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Parking Lot to Become Recreation Field
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Students clamored for more student life on campus and Student Government responded. Earlier this semester Lot 4 on the corner of 6th Avenue South and 3rd Street South was closed for construction and will be transformed into a new recreational field for student use.

Lot 4 has most recently been used as an overflow parking lot during construction of the Fifth Avenue South Parking Facility. However, it was originally endorsed by the Campus Board and Student Government for student-oriented building purposes.

Now that construction on the parking garage is complete and there is sufficient parking available for faculty, staff and students, Student Government plans to move forward with plans to renovate the lot.

"For years we have been lobbying for State approval of a student union project, which we hope will neighbor the recreation field in the future," said Chris Buckler, student government secretary.

Student Government is currently in the bidding process to determine pricing to build two to four new volleyball and basketball courts before the end of spring semester.

"We strive to keep improving our campus, the lots will help the campus beautification mission and is a step forward for students by students," said Megan Willoughby, student government president. "We've heard our peers and are working hard to meet their needs."

USFSP will provide $60,000 to assist with site preparation costs. All remaining costs will be covered by Student Government.

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