

# Salaries: Strike vote may be called

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getting raises. We believe there is money for us to have raises too, but they just don't want to do it."

Bruce was unable to give specific numbers due to the current negotiations, but said, "What OS-SHE has offered is the maximum amount available from its legislative appropriation."

"We have members that are on food stamps," Battin said. "People think we make this large amount of money because we're state em-

ployees, but we're not. These people are not overpaid workers — they're overworked."

If the two groups are unable to reach an agreement, the OPEU will have a strike vote on Sept. 9.

"Should we get to the point where there is a serious possibility of a strike, there will be planning on the respective campuses in order to ensure that those services that are critical for the operation of the campuses will continue," Bruce said.

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OSSHE Spokesman

However, Bruce remains optimistic that a settlement will be reached. "Hopefully the talks will be fruitful and we'll have a settlement," Bruce said.

# Garden: Tours run all day Saturday

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cles, so you can plant something in the spring like spinach radishes and beets and harvest it that term."

"I think it's good if you can teach people and have them experience a whole cycle — plant a seed, tend it and take care of it, eat it, and then compost it to build soil so that you can plant a seed again," Bettman said.

Christina Witteman, an interior architecture major, agrees: "You get to see your progress. You get to see it come up. Plus, we get to take home everything we harvest."

While Witteman plants beets and parsley, her co-worker April Whalen, a German major, diagrams what is being planted in each bed. "We have to keep a journal about what we do each day and what we're learning," she explained.

Both Witteman and Whalen plan on having their own gardens in the future.

They are not the only ones from Bettman's class to continue gardening. One of Bettman's former students now directs the Grassroots Garden, a garden that produces food for Food for Lane County, while another former student manages Down to Earth, a gardening store.

"There are a lot of former Urban Farm people around doing [garden]-related things, which makes me happy," Bettman said.

The Urban Farm made an improvement last spring to make it more accessible to more people.

"We've just completed a handicap-accessible bed," Bettman said. "We built that hoping we could attract some people in wheelchairs who could find it difficult to work at ground level. I

would love to have somebody in the class in a wheelchair to try it out."

Bettman and her students are currently sprucing up the Urban Farm for the "Earth-Friendly Gardens Tour" this Saturday. The Urban Farm will be one of many farms on the tour.

The tours, a benefit for Food for Lane County, will begin every hour starting at 8 a.m. with the last tour at 2 p.m.

"It costs \$5 to go on the tour and the money goes to the Grassroots Garden Program," said Cheryl Crumbley, communications director for Food for Lane County.

Crumbley said the main point of the tours is not to raise money. "We want to get more people recognizing that the ability to be self-sufficient in an urban setting is quite possible."

# Versace suspect's body possibly found

By John Pacenti  
The Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — A body resembling suspected serial killer Andrew Cunanan was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound Wednesday night after SWAT teams stormed a houseboat just 2 1/2 miles from the spot where Gianni Versace was gunned down.

"There is a similarity in the description of the victim that was found," Miami Beach Police Chief Richard Barreto said at a hastily called news conference. "Beyond that, there is nothing else to indicate at this time it is him."

Barreto said officials were awaiting forensic tests to confirm the body was that of Cunanan, whom residents had reported seeing in the area since Versace was slain July 15.

"The general feeling is that this very well may be Cunanan, but the official word hasn't come down yet," said Miami Beach Mayor Seymour Gelber.

FBI spokeswoman Coleen Rowley said agents were still awaiting confirmation but added,

"I think everyone is breathing a collective sigh of relief, and I think probably the public is as well."

Police said the body bore a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Local television reports said a .40-caliber handgun, the same type of weapon Cunanan was believed to have used in a cross-country killing spree, was found near the body.

More than 100 police and FBI agents descended on the large blue, two-story houseboat after a caretaker told officers he heard a gunshot inside the residence. Police set up a perimeter around the houseboat, which sits on a branch of the Intracoastal Waterway called Indian Creek, and closed off Miami Beach's busy Collins Avenue for several blocks.

At one point during the four-hour standoff, officers in black flak jackets fired volleys of tear gas and shouted "Come out! Come out!"

Minutes later, at least six SWAT team members carrying rifles and a shield walked slowly in

a line into the house. After nearly an hour inside, police announced their search had come up empty. But after a more intensive, room-by-room search, they found the body.

A source told the AP that the body was found on the second floor of the houseboat, where bedrooms are located. The source said investigators believe the shot that the caretaker heard may have been the one that killed the man.

Cunanan, a 27-year-old described by his mother as a gay gigolo, was the prime suspect in Versace's killing and four other slayings. He had managed to escape capture even though his picture has been plastered on television, newspapers, the Internet and posters proclaiming him one of the FBI's most-wanted fugitives.

David Todini, who lives near the houseboat, said he saw a man who fit Cunanan's description wearing a bandana and carrying a backpack the night before Versace was killed.



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