



U Strike Bulletin

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Rally on Friday for a Fair Contract!

Friday is the end of one week of being on strike. To finish up the week with a bang, we're having a big rally at noon on Friday on the West Bank Plaza. We'll show that we're finishing the week strong, and that we'll be back in force next Monday.

Strikers from East Bank, St. Paul, and West Bank will be coming. There will also be students, faculty, and a large group of supportive lawyers from all over the country who are attending the National Lawyers Guild conference on the West Bank this weekend.

The rally will show the deepening support clerical workers have from the University community and beyond. Be there!



Strikers rally on Thursday at Morrill Hall

Supporters Donate to Hardship Fund

Our hardship fund is receiving donations from lots of professors, P&A and civil service workers. One example of the support we're getting is this kind letter from Professor Emeritus Arnold G. Fredrickson:

I am an emeritus professor from the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science. I am well acquainted with most of the people from this department who went out on strike yesterday and I worked with some of them for many years. They are good people and loyal employees and I like and respect them. I know that going out on strike will be a hardship for them and I wish to help them and all the strikers. To do this I am enclosing a check for \$100. If the strike goes on I will make additional contributions.

Sincerely,
Arnold G. Fredrickson

Law Students Kicked Out of Mondale Hall for Supporting U Clerical Workers

On Thursday, a group of law students were threatened by an Associate Dean and kicked out of Mondale Hall (the Law School) while trying to talk with President Bruininks about the clerical workers strike. It is a sad day when the University administrators are kicking law students out of the law school for supporting clerical workers. Bruininks and other top administrators have obviously lost their grip on reality if this is what they have to resort to. We can't help but wonder – would Walter Mondale support kicking students out of a building bearing his name for the “crime” of supporting low-paid workers on strike?

Stories from the Lines

Here are some of the interesting and inspiring things that happened on the picket lines on Thursday:

- Students and clerical workers rallied at noon at Morrill Hall to show our unity and support.
- State Senator Becky Lourey (DFL-Duluth), Chair of the Senate Health & Family Security Committee, was supposed to go to a meeting in the Humphrey Building on the West Bank, but instead didn't cross our picket line and visited with picketers for a while to express her support for us.
- In St. Paul, a Tasty Bread truck turned away to honor our picket lines.
- At Burton Hall, roofers didn't work on their construction project today in support of our picket lines.
- A striker outside of an East Bank building was told, “Don't believe what you read in the paper – it's falling apart in there.”
- Union brothers from UTU Local 650 drove around picket lines all day to give coffee and food to strikers. When you see them, thank Charlie for the truck!
- Coca-Cola deliveries were brought in by managers again since the regular drivers won't cross our picket lines!
- Thursday's *MN Daily* quoted a UPS driver saying he is not delivering his packages to the U. “We don't cross picket lines. It's pretty cut and dried,” he said.
- At Como Avenue, a truck delivering medical gas canisters wouldn't cross our picket line, so a U manager pulled a truck out to the street and rather carelessly tossed highly flammable canisters into the U truck and drove them in to the U unsecured.

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Photos from the Picket Lines!



Clerical worker at the Thursday student support rally at Morrill Hall tells us like it is!



Picketing pup of the day: Max's sign reads "This terrier isn't fond of [Carol] Carrier."



Clerical worker's daughter's sign reads "Bruininks: Look Me in the Eyes & Tell Me You Cannot Afford My Health Care!"



Retirees came out to Thursday's support rally at Morrill Hall too!



Yikes – St. Paul striker on Thursday with no socks gets cold toes! Donate to the Hardship Fund to get her a pair of wool socks!



The Solidarity Wagon made the rounds on Thursday, bringing coffee and sugary treats to all the picket lines. Thanks to UTU Local 650 members for running the solidarity wagon!



Strikers at Printing Services on 29th & Como Avenue.



Picketing the loading dock behind St. Paul Student Center

Are you in a bad spot financially while you're on strike? Contact the Mutual Support Committee for advice and possible financial help. Call (612) 331-6420 or email mutualsupport@afscme3800.org

Ask your friends, family and non-union co-workers to donate to the U Clerical Hardship Fund. Donate online at www.afscme3800.org or mail a check to AFSCME 3800, 1313 5th St SE #121B, Minneapolis, MN 55414