



# U Strike Bulletin

Sept. 14, 2007 • Day 10 • U OF M AFSCME Health Care, Technical and Clerical Strike

## *Ten More Workers Join the Strike at Boynton!*

Thursday morning ten registration, scheduling and insurance processing staff who had been working joined the picket lines from Boynton Health Services. When asked why they joined the picket lines all agreed that “We wanted to join the picket lines to support all of our co-workers who have been out on the lines before us.” Tammy Harris, Boynton outpatient clinic assistant said, “I went out on strike because I want change.”

The strike continues to take its toll on university operations. Twelve people in the School of Journalism received an email that read in part, “You are receiving this message because your fall appointment was entered into the payroll entry system after the payroll entry cut-off... We're experiencing delays with some payroll entry items that we can only guess is due to the strike.”

The University is experiencing delays in the delivery of goods and services as unionized delivery drivers honor AFSCME's picket lines at loading docks. We know of at least one new hire who was not entered into payroll and did not receive either a paycheck nor have her health insurance go into effect.



### ***Mutual Support for Strikers***

If you have financial questions or may need financial help while on strike, get in touch with the Mutual Support Committee. Applications and guidelines for financial help are at Strike Headquarters. We are raising a lot of money to help members while on strike. If you want more info, write to [mutualsupport@afscme3800.org](mailto:mutualsupport@afscme3800.org) or call 612-281-9010.

**All Strikers  
Mass Meeting  
Friday, Sept 14  
10:30 a.m. sharp  
At Strike Headquarters**

### ***U Students to Start Solidarity Hunger Strike Monday***

At a student rally which took place Thursday, Isaac Kamola read statement on behalf of students. It read in part:

“The administration’s treatment of the AFSCME workers represents a future of economic injustice and inequality. The administration's offer is not only unfair, it violates the inherent human rights of workers to a livable and equitable wage. We refuse to live in that world and we refuse to silently allow our institution to perpetuate this inequality and injustice. We refuse to allow our university to be an employer in which full time, long term employees fail to make a living wage and must take on second jobs, or choose health care or gas over basic necessities like food. We refuse to allow the administration to offer such measly contracts that our AFSCME brother and sisters must go to food shelters to meet their needs.

NOW, we are taking a principled stand. Your refusal to listen to us has forced us to take drastic action, to put our bodies on the line. Starting this Monday, September 17, 2007 at noon, a committed group of students will begin a HUNGER STRIKE in solidarity with the striking workers. We refuse to let our sisters and brothers in AFSCME go hungry alone. In a survey of AFSCME workers, 25% said they had trouble buying food for their families. We want justice for our community, and that means nobody in our university should go hungry.”

**Strike Headquarters: University Baptist Church, 1219 University Ave. 612-378-3750  
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## Benefit to Support Striking U of M Workers

Saturday, September 15 at 7pm  
CWA Local 7200 Hall  
3521 E. Lake St, Minneapolis

Please join us for an evening of solidarity to support the AFSCME U of M strikers. Come hear updates from the striking unions and statements of support from other unions. Collection will be taken to benefit AFSCME U of M Workers Support Fund.

*The University administration is no longer trying to claim that the strike is having no impact, as it tried to say in the first days. The strike is having an impact economically, politically and morally on the campus community. Robert Bruininks has the power to end the strike tomorrow. He needs to put the money the legislature gave the University for workers' salaries on the table.*

## AFSCME Strike / MN Legislators Assail U



[http://www.workdayminnesota.org/index.php?article\\_1\\_161](http://www.workdayminnesota.org/index.php?article_1_161)

Video: Lawmakers who chair key committees for higher education funding say they are running out of patience with the university administration.

## Strike Haiku Corner

*Biker as striker –  
tricky to balance strike sign.  
Duct tape saves the day.*

Send us your strike haikus!  
[SecretStrikeEmail@gmail.com](mailto:SecretStrikeEmail@gmail.com)



Polly Peterson – WBOB striker on her fold-up bike!



Cu Nguyen, Law School striker, arriving for picket duty.



Rick Castillo's bike / mobile videography studio

Are you in a bad spot financially while you're on strike? Contact the Mutual Support Committee for advice and possible financial help. Email [mutualsupport@afscme3800.org](mailto:mutualsupport@afscme3800.org)

Ask your friends, family and non-union co-workers to donate to the U Workers Support Fund. Donate online at [www.uworkers.org](http://www.uworkers.org) or mail a check to U Workers Support Fund, 1313 5th St SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414