
THE BOTTOM LINE

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THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY EDITION

St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland, but could he drive college managers to negotiate? Now THAT would be impressive!

RALLY IN TORONTO A HUGE SUCCESS

MTCU MINISTER BENTLEY AWAKENED BY THE CROWD BELOW HIS WINDOW

The Toronto Star reported late yesterday that approximately 2000 vocal faculty descended on Dundas Square at noon-hour. They were greeted by Ted Montgomery, Chair of the CAAT bargaining team, and Terry Downey, Executive Vice-President of the Ontario Federation of Labour. Ms. Downey said to an agreeing crowd that it's shameful college faculty are still without a contract after six months.

In attendance was Harry Plummer, Chief Steward for Local 420 and a member of the faculty's bargaining team. Upon returning to Belleville, he offered that the 30 or so faculty who went to the rally from Loyalist College were energized by the event.

Harry, himself, had to rush home to pack, and return to Toronto. MTCU Minister Chris Bentley has invited the respective bargaining teams to meet with him separately today to discuss the strike.

Both Harry and Ted Montgomery were skeptical that this first meeting will yield much headway. However, finally we have a sign of interest from the Minister. The shouts of "SHAME!" ricocheting off the buildings around the Ministry must have jogged a memory that he's *actually* the Minister.

The meeting in no way suggests that the strike is near an end, so faculty must remain united and vigilant until a deal is completed, said Terry Downey. – *Wallace Rendell*

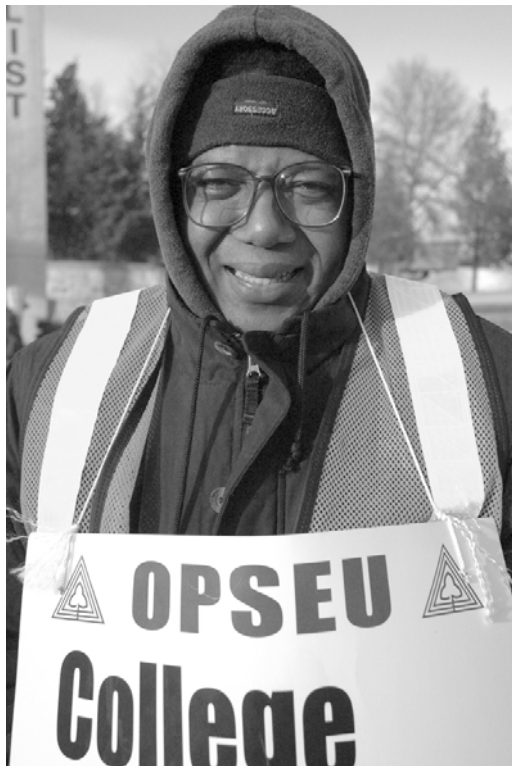
Faculty Profiles

The quality of faculty at Loyalist College – their experience, their education, their accomplishments, their backgrounds – is a well-kept secret. Attempts to present such information by the college, most recently by Past President Doug Auld, have been aborted in their infancy for reasons unknown. Unless students and families take the time to visit our campus, they have no idea who their professors and instructors may be prior to arriving. Profiles, in fact, could be a *great selling point* to students coming from away (even nationwide via the web) who are unsure if Loyalist is the place for them.

Occasionally, **THE BOTTOM LINE** will give space for brief biographies of the people walking the line beside you, in hopes we can all make connections now and into the future. Perhaps we can spark management to acknowledge the quality of their faculty!



