

The Part-Time Times

A newsletter for Ontario community college part-time and sessional employees and friends

Organizing drive flows through St. Lawrence

The OPSEU “It’s Time” campaign bus has now made a clean sweep of the three campuses of St. Lawrence College.

After first visiting Brockville Feb. 5, co-drivers Roger Couvrette and Candy Lindsay (president and vice-president of the organization of college part-timers and sessionals) rolled into Kingston last Tuesday and Cornwall Thursday.

“We had hordes of media people show up to hear about our campaign to win union rights for part-timers,” said Couvrette. “We had radio, we had television, we had reporters from the Brockville Recorder, the Kingston Whig-Standard, the Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

“We are certainly getting the message out about this campaign wherever we go.”

Also present to greet the organizing teams in Brockville and Kingston were Chris Whitaker,



One more card: Roger Couvrette, driver of the “It’s time!” tour bus, witnesses the signature of St. Lawrence College part-timer Lynne Gardner as Local 417 Chief Steward Mary Ann White looks on and a TV camera records the moment. Inset: Couvrette and White with OPSEU Executive Board Member Dave Lundy and Candy Lindsay, vice-president of the provincial organization of part-timers and sessionals (OPSECAAT).



president of St. Lawrence College, and Pennie Carp-Harris, his executive director of Human Resources.

“The reception they gave us was both cordial and respectful,” said Couvrette. “As I’ve said from the beginning, good managers recognize that our campaign is good for their colleges.”





A tale of two tables: While a few colleges have balked at the idea of union information tables in common areas, that's not the case at Mohawk College in Hamilton or at Sheridan College (Brampton/Oakville). At left, OPSEU organizer Gaspare Bonomo, Treasurer of OPSEU Local 240 (Academic - Mohawk), poses with Local 240 President Sam Maga. At right, Libby Simpson (blue shirt), first vice-president of OPSEU Local 245 (Support - Sheridan), chats with part-timer Lorna Barham.

It's time!
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