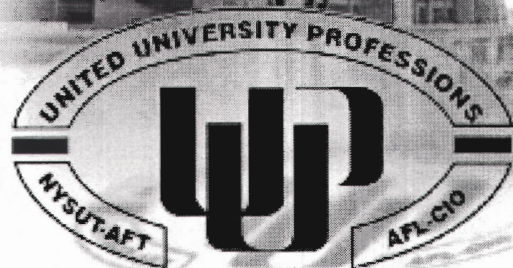


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DEWEY WINS

Most of us were either too young or unborn at the time to appreciate the above headline that appeared in the national newspapers. It was 1948 and the pollsters had pretty much figured out the election outcome.....before the polls closed. The next day, the smiling face of Harry Truman (the real winner) holding the newspaper with the above headline received coast to coast coverage (and a place in American political history).

Very shortly you will receive your ballot for the 2003-2005 Chapter elections. You will be asked to cast a vote for each Officer position and, depending on your title, cast a vote for multiple delegates to represent our campus professionals and our campus academics. Whether you view voting as a right or a privilege, the time has arrived for you to exercise your option.

The following candidate statements were not required but had to be submitted by an established cut-off date. Where no statement was submitted or received in time, the individual's name, title and home department are provided.

UUP electioneering procedures prohibit candidates from utilizing UUP or SUNY equipment, including e-mail, to produce or distribute campaign material for UUP elections. Any costs associated with campaign communications must be borne by the candidate. However, candidate statements may be published and paid for with UUP funds by utilizing the chapter newsletter, provided that all candidates, on an equal access basis, shall be provided space for statements in the issue preceding the holding of elections (UUP Policy Manual).

An informed electorate is a represented electorate.

NOTE:

If you do not receive an official ballot at your home address by April 1, 2003, call the Chapter office at ext. 2-6570, or email uup@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Chapter President

- **John P. Schmidt, Asst. Dean, Chapter President, UUP**

As my second term as your Chapter President comes to a close, I want to thank the many of you who have offered your support and counsel. I look back on the past four years with pride, optimism and enthusiasm. However, our work also carries with it some degree of disappointment and pessimism. Such is the role of the Chapter President in having to deal with the issues facing our organization and our university. It is a high honor for me to serve our members and ensure that their rights are protected. I ask for your vote to affirm the tenor and direction that has been established for the Chapter. In exchange for your vote, I pledge my continued commitment to excellence in representing the Chapter to Stony Brook management, the wider Stony Brook community and to the many publics to which we are engaged.

Vice President – Academics

- **Aaron "Bill" Godfrey, Lecturer, European Languages & Literature**

I have been active in UUP for more than twenty years, serving as Chapter president for seven years and as legislative coordinator for almost twenty. I believe that it is of critical importance for our academics to get more involved with the union in view of the dreadful funding situation at the University and the negotiation of a contract, which promises to be extraordinarily difficult. Academics need to become more active politically and to work more cooperatively with the professional staff at Stony Brook. I have worked closely with John Schmidt for almost ten years and feel that I can serve the union and my colleagues better as Vice President for Academics.

- **Michael Zweig, Professor, Economics**

I ask for your support to continue to serve as your chapter Vice President for academics. During the past two years I

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have met repeatedly with President Kenny and Provost McGrath to press for the strongest defense of academic freedom. I initiated UUP receptions for new faculty and have drawn a number of younger people into union involvement. I have carried academic concerns to the statewide level and helped to focus state UUP attention on the problem of library records available for government inspection under the USA PATRIOT Act. I have helped develop ties between UUP and the larger labor movement. I welcome your suggestions for strengthening UUP's representation of academic interests and I invite you to join other union activists and me to make UUP and SUNY stronger. I would appreciate your vote on the UUP ballot you will receive at home. Thank you.

Vice President - Professionals

- **Arthur M. Shertzer, Senior Staff Assistant, Parking Services**

I am currently completing my second year as UUP West Campus Chapter Secretary. I have been employed on campus for nearly twenty years. In addition, I have my BA and MALS degrees from Stony Brook. For the last 15 years, I have been involved with Parking Services on our campus. I have always strived to put our campus and its constituencies ahead of any financial concerns when dealing with parking. I believe that we are here to conduct the business of campus, that being the coming and going of all of us to and from our work, our classes and our visits to this campus. In all that I do, I try to use common sense, humor and discussion to resolve conflict. I have developed excellent working relationships with most everyone on campus that I have dealt with. As Vice President, I would employ those same skills to bring our issues to the appropriate offices and people for resolution. The next several years will be difficult ones. As a union, we must work with the Administration to face the coming times, where possible, as a unified force. Unity requires trust, patience and effort. As UUP VP I will strive to maintain the unity of effort and purpose we have built over the last years.

