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Just another Joey

Heisman hopeful Joey Harrington does his best impression of Godzilla in the Big Apple. **PAGE 11**

Re-packing the bench

Student senate fills seats on the ASUO Constitution Court and elects its summer leaders. **PAGE 5**

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NeXturf ready at Autzen

■ The installation of the new turf is but one of several renovations to be completed in the future

By Hank Hager
Oregon Daily Emerald

Almost three months still remain until the first Duck football game, but the turf at Autzen Stadium is ready to go.

NeXturf, the new artificial surface chosen by the Athletic Department in January, was laid in the stadium two weeks before the June 15 deadline, approximately one month after installation began.

John Norton, a project manager for Hunt/Wildish, the contractor for the stadium expansion, said work finished early because of the warm and dry spring weather Eugene has seen.

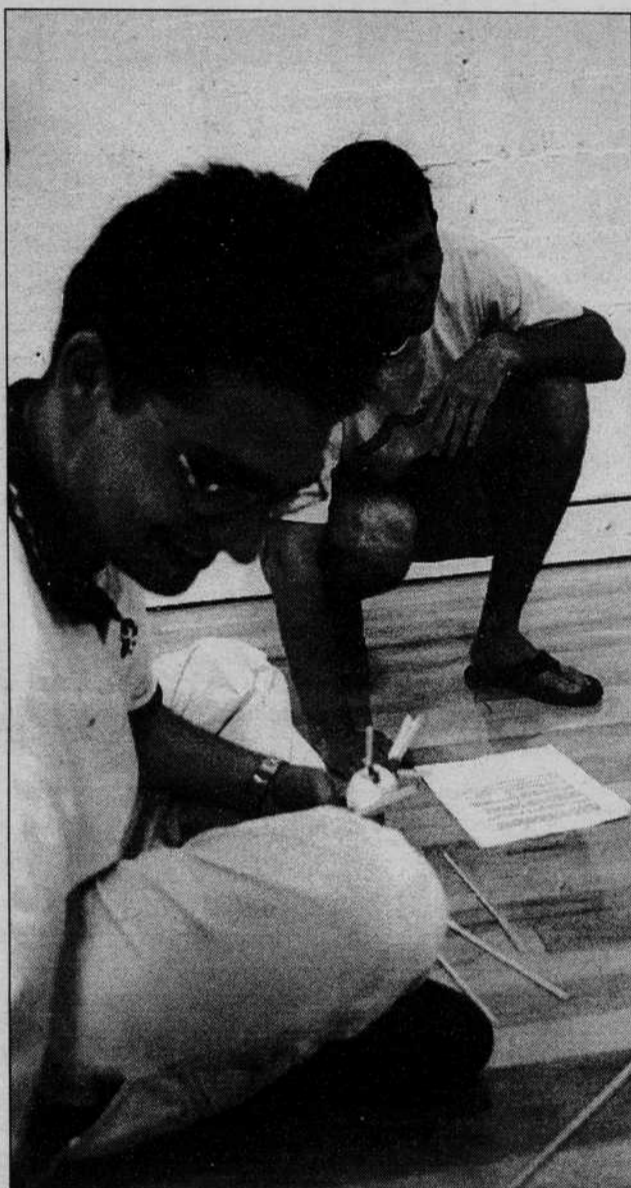
"It's always good to be done a bit earlier," he said.

Norton added that workers from Southwest Recreational Industries, Inc., the creators of the turf, were contracted to install the turf. He said this allowed for a more experienced set of workers.

The turf, which cost \$1.35 million, is the fifth artificial surface in the 34-year history of Autzen Stadium. The traditional pattern of the alternating dark and light green color

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Follow the L.E.A.D.-ers



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Jakub Nowakowski and Nathan Nicholson are assigned to use straws and tape to protect an egg from breaking.

■ Students can discover skills in both following and leading in the Action Leadership class

By Lisa Toth
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Fifteen students enrolled in the Action Leadership class started off their last session Tuesday by forming a circle and tossing a Koosh ball to each other at random. As they tossed the ball, they shared words that represented their experiences in the class, such as "cooperation" and "unity."

