



# U Strike Bulletin

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## Picket Lines Still Strong in Week Two

On Monday our picket lines held strong as we moved into week two of our strike.

Keeping our picket lines strong is the key to getting back to the negotiating table and winning a fair contract. We are on the right track!

AFSCME 3260, the health care workers at the U, could start their strike and join us on the picket lines next Tuesday (a week from now). They will go into negotiations before Tuesday to try to reach an agreement. We also need to stay strong this week to help give them strength at the negotiating table before their strike starts.

### Picketing and Phoning

Today our picketing hours are changing. We will picket all normal locations from 7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Crews that are coming out for early morning picket duty should continue to do that very important duty too. Then from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. we will maintain picket lines at Donhowe, Gateway, Carlson School, and Washington Ave. / WBOB. At that time we will also begin phone banking at the Strike Headquarters. Please come help out with phone banking to talk with your co-workers about how important the strike is and how they can help us win.

### Food Shelf Available

We want to make sure that this strike be as little a hardship to our members as possible. There is a food shelf available for those that need it. Please call ahead for an appointment before you go over there.

#### Labor Community Food Shelf

312 Central Ave. SE #542  
Minneapolis, MN

Hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Contact: 612-379-8130

### What's Happening This Week?

**Tuesday 12:00 - 1:00** – St. Paul Campus: Support the St. Paul Picket Lines. Non-clerical supporters in St. Paul will join the picket lines from 12:00 - 1:00.

**Tuesday 3:00** – **General Strike Committee Meeting** at Strike Headquarters

**Tuesday 4:30** – **Picket Captain Meeting** at Strike HQ

**Wednesday 12:00 - 1:00** – Picketing Convergence and Spaghetti Lunch – outside the St. Paul Student Center. Picketers and supporters encouraged to come from all campus areas.

**Thursday 4:30 - 6:30** – Community Mass Picketing

**Friday 12:00 - 1:00** – Rally at Gateway to Pressure the Board of Regents and Bruininks to Settle a Fair Contract

### Faculty Rally Monday to Support U Clericals

On Monday, about 100 faculty members gathered at Morrill Hall to send a strong message to Bruininks that faculty supports clerical workers' struggle for a fair contract. Their solidarity shows that Bruininks is increasingly isolated, while clerical workers have support from all sectors of the U community.

### Songs from the Picket Lines

We're out picketing  
We just want what's fair  
So come & hear us sing  
The U just doesn't care

*To the tune of "Jingle Bells",  
today's song comes from the  
Oak & Washington Gang!*

We will not be done  
'til the union's fight is won  
We just want to work  
And be seen as more than clerks

Jingle bells  
Bruininks smells  
Carol says to beg  
The contract they want us to sign  
Will cost our arms & legs

Jingle bells  
Bruininks smells  
And proposes takeaways  
Tells the poor to share the pain, and gives himself a raise!

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# Photos from the Picket Lines!



Holding down Washington Avenue on the West Bank.



Workers from Northrop, Morrill and the Mall area make sure Bruininks can't miss them from his window in Morrill Hall.



Picketing pup of the day – this dog's sign says "See Spot – See Spot Strike."



This photo is from one of the great rallies in Week One of the strike.



ABOVE: Workers on the West Bank turn back a delivery from Aramark on Monday. Union drivers from Aramark don't cross picket lines.  
LEFT: Kelly Z at the Saturday night fundraiser leads the crowd in the picket-line favorite – "We are the Union...the Mighty Mighty Union..."



Camdi's in Dinkytown is one of the many businesses near the U that has put up a "We Support U of M Workers" sign.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.afscme3800.org) or mail a check to AFSCME 3800, 1313 5th St SE #121B, Minneapolis, MN 55414**