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Union rally marks third year of labor dispute

■ Register-Guard employees gather to voice concerns about negotiations and three years without a contract

By Nicole Hill
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The Register-Guard employees and community members rallied Wednesday to shine the spotlight on their three years' work without a labor contract and on the dispute's non-existent coverage in The Register-Guard itself.

Newsroom, advertising, circulation and other employees circled under blue skies in front of the Register-Guard building, marking the third anniversary of grueling contract negotiations.

"There was a time I would have fought tooth and nail to keep a job here," features reporter Kimber Williams yelled to a crowd of about 200 people. Speakers took turns hoisting each other up on the gas tank of a semitrailer truck striped with a gold Teamsters logo as the crowd chanted, "How dare they," while waving banners.

Williams' last day was Friday, and she said Register-Guard management made it easy to walk away.

"This is not the same place I came to work for," she told the demonstrators.

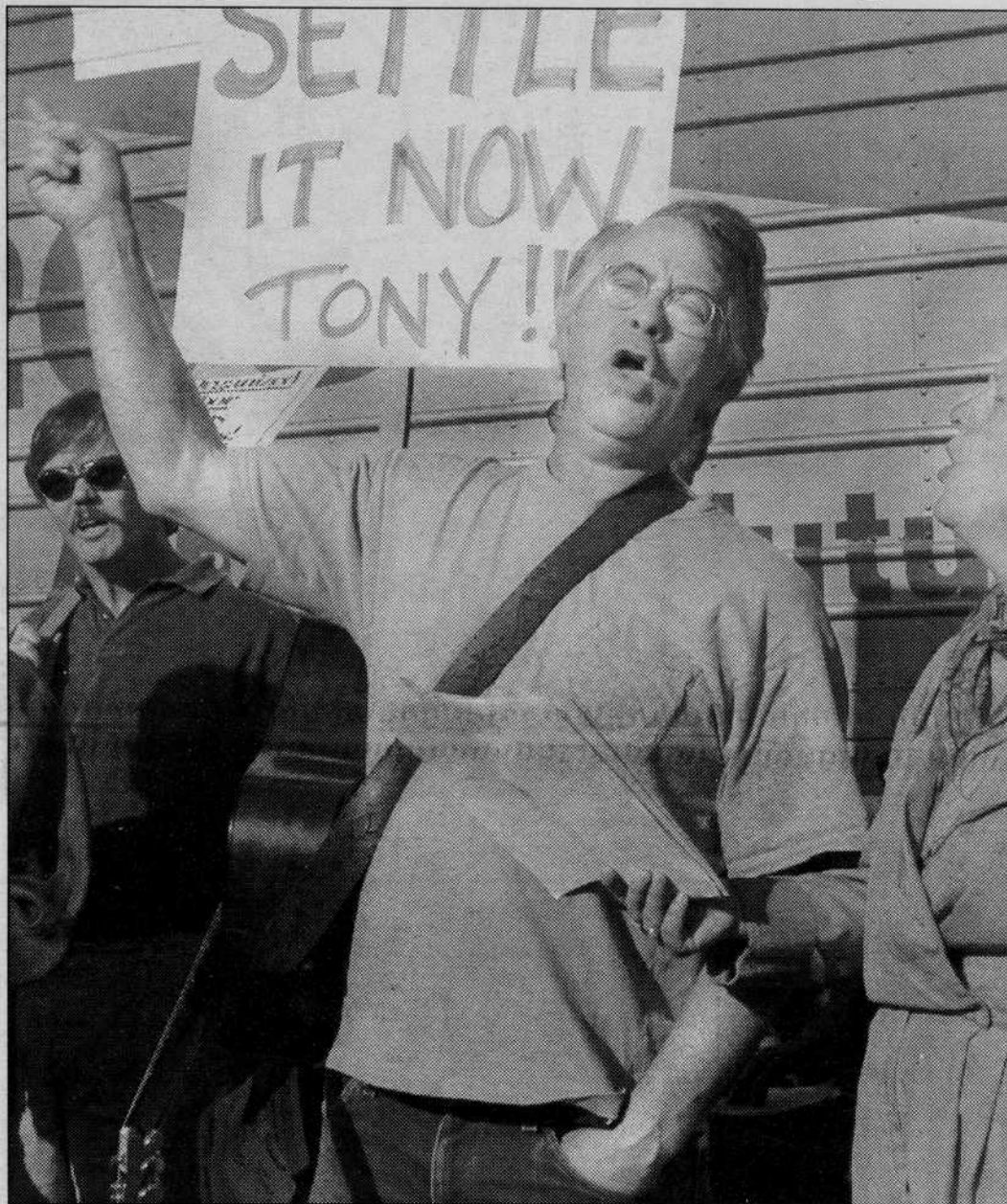
The newspaper has been charged with 16 unfair labor practice charges in its negotiations with the Eugene Newspaper Guild and the Teamsters Local 206, the paper's newest union. A year has passed since a district court judge ordered The Register-Guard to bargain with unions.

