

Graduate teaching fellows vote to add strike bylaw

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The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation must have the approval of at least two-thirds of its members in order to strike, the union decided Thursday night.

The new bylaw, adopted unanimously by the 95 members attending, means that at present membership levels, fewer than 100 of the 260 union members could block ratification of a strike.

Until the amendment was passed, nothing in the group's bylaws governed strike votes.

GTFF Pres. Charles Aiker said the union would resume negotiations with the University at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Aiker also said Bill Lemman, the University's chief negotiator, had notified the union that the administration would present revised proposals on the issues of work load and reappointment.

However, Aiker said he expected the University to stick to its most recent salary offer.

The GTFF and the University presented testimony on eleven disputed issues at an August fact-finding hearing. The subsequent fact finder's report, a non-binding compromise proposal, supported the union's position on salaries, workload, appointments and reappointments and discipline and discharge.

University Pres. William Boyd rejected the report Sept. 13, claiming "the recommendation for salary settlement simply lies beyond the means of the University."

Lemman later notified the union that the University also objected to the fact finder's recommendations on workload and appointment-reappointment. Lemman told the Emerald Wednesday that the University had decided to accept the fact finder's proposal on discipline and discharge.

In other business at the Thursday meeting, the GTFF adopted resolutions supporting Myra Willard's class action suit against the University and opposing passage of Ballot Measure 7, which would prohibit the use of state funds for abortions.

Union members also voted 86-6 to join a suit against the state attorney general ruling the State Board of Higher Education cannot divest itself of stock in corporations with business interests in South Africa.

Additionally, the group decided 89-2 to oppose passage of Ballot Measure Six in the Nov. 7 statewide election. Measure Six, nearly identical to a measure approved by California voters June 6, would limit property taxes in Oregon to a 1.5 percent increase in assessed value with property tax levels rolled back to their 1975 assessments.

Bookstore takes a stand, votes for bond divestment

At its first meeting of the year, the University Bookstore board took an unofficial vote divesting itself of \$5,000 worth of bonds involving the TENNECO corporation, which does business in the Republic of South Africa.

The board members agreed Thursday night at the Black Angus that a change was necessary. Board president Jeff Warren felt University students presented a mandate to the bookstore when they voted overwhelmingly for divestment of the State Board of Higher Education's stock in South

Africa last fall.

Board members were unsure over an alternative to the TENNECO bonds and decided to delay an official divestment of the bonds until a later meeting.

Much of the evening was taken up with a low-key review of the bookstore's operations, including a comprehensive slide show summarizing the store's daily operations.

Early in the meeting, guest speaker Ehrman Giustina told the board the bookstore has "a reputation of being very well run, with

good direction from the board."

"However," he continued, "I wouldn't call this a non-profit organization, because of its bottom line figure." Giustina was referring to the \$56,000 surplus the bookstore held as of February 28, 1978; money which the board must dispose of in some way this term. If the money is not used, the surplus must be turned over to the University or the bookstore would lose its non-profit status. The bookstore still holds most of the \$56,000.

At the end of the meeting, General Manager Jim Williams summarized some of the issues facing the Bookstore.

"We should emphasize establishing a direction to move in during the next few years," Williams said. He suggested maintaining effective personnel relations, re-fixturing the store and implementing new cash registers as top priorities for the immediate future. The new cash registers will be linked to a central computer, according to Williams, and will make the retail process much simpler.

Grad student found dead

A 27-year-old University graduate student apparently died in his sleep Wednesday night, the Eugene Police Department reported Thursday.

John Scott West, a graduate student in education, was found dead in a residence at 2790 Elinor St.

The body of West who lived at 1548 Lincoln St., was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital, where investigation into his death continues. Cause of the student's death is unknown.

Funeral arrangements are pending through England Funeral Home.

Museum schedules tours

Guided tours of the University Museum of Art will be given every Sunday beginning Oct. 1.

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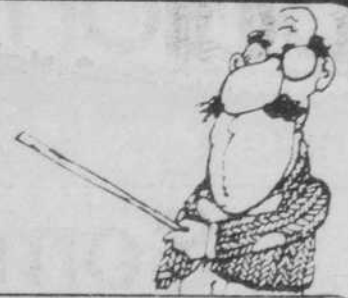
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