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University to operate campground

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After weeks of discussion the University announced Wednesday it will operate a campground for Grateful Dead and Bob Dylan fans when the musical artists appear at Autzen Stadium on July 19.

The campground will be located at the east end of the Autzen Stadium parking lot, just off Centennial Boulevard, and will remain open from July 16 to July 20.

According to Steve McBride, project director for the Athletic Department, sawdust will be spread on the gravel parking lot and vendors will operate food booths. Medical, water, toilet and garbage facilities also will be provided.

McBride said the campground was a necessity because of the type of fans the Grateful Dead attracts.

"They aren't exactly motel-type people. They like to camp out," McBride said.

"From our past experience, people are going to camp somewhere. You have to create a place for them to go," he said.

McBride said the University expects 1,000 campers the first night and as many as 3,000 the last night, although the area reserved for the campground can be expanded as the need arises.

Ticket sales have topped the 30,000 mark, according to McBride. He estimated a crowd of 35,000 will attend the show.

Jesse Bolton, hired by the University as campground coordinator, said he felt comfortable with the arrangements.

"It's a matter of being flexible with this crowd," Bolton said, adding that endorsements from Double Tee and veteran rock promoter Bill Graham indicate the campground has been well planned.

Use of the parking lot as a campground was extended to Monday to protect the safety of fans, McBride said.

"Any number of concert-goers won't be in condition to be on the road" after the show, he said.

The campground will not be opened earlier than July 16 because officials expect fans to be engaged in "tourist-type things" prior to the weekend, McBride added.

People who arrive at the campground early will be told the facility is not open, McBride said.

"If they show up in other areas of the city, they'll be dealt with by the police," he said.

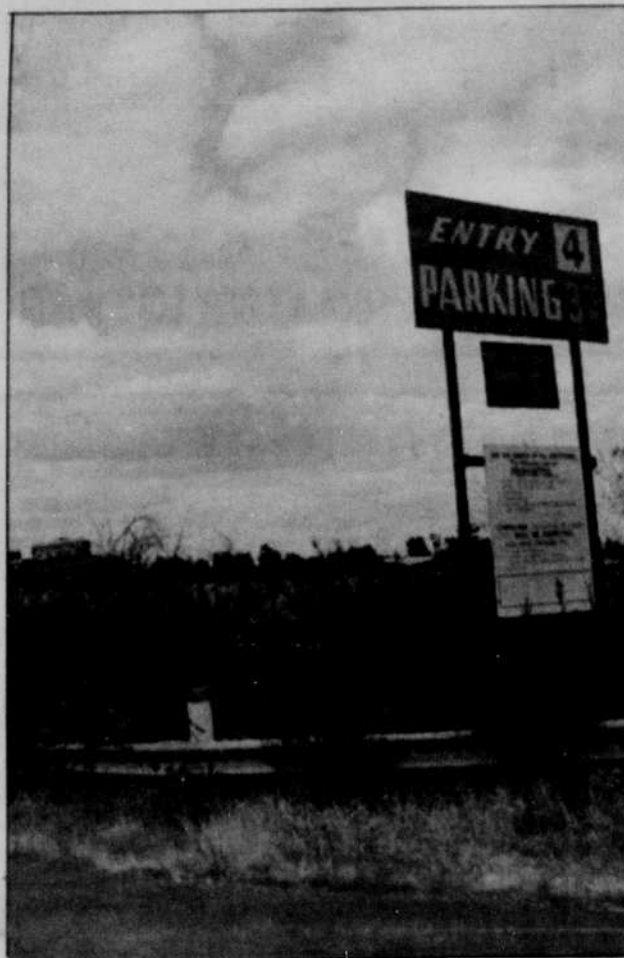


Photo by Andy Cripe

Parking lots at Autzen Stadium will become makeshift campsites beginning July 16. The University will assist in accommodating the inevitable throng of Grateful Dead and Bob Dylan fans.

Vehicles entering the lot will be charged \$10 on Thursday and Friday, \$5 on Saturday, and \$3 on Sunday. Vehicles leaving the lot will be charged again for re-entry.

Restrictions include no open fires, white gas appliances, alcoholic beverages or dogs. Overnight camping in Alton Baker Park also will be prohibited.

Buker's arraignment set; grand jury to determine whether it will prosecute

By Jackie Barry
Of the Emerald

A U.S. District Court judge scheduled a possible arraignment date of Aug. 3 for a Turner man arrested last week in connection with a February bomb scare at Oregon State University.

