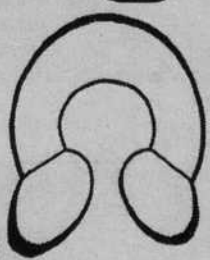


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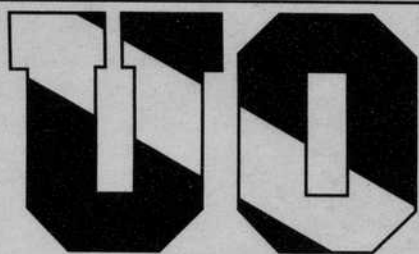
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Turf

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project, Physical Activity and Recreation Services Director Dennis Munroe said. First, one of the six huge lights that illuminates the area at night was partially blocked by the Hayward Field grandstands directly to the east. Although a new, more compatible light pole came several weeks later, the construction equipment needed to install the new system temporarily stopped all other work because it would have damaged the field.

Another delay was a problem with the top layer of gravel, Balzhiser & Hubbard engineer Monica Anderson said. NexTurf fields are designed to drain an incredible amount of water in a matter of minutes, but the rocks that help stabilize the turf weren't the right size and created a drainage problem.

"It must have been 75 dump trucks full of gravel before they figured it out," Munroe said.

By the time the problems were solved, the project had been delayed beyond the start of school. Contractors had to hire security guards and extra employees to try to keep students off the sensitive construction area.

"You could stand there and talk to people, and they still would walk right through," Munroe said, adding

that there are still some bicycle treadmarks on the side of the field.

Then the rain came. The glues that adhere the turf to the rubbery surface underneath don't work when moisture is in the air. In fact, the recent dry weather is the only thing that's keeping the project moving toward a December completion date.

Almost one year ago, Munroe approached the Athletic Department and asked them if PARS could buy the department's old turf. Athletic Department officials originally declined, but when they finally decided to permanently replace NexTurf with a new material, the department not only decided to donate the NexTurf to PARS, but to install it for them, too.

"What they ended up offering to us was a gift to build the entire field," Munroe said.

The new field will be used for OMB, men's and women's soccer and lacrosse and individual student use. Like the older synthetic turf field directly north of the new one, the area will be open for anyone to use when scheduled activities aren't in session. The large overhead lights will allow the field to stay open from when it first gets light in the morning until 11 p.m. most days.

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Police

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call to us."

Student Affairs Vice President and Dean of Students Anne Leavitt said she thinks EPD has been effective in saturating patrols in the neighborhood, and that even without the additional officers, the department will still be paying a lot of attention to the area.

"I think a combination of the police and the University notifying students about how to hold responsible parties and how to behave properly has clearly been effective," she said.

Jeannine Parisi, an analyst for the Eugene Police Commission, said the weather also could be one reason for a decrease in activity.

"Once it gets colder and wetter, the number of people partying in their yards and walking around with open containers decreases," she said.

Parisi said EPD decided not to deploy as many officers in the neighborhood after Halloween because of cost expenses; EPD spends about \$6,000 each weekend it has overtime officers patrol the neighborhood.

"It is simply a resource issue," Parisi said. "We could be spending this money on other programs."

Leading up to Halloween, the neighborhood was clearly a party spot. The day following the riot, Sept. 28, EPD issued 55 citations.

The number of citations issued increased dramatically over the next few weeks. On Oct. 4 and 5, 125 citations were handed out, and on Oct. 11 and 12, EPD issued about 123 citations.

But in the next two weekends, the number of citations declined. On Oct. 18 and 19, 55 citations were handed out, and 84 people received tickets on Oct. 25 and 26.

The Halloween weekend marked the final appearance of the West University Focused Patrol. The patrol issued 47 citations on Halloween and distributed about 18 citations on the nights of Nov. 1 and 2.

Over the last two weeks, EPD has stopped compiling data about neighborhood citations.

"Do we think partying is gone? No," Olshanski said. "We're not that blind to college life on a Friday or Saturday night."

As for future police presence, Olshanski said EPD will increase patrols if it has reason to believe that there will be a high level of party activity in the neighborhood for a particular weekend.

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