

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

John Mascaro is President of Turf-Tec International

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Perfect circles void of grass

Turfgrass Area: Lawn of Performing Arts Center

Location: Oxford, Mississippi

Grass Variety: 419 bermudagrass

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The circles that are void of grass on the lawn at the University of Mississippi's Gertrude C. Ford Center Performing Arts Center were caused by the first presidential debate in September 2008. Ole Miss was the site of the first televised debate and preparations began over a year in advance of the event. The University spent over \$5 million dollars not only to host the event, but also on event preparation as well as campus improvements. In addition to installing a fence around the entire campus, a bulldozer flattened the top of this hill half the

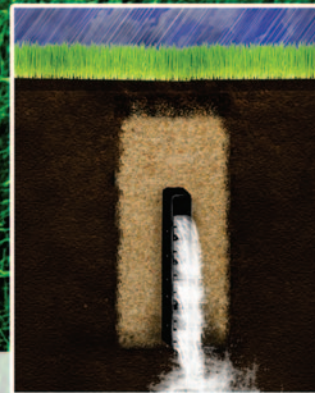
size of a football field. Next a large portable building was erected on the site for the media. When finished it had 800 work stations, TV monitors, phone lines, high speed internet access and was fully air conditioned. The circular areas on the front side of the hill are where the outrigger feet had rested to level out the temporary foundation. You can still see the temporary electrical hookup left behind in the upper left corner of the picture.

Photo submitted by Gary Morris, Golf Course Superintendent at Ole Miss Golf Club, Oxford, MS.

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