- **Charles Wrigley, Instructional Support Technician, Facilities Operations**

I ask for your vote in the upcoming election for Vice-President for Professionals. I promise to be an outspoken advocate for all issues concerning professionals, and will work with the Chapter President and Executive Board on issues concerning all our members. My number one priority will be to represent the professionals of this chapter and to see to it that your rights are protected and your best interests are served. I will do this to the best of my ability and will work hard to serve you. Please vote for me for the office of Vice-President for Professionals, but even more importantly please vote. Thank you. Prior UUP Chapter & Statewide experience: Statewide Delegate, 1989—Present; Statewide Membership Committee, 1999—Present; Chapter Treasurer, 1995-99; Chapter Rep to EAP Committee, 1990—Present; Vice-Chair EAP Committee, 1999—Present; Member Chapter Executive Board, 2001-Present.

Chapter Secretary

- **Bushra Butt, Instructional Support Associate, Library**
- **Willa Smith, Staff Assistant, Advancement**

As a former employee of United University Professions I had the

unique opportunity to develop a thorough understanding of the operations that inform the Chapter and the wider organization. I ask for your vote as Chapter Secretary so that I may contribute my administrative skills to Chapter operations.

I am currently working as the Administrative Coordinator for the Advancement office. For the past four years I have regularly attended and participated in Chapter Executive Board meetings. I believe in the value of a strong union, most especially in the power of people uniting for common objectives. I've seen firsthand how the chapter has made a difference in the working environment for its membership, both as a whole and for individuals. Through our collective experience it is found that we can accomplish together what we cannot do alone. I would appreciate your vote for me for Chapter Secretary in the West Campus Chapter election.

Chapter Treasurer

- **Marlene Brennan, Senior Staff Assistant, School of Professional Development**

Jose Feliciano is a tough act to follow - but I'll attempt to hold the office of Treasurer to the standard he has established.

Part-time Concerns Representative

- **Warren Randall, Instructional Support Assistant, VP Administration**

This is my fortieth year at Stony Brook, with a lot of that time devoted to listening to what faculty, staff and students have to say about how and what things happen to them here. I tried to devote equal time attempting to keep the good stuff happening and helping the bad stuff go away. All I can offer is that I will continue to listen and try to make Stony Brook a better place for each of us and for all of us.

Professional Delegates

- **Darylynn Bachman, Senior Staff Associate, Residential Life**
- **Sarah Battaglia, Staff Assistant, Hispanic Languages & Literature**

I have been a Staff Assistant in the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature since February 1999. I've also worked on UUP's membership committee for about 2 years. In a relatively short period of time, I've seen how important UUP involvement is. Membership is anything but stagnant at this campus; on the contrary, it is about activism, growth and change. As a delegate for professionals, I would work with other delegates, officers and the UUP members to listen, learn and act. I will continue to promote active membership because members have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Thank you.

- **Melissa Bishop, Programmer/Analyst, DoIT**

I've been on campus since 1993 and involved with UUP since 1997. UUP activities include Delegate (four years), Grievance Chair (now serving my second two-year term), newsletter committee, Professional Issues Committee, Membership Committee and Statewide Technology and Web Site committees. Campus activities include University Senator (second term), Senate Computing & Communications Committee (second term), Chair & member of Professional Employees Governance Board. I have also served on

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various other committees and participated in many on-campus projects. I am committed to keeping the local chapter and the statewide UUP focused on issues of working conditions and terms of employment.

• **Marlene Brennan, Senior Staff Assistant, School of Professional Development** (also running for Treasurer)

• **Pam Burris, Staff Associate, Physics & Astronomy**

As Assistant to the Chair of the Physics and Astronomy Department since 1989, I have been an elected member of the University Senate, Co-Chair of the PEG Board and on a variety of university committees. In 1993 I was co-organizer of the ATC group that was established in an effort to promote communication among departments at the staff level. From experience, I have an understanding of the issues and view points of the three communities that constitute a university as student (BA, California State Univ at Long Beach; MA at UCSB; ABD at University of Kansas), as faculty (Kansas and Arizona), and as professional staff (CSULB, UCSB, Stony Brook). If elected, I look forward to working on your behalf through the newly proposed organization of delegates chaired by the VP of Professionals and to taking your issues to Albany so we can strive together to further the well-being of everyone in our community

• **Bushra Butt, Instructional Support Associate, Library** (also running for Secretary)

• **Catherine Costanzo, Staff Associate, Neurobiology & Behavior**

• **Marilyn Cushing, Senior Staff Assistant, Biological Sciences**

I am a resident of Port Jefferson and have been working at Stony Brook University for 20 years. This time span has afforded me the opportunity to work in several departments on campus including Neurobiology as Assistant to the Editor of the *Journal of Neurophysiology*, Assistant to the Director of the Nuclear Physics Laboratory, and Program Coordinator for the Madagascar Programs in Anthropology. Presently, I am Manager of the Undergraduate Biology Advising Office, as well as Advisor to over 1200 Biology majors. In addition, I am a member of the Board of Directors at East End Disability Associates, as well as serving on their Finance Committee.

