



U Strike Bulletin

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Students Sit-in at Morrill

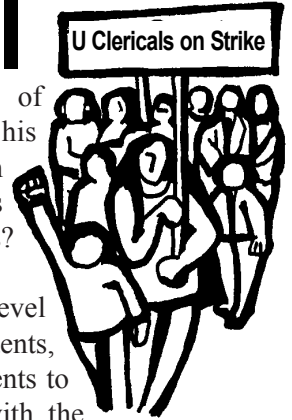
On Tuesday mid-day, about 70 students began a sit-in at President Bruininks' office in Morrill Hall. They demanded a meeting with Bruininks to express their support for the demands of striking clerical workers and to ask Bruininks to return to the negotiating table quickly to resolve the strike, which is affecting business as usual at the U.

In the midst of the first strike at the U in 60 years, and with 70 students sitting-in at his office, Bruininks was

missing in action, allegedly out of town at a conference, leaving his assistants leaderless to deal with the situation. (We wonder, why is he out of town during all of this? And did he fly first class?)

In Bruininks absence, mid-level administrators met with the students, but wouldn't make any commitments to return to the negotiating table with the union. The students will maintain their sit-in today, and pledge to stay there until President Bruininks shows up and meets with them.

Union members were surprised and heartened by this courageous action taken by the students in support of our goals of affordable health care, a livable wage, and job security.



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Some of the 70 students entering Morrill Hall to sit-in.



Songs From the Picket Lines

This remake of the Minnesota Rouser was written before the strike started by a pro-strike Teamster at the U, David Skeie.

Minnesota, Hats on to thee!
Must our wages frozen forever be?
How can we survive decently,
when expenses all increase?
Cut our blood, and "U" will cease!

Strike on the U of M!

Minnesota, Hats on to thee!
When worn out, we'll be fined for infirmity,
and put back steps, immediately,
lest our steps this school entwine,
in one solid picket line!

Strike on the U of M!

Minnesota, where Gold done rule,
our Lamp of Knowledge sadly requires fuel,
A Shame it's so dumb, cold, and cruel.
failing fuel, we offer heat
as ANGRY pickets on your street!

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What's Happening This Week?

Wednesday – 12:00 - 1:00 – Picketing Convergence and Spaghetti Lunch outside St. Paul Student Center.

Thursday – 4:30 - 6:30 – Community Mass Picketing at 15th & University, East Bank (across from Dinkydome)

Friday – 9:45 - 11:00 – Mass Strike Meeting @ Strike HQ

Friday – 12:00 – Rally & BBQ at Gateway to Pressure Board of Regents & Bruininks to Settle a Fair Contract

Events subject to change. More will be added throughout the week. For details on any of these events contact Strike Headquarters at 612-331-6420.



Strikers and student supporters at Tuesday's noon rally at Morrill Hall

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Photos from the Picket Lines!



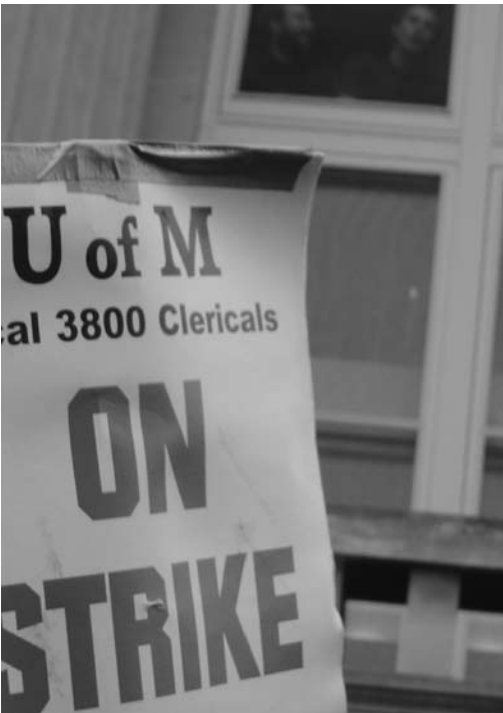
Charlie, the driver of the solidarity wagon gets thanks and cheers from the general strike committee meeting on Tuesday afternoon.



Clerical workers picket outside Morrill Hall Tuesday, as students sit-in in Bruininks office.



St. Paul campus picketers at Cleveland & Buford



Students look out from Bruininks window in Morrill Hall at strikers picketing outside.



MTC bus drivers came to our picket lines and rally on Tuesday. Bus drivers have been honking and encouraging our picketers every day. Bus drivers are in the middle of a hard contract fight themselves and may be on strike soon too.



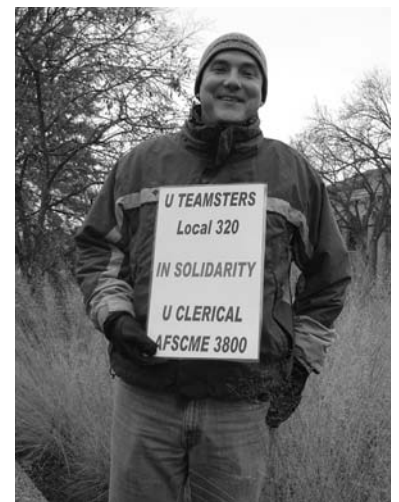
Picketers on strike in front of Eddy Hall



West Bank picketers



Striker Janie Jurgens shows off her halloween creation - the carved pumpkin says "Support AFSCME 3800"



Teamsters Local 320 member shows his solidarity at the Morrill Hall rally Tuesday

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