



COMMENT

Smart move, teachers

We have to be honest. Prior to the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation's rally in Burlington Wednesday, we thought the teachers were going to announce that they were pulling out of student extra-curricular activities as the next stage of their work-to-rule campaign.

But when the teachers announced their new sanctions, they didn't include any such measures.

We have to applaud the teachers for not playing that card in their labour dispute with the Halton District School Board.

Too often in the past, students' extra-curricular activities have been sacrificed as the teachers try to apply pressure for a contract settlement without actually walking out on strike.

The new sanctions will give the school board administration headaches, but won't hurt the students.

Overall, the teachers have shown patience and restraint in their prolonged contract negotiations.

The teachers have been without a contract since August 31. Their members have given the union an overwhelming strike mandate and no negotiations have occurred with the board since February 13. The two sides are scheduled to meet April 17.

Now let's hope progress, if not a settlement, is made at the April 17 meeting.



OUR READERS WRITE

America's actions morally just, says reader

Dear Editor:

Let's judge America's actions in Iraq by central principle. No legitimate government denies its citizens' right to life, liberty and property. Domestically, no policeman would hesitate to trespass on the property of a killer who uses it to confine, torture and kill people.

By forfeiting the rights of his victims, every criminal forfeits his own rights. It is medieval to think this principle suddenly changes when international in scale. Yet peace activists and the United Nations seem to think it does. Of course they're encouraged to do so by the many despicable regimes the UN accepts as

members. The domestic laws of a free country require that its police deal with a domestic killer, but that country isn't obligated to save the citizens of a foreign dictatorship.

There's no immorality if it invades an illegitimate regime to recover stolen oil facilities, eliminate a threat or retaliate for the slightest support of terrorism. Its only moral concern is the cost in money and in lives it respects. The Iraqi people are lucky that, this time, their 'enemy' has a rational respect for human life and freedom.

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Local man says thanks to all hospital staff following his recent visit for major surgery

Dear Editor:

On February 18, I underwent major surgery at Milton District Hospital.

Having never done so before, I didn't know what to expect.

From the preparation period to the conclusion of the surgery, I was impressed by the professional attitude of everyone, including the operating room staff.

The nursing staff was comforting and gave me a real sense of reliance. Dr. Chow, the anesthesiologist, provided information that instilled confidence.

Dr. Punnen, my surgeon, was my pillar of strength. Once I came out of the operating room and was placed into the intensive care unit

(ICU), he made sure nothing was overlooked.

Dr. Punnen visited regularly — even on his day off — and when he couldn't be there, he asked Dr. Sawhney to look in on me.

Dr. Sawhney made me feel secure during his visits. His bedside manner was pleasant and comforting. Dr. Peers, my family doctor, visited regularly and it was always uplifting to see him.

During my stay in the ICU, I experienced nursing at its best. All of the nurses at Milton District Hospital are dedicated, caring and tolerant people and are a credit to their profession.

I spent six days with these wonderful nurses before I was sent to

the medical surgery ward.

I only spent two nights there, but again I received first-class treatment by the nursing staff. I witnessed some amazing feats of dedication and caring.

I feel privileged to have received my medical care at Milton District Hospital and would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all of the staff at the hospital.

My sincere thanks also go out to my wife, who was with me throughout the entire recovery period and is truly my hero.

Health care is alive and well at Milton District Hospital. Keep up the good work.

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