



Remember if you didn't read it here, it isn't true.

OPSEU Local 278
Bargaining Bulletin

A Little Support Goes a Long Way!

When members are seen to support their bargaining team good things start to happen!

This week we saw a marked change in direction at the bargaining table from the Employer's Team.

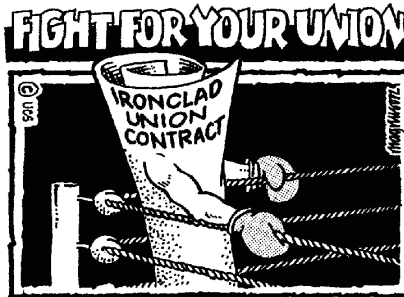
They came to the table and announced that starting next week they would be joined by outside counsel: Simon Mortimer from the Hicks Morley Law Firm. Those who were here for the bargaining of the first agreement will remember that Simon negotiated the first Collective Agreement for the Employer.

We believe that this announcement means that the Employer is ready to get down to serious bargaining.

The second signpost was that the Employer came to the table this week prepared to deal with some of the Union's

key issues such as scheduling and job security. We had lively discussions about these issues and are expecting a full written response from the Employer when we meet next week.

Bargaining on Thursday was cancelled to give the Em-



ployer an opportunity to develop and print its counter proposals on these important and complex issues.

Meanwhile plans are going ahead for further demonstrations of support for what your team is trying to accomplish.

Member participation in planned events sends a clear message to the Employer that you stand behind the position of your team. Poor participation sends a different message that the team stands alone.

Your active support is what will produce a just Collective Agreement. The team cannot do it alone.

Remember

It's your team...

Your proposals...

Your contract.

Two important dates where your support is needed.

Information Picket

March 17, 2006 @ 6:00PM at Fallsview.

General Membership Meeting

March 20, 2006

Please attend this membership meeting! Times to be announced.



Next Bargaining Dates

- March 14th, 15th and 16th
- March 22nd
- March 29th and 31st