

The Newsletter of the Stony Brook Health Sciences Chapter of United University Professions

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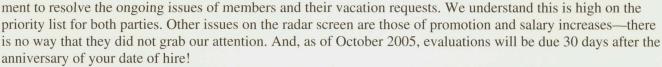
The President's Letter

Brothers and Sisters.

First of all, I thank you for your support in the past chapter election. I pledge to give 100 percent effort in representing our chapter. I pledge that I will do the best job possible to make sure that our contract is upheld. I will work with management to resolve issues that are brought to the attention of our office. The entire election results are in this newsletter.

As usual, I will give you a report on some of the things that are happening since our last edition of *Bridges*. The good news, of course, is that UUP members will receive a 2.75% raise in the last paycheck of July 2005. There will also be discretionary monies given to our members by the end of the year. These monies are usually given out between the end of October and the middle of December. Do not forget to ask your supervisor for the criteria for you to be considered to receive this increase. Remember, discretionary money is also added to your base salary.

I know many of you are still experiencing problems with time and attendance. Please know that we are working with management, very arduously, to address the issues that have been brought to our attention. We also continue to work with manage-



In spite of some of the things we have mentioned, all is not doom and gloom. Remember the increases that are coming. Remember, for those who have kids in college, you can receive a \$500 scholarship from UUP for each child that carries a full schedule and attains a minimum of a 2.0 GPA at the end of the semester.

Also in this issue you will find a list of all of the UUP members who applied for and received the UUP PD or Professional Development awards. These awards gave individuals up to \$1,000 to go to conferences or take courses or attend a seminar. I am pleased to announce that every member who applied did receive his/her award.

Our chapter also received the Abel Blattman Award for outstanding participation in the 2004 VOTE/COPE campaign. This award defines our chapter as a leading advocate for public education in New York State.

The Stony Brook HSC chapter of UUP has also been recognized by New York State United Teachers for the many signatures we collected against privatization of Social Security.

I would be remiss if I did not pay a special thank you to Mary Hoch, who has been the chair of the Evaluation Review Committee for 20 plus years. Mary has decided to resign from this position but will still be available for her valuable experience should we need it. At the same time, we would like you to join us in welcoming Ellen Clark, who has agreed to assume the chair of the Committee.

We also thank Dr. Steve Jonas, who has chaired the Academic Grievance Committee for many years. Steve continues to help members to keep fit with his knowledge of health and exercise. We will be asking Steve to do a column for *Bridges*.

Please keep your eye out for our next edition of *Bridges*—it contains valuable information to keep our members abreast of what is happening, along with very important deadlines that you need to know.

Have a safe and healthy summer,

Ed Drummond, President







Individual Development Award Recipients

Congratulations to all recipients!



We recently completed the Individual Development Awards for the period covering July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2005. Employees were awarded for an activity under this program for a maximum of \$1000.

The next round of Individual Development Awards will be for the period of July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006.

Applications for the next round will be available in January 2006.



Condolences

Deepest sympathy is extended to Donald Pisani, Vice President for Professionals, on the sudden, unexpected death of his wife, Maryann Pisani, May 31, 2005. Donald is a pillar of our chapter, and our hearts go out to him.

