

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A.W. Godfrey

The majority of us do not take very seriously the turgid outpourings of the local newspaper *Suffolk Life*. Nonetheless, we should not dismiss the October 27th lead headline which blurts "Tenure Reform Plan Adopted." Apparently the New York State School Board Association has called for the establishment and implementation of a five year renewable tenure program. Although at the present time it will not have significant impact nor is it likely to affect the University, we should be aware that tenure is an issue very much under discussion. The universities have been under attack and underfunded for many years and this is a possible focus of attack by those who are trying to cut taxes by any means possible. In a climate like the present, it seems to make not sense to be above the political fray.

MORE ON PDQ

It seems that Human Resources has received about ninety PDQWL grant applications which is a record. We hope that the number of applications will help to increase our share of the state-wide pie.

Affirmative Action Leave Program Applications Available

Round III and Round IV of the Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action Leave Program applications are available in the UUP office. The Leave Program is open to minorities, women, persons with disabilities and Vietnam era veterans and is intended to address matters of equal employment and affirmative action in preparing for permanent or continuing appointment. The application deadline for Round III is February 28, 1994 and covers activities occurring Summer 1994 - Spring 1995. The application deadline for round IV is September 16, 1994 and will cover activities occurring during Spring 1995.

If you would like more information or an application, please call the UUP office at 2-6570 or JWEITZNER on all-in-one.

PRESCRIPTIONS BY MAIL

The mail order pharmacy program, administered by CFI, provides members with the convenience of receiving prescription medications at home with a savings from the prescription drug card program. The program provides up to a 100 day supply of medication for \$10.00 (The 20% co-pay does not apply to mail order drugs.)

CFI postage paid envelopes are available at the UUP office, 104 Old Chem. Prescriptions will be filled within 7 business days of receipt by CFI. If you fail to receive your medication within the time prescribed, call CFI at 800 - 628 - 0717.

LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM

UUP and the Governor's Office of Employee Relations (GOER) have agreed to expand the Leave Donation Program to include making or receiving annual leave donations available to employees throughout SUNY.

The program works as follows: Employees can donate their vacation accruals to members who are about to exhaust their sick leave accruals. But before there can be a donation, there must be a request from someone who needs it. The request should be made to the UUP chapter office. Only the union may solicit donations. Human Resources will check the accruals of the recipient and those donating their time, and process the transfer.

This program is designed for a specific member's use only. Although not a bank, the chapter would like to develop a list of members who might be interested in donating time if a request is made. The chapter would contact each potential donor, inform her/him that a member was in need of time, and ask if they would like to donate some of their accrued vacation time. Please contact the UUP office at 2-6570 or JWEITZNER on all-in-one if you would like to participate in this program or if you would like more information.

STATEWIDE VOTE/COPE COORDINATOR APPOINTED

Lee Rosen, a retired professional member of our chapter, has recently been appointed as the statewide UUP VOTE/COPE Coordinator. Lee is currently also a member of the chapter Executive Board. She has always been active in union activities and is looking forward to serving the union on a statewide basis.

HOLIDAY PARTY SCHEDULED

Mark your calendars! The annual UUP Holiday Party has been scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 3:00 - 5:00 in the UUP office. We are looking forward to seeing you there to celebrate the holiday season with us.

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Hours: 8:30 am - 3 pm

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

UUP is affiliated with NYSUT and AFT. (Local 2190)

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