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### *Upcoming events as Yale strike enters 2<sup>nd</sup> week*

## **Classes begin, but hundreds are moved off campus as strikers picket**

New Haven, CT—As the strike at Yale enters its second week and classes begin, hundreds of strikers picketed the streets around Yale's classroom buildings and hundreds of classes are being moved off campus.

So far, Yale Corporation has refused to provide their employees with decent pensions, competitive wages and job security.

### **On Pensions**

- The average Yale pension for a union employee who retired in 2002 with 20 or more years of service receives \$621 a month. Virginia Henry a custodian at the Peabody Museum has worked for Yale for 29 years. When she retires at 65, her Yale pension will bring her only \$8328 a year.
- Yale's pension fund enjoys a \$200,000 surplus. In fact, Yale's pension surplus is so large that they could pay for a decent retirement for workers without any additional money.

### **Harvard vs. Yale**

- Yale pays far less than other major universities. Even accounting for benefits and cost of living Harvard workers still make 25 percent more than their counterparts at Yale.

### **Job Security**

- Yale insists on the unrestricted right to subcontract union members' jobs to low-wage, no-benefits, non-union contractors, without providing job security to the existing workforce.

### *Upcoming events:*

#### **THURS. September 4**

**9:30** a.m. Picketing Court House on Elm St. to support arrested workers.

**11:00** a.m. Picketing classes at Grove and College Streets

**5:30** p.m. Picketing reception at Yale Pres. Levin's home on Hillhouse Ave., New Haven

**7:30** p.m. Picketing convocation of Sprague Hall on College