"It took a judge to make them just sit down with us at the bargaining table," said Adele Berlinski, president of the Newspaper Guild and a copy editor at the paper. "The company is just anti-union."

But Register-Guard human resources manager Cynthia Walden said management signed contracts on other issues with two smaller unions.

"I have all the confidence that we will reach an agreement," she said. "But this

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Protesters against the labor practices of Register-Guard leadership sing union songs such as "Which Side are You On?" during a rally outside the newspaper's headquarters. Much of the ire is directed at publisher Tony Baker.

Cultural Forum hopefuls cut to five

■ Finalists for the coordinator position will have three sets of interviews with the committee as well as an oral presentation

By Kara Cogswell
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A search committee has narrowed down to five finalists the pool of applicants to replace UO Cultural Forum Program Coordinator Linda Dievendorf.

EMU Director of Student Activities Gregg Lobisser said interviews will be held in May for the following applicants: Leslie Scott on May 15, Richard Kershaw on May 10, Donald Voss on May 7, Katherine Bryant on May 9 and Justina Parsons-Bernstein on May 16.

The finalists come from a broad range of backgrounds. Voss is currently the operations coordinator for EMU events and technical services. Bryant is an assistant director for residential life at the University. Scott is the general manager of the Oregon Country Fair.

Two hail from out-of-state — Kershaw, who is the assistant director for student activities at the University of Maine at Farmington and Parsons-Bernstein, who is an instructor at Arizona State University.

Lobisser said the University received more than 30 completed applications for the position, which was advertised

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ASUO hosts debate between Ward 3 City Council candidates

DAVID KELLY: City council's incumbent president says he is running again to continue his work

By Darren Freeman
Oregon Daily Emerald

David Kelly is the city councilor for Ward 3. Kelly, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a computer systems consultant, has been a city councilor since 1999 and is currently council president.

Q: Why are you running for the city council?

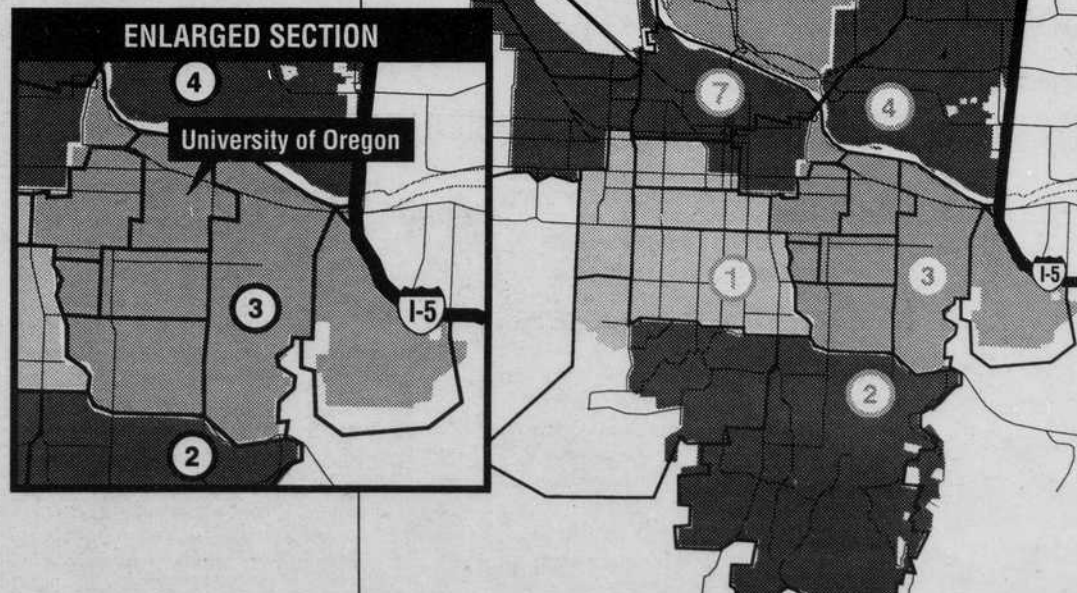
A: The flip answer is that the alternative would be sitting at home throwing things at the television. I was motivated to run the first time because I really want to make a difference in a community I love. I really want to continue my work, and I've gotten a lot of positive feedback from constituents.

Q: What are the key issues facing Ward 3 residents?

A: This ward has many characteristics that are distinctive about it. It's an older

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The ASUO will host Ward 3 city council candidates David Kelly and Maco Stewart in a debate at 6 p.m. today in 125 McKenzie.



MACO STEWART: He pledges to give fellow students a voice in city government if he's elected

By Darren Freeman
Oregon Daily Emerald

Maco Stewart is a junior political science major and was a candidate in the 2002 ASUO Executive election.

Q: Why are you running for the city council?

A: Students have no representation in city government. I think it's ridiculous they pass ordinances that target students exclusively, which I am against for any group of people. City councilors don't pay attention to what students want, and it's not because they're bad people; it's because they don't understand. There's not a single person on the city council under the age of 45, there isn't a single recent university alumnus. How are they supposed to understand what it's like when they don't come from the same walk of life as we do? Being a student, I think I have a much deeper understanding of

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