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would negate their pay raises. The union also fears the state would place a cap on how much it would finance increasing insurance rates.

On job security, the union wants a specific clause in the contract making job seniority the major criterion when the state is forced to layoff workers.

A fact-finding process is currently under way in which both sides present their cases to a negotiator appointed by the

OPEU and the state. The negotiator will issue a report on August 7.

The sides will review the fact-finder's report on August 8 and vote on accepting it as a solution. If both sides accept the report's recommendations for a new contract, it will go before the union membership for a vote.

If either side rejects the report, the countdown will begin for a strike. If a new con-

tract is not forged from the negotiations by the end of August, the union said it will serve the state with a 10-day notice of an intent to strike.

The earliest strike date would be September 16, according to Sieracki. This would affect the registration process. Among the University's services that the strike would also effect are dormitory maintenance, food service, and the Oregon Hall bureaucracy.

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themselves at risk even though they had shared needles with other users and with each other. "I had always associated AIDS with the gay community," Debbie said.

She was diagnosed as HTLV-positive after a physical. She said she had noticed lumps on her neck and was tired, and was afraid she had cancer.

Debbie was fired from her job as a waitress at Casa Tol Tec, a Eugene restaurant, less than 24 hours after appearing on a local newscast about the disease. She claims that she was fired because her employer learned she has ARC. She since has filed a complaint with the State Labor Commission.

"I know how to protect you from me," Debbie said. "I know what to do if I get a cut or if I handle food," she added.



Debbie Carper

In addition to Debbie losing her job, the Carpers said they have lost their health care insurance, lost the business that Richard ran before they moved to Eugene, and had an attempt made on their lives.

Debbie first learned that she had tested HTLV-positive two days before Christmas in 1986. Richard took the test the next day on the advice of their physician, and both knew they had tested positive.

"We were both ignorant about the disease, and our doctor didn't know any more than we did," Debbie said. "We thought that was our last Christmas. We didn't exchange gifts or talk to each other," Richard added.

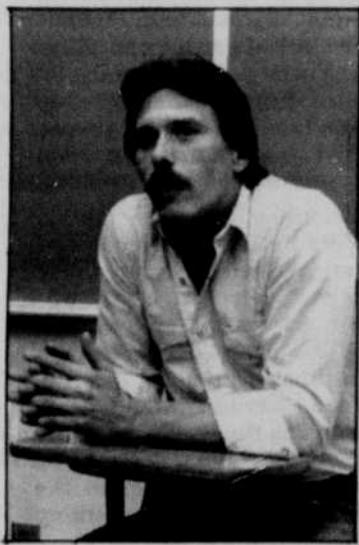
Two weeks after the tests Richard went to an infectious disease specialist in Portland and learned that he had ARC rather than AIDS.

"The doctor advised us not to tell anyone since there was a lot of fear and paranoia running rampant through the community," Richard said.

At first Debbie and Richard agreed that they did not want anyone to know they had ARC. But they also had questions that needed to be answered and hostility towards one another that was going unresolved.

"I thought we had a bond that would hold us together, but it was ripping us apart," Richard said.

That hostility eventually took the form of domestic violence, and it was the aftermath of one of those bouts that brought their



Richard Carper

affliction into the open.

Richard, suffering from a pair of stab wounds in his back, went to the hospital. While there he told the personnel working on him that he had ARC. The reaction of the community, which Richard described as "redneck," was swift and severe.

"The hospital freaked out. I was quarantined immediately, people were completely covered up when they came in to the room, and I didn't even know what was going on myself," he recalled.

Within three days of that incident, all of the contracts under Richard's electrical installation business were canceled. "No mention was ever made of the disease. They just made a lot of excuses," he said.

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assisted in removing the books before water had a chance to cause complete ruin.

On Saturday, a public safety officer discovered water dripping through the east wall of the Science Library. The subsequent seeping apparently was caused by a fractured waterproof membrane lining the library walls.

The University again blamed nearby construction for the second water threat.

Physical plant staff sealed the area with tar. This, however, did not stop the leak, so a large plastic sheet was placed in the courtyard above the Science Library and next to the Science II building to divert rain water.

Library staff and volunteers

again removed more books from the wall and surrounding areas.

Dale Reddon, a physical plant plumber, said he doesn't expect any more damage.

A total of 5,200 volumes have been removed from the Science Library, and library staff hope to have all the removed volumes replaced within the next few weeks.

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