

## Labor reps would back GTF strike

Representatives of major Lane County labor unions have promised support for a Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation strike.

In an announcement Wednesday, the Lane County Labor Council's executive board said it had decided unanimously to "reaffirm its support" for the GTF in its contract talks with the University.

The announcement quoted Irv Fletcher, executive secretary of the council, as saying "It was also the board's consensus that, should the GTFs be forced to strike the University to gain a contract, the full labor council would vote to grant strike sanction and seek support for the GTFs from other area labor groups and employee associations."

Hugh Perkins, executive secretary of Teamsters Union local 57, confirmed that he has assured GTFF leaders that Teamsters would honor the University union's picket lines.

Perkins noted that many commodities delivered to the University, including laundry supplies, soft drinks and foodstuffs, arrive in vehicles driven by Teamster members. If the GTFF votes to strike, Teamster drivers will refuse to deliver goods to the University, Perkins said.

The Lane County Labor Council consists of representatives from 46 Lane County AFL-CIO locals. Eleven local union leaders sit on the council's executive board.

Fletcher said that, in voting a strike sanction for the GTFF, the council would recommend that its member unions respect GTFF picket lines. The council cannot direct its members to follow council decisions, Fletcher noted. Each local must decide whether to support a GTFF strike.

Gary McMahon, chairer of the Student University Affairs Board, expressed concern over the progress of negotiations in a statement at a monthly meeting of University Assembly Wednesday.

Union and University negotiators will convene another bargaining session Tuesday at 3 p.m.

## Ethereal motion

Marianne Morino demonstrated the ancient art of belly dancing before an appreciative noon-time crowd of about 50 students in the EMU breezeway Thursday. Morino, a local belly dance instructor, was joined by fellow dancer Karen Hartman.



Photo by Dennis Hickok

## Photographer disrupts anti-Weinstein move

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Photographs taken at a meeting to organize a recall effort against Lane County Commissioner Archie Weinstein may keep some county employees from participating in that effort, a leader of the drive says.

Jan Newton, co-chairer of the Citizens' Committee to Recall

Weinstein, says most county employees who have been approached about the petitions are reluctant to get involved because they are afraid they will lose their jobs.

"They are terrified," she says. "They are just afraid to sign the petitions."

The recall drive began earlier this week when Newton and Roscoe Caron, both of Eugene, filed

the necessary petition with the county elections division. The drive needs to collect 14,762 valid signatures before the recall can be put on a special election ballot later this year.

Many employees who would otherwise participate in the recall effort are also afraid that photographs taken by a member of Weinstein's staff at that meeting will be used by Weinstein for harassment, says Ed Wemple, a former county commission candidate.

Those photographs were taken during the hour-long meeting Tuesday evening in Harris Hall by Weinstein's nephew, Clint Reed. Several people warned Reed against photographing the supporters, and others demanded that he remove the film from his camera.

Although Reed, a high school student who's also an intern on Weinstein's staff, told people after the meeting the pictures were for his "photo album," Wemple disagrees. Those photos may be used to intimidate employees who support the recall, he says.

"Clint Reed's being there to

take pictures is just too obvious," Wemple says. "His saying that the pictures are for his album is just ridiculous."

Reed, Weinstein and his aid George Kramer, have all refused to comment on the photographs.

Harassment of county employees by members of Weinstein's which represents county employees. If employees participate in is limited to verbal abuse. Other times it may go as far as threats to employee's jobs, he says.

County employees have also been instructed to not participate in the petition drive or sign petitions during working hours says Linda Laffer, president of the American Federation of State and Municipal Employees Union which represents county employees. If employees participate in the drive, they may be in violation of the county code, and could lose their jobs, Laffer says.

Issa Simpson, of the county's forester office, who plans to announce her support of the recall this morning, says working in county government under Weinstein's leadership is "demoralizing."

Simpson says Weinstein's statements in Wednesday's county commissioner meeting are clear examples of the type of harassment county employees face.

At that meeting, Weinstein said he wanted to investigate whether three Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) employees in the forester office were part of the recall effort before he would allow them to be reappointed to another county position.

The commissioners decided at that meeting to phase out CETA funding to that office and place the CETA employees in other positions.

Simpson says those statements prompted her public support of the movement.

"Weinstein continually put down everything we ever did," she says. "It was no telling how long we'd work on a project just to be cut off, mostly for temperamental reasons."

Intimidation of county employees because of their personal political beliefs is also common, Simpson says.

## today

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