



UO makes 'O' optional for student groups

Administrators say the policy was changed in response to comments from students

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University administration officials, in a sudden reversal of stated policy, announced they will no longer require student groups to put the 'O'

logo on publications.

The decision came amid protests from student groups that the policy would be complicated, costly and confusing.

"We heard some of the student comments and decided to go in a different direction," said Harry Battson, associate vice president for strategic communications. "We

want students to be part of the organization and show their support if they want to."

Although University departments are still required to follow the 'O' policy, student groups now have the option to leave the logo off their publications. Contract nonprofit groups aren't allowed to carry the logo unless University officials decide the

nonprofit's message is consistent with the University's.

Battson said student groups can still use the logo if they agree to comply with the University's graphic style guides specifying how the logo can be used. University Publications Director George Beltran said 1,500 copies of the guide were printed by the University at a cost of \$20,000, and the

materials can also be found on University Publications Web site.

Battson said the new, revised policy is unlikely to change again. "This is kind of the optimum policy in the sense that student organizations can make a choice in the way they want to use it," he said.

The policy first came to light at an

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Finishing the field



A worker from NexTurf pressure washes the new turf field by the Student Recreation Center.
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Turf's almost up

Depending on weather conditions, the installation of the new turf field next to the recreation center may be finished by the beginning of December

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The new artificial turf field being installed next to the Student Recreation Center is finally near completion after two months of delays. Officials said it may be accessible to students as early as Dec. 1 if the weather continues to hold.

The \$1.3 million project, which was originally scheduled to be completed in time for use at the start of fall term, is almost entirely funded by the University Athletic Department

as a gift to students and a practice center for the Oregon Marching Band.

The turf timeline was hindered by a lighting problem, improper materials, bad weather and heavy student traffic. Various contractors, under the supervision of engineering firm Balzhiser & Hubbard, absorbed the cost of delays and eliminated extra University spending. Workers for NexTurf are now pressure-washing the old paint off the turf surface, trimming and pasting the material down and putting final touches on the project.

The field would have been ready for use as soon as October if not for a number of delays that forced back the

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Mediator calls two-day recess in labor talks

Representatives for the grocery stores and the UFCW 555 will meet Sunday to vote whether to strike or to accept the employers' two-tier plan

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A federal mediator called a 48-hour recess in the labor negotiations between Safeway, Albertsons and Fred Meyer and the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, after the Joint Labor Management committee intervened at the last minute on Wednesday.

JLM, which represents senior executives and CEOs of all major U.S. food corporations and all food industry union presidents, is trying to aid the two sides in reaching an agreement.

Both sides agreed to the recess, which will run today through Sunday.

Union spokesman Rick Sawyer said representatives will meet on Sunday at the Double Tree hotel in Springfield to vote whether to

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Councilors sign letter against war

Eugene city councilors who drafted the letter say it, along with letters from other U.S. cities, can have an effect on U.S. foreign policy

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Six of the eight Eugene city councilors signed a letter Wednesday opposing U.S. military action in Iraq, joining Madison, Wis., Santa Fe, N.M., Seattle and other cities nationwide in making a statement against the prospect of war. Ward 6 Councilor Pat Farr, who was absent from Wednesday's meeting, and Ward 5 Councilor Gary Papé, who drafted his own letter, were the only two who did not sign. The letter will be sent to President Bush, Oregon's two U.S. senators and Rep. Peter DeFazio.

Apparently, the councilors were unable to agree on the wording of the letter, so two versions were drafted. Papé's version — which

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WEATHER

Today: High 53, Low 38, cloudy, foggy turning sunny

Saturday: High 53, Low 38, foggy, chance of late showers

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday

Event will aim to get students to leave their wallets at home

Tuesday

Enrollment figures are in showing diversity on campus

EPD issues fewer citations, lessens patrol

Since the Sept. riot, police have concluded their focused patrol of the West University area

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The number of students cited for alcohol-related offenses in the West University neighborhood has dramatically decreased over the past two weekends, ending the trend of out-of-control parties that led the Eugene Police Department to cite more than 500 people in the area since the Sept. 27 riot.

The reasons for the decrease are unknown, but some point to inclement weather while others believe students are partying more responsibly. Meanwhile, EPD was forced to cut its West University Focused Patrol — which

wrote a majority of the citations — in part because of costs.

After the riots, EPD increased its presence in the neighborhood, giving eight officers and one sergeant overtime pay to patrol during the five weekends before Halloween.

But over the past two weekends, EPD spokeswoman Pam Olshanski said the department has decided there is no reason to have additional officers patrol the neighborhood. EPD could not estimate how many officers will patrol the area in the future, but Olshanski said the department will continue to have a police presence.

"Essentially, the activity has decreased," she said. "If (students are) still partying, then it's not requiring a phone

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