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Autzen schedule kills Who concert

Cleanup time for University, prep football keeps band out

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The rumors ran rampant on campus.

"We could have had the Who concert at Autzen, but the athletic department wouldn't let them play," was a typical comment.

Athletic department officials say they had no choice. The only date the Who could have played Eugene was Oct. 21, the Thursday before the Ducks' football game with University of Notre Dame.

"We wanted to have the concert badly," says Rick Bay, University athletic director. "Right now, the way the attendance is at the football games, I would give anything to have it, but it was just impossible."

Bay says a minimum of two days would be needed to set up the concert and two more to clean up afterwards, denying the Ducks use of the field for practice and the game.

The most recent concert in Autzen Stadium, 1982 Oregon Jam, took five days to set up.

"I'm reluctant to have the concert in any way disrupt the normal procedure of the football team in preparation for a game," Bay says.

He noted that the Notre Dame game is one of the "biggest games the Ducks have had in a long time."

Bay traveled to Seattle to negotiate changing the concert date with John Bauer Concert Productions. Bauer is



promoting the Who in the Northwest.

"Logistically there was no room for them to have the concert in Eugene," says John Morrison, production manager for John Bauer.

"They (the Who) are scheduled to play in Seattle on Oct. 20, so there is no way they could play down there on any other date," Morrison says.

"They wouldn't have had time to clean up the field for the game. If they would have tried to rush it, what would happen if the Notre Dame QB goes back to pass, slips, puts his hand down on the turf to catch himself, and cuts it on a piece of glass in the turf?"

Bay's other choice was to have the concert in McArthur

Court, but there are too few seats there for the athletic department to make a profit after paying the Who's fee.

"In terms of expended energy on any concert in Mac Court, we only make a maximum of \$10,000 — and the average is \$5,000," says Mike Easterly, athletic department business manager.

"The Who's fee is the same whether they play in Autzen Stadium or Mac Court, so it wouldn't have been feasible to have them," he says.

The Autzen Stadium concert would have brought in an estimated \$100,000, Easterly says.

"The last concert we had was the Oregon Jam earlier this summer, and that netted the athletic department



Despite negotiations by Athletic Director Rick Bay, above, to change the date of a proposed Who concert in Eugene, Autzen Stadium will remain empty Oct. 21. The only available concert date conflicts with the University football game with Notre Dame. Ticket sales to fans, like those at the 1982 Oregon Jam shown at left, would have brought \$100,000 into athletic department coffers.

\$76,000, so it wasn't for a lack of trying that the Who won't appear here," Easterly says.

Bay says there were other problems involved in booking the concert.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association rules give the visiting team the right to practice on the field it is going to play on, which would have been difficult with the cleanup problems, Bay says.

In addition, the 4-J School District in Eugene has a contract reserving the stadium for high school football games on Friday nights.

"There were a few other problems too, but there was no reason to look into it because we knew we couldn't have the concert," Bay says.

Morrison says not having

the concert won't hurt the chances for future concerts.

"Contracts are contracts. Just because they didn't get it this time doesn't mean we won't try to arrange something in the future."

"Actually, the trouble they went through shows they want to have concerts and makes them attractive," Morrison says.

Bay, too, looks forward to scheduling more concerts.

"With Eugene situated between Seattle and San Francisco, and with the biggest stadium in the state, it makes us a logical stop."

"I would like to have concerts," Bay says.

"I feel as bad as the students about not having the Who. Probably even worse."

Reagan: U.S. not at fault in Lebanon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Ronald Reagan said Tuesday night that American Marines will re-enter Beirut on Wednesday to take up a peacekeeping mission following the massacre of Palestinians in the city.

Reagan, holding only his 13th press conference since he took office, denied that the United States shares responsibility for the killing of hundreds of Palestinians.

American Marines were withdrawn only after accomplishing their sole mission of evacuation PLO fighters, he said.

Their peacekeeping mission this time will last until the Lebanese government is in full control and "able to preserve order," according to Reagan.

Reagan's denial of United States responsibility for the Palestinian massacre

came in response to a reporter's question concerning a statement by United Nations Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick claimed that the United States shares responsibility for the refugee camp killings by Lebanese Christian forces. Reagan said they had discussed her statement, and that she was alluding to the general failure of all parties over the years to find diplomatic solutions in Lebanon.

He said the initial duty of the Marines sent to Lebanon was to join French and Italian contingents to oversee the withdrawal of Palestine Liberation Organization forces. Reagan said that mission was achieved, and no one could foresee the presidential assassination and massacre that followed.

Reagan told a White House news conference the Marines will return on Wednesday morning to the Beirut mission from which they were withdrawn on Sept. 10, and "I can't tell you what the time element will be" on the duration of their stay.

"The Lebanese government will be the ones to tell us when they feel that they're in charge, and we can go home," Reagan said. He said he believes all Israeli and Syrian forces will be withdrawn "rapidly" with the U.S., French and Italian peacekeeping contingent back on the job.

He said the Marines will go ashore when Israeli forces are withdrawn to a line south of the Beirut airport. Reagan said Syria also has said it is willing to pull back its forces.



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