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We spent a few moments with Trevor Jones, a University Custodial Worker and a member of Local 34.



Yale Record: Why are you striking?
Jones: Well, I've worked here for 26 years on darn low pay. I want to retire, but my wife's real sick and there's not much I can do about it—medicine's expensive, you know? My pension's only \$9,000 a year—I can't pay rent, utilities, and medicine with that.

YR: Can you describe your daily routine as a striker for us?
Jones: Sure man. There's not too much, really. A lot of sitting and standing. It gets pretty boring. And man the hours are long—and we don't get much money. Sometimes, I really just want to go home and watch TV.

YR: And watch what?
Jones: Football, baseball, you name it.

YR: What's your favorite team?
Jones: The New Haven Ninjas.

YR: What do you think about "scabs"?
Jones: Those [expletive] scabs. Wow, those guys. I don't know what the [expletive] they're doing.

YR: Which of the strike songs/chants do you like best?
Jones: You know where we yell, "What do we want?" I like that one. Except sometimes when I get bored I don't

answer, or I'll whisper something different than "contracts"—like "lunch."

YR: Really? We sort of like "We are the union, the mighty mighty union."
Jones: That one's okay too.

YR: How do you feel about this drawing? [preliminary sketch for Yale Record cover is shown]
Jones: Levin doesn't really have a statue, does he?

YR: Are you wearing underwear right now?
Jones: Hey now—are you guys really from the Yale Daily News? ☹

