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STRIKE BULLETIN 9

OPSEU Local 110

ONLY for the information of Faculty, Librarians & Counsellors

“Faculty Care about Quality Education”

ROB (Report on Bargaining)

- College Management offers to teach, mark assignments, hire part-time faculty and pass the students. Is this QUALITY EDUCATION?
- Ted Montgomery’s response to Semester Completion Strategy is attached.
- Five buses full of striking faculty from OPSEU 110 converge on Queen’s Park today.
- Each day we will highlight what the offer made by management REALLY means for you.
- Paddy is in Toronto working with OPSEU officials to resolve the strike.

Will Ontario Colleges Become “Mail in Diploma Mills”?

The most recent news that managers in the colleges are going to teach, mark assignments, and graduate students flies in the face of anything resembling QUALITY EDUCATION. They might as well just mail students their diploma. If management schemes were to be enacted, the Ontario college system and the value of Ontario college diplomas and degrees would plummet and never recover.



Students pay for their education and deserve to get it!

- Employers expect students to do the job once they graduate; they will not have the skills.
- Students writing external credentialing exams will fail.
- Will external accrediting bodies accept the “empty” piece of paper?
- When first year students go into their second year they will not have the knowledge and skills they need for the next year to succeed.

Management thinks so little of the college students’ education that they are prepared to give them a diploma, or certificate, or degree with half or more of the curriculum uncovered. Of course, the last part of the curriculum is nearly always the critical part, the more difficult part, where students and teachers synthesize all the learning that has been established in the early weeks. This year’s graduates would be the new “poster children” for all the flaws, weaknesses and failures that Bob Rae pointed out in the current college structure.



Help end the strike FAST! Please go to <http://www.opseu110.ca> and WRITE a letter today!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Management people will be able to help out, but there is also non-striking part-time faculty, online courses and options with final exams.” (Rundle, President, London Free Press March 15, 2006, page A3)

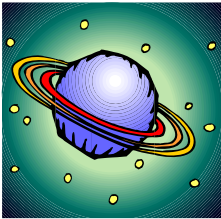
But Fanshawe College students in London gave that idea a lukewarm reception. “I wouldn’t want a manager to step in who doesn’t know what they’re doing.” said a fashion merchandising student. (LFP Free Press March 15, 2006, page A3)

FAQ, NEWS & EVENTS

Friday March 17, @ 12:00 p.m. - **Press Conference** at the CAW Hall on First Street, with Paddy Musson, Tim Carrie and Joe Wilson from the London & District Labour Council

Monday March 20, @ 4:00 p.m. - A **Solidarity Event** is being organized by the London & District Labour Council to congratulate teachers who are fighting for quality education. This cross-sector Union support includes CAW Local 27, OSSTF, Labour Council etc. Additional details to follow.

Tuesday March 21 - **Mass Picket** at Chris Bentley’s Office on. Watch for more information.



Pickers Guide to the Galaxy

Horoscopes that are on the edge

This is a good day for travel. You feel the time right to take “your message on the road.” Someone is not giving you the whole story and is questioning your ability to be professional. Find support in numbers and take it to the Park.



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