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GTFF authorizes strike vote, negotiations continue

The GTF Federation may strike if the University holds to another fee raise in 2006

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The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation Executive Council unanimously authorized a strike vote Tuesday night, which will take place at the end of June.

Tuesday's decision was the first strike authorization by the GTFF

since 1977 and is the beginning of a GTFF strike that would be the first in the University's history.

The vote to strike will be held at the end of June, and if a minimum of 60 percent of the membership votes in favor of the strike, GTFF members could strike as soon as August.

A GTFF strike could have potentially dire repercussions for summer school students, because as many as half of summer classes are taught by Graduate Teaching Fellows.

The GTFF's contract expired March 31, and the GTFF and the University have been in negotiations for the past seven months.

"Your bargaining team has practically given its blood to get this far," GTFF negotiator Jey Strangfeld told the Executive Council during Tuesday's meeting.

While there are four issues with the contract that remain unresolved, the main issue of contention involves student-fee subsidies for GTFFs, according to a GTFF press

release. All GTFFs are required to pay student fees.

The GTFF and the University have agreed to lower fees for GTFFs from \$275 per term to \$230 per term, but the University wants to include a contractual stipulation that would mandate the fees return to \$275 in 2006, when negotiations for a new contract open.

This issue is the final sticking point for the GTFF, and according to GTFF Negotiator Chris Goff and GTFF President Eric Lindgren, the

union would likely sign the contract if the stipulation were removed. As of now, both have said the GTFF will likely strike.

The GTFF originally fought for wage increases, but the University would not grant them because of a wage freeze imposed by the governor.

"Because of the salary freeze, the next step to take is to ensure that GTFFs get some sort of financial relief," Goff said.

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UP TO PAR?



Justin Ouellette Courtesy

Journalism student Joe Leineweber had a friend write "I am in no way affiliated with the UO School of Journalism & Communication" on his back in black permanent marker before Leineweber streaked through Laurelwood Municipal Golf Course. Leineweber performed the stunt as part of an assignment for an advertising workshop offered by the journalism school.

ambition

A senior advertising student completes an assignment for Dan Wieden despite Dean Tim Gleason's urgings to find a creative alternative to the task

By Chelsea Duncan
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"I am in no way affiliated with the UO School of Journalism & Communication."

That's what senior Joe Leineweber had a friend write on his back Tuesday afternoon before Leineweber ran naked through the Laurelwood Municipal Golf Course as part of a journalism workshop assignment. According to the Eugene Police Department, if three or more people file complaints with police, an individual can be charged with the misdemeanor offense of disorderly conduct.

Journalism Dean Tim Gleason said the assignments — which were

fashioned by University alumnus and advertising guru Dan Wieden, who teaches the workshop — weren't meant to be literal but rather were opportunities for students to creatively overcome their fears.

"We have made very clear what the parameters are regarding the assignments and what people are not to do," Gleason said. "The workshop is not about breaking the law."

When some students raised concerns about the controversial assignments — which require students to videotape their activity, such as playing Twister with a trucker or objecting at a wedding — journalism school faculty and administrators explained that the workshop is intended to get

students to think beyond the task.

Gleason said he and faculty members told students that the school does not condone illegal or unethical behavior, and that students are in no way obligated to perform such activities.

"(Gleason) urged me many, many times just to find an alternative, a creative alternative," Leineweber said. "I thanked him for the advice and told him I would consider that."

Leineweber previously said he would never streak because he is modest, but he decided to go through with the task for the exact premise of the course — to begin overcoming fears, thus readying him for the real world.

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Museum to open despite setbacks

The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art will open in October after nearly four years of renovation

By Ayisha Yahya
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Students whiz past it everyday on the way to class. But many have never been inside it, and many will graduate without ever browsing its hallways.

The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art has been closed to the public for renovations since Fall 2000. Therefore, a freshman who started school that year and is on track to graduate in four years will do so this spring, having spent his or her entire tenure on campus with the museum's doors firmly shut.

Now, the restored museum is set to open in October 2004, several months behind schedule — it was expected to open by winter term 2004. Administrators say several factors contributed to the delays in getting renovations underway.

Museum Associate Director Larry Fong said there is a logical sequence to building on campus that involves various offices and stages. A delay on one area affects all other areas, he said.

"There were three or four major components of this project that had to be sequenced quite closely," Fong said.

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NEWS BRIEF

Darkwing users told they must change passwords

The Computing Center is asking all Darkwing e-mail users to change their passwords after an electronic attack targeting University networks left users' in-boxes full of Spam.

The deadline for the password swap is June 1. Computing Services has circulated an e-mail to Darkwing users advising them that if they use the same password on more than one host, whether at the University or elsewhere, they should stop using the same password on multiple accounts and immediately change the password on any account that shared the same password.

"Due to a recent attack targeting a number of UO systems, you should change your Darkwing password immediately," said the e-mail.

Card Office Manager Joel Woodruff is aiding the computing center by providing assistance to users who need help changing their passwords.

"From the Oregon home page there's a link to web mail, and from that page there's a link to change passwords, or people can go directly to <http://password.uoregon.edu>," he said. "All you need is your log-in, your old password, then you fill in a new one."

— Steven Neuman

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