• **David Ecker, Lead Programmer/Analyst, DoIT**

It has been my privilege to be a member of the Stony Brook family and UUP for 7 years, worked in the Division of Information Technology for 5 years, I have been a UUP delegate since 2001. My Union interests include Political Action, contract development and Professional Development, I am married to Allison, we have 1 child, Joshua (the light of our lives).

• **Jose Feliciano, University Instructional Specialist, Physics & Astronomy**

• **Diane Godden, Staff Assistant, Chemistry**

• **Charles Hansen, (Retired)**

• **James Hart, University Instructional Specialist, Telecommunications**

• **Ellen Hopkins, Senior Academic Advisor, Advising**

• **Sanjay Kapur, Supervising Programmer/Analyst, DoIT**

I have been on campus since 1980 and a member of UUP since 1987. I have been an active UUP member for several years and a delegate for the last two years. The current condition of the state and national economy is not in very good shape and I will make every effort to make sure that UUP keep itself focused on issues that directly benefit our membership.

• **Nicholas Koridis, Associate Facilities Program Coordinator, Facilities Planning**

• **Jacob Levich, Associate Director for Community Relations, Communications**

I am an enthusiastic supporter of the statewide UUP's resolution against the war on Iraq, as endorsed by the core campus chapter at Stony Brook. I believe the war drains enormous amounts of money from education and social welfare at a time when support for both is more critical than ever before. One important component of the coming struggle against cutbacks and givebacks is to continue to advocate against a warmongering White House that intends to finance its wars by picking our pockets.

• **Sara Lutterbie, Senior Staff Assistant, Physics & Astronomy**

As a Stony Brook alumna, and a professional employee since 1992, I am strongly committed to doing whatever I can to maintain and improve the well-being of the whole campus community. In the 10 years since I joined the staff of Physics & Astronomy, I have served as a Senator-at-Large and Secretary to the College of Arts & Sciences Senate, as a member of my department's Status of Women Committee, and I'm an enthusiastic member of our Green Team. But now I believe it is time to put whatever talent and energy I possess at the service of our union, because it is ultimately the UUP which safeguards our working lives and our economic security

• **Mary Moran-Luba, Staff Assistant, Comparative Studies**

I started working for SUNY at Stony Brook in 1996 in the Comparative Studies Department. In 1998 I became the Assistant to the Chair. I have attended several UUP meetings regarding the current work load of Staff Assistants. These meetings were both informative and helpful in creating a more detailed description of the duties that needed to be added to our current performance program. If elected I will actively bring issues and concerns that members of the Professional Staff may have before the Executive Board. The first issue that I would like to see addressed is the establishment of guidelines that can be used for the promotion of Professionals.

• **Edward J. O'Connell, Senior Staff Associate, Environmental Health & Safety**

I have been on campus long enough to know that tough budgets never last but that UUP will always be out there front and center. These are the times where leadership is key and experience counts, especially during a contract negotiation year. I am asking for your vote as a professional delegate so that I can continue to be a voice for fair treatment of Stony Brook professionals and for employment security on campus. I want to encourage all the UUP professionals to get engaged in the quality of their work lives here at the Brook and to actively participate in UUP. In closing, remember when facing these types of proposed budget cuts ... UUP needs all hands on deck."

• **Claire Ondrovic, Senior Staff Assistant, Geosciences**

• **Ed Quinn, Staff Associate, Theatre**

I am running for Chapter Delegate in the upcoming elections. I have served as your Vice President for Professionals for the past six years and four years as a Chapter Delegate. I have been on the campus for 21 years and currently work in the Theatre Arts Department. I have experience working with the current Chapter Executive Board and the Statewide Executive Board. I encourage you all to return your ballots when you receive them in the mail. Thank you for your support over the past ten years and

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I look forward to your continuing support and to continue to work for the chapter.

