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TODAY

There will be a Women's Coffee Hour to discuss women's issues in an informal setting at 5 o'clock at Espresso Roma



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EMU BOARD DECISION

Amphitheater allocated \$50,000

PROJECT: ASUO President Matt Scotten had asked the EMU Board for \$100,000, but was only given half that amount

By Angie Suchy
Student Activities Editor

The EMU Board allocated \$50,000 for the proposed University amphitheater, and despite the fact the amount is half of the requested total, ASUO President Matt Scotten said he "can't say no" to it.

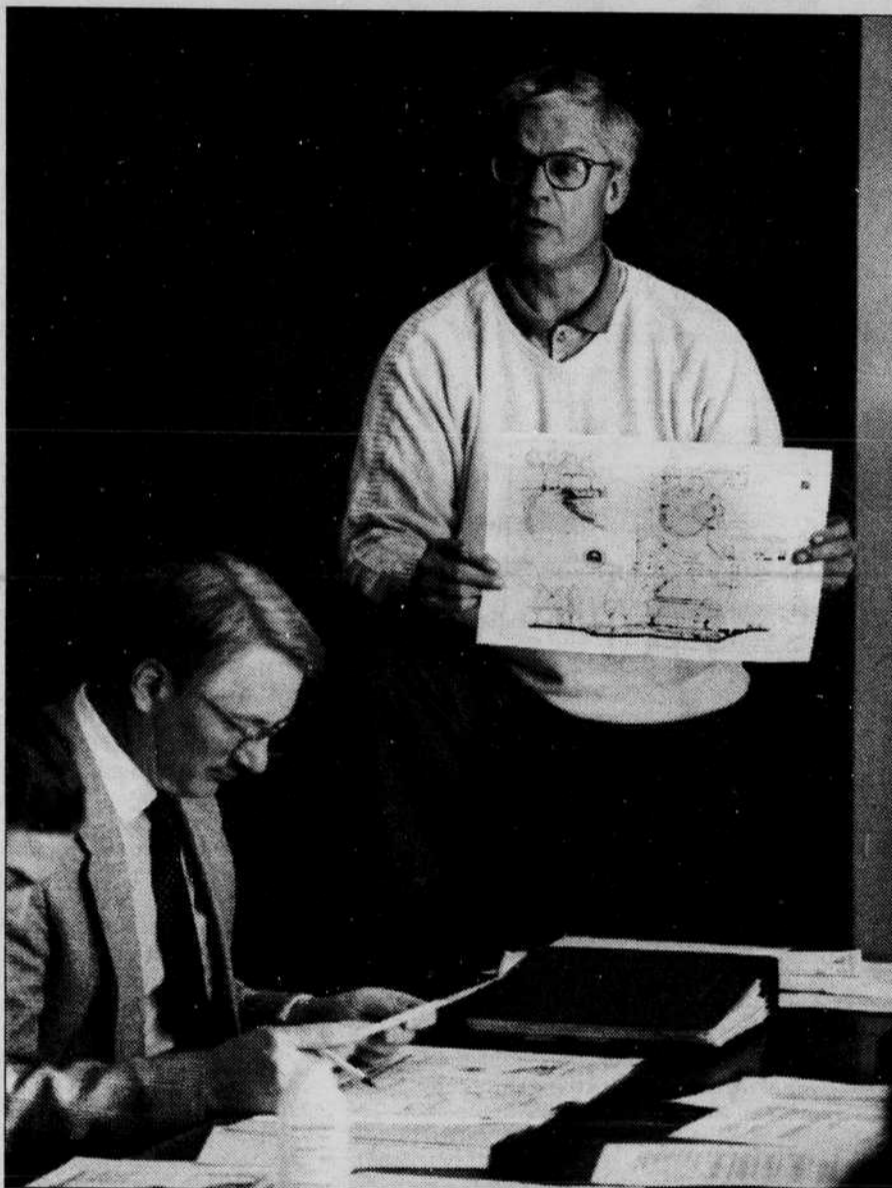
At an EMU Board meeting Wednesday, the members voted to help fund the amphitheater and decided to render another decision on the future of Footnotes in the EMU at next week's meeting as well.

What about Footnotes?

Footnotes Board members were not present at Wednesday's meeting, so the future of Footnotes will be determined at the EMU Board meeting next week. At that time, the EMU Board will re-evaluate its prior decision to renew Footnotes lease in the EMU.