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Adkins	Deborah	MacArthur	Darrel
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Biasetti	Regina	Madjar	Shahar
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Blizzard	Barbara	Maione	Orlando T.
Block	Pamela	Marino	Marie Ann
Bonvento	Michael J	Martin	Heather
Broderick	Joan	McQuade	Barbara
Caramante	Lou	Meilicke	Pablo
Carter	Theresa	Mele	Patricia
Casano	Theresa	Monte	Denise
Catanese	Linda	Morrison	Laura
Cavanaugh	Jeanette	Murphy	Bertha
Chan	Ina	Nicholson	Diane M.
Coletti	Virginia	Opisso	Susan
Collins	Elizabeth	Ording-Baue	
Connor	Marilyn	Palmer	Tammy
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Costa	Donna	Rienzie	Candiano
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	Daisy	Rowehl	Rebecca
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Fleit	Howard B.	Savitt	Anne G.
Friedman	Denise	Scheriff	Kathryn
Galbraith	Jeanne	Schery	Patricia
Gambino	Kathleen	Schwarz	Patricia
Gomes	Carol	Scott	Franciel Jr.
Goodrich	David	Shurpin	Kathleen
Griffin	John	Singh	Harbinder
Harkcom	Jennifer	Soares	Daniel A.
Healy	Elaine	Sprung	Barbara R.
Hoegerl	Carl	Steckel	Arleen
Holland	Randy	Stern	Irene
Hollander	Keri	Szema	Anthony
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Jackson	Gayle	Taras	Mindy
Jao	Erlinda	Tegay	David
Jo	Julitta	Thomson	John
John	Seeniann	Timoney	Paula M.
Jurgens	Corrine	Treacy	Donna
Katz	Susan	Vargo	Lyn E.
Kelly Lyon	Kathleen	<u>Villanueva</u>	Karen S.
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Kennedy	Nancy	Voelpel	Patricia
Kenny	Lucy	Wallin	Karen
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Knecht	Barbara	Werner	Susan
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Ludin	Evan	Wilson	Andrea

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SUMMARY PAGE

01/06/2005	Membership certification date.
	Date notice of election and call for nominations mailed to home addresses of chapter members.
	□ Date nominations closed.
03/17/2005	Date ballots mailed to home addresses of chapter members.
04/27/2005	Date ballots due at the UUP Administrative Office in Albany.
04/28/2005	Date ballots counted.
	Academic Returns:
130	□ Academic Returns:
0	Number of invalid control envelopes and reasons invalid:
	0 Non-eligible voter.
	0 □ Other.
130	Number of valid control envelopes.
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	O Other.
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124	Number of valid ballots.
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461	□ Professional Returns:
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	0 Non-eligible voter.
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	Number of invalid ballots and reasons invalid:
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	O Other.
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Election results	are listed in descending order of votes received. Winners are designated by an "X" except
	elegates are listed in rank order of votes received; tie votes are listed in rank order as deter-
mined by lottery	/.
	election was conducted in accordance with the UUP election procedure and that this report constitutes the official election report.
The term of office for	or each position is from June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2007.
	Eilean Leader

Tellers: Edward J. Alfonsin, Joseph C. Baldwin, Anna Bautochka, Brian R. Betz, Christine E. Bulson, Rose F. Conte, Kathleen M. Fiumano, Jeanne L. Galbraith, Carol Gizzi, Paul B. Griffen, David H. Kreh, Bruce T. Kube, Eileen Landy, Katherine L. Latal, Irene Maffetore, Candace A. Merbler, Frederick C. Monaco, Robin R.I. Nichols Jr., Maria Pembrook, Robert E. Rees, Annette R. Siegel, Karen E. Volkman. Note: No teller worked on his/her Chapter's elections.

Secretary

Chair, Elections and Credentials Committee

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PRESIDENT AND DELEGATE

	Total	
Drummond, Edward	537	X
Connolly, James R.	1	
Gonzalez, Nereida E.	1	
Pisani, Donald J.	1	
Valentine, Glenn J.	1	

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMICS AND DELEGATE

	Total	
Vidal, Carlos M.	118	X
Wolff, Mark S.	1	

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROFESSIONALS AND DELEGATE

	Total	
Pisani, Donald J.	240	X
Gizzi, Carol	184	
Finn, Michael A.	1	

SECRETARY

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Manning, Tina Maria E.	404	X
Hrynda, Angelika M.	98	
Alleyne, Edward	1	
Kenny, Darlene	1	

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Hines, Edward W.	514	X
Moreschi, Joseph	1	
Relan, Nand K.	1	
Schwartz, Judith L.	1	
Tarantino, Philip C.	1	
Weisman, Doris R.	1	

