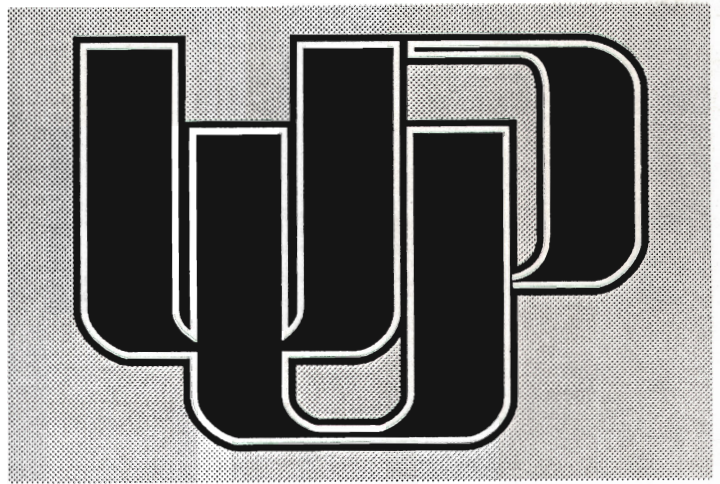


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-A Message from the Past Editor and New President by Janet Steins

This is the first time I am writing in *Insight* as chapter president, although as editor of the chapter's newsletter for many of the past eight years I have written much of what I hope you've read in these pages.

I will be serving as chapter president for the second year of the 2-year term that Bill Wiesner began in July, 1989 (for those of you who may not know, Bill became Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Dowling College on July 2). What I'm sure all of you do know is that there are indications that it will be a very difficult year for Stony Brook. Despite the downsizing of SUNY statewide, only a few campuses are currently considering retrenchments, and Stony Brook is one of them. We will be fighting to save the jobs of all UUP members on this campus. If one of us loses his or her job, we are all vulnerable. I urge you to read Article 35 of our contract now - it explains our rights and the university's obligations in the retrenchment process. Note that paragraph 35.9 on continuity of employment discusses retraining programs and funds for employees in high risk categories - not just for those who have been terminated. In the same issue of *Electronic Currents* that named three departments for possible retrenchment, four areas were targeted for increased support. In this context, access to retraining funds becomes crucial.

As in the past, the union is here to help solve problems, hopefully at an early stage but if not then, alternatively within the formal grievance process. I, our grievance chairs, the other chapter officers, and our field rep are available to talk with any member of the bargaining unit.

This is the last issue of *Insight* I will be editing. Roxanna Herrick, in the Library, is taking over the job of putting out the chapter's newsletter. She can be reached at 2-7109, and her address is Preservation Department, Main Library, z-3300 (or UUP 104 Old Chem.)

- Update on Vehicle Registration Fee Grievance

The chapter's grievance over the imposed 100% increase in the fee for registering our vehicles (from \$2.50 to \$5.00) will be heard at the Step 2 level next month in Albany. We will keep you posted on its progress.

Although we normally try to avoid doing Administration's job for them, we've decided it is appropriate at this time to remind our members again that the current, green, registration sticker is valid through July 31, 1991 and NOT April 30, 1991. The red stickers expired on July 31, 1990.

- Congratulations

Stony Brook's NYS/UUP Excellence Awards winners in 1989/90, the first year of this program are: Gil Bowen, David Burner, David Fox, Bill Godfrey, Ted Goldfarb, Norman Goodman, Shi Ming Hu, John Milazzo, Andrew Nittoli, Al Silverstein and Mike Zweig.

Stony Brook recipients of New Faculty Development Awards during round 2 of this PDQWL program are: Loyce Arthur, Curtis Marean, Ilona Raskow, Lori Repetti, Martin Schoonen and Ismail Zahed.

Recipients of Librarian Study Leave Awards during round 3 of this PDQWL program are: Joyce Clinkscales, Richard Feinberg and Christine King.

Recipients of Experienced Faculty Travel Awards during round 2 of this PDQWL program are: Christina Bethin, Henry, Bokuniewicz, Harbans Dhadwal, Hon-Son Don, Kenneth Feldman, Nicholas Fisher, Angelica Forti-Lewis, Ted Goldfarb, David Hicks, Gary Marker, Clyde Lee Miller, Anthony Rizzuto, Walter Scheps, Clifford Siskin, Michael Sprinker, Michael Taksar, Judith Tanur and Armen Zemanian.

- PDQWL Awards for Experienced Faculty Travel

As we begin the last year of our 1988/91 contract, there is one NYS/UUP Professional Development and Quality of Working award program still accepting applications.

Faculty members appointed prior to July 1, 1988 should submit applications approved by their Campus President or his designee by November 1, 1990 for travel occurring between July 1, 1990 and June 30, 1991. The maximum individual award under this program will be \$750 for travel and living expenses connected with research OR \$500 for any other appropriate activity.

PDQWL money is intended to "assist employees in developing their full professional potential and in preparing for advancement." Application forms are available in the UUP Offices, 104 Old Chem.

- Update on Financial Disclosure

The New York State Ethics Commission continues to consider whether SUNY faculty should be required to submit financial disclosure statements under the 1987 Ethics in Government Act. All faculty titles in SUNY are still on hold.

- Master Plan Highlighted

UUP's master plan for SUNY, "SUNY's Future: Expanding the Mission, Fulfilling the Promise," was featured in the Campus Life section of The New York Times on Sunday, June 10. The article highlighted the plan's call for an expanded effort to aid minorities and increase diversity among students and staff in SUNY.

The master plan, which offered 101 recommendations for SUNY management in the areas that included research, technology, curriculum and campus climate, was distributed to legislators and university officials throughout the state as well as to UUP members.

- New AFT Benefit for Travellers

The AFT Traveller program, a free and exclusive benefit for AFT members, provides 24-hour, seven day a week service whenever your travel needs include...Airline ticketing for domestic or international travel (guaranteed lowest available fares on any scheduled airline*), hotel and motel reservations (discounts of up to 20% at over 11,000 locations*), car rental discounts (including National and Alamo*). Users of this service get \$100,000 of travel accident insurance on every ticket booked with a major credit card and convenient delivery of all tickets and other documents.

An added Traveller Profile Service stores your personal travel preferences, including airline seats, car sizes, special meal requests and frequent flyer numbers.

Call 800/562-6982; identify yourself as an AFT member and have a major credit card available.

*Should certain hotels, airlines or car rental agencies be involved in labor disputes or strikes that are sanctioned by the AFL-CIO, AFT will not be able to make travel arrangements with those companies.

- Statewide Officers Elected at Spring Delegate Assembly

The following UUP Officers and Executive Board Members were elected at May's delegate assembly in Albany and began serving two-Year terms on July 1:

- Tom Corigliano (Plattsburgh), Vice President for Professionals (Incumbent - ran unopposed)
- Bill Scheurman (Oswego), Vice President for Academics (Incumbent - ran unopposed)
- John Hunt (Farmingdale), Treasurer (Incumbent - 105 votes) v. Mary Edwards, Purchase - 90 votes

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The Stony Brook Chapter Executive Board meets on Thursday at 10:00 am. August 2 and 16 are the next two scheduled meetings. All Executive Board meetings are open to the membership. Please feel free to attend.

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Henry Steck (Cortland), Executive Board, Academic (116 votes) v. Herb Wright, HSC Syracuse - 76 votes

Harvey Axlerod (Buffalo Center), Rowena Blackman - Stroud (HSC Brooklyn), Tom Matthews (Geneseo), and Betsy Tiger (Delhi) were elected to Professional seats. All ran unopposed; all but Axlerod were incumbents.