

STUDENTS STAGE SIT-IN TO SUPPORT CUPE WORKERS

UBC students are organizing a sit-in today (Tuesday, March 17th) in the Old Administration Building beginning at 10:00 a.m. All students who are tired of the university administration's inaction during the current labour dispute with CUPE locals 116 & 2950 are encouraged to participate. We are holding this event for the following reasons:

1. As UBC students we are ashamed of our administration's treatment of support staff and demand they return to the bargaining table with a fair offer for all CUPE members on campus. This offer should deal honestly with the issue of pay equity and discrepancies between increases offered to faculty and support staff. The present offer to support staff is the lowest offer to any similar union in the lower mainland.
2. The UBC strike policy appears to be purposefully vague and arbitrarily applied and leaves students hanging regarding course work, missed classes and graduation. We demand clarity regarding these issues, and guaranteed protection for students who cannot cross a picket line as a matter of conscience.
3. We are fed up with paying high tuition fees for services that we are not receiving because of the strike. These include adequate library services, food services, sanitary learning and living conditions and a host of other services. We refuse to accept these services from improperly trained scab labour. We demand that the UBC administration go back to the bargaining table so that we can return to school to receive the quality of education that we deserve and have paid for.