Before an arraignment can be scheduled, a grand jury will examine evidence from the pre-trial hearing, and decide if a charge against Robert Ray Buker, 49, is warranted.

Buker heard the ruling after a pre-trial hearing July 7. Authorities arrested Buker July 2 at Holladay Park Medical Center in Portland. Buker appeared in Eugene's U.S. District Court that afternoon but was not arraigned as reported in the Emerald's July 7 edition.

Charged with two counts including failure to register, as well as unlawful possession and receipt of a destructive device, Buker faces a potential penalty of 10 years in prison for each charge as well as a \$250,000 fine.

The charges against Buker stem from an attempted bombing that occurred at OSU Feb. 6, when officials found and disarmed a radio operated explosive device at the school's computer center. Several anonymous tips led officials to a bomb-laden briefcase and to a man arrested later that day for the attempted bombing.

OSU police arrested William A. Myers, 43, of Albany after he admitted carrying the briefcase into the building. Myers claimed he was set up, and that he had been asked to carry the briefcase into the building by a woman with a broken boot heel. Authorities cleared Myers as a suspect more than two months later.

At the July 7 hearing, Judge Michael R. Hogan again ordered Buker held without bail. At the July 2 appearance, Buker's lawyer, Howard Collins of Salem, argued Buker should be returned to the Portland medical center for psychiatric evaluation.

During the pre-trial hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Kent, who is prosecuting the case, addressed Buker's mental state, noting Buker had checked himself into the Portland medical clinic but then presented a doctor's report stating Buker was competent to stand trial. He said Buker understood the

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Downtown mall subject of continued argument

By John Henrikson
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It could be any July afternoon on the Eugene Downtown Mall — children play by the fountain, vacationing students lie on the grass, a jazz trio plays to a lunchtime crowd.

But despite the mall's apparent serenity it is currently the eye of a storm of controversy over the proposed re-opening of Willamette Street from Eighth to Tenth streets allowing two-way auto traffic.

Supporters of the planned re-opening, including Mayor Brain Obie and the Eugene Downtown Commission, see it as a way to stimulate business activity by making downtown shops more accessible and visible.

Others, including many Willamette Street merchants, question whether introducing traffic to the mall in fact will have the desired effects, while worrying that vehicles might spoil the character of downtown.

Although re-opening Willamette Street has been discussed several times since the mall's creation in the early 1970s, and a chunk of the street between Tenth and Eleventh streets opened in recent years, the current proposal stems from a 1986 study by a Seattle planning firm.

The plan suggested creating an improved linear mall on Broadway and opening up Willamette Street for traffic while maintaining pedestrian features on the street. Although the Broadway mall improvements recently were completed, the City Council has not yet made a decision on the fate of Willamette Street.

Richie Weinman, Eugene's Community Development Coordinator hopes that they decide to reopen the street, he said. "I think that it would be good for business," he said, claiming that the re-introduction of traffic would help current businesses while attracting new ones.

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Fair offers myriad of fun

The 17th annual Oregon Country Fair in Veneta is coming. Long known as one of the best "people watching" fairs in the state, the three-day event will feature the usual array of fabulous entertainment, great food and extraordinary crafts.

The continuous amusements that beckon from the Fair's eight stages wander from the hilarious to the sublime depending on your taste in music and theater. But no matter what your age or level of sophistication, there is something for everyone.

Among the featured musical acts this year are the world-famous band Norton Buffalo and The Knockouts, folk singers Mary McCaslin and Jim Ringer, renowned soloist Peter Alsop and Eugene's own Latin salsa band Caliente.

If all this fun makes you a little hungry, never fear. Pizza, salad, tofu, chicken, and cheesecake washed down with lemonade or a Smoothie might tide over the biggest appetite.

Also, for people with health

problems, a doctor is on duty at all times during the Fair as is a staff of crisis intervention counselors. Drug counseling is offered at the Whitebird booth, and Dr. Whoopie offers safe sex information.

Buses to the Fair leave from 10th and Olive streets in downtown Eugene every 15 minutes and cost 25 cents. The

Fair runs Friday through Sunday, July 10-12 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 on Friday and \$6 on Saturday and Sunday. Children 12 years and under go in free and seniors 55 and over get in for half price.

Complete activity schedules will be available at the Fair, or call 343-4298 for more information.



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Participants in the annual Country Fair in Veneta experience a weekend of arts, crafts, food and entertainment. This year's activities run from Friday to Sunday.