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GTFF, University negotiations snag

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Negotiations between the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF) and the University deadlocked Wednesday night with the union charging administration representatives with stalling.

The University, meanwhile, is considering an unfair labor practices suit.

The negotiations, heading into their sixth month, snagged when neither group could reach agreement on an article entitled "Maintenance of Rights and Benefits," ac-

cording to the University's negotiator, William Lemman.

But GTFF negotiator Jerry Dodds claimed the group he represents called the impasse for more than just one point of disagreement.

"We feel the University is making a conscious effort to stall," Dodds said after the bargaining session broke up.

Dodds said the impasse occurred because negotiations have continued since the first part of October with "no significant progress." In addition, Dodds claimed, the University refuses to agree to language that

would "protect the existing rights and benefits of members in the bargaining unit."

He said if the University could stall long enough to not meet the legal requirements of mediation and factfinding — the two procedures which must be accomplished before a strike may occur — any strike action would be useless.

After the union called the impasse and asked for mediation, Dodds said the University threatened to file an unfair labor practices suit against the teaching fellows.

Lemman, who is also the vice-chancellor in the State System of Higher Education,

said an unfair practices suit is a matter that "we're going to consider."

Lemman would not elaborate on possible court action, but he said the administration would release a further statement sometime this morning.

Union representatives, for their part, will ask for mediation this morning.

Currently, no contract exists between the University and the teaching fellows. The graduate students want a salary increase, a health insurance plan, adequate grievance procedures and protection of their existing rights.

Millrace cleanup nets affluent debris



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A customary tradition of the fraternities and sororities adjacent to the millrace between Patterson and Alder Streets is to throw their initiates and other Greeks into the murky waters of that malodorous duckway. Most survive, but often one of the baptized will re-emerge watchless, shoeless, ringless or what-else-less.

It was not surprising, then, that Wednesday's millrace cleanup effort by about two dozen fraternity members and a handful of sorority members from houses along the waterway resulted in some unusual finds as well as generating a lot of publicity from the curious media.

KVAL-TV was there, as was the Register-Guard and a correspondent from the Oregonian, all perhaps hoping to witness the uncovering of an Alpha Phi's lost diamond ring or a valuable gold watch in the exposed millrace sludge.

Although neither the ring nor the watch were found, in less than two hours the cleanup drive netted two Safeway shopping carts, two fraternity telephones, three alarm clocks, one sorority study lamp, two lawn sprinklers...

...Two mirrors, one fire extinguisher, a muffler, a mailbox, several sections of garden hose, a stereo, a camera, two orange juggling balls, one rubber ball, one strap-on roller skate, six broken record albums...

...A doorknob, a paint roller, two lawn rakes, a plastic birdfeeder, a wooden target bow, two plastic boat paddles, one downhill ski, a pair of mirrored sunglasses...

...One barbecue grill, plates, bowls, dishes, cups, several dozen beer and pop bottles (two unopened), a CB antenna, a stereo speaker, a chair...

...Several broken umbrellas, a half-dozen unmatched pairs of tennis shoe soles, one wing tip oxford, a Travelodge parking sign and one towel.

The cleanup drive, organized by Ben Gilliam, Interfraternity Council (IFC) community activities director, in an attempt to remove stumps, limbs and other debris hazardous to canoe navigation and baptismal rites, was made possible by the cooperative efforts of the city of Eugene, the University Physical Plant and Western Beverage manager, Frank Hayzlett, distributor of Anheuser-Busch products who donated garbage bags and beverages to the drive to publicize Budweiser's National College "Pitch In!" Week. The city donated a dump truck and driver while the Physical Plant loaned out wheelbarrows and shovels.

While the water is shut off from the Millrace by way of a headgate located along the Willamette, city workers will inspect the abutment walls for possible needed repairs. According to one city worker who was inspecting drainage into the canal just before cleanup activities got underway, the millrace was last cleaned in the early '60s by the city.

It is supposedly nine feet from the top of the millrace walls to the concrete bottom. It will be filled again as soon as the city completes its inspection and repairs.

Doug Benson, Rick McCloskey and Jeff Fisher conquered their fear of the primordial ooze Wednesday as they waded into the Millrace to dredge up over a decade's accumulation of, well, junk. Organized by

the Interfraternity Council, the cleanup drive made the Millrace safe once again for errant canoists or baptism candidates.

Photo by Patrick Sullivan