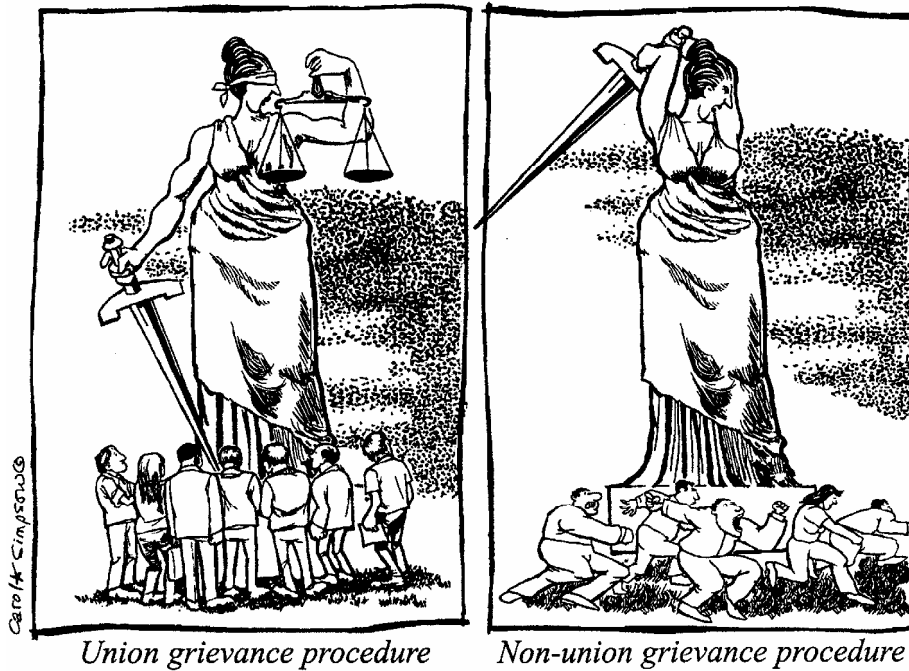
Charles Onuah



Charles Onuah is a partial load faculty member and civil engineer who started teaching at Loyalist about a year ago. Originally from Nigeria, Charles remembers that in 1977, Loyalist had a substantial number of students from his homeland as part of a federal government initiative. He was studying at the University of Alberta at the time, but word of Loyalist's program reached him and he headed east. Charles sees the strike as a normal part of life and, judging from his easy laugh and joyful tone, it will take more than the picket line to dampen his enthusiasm for teaching. He says his students respect his hard-line approach to teaching because, like typical college professors, he knows what he's talking about. – *Bio and photo by Joe Callahan*

LABOUR PAINS

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Su Doku

If you've never tried one of these puzzles before, here are the rules. A puzzle is complete and correct when: each row and column have the numbers 1-9, and each demarked box has the same. No number may be used more than once in any row, column, or demarked box. Good luck!

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Semester Completion Limericks

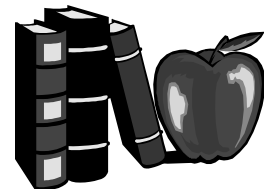
By Cecelia Reilly

There once was a school,
No....a College,
The system it needed some haulage
So, when faculty struck
And students seemed stuck
The boss cried "We'll serve up the knowledge!"



In Auto Mechanics we'll teach
Students to fix knocks, bangs and leaks",
But, when your brakes finally fail,
'Cause these grads, they will pale,
Old grads are the ones you will seek.

"In Accounting we'll mark each exam,
We'll monitor class by web-cam",
Don't worry 'bout math,
There'll be no beat path,
To the door of each graduate lamb.



"The nurses we'll train in a class
No practicing hypos en masse
And knowing your drugs
Is only for thugs...
But don't worry, they'll all get a pass".

"And lastly, we'll teach 'em some Media,
Radio, TV, Wikipedia,
They'll learn how to edit,
Cut, paste, copy, credit,
By reading that old 'cyclopedia".



If you read this I hope that you know
The Colleges plan... that to go
Into our classes
Wearing rose-coloured glasses
Is not advocated by Plato!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Local 420 President Bernie Belanger is available to speak to, or visit with, all members of the media and general public, daily during weekdays, 8:30 am – 9:30 am, at Local 420 Head Office. At other times of the day, join him as he walks the line, or phone him at the number listed below. When you need the facts, go to the source!

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An Irish Blessing

May you always have...
Walls for the winds
A roof for the rain
Tea beside the fire
Laughter to cheer you
Those you love near you
And all your heart might desire