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Deadlines extended

Students wishing to make last-minute changes in their course load and grade option should not despair when they find the doors to Oregon Hall locked Nov. 11, the registrar's office says.

Three deadlines — grade option change, variable credit change, and dropping a course with a "W" recorded — fall on the date, which is also Veteran's Day, a federal holiday.

The office will extend the deadline until Nov. 14 as the fairest solution to the problem.

Union members ratify contract GTFs support two-year proposal unanimously

By Doug Nash
Of the Emerald

Members of the University's Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation have ratified a new two-year contract, the union's president announced Sunday.

Slightly more than one-third of the union's 320 members turned out to vote for the contract, with no negative votes recorded, GTFF Pres. Brenda Cochrane said.

"There were no surprises," she said, noting voter turnout was about as strong as previous years. "Nobody voted no."

The union, which is the only GTF bargaining unit of its kind in the country, had a table in the EMU lobby last week to attract new members and to seek ratification of the

contract. Final tallies were taken Thursday night in the EMU Forum, Cochrane said.

The contract does not contain a wage increase, although it does eliminate the 3 percent workload and wage cut enacted last year. GTF wages fall on four different levels determined by experience, from \$4,464 annually for a starting teacher's aide to \$6,329 for a more advanced student. GTF's work an average of 17½ hours per week, she added.

And the union's sliding scale dues schedule, which is based on the GTF's wage level, was adapted to the University's new full-time equivalency structure, Cochrane said.

"Basically we made it so that people pay the same amount people used to pay," she said.

Depending on their salary, GTFs pay from \$5.25 to \$6.25 monthly, she said. All teacher's aides must contribute to the union, not just members, she added.

"All the benefits we negotiate go to nonmembers as well as members," Cochrane said. "But only members can vote."

Although she could not give a specific date, Cochrane said the contract will be officially signed by the union and the University administration sometime in the next few weeks.

Students present easy target for rip-offs

By Debbie Howlett
Of the Emerald

Bill Kittredge leans back in a frumpy, oak chair. "The student," he says as he sagely strokes the short beginnings of his beard, "is just a dollar sign. You're just dollar signs walking in."

Kittredge, the University's student advocate, is speaking of Eugene area businesses, especially in the University area. It can indeed, Kittredge says, be a tangled web that some students find spun for them.

Larry Bagby, a University graduate student in history, says he has run right into the web of a stereo dealer, Expo National Sales Liquidators.

According to Bagby, who sells the stereo equipment to local businesses such as Old Taylor's tavern, he was "physically threatened" by "the owner of the business — Joe something" when he tried to return a cassette deck. Joe Tutrone is the owner of Expo National Sales Liquidators.

"Let me tell you about him (Bagby)," Tutrone says. "He comes in here and buys from me because I sell so cheap and then sells it to the kids on campus for twice what I sell it for."

"He buys it from us for \$59 and sells it for \$159 — who's rippin' who off?" Tutrone asks.

"... He's going to go to the Better Business Bureau and he's gonna do this and he's gonna do that — go ahead, what do you want me to do about that?" Tutrone says. "If he's got complaints he should take care of them just the way we do."

Bagby says he was drawn to the store because of an advertisement in the *Oregon Daily Emerald* that portrayed a well-known brand stereo turntable. When Bagby went to the store, located at 720 Garfield St., on the afternoon of

Sept. 27, he says he asked a clerk if he might see the turntables.

The clerk went to the back of the store and the "manager" came back to tell Bagby there was a mistake in the advertisement that incorrectly listed the turntable and the price, Bagby says. The "manager" told Bagby the store did stock turntables in a higher price range, but that those turntables would not be in until Wednesday, Bagby says.

"It reeked of a scam," Bagby says. "It just smelled like fish."

Bagby says he later decided to phone Expo National Sales Liquidators to ask about buying some cassette decks. He says he was told the store had three brands in stock, Emerson, Sanyo and Electro. Bagby says he went into the store and was told, by the "manager" that the only brand the store had was Electro.

"It made me madder than hell," Bagby says. But Bagby says he decided to buy the cassette deck anyway and that once he got it home, some of the features did not work and some of the features on the demonstrator model were not included.

The "right VU meter" was "deader than a doornail" and the bias switch was broken, Bagby says. He also says there was no Dolby or metal tape bias capability on the deck. He says he then called the store back and told a clerk the merchandise wasn't satisfactory. Bagby says the clerk tried to get him to come back to the store and "trade (the cassette deck) up" for a more expensive model.

Bagby phoned *Emerald* advertising director, Darlene Gore, to inquire about the advertisement which appeared in the Sept. 26 issue of the *Emerald*. The ad, placed by Joe Tutrone, owner of Expo National Sales Liquidators, showed

a picture of a stereo turntable with the words "National Turntable and Cartridge \$59.99." The turntable was one of 19 items listed in the 3 column x 15 inch advertisement. It ran on page 4B.

Bagby told Gore that a store employee had told him the *Emerald* had "screwed up" the advertisement of the turntable, Bagby says.

Gore says the advertisement was produced exactly as it would appear in the paper and then "proofed" — checked for errors — by an employee of Expo National Sales Liquidators. Any mistakes in advertisements are normally caught when an advertiser "proofs" the ad, Gore says.

But Tutrone says he was out of town when the ad was proofed and that an employee without any knowledge of the store's stock checked the ad.

"Employees can normally accurately check an ad," Gore says.

Tutrone points out other failings in the ad. The ad was not "reversed," printed in white letters on a black background, nor was another item listed correctly.

Other copies of advertisements Tutrone produced were reversed.

But Gore says she has received no complaints from Expo National Sales Liquidators about the ad. And Tutrone says he never called to complain about the ad he had paid for in advance.

"All it takes is someone to walk in the store and we're willing to back up what we sell," Tutrone says. But Bagby says that's not quite accurate.

"He (Tutrone) said they have a no cash refund policy. He told me if I didn't like it I could just stick it up mine," Bagby says.

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Are the Oregon Ducks quacking up?

Homecoming may be all its cracked up to be, at least if the Ducks "hatching" here have anything to say about it. This egg-opening ceremony in Springfield marked the kickoff of homecoming week, with events scheduled throughout the week for alumni, students and area residents.

Springfield, Eugene and University dignitaries participated in the ceremony, including Springfield Mayor John Lively, Eugene Mayor Gus Keller and University Pres. Paul Olum.

Photo by Dave Kao

