

THE Picketpost

March 14

YOUR DAILY LINK TO LIFE ON THE LINES!

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Rally at Jim Bradley's Office

On Wednesday at 1:00, we are planning a picket rally outside of MPP Jim Bradley's office at 2 Secord Drive in St. Catharines (corner of Scott Street and Secord Drive). We urge all available picketers to meet at 12:45 in the "green space" beside Jumbo Video. Please inform your picketing captains if you are going to attend.

From the Lines

Hats off to all the picketers at Niagara Falls, Niagara on the Lake and Welland for the incredible levels of morale, enthusiasm and professionalism. It's a shame that it takes a strike for us to demonstrate how well we can pull together. From the lines we are hearing how much everyone is enjoying the chance to meet, laugh and share with each other.

Support from the community continues to come in every day. We are getting so many honks that we are beginning to attract Canada geese.

Faculty Fitness Week

Fitness Canada recommends 10,000 steps a day, so we're declaring this as "Faculty Fitness Week". Three hours of picket duty will whittle away your waistline, reduce your blood pressure and buff up your summer silhouette.

Contest: So dig out those Special K pedometers, clip them on and start counting! The picketer with the highest pedometer read out wins a dozen calorie-free donuts from Tim Horton's. Contest ends with the settlement.



A Commercial Air Services van stops to ask if it is okay to cross the Woodlawn Road picket line.

Media Watch

In addition to joining picketers on the line, college students have called on the government to show leadership in resolving the current stalemate. Check the local papers for recent comments from the College Student Alliance, the Canadian Federation of Students and our local SAC presidents



The very charming Al Unwin distributing literature at Welland's Rice Road picket on Monday.



Picketers at Welland's Residence entrance brave the rain and wind on Monday – and are still smiling!

Have you written to your MPP yet?

Check your email for contact information and a letter template. Please contact strike headquarters if you are not receiving email notices.

Dear Ms. Pick-It

I've been walking the line every day and I have a problem. I love the snacks we've been getting on the line, especially those yummy cookies supplied by the chefs. I'm beginning to worry about my waistline...

Any suggestions?

Signed

Growing in the Middle

Dear Growing in the Middle

Whoever said cookies have calories? Just ask Bonnie, our cookie monster. Besides, Ms.Pick-It consulted with the chefs who assured her that their cookies are calorie and fat-free. Dig in and volunteer for another picket shift.

Weather Advice

Wednesday March 14

30% chance of isolated flurries with winds from the NW at 25 km/h. High of 5°C and low of -4°C

Rally Reminder

Where: Queen's Park, Toronto

When: Thursday, March 16

Departure: Bus leaves Welland Soccer Club at 9 a.m.

Credit for two days picketing will be given to each participant. If you want to join us, please inform your picket captain or email opseu242@bellnet.ca.

Ms Pick-It advises you to check the websites for up-dates.

Stay Connected!

Visit these websites for up-to-date news releases and local announcements:

www.opseu.org and

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