

Day of rest

In observance of Veterans' Day, the University's business office will be closed, as will the post office and a number of banks and other businesses in the Eugene-Springfield area.



The excitement and anticipation surrounding two previous strike vote meetings were missing when GTFF members met to ratify their first contract Thursday night in the EMU. Many of the 203 votes had already been cast by absentee ballot during the day. There were five dissenting votes.

Photo by Keith Allen

Subdued GTFFs approve contract

By MIKE HOPKINS
Of the Emerald

The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation's first contract won landslide approval Thursday as union members voted 198-5 in favor of the agreement.

Officials from the University and the GTFF will meet today at 11:15 a.m. in Johnson Hall to sign the contract, which covers the period from Sept. 15, 1977 to Sept. 15, 1979.

Sparse attendance and the absence of discussion on the proposal illustrated the atmosphere of anticlimax surrounding the ratification.

Nevertheless, the 65 persons present applauded warmly as GTFF president Charlie Aker announced, "Sisters,

brothers, we have a contract."

Of the 398 full and associate members eligible to vote, 135 had cast absentee ballots, Union Secretary Jeff Edmundson said.

Before the vote GTFF vice president Bill Ratteree reiterated the unanimous recommendation of the union's negotiating team and the executive council in favor of ratification. Although the proposed contract "falls short in a number of areas," Ratteree told the gathering, it should be approved with an eye toward winning further gains next year through collective bargaining and, if necessary, a strike.

Among items in the contract that union leaders consider important are specification of a workload standard equal to approximately 12.5 hours per week for GTFFs with .3 FTE (full-time equivalent)

appointments, a provision requiring University departments to establish written criteria for rehiring GTFFs and a discipline and discharge article based on "just cause" rather than University rules the union considered too restrictive.

GTFF leaders also have expressed satisfaction with contract clauses stipulating a grievance procedure with binding arbitration, which are designed to enable individual GTFFs to enforce the contract's provisions.

However, the most prized item sought by the GTFF during negotiations, a salary increase of more than 19 percent over two years, was successfully resisted by the University.

Although a factfinder's report had recommended compliance with the union's salary demand, University Pres.

William Boyd steadfastly refused to agree to it, saying the University simply didn't have enough money.

GTFFs came close to striking over the salary issue, but two union strike votes held in October failed by razor-thin margins of fourteen and eight votes.

Negotiators have wrestled with issues contained in the contract since bargaining talks began in October 1977. Negotiations for the next contract are scheduled to begin April 1, 1979.

As soon as union and University officials affix their signatures to the agreement today, the University will become only the third institution of its kind in the country where GTFFs have unionized successfully. GTFFs at Michigan and Wisconsin won their first contracts after strikes lasting 5 weeks and 24 days respectively.

Fraternity-backed candidates sweep IFC

By JIM ALLEN
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All seven candidates endorsed by the Interfraternity Council won election to the Incidental Fee Committee after run-off elections Thursday.

Incumbent Scott Bassett, who also won last week's primary election, topped the field of 15 finalists with 487 votes, followed by newcomer Maria Rojo with 459. IFC member Janet Eggleston took third place with 411. A total of 1,023 students voted in the election.

Rocky Schatz and Harry Ricks, who placed only 11th and 12th respectively in last week's primary election, captured the fourth and fifth spots. Schatz received 368 votes and Ricks got 347.

Also elected to the IFC were EMU Board Chairmen Dusty Rhodes with 345 and Kevin Chambers with 290.

The Interfraternity Council en-

dorsement undoubtedly helped the election of fraternity members Schatz and Ricks.

"I'm very surprised," said Ricks in reaction to his election to the IFC. "The Greek endorsement had a lot to do with the result."

Law student candidates Debra Ehrman and Janet Schroer, who placed fourth and fifth in last week's primary, narrowly missed election to the IFC. Ehrman garnered 273 votes while Schroer got 272.

A recount was needed to confirm Chambers' election over Ehrman and Schroer. Chambers and Ehrman each received 276 votes after the initial counting, while Schroer had 272.

ASUO Executive vice president Mike Lockwood couldn't explain the difference between the two ballots, but felt the ASUO's hand counting method probably contributed to the error.

Of the unsuccessful candidates, Mohammed Abdullatif re-

ceived 233 votes, Jay Donaldson got 221 and Steve Wenzel finished with 207.

Clark Harris received 197 votes, while Perry Buck received 188.

Bill Nelson, an incumbent appointed last summer by ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera, finished with 186 votes.

Lockwood also announced campaign violations by the four law school candidates: Ehrman, Schroer, Wenzel and Buck. All were cited for not submitting supplemental campaign expense reports and face possible fines.

Surprisingly, Bassett was "a little worried" before the election, and contributed his victory to endorsements from both the Interfraternity Council and the Oregon Daily Emerald.

In SUAB elections, Richard Young, Phil Hart and Stan Hall were victorious. Young and Hart captured the positions three and

four representing business and economics, receiving 43 and 35 votes respectively, while unsuccessful candidate Paula Duthoy

received 33 votes.

Hall, running unopposed for position 11, representing Fine and Applied Arts, won with eight votes.

today

After a living more than a decade in China during its cultural revolution, black activist Robert Williams returned to the United States. In a talk Thursday night, Williams outlined his thoughts about that revolution and other socialist revolutions. See Page 13.

Fury over tax relief may have subsided, but legislators are already thinking about how to handle a balance between taxpayer demands and social needs. Education is a topic in much of that discussion. See Page 12 for their plans.

The nation honors its military veterans Saturday with a national holiday. Stories on Pages 10 and 11 today examine the plight and lifestyles of veterans from several perspectives.