

# STRIKING TIMES

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## IF IT WEREN'T SO SERIOUS, IT WOULD BE FUNNY!!

**Management's latest stance has taken them to the fringe of lunacy. Here are some questions they may want to ask themselves:**

- 1. Do they really think that students are stupid enough not to see through the obsequious strategy of befriending them with assurances of completing their year and guaranteeing them a diploma? Their whole approach is cynical and contemptuous of education. Aren't they magnifying the whole issue of quality at their own expense? Imagine the scenario:**

Dean: "So, let's see. Today we'll be making Boeuf Bourignon. Does anyone know what that is?...no? Well how about spaghetti? Come on, this is Sault Ste. Marie. Someone must be able to make Spaghetti Bolognese. All right, has anyone ever eaten spaghetti? Good: congratulations you are a chef!! Now, what kind of mark were you thinking about?? You were a D student according to this one mark that I have in ... but you say that you were improving?...O.K. I believe you...Honours, you say? that sounds good to us ...!!

**Run through the possible scenarios for each course and each program!!  
Credibility? Lunacy!**

- 2. Who are they fooling with the following?**

"We will partner with our professional faculty [emphasis ours] and all dedicated staff in the college system to ensure a quality educational experience. We will use strategies and solutions that will protect academic quality, while ensuring that graduating students are ready for the workforce." (Council's message to students, 14<sup>th</sup> March. 06)

Who are the professional faculty? Are they the strikebreakers? A scab in Sault Ste. Marie???

### **3. Are they trying to incite province-wide labour unrest?**

We understand that Sault College management is telling nursing students to report back to clinical placements, next week. Most of the placements are in locations that have union affiliations.

How do they think that unionized nurses and other professionals will respond to having these placements show up? How will these organizations respond to having picket lines set up outside their entrances?

Ted Montgomery got a standing ovation from high school teachers and students in Toronto on Monday. Which teachers are going to accept ECE, CYW or other students as placements? None that I know in Sault Ste. Marie.!!

### **4. How is Sault College management doing?**

On track with the rest of the province, it seems!! Judging by the email sent out to staff, yesterday by Judi Maundrell, it seems that Sault College has everything well in hand! Students are being encouraged to email in assignments to Student Services (the fact that they were supposed to identify the course and what the assignment is provides a sense that the Academic Powers are really on top of this!!)

Rick Webb has assured Jeff that Sault College management will not be doing any teaching, but they have NOT denied that they will be evaluating.

**THIS IS ALL ABOUT PUNISHING THE FACULTY!!**

**THIS IS ABOUT PROMISING FRAUDULENT DIPLOMAS!!**

**MANAGEMENT WILL DO ANYTHING EXCEPT SETTLE!**

“This proposal, cloaked as a help to students, actually makes them the long-term scapegoats. If the colleges proceed with their plan, the value of Ontario college diplomas and degrees may never recover. This year’s graduates will be the poster children for all the flaws, weaknesses, and failures that Bob Rae pointed out in the colleges.” Ted Montgomery (March 14)