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Settlement ballots reach faculty

By JAIME SHELTON
Editor in Chief

Four months have gone by, and the Association of American University Professors will put its tempo to a vote.

It's been a month since the late-night faculty strike that left campus wondering how many classes would meet the first day. But a temporary settlement was reached, and classes continued.

According to AAUP Executive Director Eileen Bantel, there are 473 faculty members. Each one has until Oct. 10 to cast

his or her vote.

Some language changes were made, and members were notified in writing last week. But some provisions the AAUP bargained for remain the same.

In last week's edition of THE OAKLAND POST, provisions regarding long term disability medical coverage were unclear.

According to Bantel, members of the faculty bargaining team was hoping that OU would pay for retired faculty members' medical insurance premiums after age 65.

Bill Kendall, assistant vice

president for employee relations, said the AAUP and the union representing police officers and dispatchers are the only campus union not receiving this.

"Every union negotiates their own terms. ... They have their own priorities," he said.

Kendall added that unions often make up for lost benefits by asking for more salary. "It's the priorities, and the way they go out. Each party bargained for itself," he said.

Bantel said that currently, retired faculty members who are over the age of 65 and on

Medicare, have to pay their own medical supplement.

"Oakland contributes zip to its (the faculty) supplement," she said. However, she said OU pays the insurance premiums for early retirees, age 62 and older.

All administrative professionals, deans and vice presidents who meet the qualifications also receive the premium payment in retirement packages.

Bantel said the AAUP was told faculty members are paid well, and receive a good fringe and retirement package. She said it's ironic top administrators

are receiving the insurance, even with higher salaries. "It is interesting enough they don't feel that way about themselves."

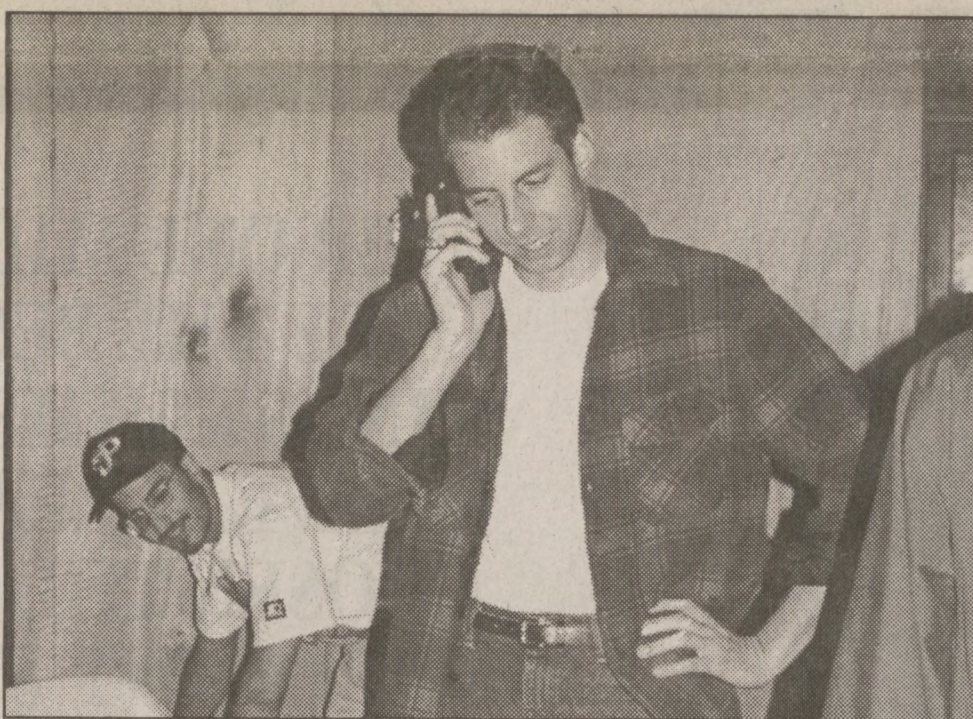
The AAUP also bargained to have OU pay long term disability medical insurance for faculty until Medicare can take over. Currently, no employee on campus has this contract provision.

However, Bantel feels this is an important issue, and said the AAUP it will continue to bargain for it in the future.

Despite this year's loss, Bantel said the university made

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Temple of Terror haunts Industry



By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
News Editor

Patrons visiting a Pontiac night club will have more to do than just dancing, drinking and socializing through the month of October. Within Industry's third-floor walls, is the haunted attraction called "Temple of Terror."

OU alumnus Mike Grant, one of three partners, described "The Temple" as a "full entertainment experience."

Although designing and building a haunted house has always been some-

thing Grant wanted to do, he said he didn't set out to do it at this time. He went to see Patricia Yulkowski, architect by trade and one-third owner of First America Bank in Pontiac, because she had a loft for rent in Pontiac.

Once Grant and Yulkowski started talking about architecture and engineering, he mentioned his haunted house idea. Yulkowski gave him Industry Co-owner Amir Daiza's phone number.

Grant called him and pitched the idea. Grant said, "He (Daiza) was jumping up and down about it."



Post Photos/Jeannee Kirkaldy

ENTER TERROR: (Top) Brian Potter, communications senior, paints the walls of Industry turning it into the "Temple of Terror." BUSINESS TIME: (Left) Mike Grant, OU Alumni, is one of three partners in the development of the haunted house which is scheduled to open Oct. 9.

Industry Manager Ben Daughty said Industry had other haunted houses on the third floor in the past. However, this one has taken the most time and energy. "This will bury anything we've ever done up there (in the past)," he said.

On Sept. 9, Grant and his partners Steve Moore, OU alumnus, and senior Brian Potter, communication, drew up the final contract. Construction began Sept. 21. Grant said approximately 150 to 200 hours of labor have been invested in the project so far.

Potter said everyone involved is

affiliated with OU, including the designers, builders and actors.

Approximately 40 workers are needed, for 168 shifts. Some music, theatre and dance students will play characters.

"Temple of Terror" will be like no other haunted house one has experienced. This is not your run of the mill haunted house," said Gabe Gazoul, English and philosophy senior.

It will feature several special effects described as "disturbingly real." The temple promises to have some magic and

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Post Photo/J. Molly Abramson

AUTOMOTIVE MECHATRONICS: The new lab in SEB introduces OU's engineering students to the future of automotive production, offering hands-on experience.

Ford donates automotive lab

By DIANE FRKAN
Staff Writer

Within the halls of the Science and Engineering Building, a new lab has evolved giving tremendous opportunities to OU students.

The Automotive Mechatronics Lab was acquired through a \$100,000 donation from Ford Motor Company through their Ford University Research Program.

The lab offers senior undergraduates and first level graduates a chance to explore automotive mechatronics.

Automotive mechatronics is a combination of precise mechanical engineering and

computer controlled electronics in an automobile. It is the first course offered by the Science and Engineering department, and two more will follow.

While this program is new in the United States, its principles were taught in Japan for the past 20 years.

However, mechatronics automotive was not seen as crucial in the United States industry and academics until now.

The lab, completed about two weeks ago, was developed by Professor of Engineering Naim Kheir, also chair of electrical and systems engineering department. He is credited for getting the research proposal and the award.

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Ka C. Cheok, Professor of Engineering, is the primary teacher of this course. However, Andrew Rusek and Manohar Das, professors of engineering, also help teach the course to 16 students.

According to Cheok, automotive mechatronics can give students a better understanding of a car, dealing with anything of power such as power steering, locks, seats, cruise control and ABS brakes.

For example, power locks are mechanically controlled, but operates on electrical controls.

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