



# U Strike Bulletin

Sept. 11, 2007 • Day 7 • U OF M AFSCME Health Care, Technical and Clerical Strike

## *Taking it to the Loading Docks*

How does the U get supplies in to continue its regular operations? Loading docks! Many of the trucks that bring in goods to the U's docks are operated by union members who won't cross strike picket lines.

On Monday morning, strikers picketed loading docks all over campus, turning away many trucks and causing others to have to wait for supervisors who would drive across the picket line and unload their goods. The loading docks are a key place where the strike is having a strong impact. This week the picket lines on the loading docks will increase. Check with your picket captain or strike headquarters about the guidelines for picketing at a loading dock before doing so.



Send in songs or chants from your picket line. Here's one from 2003 to get you started:

### **MINNESOTA CLOSER**

*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.  
Strike on the U of M!*

### **Solidarity Corner**

- Tuesday is Teamster Solidarity Day. Look for our Teamsters brothers and sisters to join us on the picket lines before & after work and on their breaks!
- International Solidarity: Union members at the University of Birmingham in England demonstrated their solidarity with U of M workers on Monday. The University of Minnesota-Duluth runs a "Study in England" program there.
- On Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. the Faculty Support Committee will hold a press conference on "the Impact of the Strike on Students and Faculty".
- Professors have also organized a teach-in for Tuesday and Wednesday, 10-12 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. at the Oak St. Cinema (Washington & Oak St). Professors will put the strike in context of past labor struggles and show how students have much in common with workers. A film on the 2003 strike at the U will also be shown and discussed.

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Strikers marched around the Mall at midday on Monday.



Al Franken spoke to strikers on Monday.



Community members from Phillips neighborhood brought food and coffee and joined the picket line at CUHCC on Monday



Strikers at the West Bank Office Building!

### *Co-Worker Crossed the Line?*

*If there is someone you work with who you know is crossing the picket lines, you can do something very important for the strike just by calling them at home and talking with them about why they are crossing. Patiently help work through their issues and see if you can get them to be part of the strike tomorrow. The best way to convince someone to be on the picket lines is to talk directly with the people you know. We welcome people onto the picket lines with open arms!*

Are you in a bad spot financially while your'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