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GSOC 76 Go Free



AFL-CIO President John Sweeney and movie star Morgan Fairchild join UCATS President Stephen Rechner at the GSOC Rally. Fairchild is a candidate for President of the Screen Actors Guild.

Three UCATS members were among 76 arrested on August 31st protesting NYU's decision to bust the GSOC union. After an hour of spirited demonstration, shop Steward Juanita Davis, V.P. Rob Lesko, and President Stephen Rechner, all joined the line that sat down to block the entrance of Bobst Library. The civil disobedience was coordinated with the 6th precinct, and no one resisted arrest. All were taken to central booking, issued a Desk Appearance Ticket, and released.

August 31st marked the last day of the GSOC union contract. NYU is refusing to negotiate a new contract with GSOC as a result of a politically motivated decision by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) that is stacked with anti-labor Bush appointees. The NLRB decision cleared the way for NYU to bust the GSOC union and is just the latest in the full-frontal assault on working people, and unions in particular, by the Bush regime.

GSOC has vowed to go on strike unless NYU agrees to resume recognition of their union. UCATS supports the right of all graduate teaching assts. to choose union representation and is working closely with the GSOC leadership.

Bargaining Begins

**It's mid-September —
Do you know where your annual raise is?**

Contract talks between UCATS and NYU began in late August. We have been meeting weekly in two-hour sessions, and will begin more intensive bargaining at the end of the month. The outcome of these negotiations will determine your wages and benefits for the next several years.

So far, discussions have centered on quality of work-life issues. No one will receive a raise until an agreement is reached and ratified by the UCATS membership (you).

That of course, assumes we reach an agreement. Unfortunately, talk alone will not get us a great contract. It is imperative that every UCATS member make the time to attend events like the GSOC rally in order to get the contract you deserve. It is also important that you look for announcements of these events in your mailbox. Things are happening very quickly now, and our ability to speak with each member about an event is limited. Your participation in these events is not something you do for the union — **it's something you do for yourself!**



UCATS Shop Steward, Juanita Davis, and Rechner blocking Bobst entrance.