

STRIKE ENDS

—The longest OPEU strike in Oregon's history comes to a peaceful end—for now

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Striking members of the Oregon Public Employees Union will put down their picket signs today and go back to work.

As of late Sunday evening, no contract settlement had been reached, but union leaders cite significant progress in key issues, particularly indications that the legislature and the governor will free \$52 million for across the board salary increases in the 1995-97 budget and the use of union negotiated health care reserves.

Strikers across the state will be wearing red arm bands today as a badge of courage and strength when they return to work.

"These are the heroes of the strike," said Karla Spence, president of the OPEU.

"This strike has been a powerful statement of worker solidarity and commitment," Spence said. "Nearly fifteen thousand workers stood together in a fight to maintain family-wage jobs and to demand respect and fair treatment."

Bart Lewis, treasurer of local 85 of the OPEU at the University, said striking OPEU-represented employees are back to work for now, but are in phase two of their Strike Back campaign, which includes the possibility of another strike in the future, until a settlement is actually determined.

"It's looking like some kind of package

deal is in the works, and it's not over yet until a settlement is reached," Lewis said.

"The only definite thing is that we're back to work tomorrow," Lewis said.

Although Lewis said the likelihood of having more workers cross the picket line today would have increased had officials not instructed workers to return to work, weakening spirits on the picket lines were not a reason for calling off the strike.

"Morale was excellent," Lewis said. "The people that were the lowest paid, such as custodians, housekeepers and groundskeepers were the ones that were the most solid."

Alice Dale, OPEU executive director,

said the movement made by the state was not enough to bring about a settlement but sufficient for strikers to return to work.

"When we began our strike, the overwhelming majority of OPEU members were scheduled to take a \$89 per month pay cut on July 1, over \$2,000 for the contract period. Today, we have reduced this number to \$23 per month, about \$550 for the contract period," Dale said. "Following a two year salary freeze, our members should not have to live with pay cuts."

OPEU officials have said this indicates closure of phase one of the Strike Back '95 campaign, also described as the "warning strike."



Members of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Kappa Pi Chapter, from Washington State University perform a dance for the Black Greek Step Show organized by the Black Student Union on Saturday night.

Students step their way into scholarships

Festival: Black greeks preserve African traditions through dance

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Stepping students who competed in the Black Greek Step Show Saturday at McArthur Court won a \$1,000 scholarship for their talents.

"Stepping" is a form of dance based on African traditions and rhythms, said Zeenab Baqi, the Black Student Union director.

Dancers performed with and without music, using their feet and voices to keep the beat while stepping.

The show, which was sponsored by the Black Student Union in conjunction with the Black Arts Festival this week-

end, included one fraternity and one sorority group.

Each group received \$1,000 because the competition provided that the winner of the fraternity and sorority sections be awarded the scholarship.

Members of The Washington State Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity performed four dances, stomping their feet and canes in rhythm.

The University chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority danced with Oregon State sorority members for their step showcase.

Lane County Commissioner Bobby Green was the master of ceremonies for the event.

Green, a University graduate, said he was disappointed in the small number of participants in the competition this year. He said students should take advantage of these activi-

ties because when he was a student there were few University events that African-American students participated in together.

Green said the step show should be a memorable event as black students preserve their traditions through this form of dance.

"We continue to embrace our heritage through the arts," he said.

University student Ciceley Brewster sang the Black National Anthem, and a musical adaptation of poetry.

Rap group 151 from Portland entertained the audience with several selections from their recent album.

The judges for the step show included University employees from the admissions office, University scheduling and the Bookstore.

Moos set loose as new Oregon athletic director

Sports: Bill Moos has a two-year agreement worth \$97,500 annually

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After an exhaustive hunt, Oregon tabbed Bill Moos as its first full-time athletic director in 32 months on Friday.

Moos, the athletic director at the University of Montana since 1990, will assume his position

with the Ducks on July 1 after reaching an agreement on a two-year contract with an annual salary of \$97,500.

He succeeds University Vice President Dan Williams, who served as athletic director in addition to his other duties in

university administration since last August. Rich Brooks, former head football coach, also performed athletic director duties for 22 months after Bill Byrne resigned to become athletic director at Nebraska in the fall of 1992.

"This is an important time in the history of the athletic department," Williams said. "In the last year, we've experienced a series of events that position us for further growth in a way that until now had not been possible. We're fortunate to find the person who is going to be able to help us take full advantage of these opportunities."

Moos becomes the ninth man to serve as Oregon athletic director and quite possibly has the most interesting task of all ahead of him. The 44-year-old inherits a program of rejuvenated enthusiasm and desire to make the Ducks' success of this year a commonplace event.

"This program is at the next level," Moos said. "The chal-

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GOOD MORNING

► GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The quack is back.

And what a vacation it was! A yellow plastic duck that disappeared from the front yard of Jess and Judy Daniels last spring reappeared recently.

They'd feared it had fallen victim to a marauding dog, but no. The culprit left a photo album logging the duck's travels to some of the landmarks of Europe and the United States.

"I went out to get the paper a few weeks ago, and the duck was back with the photo album

Just a Reminder

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beside it," Daniel said. A wrapper proclaimed: "The World Quack Tour 94-95."