

Your union at work

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Did you know...

In the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA):

- If you have to work more hours than stipulated in your contract, you can ask for a review. Contact our office for more details;
- Positions have to be posted 7 to 14 days prior to the beginning of the contract;
- **Harassment can't be tolerated:** contact us if you are a victim or if you are a witness of harassment.

Health and Safety

- Pay close attention to the safety of your workplace. Concerns have been expressed regarding the older buildings on campus.
- Please report any concern you may have regarding the safety of your workplace to the union.
- Examples of dangers: snow removal, electrical installations, renovations, slippery floors, etc...



May 1st: Labour Day in several countries around the world. Many events are planned in Ottawa and elsewhere. Join us!

May 1st: SCFP-CUPE 2626's Executive Committee for 2009-10 starts its duties.

Health and Safety at Work: Everyone's Business!

By Maryam Haghighi, Second Vice-President, Finance

http://www.uottawa.ca/services/ehss/whmis_online.htm

Every year, nearly 60 000 young Canadians suffer workplace injuries, many of them causing lasting undesirable effects. Furthermore, many of those inflicted were not even aware of their rights and responsibilities prior to the accident.

WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System) was created to protect the health and safety of workers. It provides information on the hazardous materials that are used at work. It is mandatory that every employee in Canada takes WHMIS training with their current employer.

You can take free online WHMIS training at :

Day of Mourning

April 28, Day of Mourning, is dedicated to honouring the memory of those who have been injured or killed at work. For these workers, their families and friends, life will never be the same.

NAOSH Week, May 3-9, 2009

Each year North American countries (Canada, United States and Mexico) join together to focus on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace. This week is known as the North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) week.

Undergrad Members

By Mike De Santis, Undergraduate Representative (2008-9)

As Undergraduate Representative of CUPE 2626, I have had the privilege of addressing undergrad members' concerns in many different faculties, including my own faculty of Law.

CUPE 2626 currently has over 350 undergraduate members in many different faculties, particularly Law and Health Sciences.

In order to celebrate this group, CUPE 2626 held an event at 1848 Pub with free food and drinks for all undergraduate members. A brand new iPod was also given away to a lucky member in a draw! Be sure to watch for announcements for future CUPE events.

U of O Lifeguards Join SCFP-CUPE 2626

by Lucy Cui, Officer Without Portfolio (2008-9)

I have the pleasure of informing you about the approval of lifeguards employed at the U of O becoming CUPE 2626-2 at the AGA on March 4, 2009.

We are delighted that these new members chose CUPE 2626 as the union they wanted

to join.

Their decision was based on the sharing of a common employer and because of our common link as students.

A committee tasked by the EC will determine the full details on how the integration of sub-local 2 will proceed.

This committee will likely need to examine financial and administrative matters. As

well, sub-local 2 will negotiate its own Collective Agreement with the University.

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- On its **blog**.

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