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larger than a couple of parties. The Eugene Police Department issued more than 55 MIP citations and 15 citations for allowing consumption of alcohol by minors. But EPD spokeswoman Jan Power said the big football victory last weekend — or anything else, for that matter — didn't make last weekend especially bad for parties in the University area.

"We have a problem with that every weekend," Power said. "If you look at a three-year history, you'll see it's a significant problem most weekends during the school year."

But the one difference that sets last weekend, as well as this coming weekend, apart from others is

that students who get busted can avoid hefty fines with a new University program — and many students, like Shleifer and Llewellyn, are.

BUSTED, or Beginning Underage Success Through Educational Diversion, is a 10-hour course offered through the University, and it is open to all 18- to 20-year-olds in the Eugene area, said Miki Mace, administrator for the University's Substance Abuse and Prevention Program.

Mace said more organizations like hers are offering proactive choices for those cited for MIPs or allowing consumption of alcohol by minors.

"If [people] make choices to reduce their drinking, we take a look at things like what does their support system look like," Mace said.

"If the only thing they do when they go out with their friends is drink, we look at if these people are really their friends. If they give them a hard time about not drink-

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The course is also about reducing the debt burden on those cited.

"The goal is to give people alternatives to paying fines," Mace said. "It appears to us that fines don't

work; all they do is punish."

Mace said research done by the program indicates that many MIP recipients have been cited for the offense two or three times previously.

"I think many of them don't have the information to make different choices," Mace said.

To participate in BUSTED, students must pay a court cost of \$50 and a University fee of \$35. Participants also must have completed Drinking Decisions, a 20- to 30-hour educational course similar to BUSTED. Upon successful completion of BUSTED, first-time offenders can have their citation fees waived, Mace said, as long as they haven't had any drinking offenses in the four months following the class. The course also offers participants the chance to earn college

credit.

Llewellyn said the \$350 cost of his citation will virtually force him to use BUSTED after he goes to court, but he has mixed feelings about the program.

"It's essentially an educational diversion," he said. "I don't like it, but it's kind of good. It gives people with money the easy way out and just pay [the fine]. It sticks it to those who don't [have enough money]."

For Shleifer, whose busted party was broadcast on the local news, the course will make his \$350 citation manageable.

"The class is will be a good experience because the vast majority of students at the U of O are exposed to alcohol," he said. "The class offers the opportunity to help with that."

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ford, assistant director of Athletic Media Services, said.

The year-long setback of adding seats has also caused a change in the setup of construction. Originally, the project was slated to take place in three phases. The first

phase began last summer, and includes work on the north berm of the stadium, removal of raspberry bushes, and complex electrical work that put the stadium on its own power source.

"The project has now been expanded from a three-phase project to a four-phase project," Williford said. "We have divided the origi-

nal phase one into two phases."

The second phase will begin after this football season.

"It will include work on the north side of the stadium, a new ticket building, fences and underground utility during next spring and summer," said Steve McBride, assistant athletic director of internal operations.

Phase 3 of the project, which should be completed by the 2002 season, will be the most noticeable of the four-phase expansion, adding 12,000 new seats, at least 3,000 of which will be located in a new covered club section.

There will also be 32 new skyboxes, a three-story luxury suite and improved concession stands. The total

stadium capacity will increase from 41,700 to 53,800 seats.

"Phase four will finish up the rest of the work in the nine months between November and August 2002, including completion of suites and renovation work," McBride said. The entire project should be completed and ready to accommodate fans by the 2003 season.

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