

A Message to All Fellow C.U.E. Members - From Chuck Erickson, Administrative Clerk - Financial Services - Payroll

I have seen many changes both within the University and within the C.U.E. Union (formerly AUCE) during the last ten years. At first the proposed merger with CUPE worried me. I was concerned about losing our individuality and about being "taken over" by a large union that didn't really recognize our independence. I now find my fears were groundless.

As a shop steward during the last two years I have had the good fortune to work with very dedicated union rep's and support staff. During these two years there have been many times when I felt like giving up. Being a shop steward in Financial Services has kept me very busy and in constant need of guidance, reassurance and support. I received all of these in abundance. There have been many people to whom I owe a great deal of thanks - Ted Byrne, Joe Denofreo, Patricia House, Kitty Byrne and Helen Glavina, just to name a few. Without the dedication of people like these our union could not operate.

I have taken advantage of the CUPE shop steward training program. This program, in my opinion, should be mandatory for all shop stewards. I have also taken advantage of many other CUPE services made available to us during our two year trial period.

It is vital that each and every member vote on this issue. If passed, it will have a very positive effect on our union's future.

I am voting in favour of this issue and I hope that you too will agree with me and VOTE YES to CUPE.

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