioners voted 4-1 last week to "recommend" that Acting CHSS Director Janet Chappell deny the permit.

Commissioner Jerry Rust objected to the board's action for two different reasons. First, he says, it places Chappell, who heads the department at the board's discretion, in a position where she must act according to the wishes of her bosses and cannot make her own professional decision on the issue.

Rust's second objection centers on the board's circumventing the county's normal appeal process. "I felt personally

that we violated the University's due process," Rust says.

Whenever a director of any Lane County Department makes a decision that any citizen, institution, group, business or corporation objects to, the decision can be appealed to the county commissioners. By recommending that CHSS deny the permit, the commissioners made it clear where they stood on the issue.

A representative of Commissioner Rust's office says the University does not need a county outdoor assembly permit to use Autzen Stadium if the proposed concert lasts "less than four hours."

The University's Vice-president for Administration and Finance, Ray Hawk, says the University is "in the process of exploring with the promoters whether it's economically feasible" to sign a contract with Chicago for a concert lasting less than four hours.

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SURC is more than public relations

By **MIKE LEE**
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Claiming it's more than a public relations arm of the University, the new Student University Relations Council (SURC) has been formed "to promote understanding of the University" by the public, says Curt Simic, University public services vice president.

The 13-member student group "will be hosting campus guests, meeting prospective students, coordinating fundraising projects for student scholarships, promoting the University at fair booths and talking to legislators about issues that could benefit the University," explains Simic.

The SURC is one way the administration can show the public that students are "safe" and Simic says this is the reason there are no "radicals" on the council. "I wouldn't expect to put my worst foot forward," he says.

"All college students are suspect by smaller communities," says Mary Hudzikiewicz, SURC adviser and University director of community services. She believes that SURC will help to alleviate public wariness.

Simic says the SURC will not gloss over University problems, however. "The projects (SURC selects) will focus on gaps" that council members perceive in the University's image and programs, he says.

One such gap may be the council's name. When Simic heard the group's acronym — pronounced to him "serk" — he leaned back into his chair in thought. "That will have to be changed," he decided.

The students, all volunteers, will spend about three hours a week on SURC projects of their choosing, says Hudzikiewicz. She describes her role as being a "facilitator for (the group) and a liaison with the administration."

For the time they spend

working on SURC projects, Simic says members are given a chance to learn about organizing events, working in public relations, and printing publications. He believes that the University "should not have to pay" for their services. "This institution pays for a lot of things it shouldn't," he adds, citing the paid Early Orientation and Registration Program aides as an example.

SURC is the brainchild of Simic, who arrived at the University a year ago from the University of Alabama, where he had begun a similar program. "I came out of a student group of that nature at Indiana University," he recalls. The IU "Student Foundation" helped to recruit minority students and raise

scholarship money from private sources, he says.

"There's a certain credibility of students," he says. "They're not just seen as 'hired hands,' as administration representatives might be."

ASUO Pres. Scott Bassett, who sat in on the final selection session, says he is "very interested in working with (SURC) next year. It's been a missing part of the University in the past."

The SURC members are Deborah Blattler, Christine Carlborn, Jerome Covington, John English, Stephen Fuller, Erin Knight, Diane Magill, Tessie Moreland, Abraham Petra, Michael Ritchey, Timothy Scarlett, Mark Vitezniak and Nanci Wolf.



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