- **Colleen Wallahora, Senior Staff Assistant, Women's Studies**
- **Pamela Wolfskill, Staff Associate, Applied Mathematics**
- **Charles Wrigley, Instructional Support Technician, Facilities Operations** (also running for Vice President for Professionals)

Academic Delegates

- **Frank Anshen, Associate Professor, Linguistics**
- **Michael Barnhart, Distinguished Teaching Professor, History**

A strong union is essential now more than ever, and one key to strength is communication. I hope to be able to help the union become more effective in communicating campus concerns to our legislators, administrators and, frankly, among ourselves. My special interest is teaching, particularly undergraduate teaching, and I intend to be an especially vocal communicator of these concerns.

- **Harry Denny, Assistant Professor, Writing & Rhetoric**
- **Dale Deutsch, Associate Professor, Biochemistry**

I feel that I have the experience to represent Stony Brook at the Delegate Assembly. I was the Vice President for Academics for two years at Stony Brook. Prior to that I was Chair of the Health and Safety Committee. In addition, I have attended Delegate Assemblies in Albany and AFL meetings in New York City. I am a faculty member in the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology. A strong union with good representation will be vital in these times of austerity.

- **Lou Charnon Deutsch, Professor, Hispanic Languages & Literature**

I have sporadically represented Stony Brook at the Delegate Assembly for twenty years. I have served as UUP Secretary of the Stony Brook chapter and have been the UUP representative to several committees, including the provostial Safety Committee. I am a faculty member in the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature and have held administrative posts both in my department and in the Humanities Institute. My commitment to women's causes is life long, and I am currently a member of the UUP Committee on Women's Concerns. I am committed to unionism and feel strongly that faculty ignore union activities at their peril, especially in these difficult times.

- **Jane Ely, Lecturer, Sociology**

I have been teaching at Stony Brook in the department of Sociology, beginning in 1984 as a graduate student. I have also served as Graduate Student Organization president (when it was political not just The Spot), FSA president (when it was not a rubber stamp for the administration), as a Graduate Assistant in the Graduate School, a researcher in the Mathematics department and a member of SUNY Central committees (e.g. SUNY 2000). I am currently an adjunct in the department of Sociology teaching 500 to 700 students a semester. My experiences as a student and a teacher will bring a unique

perspective as a union delegate.

- **Georges Fouron, Associate Professor, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences**
- **Aaron "Bill" Godfrey, Lecturer, European Languages & Literature** (also running for Vice President for Academics)
- **Dan Kinney, Librarian, Library**

I have held several positions since I came to Stony Brook in 1982: Music Cataloger, Assistant Head of the Music Library, Assistant Head of the Cataloging Department, Head of the Music Library, and Assistant Director of Libraries for Collections and Technical Services. I am currently a member of the SUNY University Faculty Senate and a member of the UFS Operations Committee. I have participated in UUP activities as a member of the Grievance Resolution Team and an Alternate Academic Delegate and I have seen how important the protection and benefits afforded under our collective bargaining agreement are to faculty and staff. UUP is essential to improving the quality of working life at Stony Brook, and I would welcome the opportunity to serve as an Academic Delegate from the West Campus Chapter.

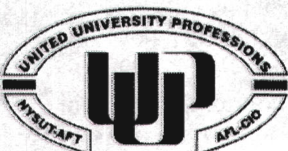
- **Gary Marker, Professor, History**
- **David Maynard, Lecturer, Learning Communities Project**

I'm a cultural anthropologist by training, and I've been teaching here at Stony Brook since Fall 2001. I've previously taught in a range of part-time and full-time positions at several institutions and have acquired some working knowledge of labor issues in higher education. If elected Delegate, I would like to focus my attention on the concerns of part-time faculty as well as on the compensation, working conditions, and job security of fulltime but non-tenure track faculty here at Stony Brook.

- **William McAdoo, Associate Professor, Africana Studies**
- **Mario Mignone, Distinguished Service Professor, European Languages & Literature**
- **Paul Siegel, Lecturer, Technology & Society**

I have been a member of the University community since 1967 and an employee since 1998. I believe that my long-term association with the campus will bring a fresh and different perspective to issues facing our membership, especially in areas of concern facing adjunct faculty members. I am actively involved in minority outreach programs. I serve as program coordinator for a number of NSF, New York State Education department, and business/foundation grants. I serve as advisor to Stony Brook's Chapter of Minorities in Medicine and also serve on the Faculty Senate Environmental committee, the University's Scholarship Coordinating Committee and the College of Engineering's Scholarship committee.

- **Jackie Smith, Associate Professor, Sociology**
- **Arnold Wishnia, Associate Professor, Chemistry**
- **Judith Wishnia, (Retired)**
- **Michael Zweig, Professor, Economics** (also running for Vice President for Academics)



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