

■ GOOD MORNING

► MILFORD, Ohio (AP) — Marisa Means expected to see how her father made his living on Take Our Daughters to Work Day. Instead, he got fired and the two of them were escorted from the building.

Bill Means, a systems engineering manager for two years at Structural Dynamics Research Corp., was called in to talk with his supervisor the morning of April 27 and unexpectedly fired, said his wife, Daileen Means.

After the meeting, he and Marisa, 8, were escorted from the building, Mrs. Means said.

"I just thought that was so unbelievable, that they would do that with our daughter there," Mrs. Means said Thursday from her home in West Chester.

Means was out on a job interview and unavailable for comment, she said.

Company employees had been sent an electronic mail reminder that they were free to bring in their children for the day, company spokesman Donald Newman said.

"The timing of the dismissal of Mr. Means was regrettable," Newman said.

Structural Dynamics, which makes and sells computer software used in manufacturing, has been laying off employees and restructuring itself since disclosing losses last fall.

► WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — Joy riders celebrating a birthday stole a giant front-end loader and took it for a late-night spin, leading siren-wailing police cars on an 8 mph chase through city streets.

The chase ended after about 10 minutes when a citizen who had heard about it on a home police scanner jumped aboard the loader and brought it to a skidding stop.

"Smoke was rolling and sparks were flying," witness Chuck Baxter said. "I've never been to a chase before where I could run in front of it on foot."

Dan Mellish, 48, who halted the loader Wednesday night, then sprayed its two riders with a can of pepper spray a police officer had thrown to him.

Police, Walla Walla County sheriff's deputies, a police dog and state troopers surrounded the two and took them into custody.

James L. Bacon, 20, of Spokane, was held without bail in the county jail Thursday for investigation of first-degree theft, attempting to elude police and malicious mischief.

His mother, Lindsey L. Fogg, who turned 44 on Wednesday, was held for investigation of first-degree theft. Fogg, of Prescott, had bail set at \$2,500.

OPEU STRIKE

University prepares for walkout

PLANS:

How a strike will affect the University:

■ Hamilton dining hall, Hammy's and Pizano's will close. Carson dining hall and the University Inn dining hall will remain open but will have a reduced menu.

■ University libraries will have reduced hours Monday through Wednesday. Knight, Science and Architecture and Allied Arts libraries will be open from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. The Math Library will be open from noon until 5 p.m. and the Map Library will be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. The Law Library will be open from 7:30 a.m. to midnight.

■ The EMU Childcare Center will be closed. Call 346-1802 for closure updates.

■ The EMU Fishbowl Deli, Fountain Court Cafe and Breezeway will remain open. The food kiosk in Willamette Hall and The Daily Grind will be closed.



Dick Petro, a mechanic who has been working for the University for eight years, makes signs which will be used in the strike which could begin Monday.

Picketing: OPEU employees' possible strike may slow down campus business

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If negotiations fail to prevent a statewide strike by the Oregon Public Employees Union, the University can expect business will not be as usual on campus this Monday through Wednesday.

The strike will officially begin at 12:01 a.m. on Monday. It will be a general strike, which means OPEU represented employees statewide will be striking at the same time, as opposed to a rolling strike where employees strike at different times.

Bart Lewis, treasurer of local 85 of the OPEU at the University, said May 8-10 would be a "warning strike of limited duration, with all strikers back to work on Thursday, May 11."

Lewis said there would be picketers on campus Monday. There will be no picketers on campus Tuesday, as bus caravans will be carrying picketers to the state capitol. Picketers will be back on campus Wednesday.

Of the strike, should it happen, Lewis said the three-day strike "won't disrupt much, nothing that isn't correctable."

Strikers will be picketing at general areas on campus known as hubs. Students and faculty can expect to see picketers at the following areas: the front and back of the Physical Plant, Riverfront Research Park, the loading docks at Onyx Street and Franklin Boulevard, Oregon Hall, Student Health Center, Agate Hall, Museum of Natural History, McArthur Court, Esslinger Hall and Gerlinger Hall entrances and around the EMU. No picketers are allowed inside any buildings and are confined to sidewalk areas. There will be no disruption to

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E-mail system's closure creates controversy

Speech: Cancellation of a user group raises First Amendment questions

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The elimination of a bulk mailing e-mail user group at the University's School of Architecture and Allied Arts has upset some students, raising questions of an infringement of students' right to free speech.

Last week, a user group, called the everyone group, designed for communication between faculty, staff, administrators and students in the school, was shut down because of unauthorized messages that were political in nature, said Spencer Smith, student computer support specialist at the school.

Smith said he would receive 30 to 40 com-

plaints from both faculty and students after these bulk mailings went out.

He also referred to advertisements and unauthorized messages sent out using someone else's e-mail account without his or her knowledge as "graffiti." If a student leaves their account open on the computer, any user that comes to that terminal afterwards can forward a message under the original student's account.

Smith also said the user group had a problem shutting down after the mailings. The user group is currently run on two servers and can handle about 200 users at one time. Smith said when a bulk mailing is done, over 500 messages are sent, which breaks down the servers.

The everyone group was set up to provide a forum for communication between all departments in the School of Architecture

and Allied Arts. Now communication has been limited to the eight specific departments within the school. If someone posts a message it is only forwarded to the users within the department.

Smith said messages posted by students will be screened by a receptionists before they can be sent out on the department's everyone user group.

But some students aren't happy with the decision.

"You have the right to voice your opinion. No one should have the right to screen what you say," said Paul Larocque, a graduate student at the school.

"I think that revoking the 'everyone option' has had and will have a chilling effect on discourse with our school, and sets a dangerous precedent at the university level," said Matt

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