



Faculty and other campus activists have banded together across the US and Canada to designate October 28th to November 3rd 2001 as Campus Equity Week (www.cewaction.org). The Campus Equity Week coalition marks the first time faculty from all the major faculty unions and associations from the US and Canada have joined forces for an international campaign to promote faculty activism.

Campus Equity Week, designed to educate the academic community, the public and policymakers will focus attention on issues of fairness and quality of education. Our messages: "Teachers' working conditions are students' learning conditions," and "Equal work deserves equal pay." The week's activities seek to emphasize the effects of the growing use of part-time, temporary and other forms of contingent labor in colleges and universities. Increasing contingency is one consequence of a corporate management style now commonly employed by higher education administrations. This "corporatization" of our colleges and universities negatively impacts the educational experience of students as well as the working conditions for faculty and other campus employees.

The Chicago Campus Equity Week Steering Committee has planned an action-packed agenda for the metro area. (for more details go to: www.cewaction.org/chicago or contact Joe Berry at (312) 733-2172, joeberry@igc.org) Events include:

- Thursday, October 25th - **Senate Education Committee Hearing on House Bill 1720.** Chairman Dan Cronin and Secretary of the Senate Jim Harry will hear public testimony on HB 1720 which will amend the Illinois Labor Relations Act to expand coverage to part-time faculty in community colleges. 1pm, College of DuPage, 425 Falwell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, (Room OCC 128 A and B).
- Monday, October 29th - **Peanut Rally.** Question: What do elephants and part-time faculty have in common? Answer: They both work for peanuts! Have some peanuts on us. 11am-1pm, rally at the State of Illinois Building, James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago. Contact: Sue Kaufman, University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100, MarSue_1@excite.com.
- **Committee for New Priorities: The Right to Organize Goes to College!** Organizing Resistance to the Restructuring of Higher Education Work. 6:30pm, UNITE Union Hall, 333 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago. Contact: Committee for New Priorities, jwjcnp@igc.org.
- Tuesday, October 30th - **Organizing in the Private Sector:** Success at Columbia College and Roosevelt University. 3-6pm, Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. (Congress Lounge, 2nd floor). Contact: Liesl Orenic, Illinois Education Association, NEA, (847) 329-7756 or info@rafo.org.
- Wednesday, October 31st - **Healthcare Horror Show!** It's scary to depend on healthcare benefits at the University of Illinois! Ask a graduate employee why. Info coming soon. Contact: Kat Mclellan, Graduate Employees Organization, UIC, kmclel1@uic.edu.
- Thursday, November 1st - **Teach-In:** "The Waste Product of Graduate Education - Toward a Dictatorship of the Flexible." With Marc Bousquet, University of Kentucky. At the University of Illinois at Chicago. Info coming soon. Contact: Kat Mclellan, Graduate Employees Organization, UIC, kmclel1@uic.edu.
- Thursday, November 1st - **Music at the Hideout.** Enjoy an evening of music and fun while learning about contingent faculty issues. Featuring Anna Fermin's Trigger Gospel, Edward Burch and Leroy Bach, Suran Song and Stag and GEO Speedwagon. Starts at 8pm, The Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia St., Chicago. (90/94 to North Ave., east on North Ave., left onto Elston Ave., turn right (east) onto Wabansia).
- Friday, November 2nd - **CEW CONFERENCE and RALLY!** A rally calling to reform Illinois legislation that denies community college faculty and graduate employees the right to organize at the State of Illinois building, 12pm. Free Conference and founding of Chicago Coalition of Contingent Academic Labor (COCAL): 1:30 to 7:30 pm at Harold Washington College, 30 E. Lake St., Chicago. Keynote speaker: Cary Nelson of the University of Illinois and author of Will Teach for Food. Presentation by Barbara Wolf of her new film on adjunct faculty, A Simple Matter of Justice. Panels on the state of the organizing movement, graduate employee organizing, laws on higher education collective bargaining, and how to start a union from scratch. Dinner provided. Contact: Joe Berry, joeberry@igc.org, or (312) 733-2172.