PART-TIME CONCERNS REPRESENTATIVE

	Total	
Kube, Carolyn S.	361	X
San Pedro, Daisy C.	99	

ACADEMIC DELEGATE

	Total	
Vidal, Carlos M.	108	1
Bouey, Ora James	108	2
Lane, Bernard P.	104	3
Desimone, Maria Elayne	99	4
Tseng, Linda	97	5
Kenefick, Colleen M.	95	6
Werner, Susan E.	92	1
Goldsmith, Frank E.	90	8
Balkon, Nancy A.	8	9
Jo, Julitta Y.	6	10
Gaibraith, Jeanne L.	4	11
Birk, John W.	I	12
Chimato, Mary C.	I	13
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Rebecchi, Mario J.	1	15
Katz, Robert I.	I	16
Johnson, Lisa M.	I	17
Oleszak, Slawomir P.	1	18
Bruckentnai, Patricia A.	I	19
Murphy, Bertha	I	20
Mckane, A. Victoria	I	21
Bacon, Jean L.	1	22
Khan, Sardar A.	I	23
Liu, Bo	1	24
Halloo, Wajdy L.	1	25
Gaber, Abdel-Aziz A.	1	26
Voeipei, Patricia E.	T	21
Arbeieville, Elise F.	I	28
Zitkus, Bruce S.	I	29
Arbereville, Sopnie S.	I	30
Stellaccio, Francis S.	I	31
Glass, Peter S.A.	I	32
Berrios, Miguel - Ineligible	I	
Gaudette, Glenn - Ineligible	1	
Tinkler, Michaelyn - Ineligible	I	

We certify that this election was conducted in accordance with the UUP election procedure and that this report constitutes the official election report. Ties were resolved by lot. The term of office for each position is from June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2007. Date: April 29, 2005

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Kenny, Darlene	107	29
Green, Walter	104	30
Williams, Benjamin J.	103	31
Alaimo, Gina	99	32
Kelly, James W.	96	33
Gordon, Allen D.	92	34
Stern, Irene M.	87	35
Gonzalez, Nereida E.	84	36
Mazzarese, Charles	84	37
Bonvento, Michael J.	83	38
Kirincic, Robert J.	81	39
Gonzalez, Florence S.	77	40
Franquiz, Marion	72	41
Weiss, Jeffrey M.	69	42
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Duffy, Brendan J.	i	51
Sadauskas, Brian	1	52
Finn, Michael A.	1	55
Carr, Deborah A.	1	54
Maresca, Donald A.		33
Sparacio, Jack J.	i	56
Cavanaugh, Sean T.	1	57
Jose, Mohini	i	38
Schwarz, Patricia E.	1	39
Bryan, Wargaret A.	1	00

Do you know?

To be a member of UUP you must submit a signed membership card. If you are not a member, you cannot vote on chapter issues or in chapter elections. If your dues are coded with 215 on your pay stub you are not a member. The member code is 222. If you have any questions about your membership status, please call the office at 444-1505.



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Calling All Crafters! by Susan Werner

Dust off your knitting needles, crochet hooks, and sewing machines—the HSC Library is making chemo-caps for cancer patients at the University Hospital.

On Wednesdays, the Chemo Cap Group meets at 12:00 noon in the library. Thanks in large part to generous donations of yarn from the Long Island Stitch & Bitch group, and of two commercial bolts of fleece from Malden Mills of Lawrence, Massachusetts, yarn or fabric will be provided to all who come to the weekly meetings. Patterns and instruction will also be provided during the weekly get-together.



If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing and would like to meet others who share your hobby, as well as doing something good for those in need, the Chemo Cap group is for you. All caps made by the group will be donated to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in the Medical Oncology department of University Hospital. For more information, contact either Mary Chimato: 444-2512 or Susan Werner: 444-3095.

Editor's note: Susan Werner is a newly elected UUP delegate.

New Delegate Report, by Angelika Hrynda

As a newly elected UUP delegate, I recently attended an orientation at UUP headquarters in Albany along with about 60 other new delegates. At 9:00 a.m. we gathered in the auditorium for a full day of learning what our union is about, what it does for us, what we are expected to do for it, as well as for our fellow union members.

