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Scalpers clip Duck fans; passes not sold out

Believe it or not, there are still about 475 athletic passes available for sale at the Athletic Department, according to ASUO Vice-Pres. Lisa Barnhardt.

"I honestly don't know why the tickets haven't been sold yet," she says. "Maybe people just assumed they would be sold out, since that was the case last year."

This year's situation is a new one for the University Athletic Department, which had

never seen anything less than immediate sellouts during the Dick Harter basketball era.

The new coach, Jim Haney, is Harter's former assistant.

Tickets may be purchased during regular hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the supply is exhausted. The price is \$37.80 for the three remaining home football games and fifteen upcoming basketball contests.

In past years, all available passes were sold within the first week of ticket sales. Many found holders who were willing to shell out up to three times the going rate, on the black market. Surprisingly, that is the only aspect of ticket sales not to change this year, Barnhardt notes.

"I heard of a lot of people buying tickets at a lot higher price," she says. "It's too bad, since we still have so many left."

Monday's Emerald classified ads listed

athletic passes from \$60 to \$75 each. Best offers were also being asked and sellers promised unsigned tickets.

But Barnhardt doesn't think the tickets will last long.

"We hope a lot more people will buy them before the next football game, (against Brigham Young University this Saturday) and I think the situation will be cleared up when the word gets around."

Turn other cheek

Biblical parables create scenes for imitators through comedy and mime. For the Lamb Players Mime Troupe, talk is cheap and actions speak louder than words. The white-faced performers staged old tales for University students in front of the EMU Monday at noon. The California mimers will be in Eugene for three days.



Photo by Keith Allen

Food workers get pay hike, others in limbo

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Although the University has granted food service workers a pay increase of about 8 percent, other student workers on campus must wait for a decision on their own wages.

The pay increase affects about 250 employees in the EMU and University dormitories. It raises pay ranges from a scale of \$2.44 to \$2.82 per hour to \$2.65 to \$2.92 per hour.

Workers were offered the pay increase in May, but it was delayed when contract talks between the University and the workers' union broke down, says Allen McKenzie, assistant vice-chancellor for the State System of Higher Education.

One former union member says that the pay increase finally awarded Sept. 16 is not the same as that offered last spring.

"They (the union) fooled around and fooled around, and then we couldn't find them anymore. We didn't get a response, so we went ahead with the pay increase," McKenzie says.

Jack Condliffe, a former negotiator for the union, disagrees with McKenzie.

"It's untrue that they couldn't find the union. They didn't try to find the union at the address it has had for three years," Condliffe says.

"They wrote me a letter personally," he adds. "I told them that contacting me was not the same as contacting the union."

According to Francisco Lopez, a student employee trying to re-organize the union

and re-open talks, spring term finals and the summer break interrupted negotiations between the University and Local 1893 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

"Our last mediation session was in May," Lopez says. "One side was supposed to send the other a letter asking for factfinders. We never got a letter and we never sent a letter. It was just very disorganized at the end of spring term."

Lopez says University officials sent the union a letter before the fall term announcing the wage increase.

"If they could send us that letter, why couldn't they send us the first?"

The union is currently in trouble, Lopez says.

"We only have 20 members in the union right now," he says. "Before the summer we had over 100."

Workers have several grievances to settle, according to Lopez, but the pay increase makes it more difficult to recruit members.

One special complaint Lopez has is the change from three pay increases to two.

"Many students will never get that second pay increase, because they won't be able to put in the extra 300 hours," he says.

"We need to organize, then go back to the table and see what happens," he says.

"They won't give the minimum wage again. Why should they?"

As long as the workers are without a contract, the University can restrict hours and impose other rules workers find objectiona-

ble, Lopez says.

"They can do anything they want, right now," he says.

The scheduled annual increases in the federal minimum wage may cause problems for the University, McKenzie says. The present federal minimum wage will go from \$2.65 to \$2.90 on Jan. 1, 1979. It will increase to \$3.10 the following January, and will go to \$3.35 January 1981.

"With all of the pressures on the state of Oregon, I'd be foolish to say we're going to keep up with it," McKenzie says.

"Besides, this increase to the students is only somewhat related to the minimum wage. We are not subject to it," he adds.

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, state educational institutions are required to pay only 85 percent of the federal minimum wage to their student employees.

Wages of other student workers were raised to meet minimum wage standards last April, says Al Moore, assistant director for the University Office of Personnel.

But the pay increase for food services workers does not mean one is in store for the other students, he adds.

"We're not ready to announce any increases until we're authorized to do so," Moore says.

Consideration for a pay increase comes in December, Moore says. In the past, he adds, student workers have experienced the same percentage increase as classified staff employees.

Work-study students are subject to different minimum standards, according to Ginger Lyday of the campus Work-Study Placement Office.

"It's up to the department to set the rates. As of now, our minimum is \$2.50 an hour. There are no changes in store, but nobody's going to get anybody to work for that wage," she says.

today

Seven persons testified against renewal of Teleprompter's operating license at last night's public hearing. Recap on Page 3.

Tired of standing in line, three enterprising computer science students are working on the prototype for a pre-registration system. Story on Page 3.

Who says utopia is unworkable? Cerro Gordo residents have been carving out their own version of paradise in the hills near Cottage Grove for more than seven years, and are now reaping its rewards. See Page 8.