

Teachers continue strike despite pending petition

By Janet Paulson
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Eugene Education Association President Ray Gross called the school district's effort to declare the pending teacher's strike illegal "nothing more than a smoke screen for public display" at a press conference Thursday.

Gross issued a statement in response to the district's decision to file a petition with the Employment Relations Board in Salem Thursday afternoon. If the ERB rules in favor of the school board, striking teachers would be forced to return to the classroom.

Gross said the district's decision to file the petition did not come as a surprise to the EEA.

"It was a normal procedure and one that we fully expected. It has also given them the opportunity to make some of the most egregious examples of doublespeak I have witnessed to date. We will respond with the truth," he said.

The EEA was not presented with a copy

of the petition and only can respond to what they have been told about it, he said.

The school district and the teachers' union have been negotiating a new contract for more than one year. Attorney Joe Richards, who represents the district, said the negotiating process has been restricted by issues that should not be bargained.

"They want to bargain on issues that are not bargainable," Richards said Thursday.

The petition shows violations of the state's collective bargaining laws on the part of the union, he said.

In the negotiation process there are two types of issues, mandatory and permissive. Mandatory issues include such things as salary, benefits and insurance. Permissive issues are issues that are permitted (legally) but not required, such as early retirement.

The issues in question in the district's petition are in the permissive category.

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Student dies of injuries after falling from window

By Scott Maben
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A University freshman died Wednesday night from head injuries received after falling from the third story of a campus dormitory, a medical examiner said.

Peter McKenzie Frangos, 18, a resident of Tingle Dormitory in the Hamilton Complex, was pronounced dead at 11:12 p.m. at Sacred Heart General Hospital.

Frangos apparently had locked himself out of his room Tuesday night and was looking for a way in. He climbed out of a third-floor window adjacent to his room, stepping onto a four-inch ledge, according to a Eugene police report.

Police said Frangos reached the sliding glass window to his room, lost his balance and fell to the ground at 9:45 p.m.

A caller reported the fall to the Office of Public Safety at 9:47, Eugene Police Sgt.

Marj Bigelow said. She and another officer arrived on the scene at 9:48.

"There was a huge crowd of students hanging around," Bigelow said. "I looked at his condition and immediately called for a code-three ambulance."

The ambulance arrived about 10 minutes later.

"He died as a result of cranial injuries," Deputy Medical Examiner Frank Ratti said. "He had a fractured skull, basically, and was in a coma for 24 hours and died. He never regained consciousness from the time he fell."

"He was basically dead, but since he was so close to the hospital, I think they were able to keep him technically alive for just a short time," he said.

Frangos' blood was tested upon admis-

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Mojo wants his MTV

San Diego's Mojo Nixon performs his less than flattering musical satire of MTV and MTV Veejay host Martha Quinn before a crowd of more than 150 people at a free show sponsored by the Cultural Forum Thursday afternoon at the EMU. The McGuires, a band from San Francisco, opened the show.

Photo by Maria Corvallis

Statewide college computer network may be put on hold

By Chris Norred
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SALEM — There is a "real good chance" that Oregon legislators will tell higher education officials to postpone plans to build a statewide college computer network, said Rep. Tom Mason, D-Portland, on Thursday.

Mason is chairman of the legislative subcommittee in charge of writing budgets for state colleges and universities.

The subcommittee is trying to balance budgets for all segments of public education in the state, and it needs to cut about \$10 million from the various education budgets. Money intended for the computer system is being considered as a possible budget cut.

The computer network might be postponed until the governor's office gives approval, Mason said. Currently, the Executive Department has

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Committee member questions IFC role

By Carolyn Lamberson
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The role of the Incidental Fee Committee in placing ballot measures on the general elections ballot was called into question Thursday night when IFC member Bob Baldwin gave Chairwoman Jodie Mooney official notice he was asking the ASUO Constitution Court to interpret section 13.5 of the ASUO Constitution. This section deals with ballot measures.

Baldwin believes the IFC is violating the Constitution by placing measures on the ballot before the Constitution Court has approved wording of the measure.

Section 13.5 states that the Court must approve all wording before the measures are placed on the ballot by a branch of the ASUO or petitions are signed, which would enable the measure to appear on the ballot.

Baldwin contends groups interested in having a ballot measure should submit the measure first to

the Constitution Court that would approve the wording, he said. Then the Court would send the measure to the IFC for approval, and if the IFC wanted changes made in the measure, it would be sent back to the Court for approval and then put on to the ballot, Baldwin said.

In the past, the IFC has approved measures and sent them to the Court, said IFC member Ron Munion. If the court wanted to make changes in the wording, it simply did so, he said.

If the Court should agree with Baldwin, there could be a large impact, Mooney said, specifically affecting a measure placed on the ballot in February on behalf of the Oregon Daily Emerald.

Baldwin will file his request with members of the Constitution Court first thing Friday morning and hopes to have an official ruling sometime early next week, he said.

Mooney said she accepted Baldwin's notice, but felt compell-

ed to take action on the matter at hand, which was the approval of a proposed EMU Board ballot measure.

Karen Gaffney, EMU Board chairwoman and Laura Romano, EMU Board budget committee chairwoman presented a proposal requesting the IFC to place the cost of four new positions in the Child Care, Outdoor and Club Sports programs on one ballot measure.

Gaffney said the reasoning for placing the positions, which have costs ranging from \$2,000 to \$22,000, on one measure was to prevent EMU programs from competing with each other for funds.

"The chance of dividing the programs and pitting them against one another and having one lose is not a risk we (the board) want to take," she said. "They are all equally important."

Some members of the IFC questioned this move.

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