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even if there is a settlement between now and tomorrow morning."

Contract negotiations between the Eugene School District and the Eugene Education Association continued late into the night in an effort to stop today's scheduled teachers' walkout.

State mediator John Vale met briefly with media representatives around 9:15 p.m., stating that bargaining teams were at dinner and negotiations were at a "standstill."

"There's been a lot of discussion, but no settlement and certainly no issues settled at this point... The major issues are still out there, and we're discussing those and trying to find solutions to them, but we

have no solutions at this point," he said.

The main issues to be resolved concern insurance, early retirement and assignments and transfers. Salary is not the main issue at this point, he said.

The two bargaining teams exchanged proposals earlier in the day, but very little progress had been made since a 6 p.m. statement by Vale.

Teachers will return to work today, however, if the two teams are able to reach a settlement by 6 a.m. If a settlement is reached, students will return to school on Thursday. School will be canceled until further notice if no agreement is reached.

In the meantime, substitute teachers in the area face the dif-

icult decision of whether they will cross picket lines. Every substitute is bound by contract with the school district to teach in the event of a strike.

One substitute teacher, who asked not to be identified because of the potential impact on future employability, explained that substitutes are caught in the middle of the strike.

"If we honor the contract, we offend the faculty. If we honor the strike, we could jeopardize our position with the school district in the future," the substitute explained. "But as teachers, our sympathy naturally lies with the teachers."

According to Campbell, substitute teachers in the area were sent letters reiterating

their obligation to work during the strike. If substitutes are called, they are expected to work, she said.

Under normal circumstances, if a substitute refuses to work or is unavailable to work three or more times in a month, the substitute's name is moved to the bottom of the substitute list or may be removed from the list for up to two years, she said.

Shari Forbes Thomas, the public relations director for the Oregon Education Association, said the district expects substitutes to be on call, "or else."

"The EEA has told its members not to do more than they are normally obligated... they should not be

expected to do more," she said.

Substitute teachers under contract with the school district are paid \$77 a day. The school district has been advertising for replacement teachers in The Register-Guard at a pay rate of \$148 a day.

The \$148 figure represents the average daily wage a teacher would normally make without benefits, Campbell said. It is the normal procedure in a strike situation, she said.

Members of the Eugene Association of Substitute Teachers met Tuesday afternoon to discuss the strike. Substitute teachers leaving the meeting said the message to EAST members was, "Do what your conscience tells you."

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March 5, however, the committee granted that group \$780 for the Newsgreek publication.

At Tuesday's hearing, Panhellenic requested an additional \$330 to make up for the difference between its original allocation and that of the IC. The IFC granted the request in a 6-0 vote.

In addition, the Survival Center received funding for an additional stipend position and received a \$200 increase for office supplies in another appeals hearing. During the original budget hearing, questions were raised about the groups "political" nature, and the

committee did not feel comfortable allocating funds for nine stipend positions. Five stipend positions were approved, and in a 5-0-2 vote, the committee allowed for one more. Munion and Armando Morales had the abstaining votes.

The IFC also granted a special request for phone service to the Sister University Project and approved an appeal for \$500 in the phone budget line item in next year's budget.

The committee also dealt with an Executive veto of three-line items in the Masters of Business Administration Association's budget. The IFC

originally had failed to overturn the veto last Thursday, but because of some procedural difficulties had to reconsider the veto. Needing a two-thirds majority vote to override, the motion failed 4-2-0. Jeff Wheeler and Bob Baldwin dissented.

Chairwoman Jodie Mooney then moved to allocate \$333 to cover postage, printing and duplication and advertising. This motion passed 4-0-2 with Munion and Morales abstaining.

In final IFC business, the committee allocated \$530 to Women in Communication and \$930 to the Elections Board.

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The main issue that tripped up the bill was an amendment to create a comparative negligence law, he said. This is the same provision Kerans referred to as a "pure comparative standard."

"There's not going to be anything come out of this session and signed by

the governor that is anywhere near what this coalition (CIELS)... wants. It's not fair to the people of Oregon, and it's just not going to happen," Frye said of the lobbying effort by CIELS.

The bill is scheduled for reconsideration in the Senate today, but Frye does not expect

the vote to change.

The Senate has several options when reconsidering the bill, according to Dan Field, a press aide to Senate President John Kitzhaber, D-Roseburg. The Senate most likely will send the bill to a different committee, he said. "We won't let it (SB 323) die."

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was paying him \$1,000 for the research, she said.

•Skillings-Goff allegedly delivered a hand-written copy of the paper to Bills at Rennie's Landing, a tavern and restaurant at 1214 Kincaid St., on Nov. 28, at which time he paid her \$500. Bills purportedly had a friend type the paper before it was due on Dec. 5.

•Skillings-Goff told Tilby the first time she was aware Bills might have used her research for school was when she delivered a typed version of the paper to Holland after he con-

tacted her about it on Feb. 5.

Skillings-Goff told an Oregon Daily Emerald reporter Tuesday that her copy of the paper and the version Holland showed her were the same paper except for various "small" changes.

Bills did not mention to her anything concerning laundering money off shore, "only that his friend was having tax problems," Skillings-Goff said.

Holland said as far as he knows the University has not taken any action against Bills, who remains enrolled in the law school.

A University investigation into the case "depends on what happens with the criminal case," based on "when a conclusion is reached and then what that conclusion is," he said.

Bills could not be reached for comment by deadline Tuesday.

Bills made headlines in the Emerald last term when he threatened to sue the ASUO Executive over alleged mismanagement of the student health insurance program. He is also the founder of a campus group called UO Students for Equity in Insurance.



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