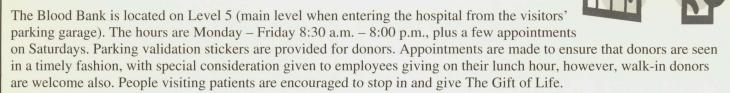
Bill Scheuerman, UUP president, made a presentation on the importance of union democracy, the role and responsibilities of union delegates, and how our local chapters work. Did you know that the Executive Board members are elected by the Delegate Assembly and serve a two-year term? Also, each of the full time officers (at the State level) are on leave from their home campus during their tenure.

Lunchtime afforded us the opportunity to meet and talk with other new delegates from all over the state. After lunch we had a tour of UUP offices and met everyone who works there. During the course of the day each board member spoke about their job and let us know that the UUP staff is available to assist every campus chapter whenever necessary. My job as a UUP delegate is not only to attend the delegate assemblies, but also to be a resource for our chapter members. So feel free to contact me or any other delegate when you have a question or need information about UUP, our contract, appointments or benefits. If we can't answer your questions we know who can and we'll be happy to help!

Sadly, An Old Story That Needs Repeating— Critical Need for Blood Donors Now

Editor's note: Angelika (Gail) Hrynda can be reached at the Veterans Home: 444-8613.

The blood supply in the New York metropolitan area, including Long Island, is at a critically low level. One reason is that the blood supply has been cut off from Europe. In addition, there are more restrictions on donors who travel outside the U.S. to places not previously on the list. Our area is being hit the hardest, due to our excellent medical care and increased patient population. Despite ongoing appeals, blood supplies are at emergency levels—especially for types O positive and O negative.



Call 444-DONATE (444-3662) or 444-7586 for an appointment, or email Jennifer Peace at: jlpeace@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

Please give serious consideration to donating blood. It's free and it's painless. It's done in a friendly, comfortable environment by registered nurses who put you at ease, whether you're a novice donor or a veteran—and *it's good for your self esteem!*Your donation goes directly to a patient at University Hospital—helping someone in need in *your* community. If you are not able to donate, please share this information with as many friends, relatives, and community members as possible.

Bridges



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Administrative Assistant -	Sharon Hines	444-1505

The opinions expressed in *Bridges* are those of the authors, the editor, or the Stony Brook HSC Chapter of UUP and are not necessarily the opinions of the United University Professions.

The UUP Newsletter welcomes articles and letters submitted by members of the Stony Brook community. Remember, this is your newsletter. Share your thoughts with us: we want to hear from you. Persons who have material they wish to contribute should type and email their submissions to Sharon Hines: shines@notes.cc.sunysb.edu for consideration. Submissions may be edited for brevity and/or clarity.

Greetings from the Editor—

This was intended to be a little blurb introducing me and reassuring you that I am competent to be your editor. Fate intervened, however, and as I was putting this issue together, I was offered a position at a government entity off campus. So, my introduction and my farewell are unexpectedly combined in the same paragraph. For the past 5-1/2 years I have been a Staff Assistant in Nursing Administration at the Veterans Home (the skilled nursing and adult day care facility across from the hospital, for those who are unaware), and have been a UUP delegate for just over two years. Rather than bore you by reciting my editorial credentials, I will use the remaining space to promote the position I am now vacating—

If you have desktop publishing skills, putting the newsletter together is a lot of fun and very rewarding. There is always material available: online at the UUP Website, via the E-Connection on email and from contributions of campus writers. Sharon Hines, our Administrative Assistant, is extremely helpful (I believe she has wings and a halo) and Ed Drummond is very supportive. *You Are Not Alone* if you are the editor. There is a lot of support in a very friendly, helpful atmosphere. *Give it a try* — after all, the last two people got great new positions shortly after volunteering! ©

Sincerely glad to have had this opportunity— *Mickie Tinkler, Editor*