But then the facilitators, who help the class perform activities, asked every member of the circle to touch the ball in the quickest amount of time possible.

After considering several possible solutions, the students placed their hands in the middle of the circle, and once their fingers were touching, one of the facilitators dropped the ball. As it fell, the ball brushed past everyone's hands before hitting the floor. The Action Leadership class, PEL 399, is offered every term and allows students to practice being leaders and to learn group problem-solving techniques in a fun atmosphere. It is also part of L.E.A.D. — Leadership through Education, Activity, Development — a program that offers one-credit classes to help University students and staff explore leadership.

"Everything is experimental," said Nancy Heapes, one of two facilitators for PEL 399 and the creator of L.E.A.D. "It gives you a great awareness of who you think you are."

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Tension increases for EMU

■ Students and the EMU Administration have clashed recently concerning their separate roles in the governance of the EMU

By Beata Mostafavi
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Some students are outraged by the EMU Administration's recent actions, and Cultural Forum Director Linda Dievendorf's termination — which ignited fiery protest — was just the tip of the iceberg.

Built-up tension between some students and administration members surfaced last

week after administrators Dusty Miller and Gregg Lobisser told Dievendorf her contract would not be renewed after her 21 years with the University. Students expressed anger that they had not been consulted, especially because Dievendorf's position is funded by student incidental fees.

But some students and EMU staff members say Dievendorf's termination only opens a door to heightening feelings of mistrust among students and staff members toward the administration. Many say administrators have tried to "micromanage" the EMU and only care about their agendas, not students'. Administration leaders, however, say they want to work collaboratively with students and employees, and that they do not have hidden intentions.

ASUO Accounting Coordinator Jennifer Creighton said student leaders, who spend time protecting the student fee, are concerned that the administration is trying to exert too much power over students' money.

"I think the ASUO feels students don't have control over their own fees," she said. "It's not just the Linda issue. Definitely I can see there's a lack of trust both from students and employees toward the administration ... It's a communication barrier. Somehow everyone needs to come to the same page."

Creighton, who holds an officer of administration position, added that Dievendorf's sudden termination has also concerned many EMU staff members.

"I know that I fear for my position more than I used to," she said. "I don't feel there's enough communication from the administration that comes down to my staff level."

Concerns about student input

Lobisser, who is the director of student activities and supervises Dievendorf, said he could not comment on the specifics of the Dievendorf situation. But he said he could talk about issues in general terms.

He noted that students have ample chances to voice their opinions and make decisions through budgetary and advisory meetings, and that there are countless ways for students to become involved with campus activities.

"The University has students on every advisory committee ... There's a lot of opportu-

Oregon offers a wealth of outdoor fun



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The dunes between Florence and Coos Bay on the Oregon Coast are a great place to hike and enjoy the scenic beauty of the Pacific Ocean.

■ Nature lovers can see bighorn sheep, walk among sand dunes, go horseback riding and try their hand at windsurfing at destinations around the state

By Sue Ryan
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Whether your plans as a University student include classes this summer or not, there are plenty of opportunities to take a break and explore Oregon's outdoor pursuits.

Divide the state into regions, take your bearings and you're off to some of the best outdoor destinations in the state.

Southeastern Oregon

Toni Nunn, a federal recreation planner at the Hart Mountain Wildlife Refuge, said southeastern Oregon is an excellent place to view antelope, bighorn sheep and raptors. Travelers can take a loop approach to two destinations in the region: Hart Mountain and Steens Mountain. Campers usual-

ly can't reach all of the refuge until late July, but Nunn said this year dry conditions have opened roads earlier. But she added that campers should be even more cautious with campfires.

"Stuff is pretty accessible," Nunn said. "Since it is dry, there will be tight restrictions on cooking over open flames."

Hart Mountain is open to off-road horseback riding and backpacking. Visitors can also dip their toes into the refuge's 60-year-old Hot Springs bathhouse pool.

Sixty-mile-long Steens Mountain rises 5,500 feet from the high desert floor near Burns and was designated a federal wilderness in October.

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