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Photo by Andy Cripe

Striking teachers and supporters participated in a parade and rally Tuesday to pressure the school district for a contract to end the strike that began last Wednesday. The teachers marched six blocks from Skinner Butte Park to the school district office on North Monroe Street.

'Excellence, equity not cheap'

Teachers press for settlement

By Jackie Barry
Of the Emerald

More than 1,000 4-J School District teachers took to the streets Tuesday to press for a labor contract.

The parade of teachers, which included a handful of supporters, a couple of canines and a group of musicians in the back of a pickup truck, stretched for six blocks as it wound its way down Sixth Avenue from Skinner Butte Park to the school district office on North Monroe Street.

Little, if any, hostility greeted teachers along the route. Instead, teachers were greeted with support in the form of honking horns, raised thumbs and applause.

Pearl Mack, a member of the National Education Association's executive committee, told the rallying teachers, "Excellence and equity aren't cheap. Without you our country wouldn't have a success story."

Eugene Education Association President Ray Gross told teachers, "You are right." He said district negotiator Steve Goldschmidt thinks teachers "will eventually cave in."

Gross dubbed Goldschmidt, "superintendent," and referred to school district Superintendent Margaret Nichols as Goldschmidt's administrative assistant.

The teachers carried signs including the messages, "I'm a public servant, not a public slave," and "Daily planning time...kids and teachers deserve 30 minutes."

Susan Bloom, a speech and language specialist at Patterson Elementary, said teachers currently get paid for 20 minutes of planning time each day and want to be paid for 10 minutes more.

Nancy Ponder, a Spanish teacher at Churchill High School, said she spends two hours planning for each 45-minute class.

Ponder said she's employed for 60 percent of a full-time position, takes home \$650 per month and works 35-40 hours per week.

Bloom said she's employed 80 percent of full time by the district but works several hours on her day off as well as some nights and weekends.

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With little strife, fee committee allots \$1.3 million to programs

By Carolyn Lamberson
Of the Emerald

With very little controversy, the Incidental Fee Committee allocated \$1.3 million to the EMU on Tuesday.

The meeting, which lasted for less than two hours, was a continuation of discussion from Monday. The committee studied each EMU program and, if necessary, asked questions of EMU Board Chairwoman Karen Gaffney and Laura Romano, the chairwoman of the EMU Budget Committee.

ASUO Program Coordinator Debra Liebowitz raised specific questions about the Student Activities Resource Office. From this, the committee got into a discussion about how it was going to deal with the EMU budget when it came time to make a motion.

"Are we going to do anything in specific programs or approve a whole sum?" asked IFC member Bob Baldwin.

John Thoma, the ASUO finance coordinator, said the Executive recommendation will be in one

lump sum.

"We're not going to try to tell the EMU Board where to spend its money," he said, adding, however, the Executive would propose some budget notes.

The committee went over budgets for child care, SARO, Club Sports, the Cultural Forum, the Outdoor Program and the EMU Board relatively quickly. The Executive recommendation, presented by Thoma, represented an overall 5 percent increase from last year. The EMU had requested a 6.6 percent increase.

Thoma also recommended four budget notes. The first one dealt with child care. Since the Executive recommended less than the board requested, it wanted to be sure child care got the amount it requested because it needed that money for improvements, Thoma said.

The second budget note would cover pay increases. If state-mandated pay raises are less than the amount budgeted, the excess will go back to

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House bill would ban all classified research at public institutions

By B.J. Thomsen
Of the Emerald

SALEM — A bill that would amend an existing law on basic research at public institutions of higher education was passed out of committee and sent to the budget committee Tuesday. HB 3224 would create a formal ban on classified research.

The bill, if passed, probably would not affect the proposed Riverfront Research Park in Eugene, however, according to John Moseley, the vice president for research at the University.

Aaron Novick, a University professor and director of the Institute of Molecular Biology, testified in favor of the legislation and said "research best flourishes in an open society where ideas can be subjected to free challenge."



Legislative issues

He admits some classified research is necessary but said it should be conducted in private or government laboratories, not in institutes of higher education.

"There must be at least one place in society where ideas can be subject to challenge," he said, noting that public universities must serve that purpose.

Without free and open debate on results of research there is no way to evaluate what has been accomplished, and conclusions would be of questionable value, he added.

Rep. Wayne Fawbush, D-Hood River, the main sponsor of the bill, noted the main reason for the legislation is that there has been a trend in the past eight years toward more restriction in the area of research.

This trend is the result of the Reagan administration's increase in funding of classified government research, according to Nancy Christie, a member of the Department of Chemical and Biological Sciences at the Oregon Graduate Center in Beaverton.

This legislation would take the burden off future administrators who may be faced with a decision of whether to allow classified research, Fawbush said.

Aside from being opposed to such research, Christie said she is worried that if classified research were practiced, foreign students and faculty would not be allowed to participate since foreign citizens cannot

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Primary elections underway

After all the candidate profiles, the controversy and the political rhetoric, the primary elections finally are underway.

Today and Thursday, students are encouraged to cast ballots for favorite candidates and may do so at seven locations: the Law Center quad, Gilbert Hall on 13th Avenue, the corner of 13th Avenue and University Street, Esslinger on University Street, in front of the University Main Library, Westmoreland Housing and Amazon Housing.

Voters are required to present a current fee card and photo ID at the polling station. Fee cards will be marked to prevent students from voting more than once.

The polling stations will be open both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and students will be voting on president, vice president, Incidental Fee Committee, Student Senate, the EMU Board, Associated Students President's Advisory Council and the Oregon Daily Emerald board.

Candidates surviving the primaries will face a runoff in next week's general election, and the process for voting will be the same. If any one candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote in the primary election, he or she will be declared winner.

Students will vote on ballot measures in the general election.