

Association of University and College Employees

LOCAL No. 1 (U.B.C.)

A.U.C.E.'s Welcome to Prince Charles

OR

An Introduction to Your New Strike Committee

It is our opinion that the purpose of the Strike Committee is to organize different types of activities (actions) that increase the awareness of the University, the general public and our own membership of our resolve to get an improved contract. These activities should help the Contract Committee in negotiations. There are several different types of activities that can be pursued: the union can issue press releases, posters can be displayed in prominent places on campus, leaflets can be handed out, a strike can be called. All of these have an effect; however some are more effective than others in achieving our goal of a better contract. Many of us believe that the "ultimate weapon" that we have is the strike. But there must be intermediate types of action that can be taken before we resort to this activity.

What can we do NOW to convince the University that we are indeed serious in our support of our contract demands? Negotiations are at a stage that some show of support is necessary. The new members of your Strike Committee have come up with an idea that we feel will have considerable impact, but which entails no financial loss to our members. Our plan is as follows:

On April 1, Prince Charles will be visiting the campus, between 2:30 and 3:30, at the Museum of Anthropology, to unveil a carving. It is our intention that at that time, A.U.C.E. will have an INFORMATION PICKET at the Museum. The picket will entail a number of A.U.C.E. volunteers carrying signs and handing out leaflets which will detail some of our past problems and why we MUST get a better contract this time around. We realize that this plan could cause the University a fair amount of embarrassment. It is therefore our intention to consult with members of the Union Executive and Contract Committee on the progress of mediation. If the university decides to bargain in good faith, if they decide to drop their intransigent stand, then we may consider calling off the information picket. If however, they continue to refuse to negotiate in any meaningful manner, we will be forced to put our plan into action.

If we are serious about our demands, then we MUST do something; we think that the above plan is a positive thing to do. We welcome any feedback from the membership on this plan, as well as any ideas of other means of convincing the university of our support.

If you wish to take part in the picket between 2:30 and 3:30 on April 1, at the Museum of Anthropology, please fill out the form below and return it to the Union Office by Monday, March 31 at 9:00a.m.. Please phone the Union Office if you think your form will not arrive before that time and you wish to take part. We will probably have two ½-hour shifts, so we require only ½-hour of your time. People on the flexible work week have a total of 1 hour in breaks per day, people not on the flexible week have 1½ hours. If for this one day you can arrange your breaks so that you have time off during the picket times and volunteer to picket, you will be helping yourself as well as your fellow A.U.C.E. members.

Name: _____ Phone Number (Local): _____

Yes, I would like to take part in the information picket. I would like to take the _____ 2:30 - 3:00 shift or _____ 3:00 - 3:30 shift.

Please return to: A.U.C.E. Local 1, CAMPUS MAIL or, if time is short, phone the Union Office at 224.-2308.