

Chicago prepares for teachers' strike

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CHICAGO — The Chicago Teachers Union Sunday prepared a strike to shut down the nation's third largest school district today while parks, libraries and the public radio station planned alternatives for 440,000 students.

"All unions will, regretfully, be on strike Monday," CTU President Jacqueline Vaughn said when talks broke off after about eight hours Saturday night. Unofficial talks went on through the early morning, but ended at 6:30 a.m. with neither side reporting progress.

But the union asked the school board to resume negotiations Monday — after the CTU House of Delegates Sunday night hears Vaughn's report on negotiations and holds a formal vote on the strike.

In other strikes, the school board in Carbondale, Ill., said it would hire replacements if a walkout does not end for about 1,100 students within a reasonable time. The teachers struck Friday after rejecting a 9.5 percent salary increase. No break was seen in a strike that began Nov. 16 in Morrisville, Pa., affecting 1,350 students.

The Chicago union's 28,000 teachers, who have been working without a contract since August, are demanding a pay raise and a roll back of deductions in medical benefits the board imposed last month to erase a \$40 million operating deficit.

Twelve thousand members of other unions that have been discussing contract issues with the board will join the CTU walkout,

shutting down the nation's largest school district with 440,000 students.

"At this point, the schools will be closed Dec. 3 because the board has not been bargaining in good faith," said Carl DeStefano, local president of the union of operating engineers who keeps the keys to school buildings. "Isn't it sad we've gotten to this point again?"

The strike is the seventh in years and comes back-to-back with a record three-week walkout last year.

Officials of parks, libraries and the public radio station planned to take up the slack. A spokesman for the library will expand services to 76 branches and four regional centers during the strike and will assign librarians to homework centers, educational and recreational services will be available in four computer learning centers.

Public radio station WBEZ will broadcast elementary lessons from 8 a.m. to noon every school day and high school lessons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., said Carol Nolen, WBEZ manager. A homework hotline staffed during normal school hours and other numbers will be given, so students can call in work to teachers.

Some social service agencies provide their after-school activities all day. Marillac House will offer academic classes in the morning, lunch, and educational field trips the afternoon.

Around town

Apply for Fish Camp chairman now

Student Y Fish Camp is now accepting applications for chairman, sub-chairman and recreation coordinator. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Dec. 6. There will be a reception for all applicants in the MSC on Dec. 7.

Defensive driving class begins today

The TAMU After Hours Program will sponsor a driver safety course today and tomorrow. This course may be used to have certain traffic violations dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance. Registration is held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in 216 MSC. For more information call 845-1515.

Organizations can participate in fair

All student organizations are invited to participate in this year's MSC All-Night County Fair. Organizations may sponsor a game booth by filling out an application in the Student Finance Center of Student Programs Office and returning it with a \$20 deposit (\$10 refundable). This is a great chance to have fun and raise money for your organization. Call the Student Programs Office at 845-1515 or Mike at 260-7053 for more information.

MSC Christmas Fair will be Today

MSC Hospitality is sponsoring the Aggie Christmas Fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today in Rudder Exhibit Hall. There will be many gifts for less than \$30. This can be the perfect opportunity to do your Christmas shopping on campus.

Defensive driving class begins Monday

The Brazos Valley Safety Agency is sponsoring a defensive driving course Monday and Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, College Station. The course can be used to receive a 10 percent reduction in automobile insurance rates, or for the dismissal of a traffic fine. Registration is at 5 p.m. Monday at the Ramada Inn. The fee is \$20. Call 693-8178 for more information.



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Quad site for KORP operations

By DALLAS MORRIS
Reporter

More is happening on the Quad-range than just military activities. Between dorms 9 and 11 in lounge E, a radio station with the call letters KORP, a non-profit station run by volunteers, broadcasts 24 hours.

In previous years, people who weren't members of the Corps of Cadets worked with KORP, but now all the KORP members are cadets, said David Holy, KORP station director. When money was allocated from the Military Sciences Building to KORP, it was decided that only Corps members should run the station, Holy said.

"We're run by the Corps and everything, but we try to make it so it's not a Corps-oriented station," Holy said. "We're not catering to the Corps. Even though the call letters are KORP and it's run by the Corps, it's not just for the Corps. It's just like any other radio station."

KORP again will allow people who are not in the Corps to be an-

nouncers during the Spring semester. Conflicts with Corps activities do not give cadets enough time to fully man the station; so KORP will choose a select group of non-cadets to help operate the station.

"We went off the air because the University cut funds for all the different MSC activities and we didn't have the funds to go on the air," Holy said.

Monthly operating costs for the station are \$120.

"That's for our phones and to pay for our phone lines," Holy said.

KORP has five advertisers that help pay the cost of running the station, Holy said.

"They pay by the semester just for a certain amount of air time and then we give it to them real cheap," he said. Also KORP receives money from people advertising privately.

The KORP staff will make announcements on their views about certain on-campus issues like the GSS or SWAMP, Holy said.

"We're a real equal-opportunity

type of station," he said. "We like to let people express their own personal ideas."

KORP policy prohibits announcers from giving their personal views about an issue while on the air, Holy said. That privilege is left for the members of the KORP staff.

"The staff are the ones who will give the viewpoints of KORP radio," Holy said. "They are the only people you'll hear it from and it has always been a policy."

About 15 percent of KORP's 65 announcers are seniors, 35 percent are juniors, 30 percent are sophomores and 20 percent are freshmen, Holy said.

Applications are given to those people interested in becoming announcers, he said. Names are put on a waiting list according to seniority, and when a time slot opens, the next highest ranking person is selected.

Right now KORP has a limited stock of albums but it is growing steadily, Holy said.

"In two weeks I hope to have 150

more records," he said. "We deal with all the record companies and they'll send up promotional albums in exchange for advertising."

Announcers bring their own albums to the station, and new albums are bought from the \$10 membership dues, Holy said.

"We don't play country and don't play soul-type music," Holy said. The KORP staff feels a large audience can be generated by playing a rock format.

"Our diversity range is all the way from new wave rock, to rockabilly, early rock like the '50s," he said.

Holy said KORP is a cable station which doesn't broadcast over the like KANM, but broadcasts over the air. If something KORP announces over the air is found in bad taste, the Federal Communications Commission, which monitors the stations, pressure Texas A&M to shut down the station.

"During the spring semester KORP will probably sponsor bands," Holy said.



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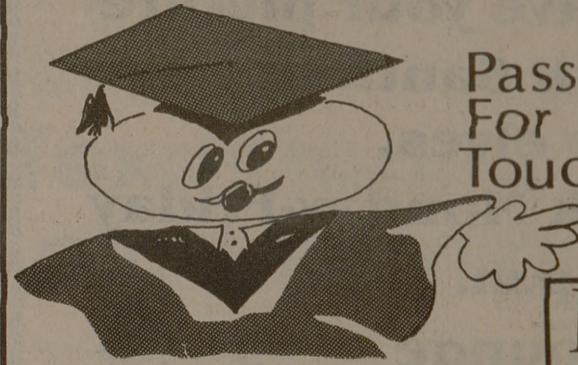
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