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Chancellor to receive severance pay in July

The State Board of Higher Education reached an accord with Richard Jarvis following his resignation last week

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The State Board of Higher Education plans to compensate Oregon University System Chancellor Richard Jarvis about \$180,000 after he vacates his post in June.

Jarvis' resignation last week came in the midst of a complete overhaul of the Chancellor's Office, a result of board President Neil Goldschmidt's efforts to lessen the burden of state budget cuts on OUS campuses.

The first cut to the Chancellor's Office has been established at \$1 million, which will come primarily from the office's Academic Affairs division.

Jarvis was originally appointed chancellor in late July 2002. The former board president renewed his contract for an additional two years in September 2003.

"He had a contract with the state, and the state was obligated to come to a resolution," said Kevin Neely, spokesman for state Attorney General Hardy Myers. "We devised a reasonable settlement."

The board will pay Jarvis his normal salary until June 30, which was about \$224,000 annually including funds for housing and other costs, Neely said. In July, the board will also pay Jarvis a lump sum calculated by subtracting the amount he will be paid over the next three months from \$250,000, according to the settlement.

The settlement agreement stipulates that Jarvis is to delegate authority to board members while remaining available to

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GTFs mourn 'death' of their contract



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Graduate Teaching Fellow Brian Wolf (left) and GTFF President Eric Lindgren carry a coffin from the EMU Amphitheater to Johnson Hall filled with the old GTF contracts. The GTFF held a protest Thursday afternoon against the University's new GTF contract proposal. Their prior contract with the University expired on March 31.

Graduate Teaching Fellows protest Thursday as they seek an increase in pay and reduction in student fees

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The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation staged a "funeral" Thursday, commemorating the recent "death," or expiration, of its contract with the University.

The GTFF's contract with the University expired March 31, but currently the University is operating under the provisions of the expired agreement. The GTFF and the University have been in active negotiations since November, but have yet to reach an agreement.

The protest started quietly at 2:30 p.m. in the

EMU Amphitheater, seeming almost to mock the solemnity of a funeral. Protesters brought out a miniature coffin and carried black signs shaped like headstones that read "GTFF Contract RIP" and "In Loving Memory ..."

"(The lack of a contract) fundamentally shows that we are not being respected for the work we do," former GTFF President Chris Goff said in a speech at the rally.

Current GTFF President Eric Lindgren, a graduate student in political science, also spoke.

"Currently the University is offering us no increases in wages," he said. The crowd responded with a disapproving "Boo!"

After the two brief speeches, nearly 20 GTFF protesters lined up and dropped copies of the contract into the miniature coffin to "pay their last respects." Goff yielded a few laughs as he pretended to collapse into a fit of grief in front of the coffin.

After the darkly comedic ritual was complete, nearly 40 protesters followed the mock funeral procession up East 13th Avenue to the steps of Johnson Hall, while four pallbearers carried the coffin into the building and left it outside University President Dave Frohnmayer's office.

"I told the President we brought him a little gift," Lindgren said to the crowd after he walked out of the building.

The GTFF has been petitioning for decreases in the student fees that GTFFs are required to pay as students of the University, which, according to the GTFF, amounts to 9 percent of the average annual salary for graduate employees.

"Our proposal is that they eliminate fees," Lindgren said as the protest started. "We don't think we should have to pay 10 percent of our

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Geocachers seek Tupperware treasures across globe

The new sport lets outdoor enthusiasts enjoy nature with a competitive twist

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Under close inspection, it is possible to find a treasure inside the storm-splintered Douglas fir that spans Full Moon Falls. Most travelers pass the Route 58 waterfall without much

notice, but to a growing number of outdoor enthusiasts known as "geocachers," the secret stash at Full Moon Falls is one of more than 91,000 items waiting to be found.

The sport of geocaching (pronounced geo-caching) adds the thrill of discovery to a traditional hike by giving hikers the chance to search for strategically placed containers with the help of satellite signals. Participants download coordinates from the

Internet and use a hand-held Global Positioning System to lead them to the hidden wares.

Though the concept of treasure hunting predates Robert Louis Stevenson, geocaching began when President Bill Clinton signed an initiative on May 1, 2000, eliminating "Selective Availability" restrictions on satellite signals. These precise signals, which until then were only permitted for military use, allow the public to

use GPS devices to locate any position on the globe to an accuracy within six to twenty feet.

According to <http://www.geocaching.com>, the first official geocache appeared two days after Clinton's announcement, when a Seattle man placed a notebook inside a watertight ammunition can and hid it in the woods outside of Portland. He e-mailed the coordinates to a friend, and a modern-day version of

hide-and-seek ensued. Today, GPS devices are being used to link people in 200 locations ranging from Antarctica to Zimbabwe.

The rules of geocaching are relatively simple: Find the treasure, take something, leave something for the next finder and sign the notebook. Those involved with the game often assume aliases and log their comments on the official Web site.

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