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CHAPTER ELECTIONS

We are actively seeking people to participate on the executive board and to represent the Stony Brook chapter as delegates at statewide meetings. This chapter was quite instrumental in negotiating the recent negotiated location stipend but there is much more that can be accomplished. If you would like help us make Stony Brook a stronger voice in UUP, please write-in your own name if you haven't nominated yourself already. Stony Brook is one of the larger chapters in the union, and we are entitled to have 10 academic delegates and 7 professional delegates to represent us at the delegate assemblies. In order for Stony Brook to be heard, we need a complete delegation to attend the meetings. If you need further convincing about this, please call the chapter president Bill Godfrey at 2-6546.

Please note: The people who serve as delegates and executive board members are VOLUNTEERS. We receive no stipends for union work and we all are employees of USB, either as academic or professional members. Our concerns and interests are the same as yours because we are your peers/associates not paid union employees.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On February 9th, Janet Steins, Ed O'Connell and Bill Godfrey went to Albany to lobby for increased funding for SUNY with representatives from other SUNY units. This is a first of several lobbying efforts and we hope to be able to report that things will improve. We spoke to nearly all of our local legislators.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

NYSUT has offered us a defensive driving course for \$25 per member. This is about one-third the price on the current market. The defensive driving course can reduce your automobile insurance premiums by as much as ten percent. If there is any interest, please call the union office and we can set up a session.

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY REPORT

The following attended the Delegate Assembly in Albany on January 28th and 29th: Arnold and Judy Wishnia, Janet Steins, Lee Rosen, Chuck Wrigley, Jose Feliciano, Charles Hansen, Jo Weitzner, Bill Godfrey and Georges Fouron. The assembly was a celebration of twenty years of UUP and a nominating meeting of the United Caucus which nominated the following candidates for election in May: Bill Scheuerman, Oswego, President, Bob Albrecht, Alfred, V.P. Academics, Tom Corigliano, Plattsburgh, Secretary, Lee Rosen, Stony Brook, Executive Board.

The Assembly also funded support of the principle of seniority for part-time employees and recommended that in the next contract the seniority principle be a priority demand for both academic and professional employees.

LIBRARIAN PDQWL APPLICATIONS

Librarian Study Leaves will be available through the PDQWL Committee. The guidelines and application forms are scheduled to be distributed by March 1st. The maximum award is \$5,000 (up to \$2,500 replacement salary and \$2,500 project expenses) for activities between July 1st and August 31st.

UUP CALLS FOR UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

EDITORIAL COMMENT

by *TIM REILLY, Statewide UUP President*

"Enthusiasm for this budget is unwarranted. The Executive Budget can be seen as an improvement only in the sense of the old joke that would describe its unwelcome appearance as better than a sharp stick in the eye. It is, at best, a stand-pat budget wrings out staff energy, dulls initiative and does little to encourage recovery."

President Tim Reilly has called on the Legislature to establish a University Development Fund to nurture university change and growth. "A University Development Fund is a realistic, innovative method of funding SUNY and continuing it on its mission. UUP believes the infrastructure most in need of investment here and now is the brain, the educated mind that thrives in the public university, because we have made it our deliberate policy to invest in the human infrastructure of State University."

1993 TAX GUIDES

The 1993 Educator's Income Tax Guide are available at the UUP office. If you would like a copy please call the UUP office at 2-6570, 8:30 - 2:30 daily, or stop in. It is a very useful to prepare your income tax - and it is free!

BUYER'S EDGE

UUP bargaining unit members can use The Buyer's Edge, a consumer shopping service, when shopping around for the best deal. Although not an endorsed service, The Buyer's Edge is available through NYSUT Benefits. Products include cars, major appliances, video equipment, luggage and vacuum cleaners. Be sure to compare exactly the same model number, accessories, service arrangement and warranties, and to check that the quoted price is the complete price, including delivery and taxes. For information, contact NYSUT Member Benefits at 800-626-8101.

LOCATION PAY

The issue of location pay still has not been completely resolved. If you know anyone who was on the payroll as of December 31, 1991, but is no longer at the University, they may be entitled to location pay. Please let our office know.

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The Stony Brook Chapter Executive Board meets on alternate Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. All Executive Board meetings are open to the membership. Please feel free to attend.

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All members are invited to contribute to the newsletter. It is possible that we may reply in print to your opinions and concerns.