

STRIKING TIMES

(Daily strike update of Sault College Faculty's newsletter, *LOCAL MONITOR*)



Day 10

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MANAGEMENT AT SAULT COLLEGE GUARANTEES THAT THEY WILL NOT TEACH, NOT EVALUATE AND NOT HIRE PART-TIMERS!!

After a meeting with Janice Beatty and Rick Webb, Jeff and Jim want it passed on that they assure faculty that Management plans to neither teach, evaluate, nor to hire replacement staff.

This is good news ... but how does this fit in with the guarantee to students, brayed so loudly by the college presidents in the ads taken out in newspapers on the same day. (Who is steering their ship??)

It brings to mind a piece of perennial wisdom: *Better to remain silent and appear ignorant than to open your mouth and remove all doubt*

We await with interest the detailed plans that Sault College will have for each student in each program next week.

A Sault College retiree made a comment on the management style represented not only at Sault College, but at all Ontario colleges:

“They have turned labour relations back to the turn of the last century” AND
“If I had done my job as well as they have, I would have been fired”

GREAT SHOW OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL 612!

There was a fantastic show of support from Local 612 on the lines with us, yesterday. They braved the cold wind and the splashings to offer their encouragement (and hugs!!) We have thanked them officially, and at the suggestion of their president, Jennifer Rennison, we have mailed today a letter to every 612 member from our Communications Team to help clarify the issues. This will be forwarded to your OPSEU 613 emails.

OPSEU EXEC. WALKS THE LINE WITH US

Sue Brown, the Executive Branch Member and Vice President of Region 6, visited the line to tell us that picketers at the three campuses that she has visited (Canadore, Cambrian and now Sault College) are “solid, strong and ready.” She was really impressed with the morale across the north and told us that Peter Wall, Executive Branch Member from Hearst, will be attending the rally today in Toronto. Our local OPSEU representative, Scott Kennedy, was, once again, out on the line with us, too.

IMPORTANT: SUN LIFE EXTENDED CARE SUBMISSIONS

All extended health care claims must be submitted to Sun Life by March 31st in order to be reimbursed. Sun Life forms are available in the trailer. Be sure to get your claims in, and to share this information with your brothers and sister....

ATTENDANCE AT COLLEGE RELATED FUNCTIONS

Strike policy directs us to not attend any functions related to the college or on college property. This includes the AWARDS NIGHT being held Tuesday, March 21st.

*******NEWS FLASH*******

MINISTER CHRIS BENTLEY HAS SUMMONED BOTH UNION AND MANAGEMENT BARGAINING TEAMS TO A MEETING WITH HIM TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS UNKNOWN. JEFF ARBUS WILL BE HEADING OUT FIRST THING FRIDAY MORNING TO ATTEND.

