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University union members may strike next week

Action: If negotiations fail, University employees will walk off their jobs

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If Oregon Public Employees Union members decide to strike next week, the University's approximately 1,100 OPEU

employees will not be working on campus.

Sue Bettin, a University cook, said she plans to vote for the strike "for hope that things will get better."

"It's a vote that says I won't back up anymore, that my back is to the wall, and the only way out is to come out fighting," she wrote in a news release.

The OPEU members may strike because they have not been able to negotiate a cost-of-living adjustment with the state.

Bettin and other University OPEU members will protest pay cuts and unsettled contracts today at noon in front of Johnson Hall.

Donna Glathar, OPEU organizer, said she hopes the protest

will have an effect on the status of the contracts.

"We would hope that by our actions [today], Frohnmayer will call the governor and settle the issues," Glathar said.

The University has already begun to prepare for the possible strike, said Linda King, director of human resources. The different departments have identified

the essential services that are needed to run the University.

"[The department] would identify if some things didn't have to be done right away and then put those things on hold," King said.

"This is something our members are committed to," said

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Dream weaver



Larna Lambert, a sophomore, begins a tapestry outside in the sun for her weaving class offered through the Art department at the University.

AIDS activist dispels myth about disease

Crisis: Mary Fisher's speech will be televised from MacArthur Court Thursday

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Mary Fisher, a prominent AIDS activist, will be speaking Thursday at 9 a.m. at MacArthur Court as part of her 15-city tour to put a face on the AIDS crisis.

The speech will be broadcast live on KEZI-TV and will be introduced by University President Dave Frohnmayer. Eugene Mayor Ruth Bascom and Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette will attend. Fisher will talk for about 25 minutes before opening the floor to questions.

Her speech will focus on what it is like to be an HIV-positive mother, and the importance of health care in helping people who have AIDS. She contracted the virus from her husband, who died of AIDS more than a year ago.

Fisher is speaking in Eugene at the request of the HIV Alliance, a Eugene based nonprofit organization that provides prevention education and hospice and client support services for people with AIDS.



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■ GOOD MORNING

► **LAS VEGAS (AP)** — It's Superman, or maybe Michael Jordan, seeming to fly into your living room. Or a surgeon on *ER* elbowing you out of the way as he moves in with his scalpel. Coming to your TV, it's 3-D, the gimmick that amused moviegoers of the 1950s and then disappeared.

On display at the National Association of Broadcasters convention, 3-D television could become a specialized service for broadcasters by 2005, said James Carnes, president of the David Sarnoff Research Center.

The center is one of the developers of the "Grand Alliance," the system that the nation's more than 1,000 TV stations will eventually use if they want to broadcast with digital technology — permitting the airing of movie-quality images, with CD-quality sound.

Carnes envisions a future where TV stations may decide to broadcast a sporting event in 3-D, but charge only those viewers who want to watch. He predicts the number of such viewers could reach 1 million by 2010.

"We're not saying 3-D is around the corner or is easy now," Carnes said. "We're saying the digital world allows all kinds of services."

To receive a 3-D show, Carnes said, a viewer would have to have a digital TV set and, under most scenarios, a set-top box that would decode the 3-D signal. Also, the viewer would have to wear polarized glasses.

Technology hasn't developed to the point that viewers can get rid of the glasses, he said. And there are other technical challenges.

The biggest, Carnes said, is perfecting a system with an image that can be seen as three-dimensional from any angle.

Just like the stereoscope makers of the 19th century, broadcasters would have to shoot with a double-eyed camera and transmit that way to give the appearance of depth. The impression of depth comes when the brain combines the two images. As in a stereoscope, a single image would show only what one eye would see.

Candidates support optional fees

Elections: Candidates want to inject 'new blood' into student government

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Justin Good and Thom Schoenborn said they represent the thinking, smoking population on campus.

If elected as ASUO president and vice president, they would institute an optional-fee system and create a "new-style" of student government.



changing the system, Good said.

"No matter what, the ASUO-backed candidates always win; it's happened that way for a long time," he said. "[Students] must know that nothing's ever going

to change in that office if they don't get some new blood."



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Justin Good and Thom Schoenborn are two candidates running for ASUO president and vice-president positions.

Under an optional-fee system, students would be able to choose which student groups received their fees, he said. They would be able to support the

groups that serve them, rather than having to support groups that they dislike or cannot join.

"You decide which places [your fees] go," Good said. "The

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