Funding for the amphitheater comes from the EMU building reserve fund, and Scotten and ASUO Vice President Glen Banfield will go before the ASUO Student Senate this month to request the remainder of the money needed for the amphitheater to coincide with the EMU renovation, which is scheduled to begin in May.

EMU Director Dusty Miller presented the proposal to the board and urged members to show support toward the creation of an amphitheater, especially because of the conservative price offered



CHAD PATTESON/Emerald
EMU Director Dusty Miller reviews plans for a proposed amphitheater during a board meeting Wednesday night.

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West University gets better, but crime remains

NEIGHBORHOOD: Criminal and drug activity continue, however Eugene police say the dog and skateboard ban is helping the problem

By Ryan Maughn
Community Reporter

The dog and skateboard ordinance that was implemented in August of 1996 has had, according to Eugene police, a positive effect on its ability to combat criminal activity, but recent police actions have shown the drug transactions and related crimes are still posing a problem on and around 13th Avenue.

Over a six day period last week the Rapid Deployment Unit of the Eugene police department enforced probable cause arrests. A summary of its activities that was released Wednesday at a press conference disclosed there were 105 charges made in the East 13th/West University area that ranged from drug possession to open container violations.

There were 43 felonies cited and 62 misdemeanors. Of that total the number of charges that were drug related were 43.

This tells the police department that the criminal activity in the area is still a significant problem, said Becky Hanson of the Eugene police department.

One of the most alarming facts that came as a result of the summary, according to Sgt. Rick Siel, is the number of high school students who have become involved in drugs. Students from all four of the Eugene high schools were involved in these incidents.

"This is sending a message that this has become a destination for young people and young adults to buy drugs or at some point sell them," Hanson said. "We need to explain to parents that this is not another form of entertainment for young people, it is serious business."

Even with the problems that still exist in the area, an improvement has been noted by local business owners and police officers.

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New Autzen facilities could lead to 1,000 fewer parking spaces

STADIUM: If plans for the new athletic complex are approved, more than 1,000 spots could be eliminated

By Amy Palanuk
Higher Education Reporter

Parking will have to be more "frugal" next season at Autzen Stadium, and once again, the University will encourage fans to use alternate modes of transportation.

"We expect to see a lot more charter buses," said Sandy Walton, senior associate athletic director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

With the construction of the new West Autzen Athletic Facility Complex, the entire west end of the Autzen Stadium parking lot will be developed, eliminating over 1,000 on-site parking spaces.

To receive building permits for the development of the new athletic facilities, the University submitted a parking study to the

City of Eugene.

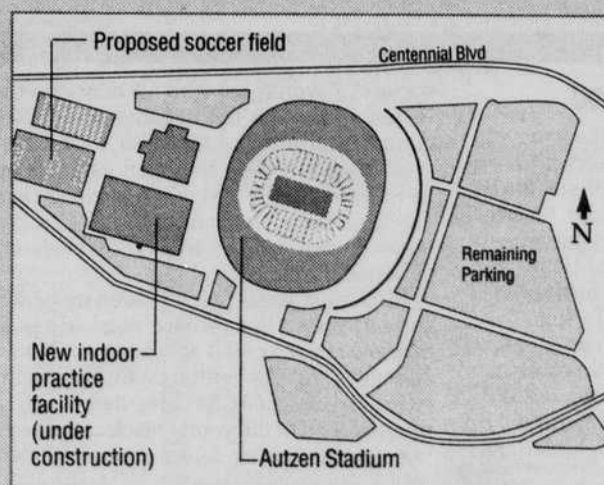
In the study, the University states that the elimination of the parking spaces on-site will still meet city code requirements for the new development.

But the proposal has not actually been signed by the city for approval because of a few "typos and other considerations," said Chris Ramey, director and architect for University planning. "We're 99 percent through the process, there are just a few more adjustments to be made," Ramey said.

The Eugene Code (section 9.586) requires off-street parking for Autzen Stadium to be 9,497 spaces, based on a ratio of one parking space for every 4.4 seats. However, the code also allows for a reduction in the minimum number of parking spaces by 50 percent, because of the University's documented use of alternate modes of transportation.

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PARKING SPACES ELIMINATED AT AUTZEN



ELIMINATED PARKING: About 1000 spaces will be lost following the construction of the new indoor practice facility and a new soccer field.

MATT GARTON/Emerald