

Bond bill passes Senate, awaits governor's approval

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SALEM — Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's signature is all that remains for final approval of a bill authorizing the sale of up to \$2 million in bonds for the renovation of Hayward Field.

House Bill 2800, which the House passed 52-2 on May 29 and the Senate approved 29-1 on June 11, awaits the governor's final approval. He is expected to sign the bill into law.

Sponsored by Rep. David Dix, D-Eugene, the bill authorizes the State Department of Higher Education to sell 20-year bonds to finance the project.

The bonds would then be repaid primarily from an increase in local room tax funds earmarked specifically for the project from the cities of Eugene and Springfield and by Lane County. The University also plans to impose a \$1 surcharge on Hayward Field track events with the proceeds to help finance the renovation.

In addition, the University and the Oregon Track Club of Eugene have raised nearly \$500,000 in private pledges for the project.

Dix said he was pleased the bill passed the Senate with such ease but will be more elated the day the bill is signed into law. "It is a real goldmine in regard to economic development in the community," he said after the Senate passage of the bill.

Money from the sale of the bonds will be used to help finance the \$1.8 million

Hayward Field project, which includes renovating the East and West grandstands and West Grandstand Field House, resurfacing and reconfiguring the main Hayward track, and building a new 300-meter warm up track, weight room and storage structure.

Work began on the resurfacing of Hayward Field on June 8 as part of the first phase of the project, and the track is expected to be resurfaced in about nine weeks.

Sen. Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene, who carried the bill in the Senate, has asserted throughout the session the Hayward Field improvements are necessary if Eugene wishes to remain a first-class site for track and field competition and uphold its tradition as a track town.



Photo by Shu-Shing Chen

A bulldozer lies on the site of the Hayward Field track, its surface now removed, part of the \$1.8 million renovation.

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LECTURES

AIDS, what everyone needs to know. Ken Store, head of Shanti in Oregon, will lecture on AIDS today at 12:30 in Room 123 at the School of Law.

MISCELLANEOUS

Amnesty International will host the film "The Making of A Torturer: Your Neighbor's Son" tonight at 7 p.m. at the Eugene Public Library.

The Lane County Relief Nursery, a therapeutic preschool working to prevent

child abuse, needs volunteers to help in the nursery providing love and self-esteem building activities for at-risk children. Training is provided. Also needed are drivers and riders for the vans. Call 484-0702 or 345-2985.

Volunteers are needed for the second annual State Games of Oregon. There are a variety of jobs available working for the Valley Regional Competitions held in Eugene in soccer and volleyball June 27 and 28. Also, the sailboarding finals competition will be held on June 27 and 28 at Fern Ridge Lake. For more

information, call the State Games of Oregon office, 775-0522, or write to PO Box 400, Lake Oswego, 97034.

The University Outdoor Program is sponsoring two free workshops designed for those who want to initiate whitewater rafting trips using Outdoor Program raft equipment. The workshops take place Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Outdoor Program room in the basement of the EMU. For more information, call 686-4365.

"Because We Care" is the topic of a free workshop today

at 10 a.m. at the United Lutheran Church, 2230 Washington St. The featured speaker is Dorothy Lauritzen, associate director of Switchboard, an information and referral center.

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