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Workers reject plan regarding overtime

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a mason tender striking at the Justice Building.

Under the rejected contract, Saturdays would be used to make up days lost due to poor weather conditions, Mobley said. Contractors already have reached an agreement with other craftsmen who agreed to pay masons and carpenters time and a half for Saturday work, he said.

The craftsmen have no more right to overtime pay than the strikers, Mobley said.

The union has been working without a contract since April, said Willard Snooks, a striker at the Justice Building.

Hardy said the strike has not put contractors behind schedule at the Justice Building.

"If we reach an agreement Thursday morning, everything should be in full swing Monday morning," Hardy said. "We should be able to make up for any lost time."

Strike stalls construction at IU law school, stadium

By Courtney G. Leatherman
Daily Student Staff Writer

Construction on two IU buildings and Bloomington's Justice Building has been stalled because of a strike resulting from a contract dispute about overtime pay.

Construction workers from the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 741, will meet with contractors Thursday to negotiate an agreement. The workers began their strike Tuesday in 15 Indiana counties because of an impasse with the Bloomington Construction League and the Southeastern Contractors Association.

Workers picketed in front of the Justice Building, the IU Law

School and the Memorial Stadium Tuesday.

Law students have been attending classes in the Student Building since last August because of the construction work being done at the law school.

Maurice Holland, acting dean of the law school, said the school originally planned to get students back to their regular classrooms by Aug. 12.

"I have had no word yet from contractors or the University about a delay," he said.

But Terry Clapaes, University director of the IU Physical Plant, said if the strike continues for more than a week, delays could have an impact.

Construction on the new law school has been completed, but workers are still remodeling and upgrading the building, said James Hardy, business manager for Local 741.

Football administrative offices are being built at the stadium, said Clapaes. Construction was expected to be completed Sept. 1, he said.

Union members rejected the contractors' proposal of no overtime pay for work on Saturdays and on light commercial construction projects.

"They want Saturday to be a makeup day," said Tom Mobley,

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