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FROM THE PRESIDENT

A. W. (BILL) GODFREY

The budget as presented is far worse than we anticipated and leaves us with a shortfall of \$289,000,000 or 30% of the annual budget for SUNY. The Chancellor is speaking about many unpleasant options including campus closings, retrenchment, and privatization wherever possible. I believe that we are under the same kind of assault as the University of California system. In these difficult times, there must be a closer unity among all UUP members to oppose vigorously the cuts to public higher education. It is possible to change things. It becomes necessary for us to get in contact with our legislators. We have scheduled a bus trip to Albany to talk to legislators on February 14th. It is going to require considerable sacrifice since the bus must leave campus no later than 6:00 a.m. if we are to get to Albany at a reasonable time. **President Kenny** has promised to be with us and I hope that enough of us will be willing to go on the trip. We will give you materials on the bus and a briefing on how to lobby during the trip. Never before has the state university been under such a threat. Please contact Jo in the Union Office if we can count on your support for this trip.

In the event there are retrenchments

or reorganizations, it is extremely important that we be supportive. We at UUP will do our best to be supportive and provide whatever resources we have at our disposition.

The chapter officers have already visited legislators in Albany and locally. If you cannot come to Albany with us please consider visiting your state legislator at their local office. The UUP office can supply you with the address and phone number of your legislators.

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The differential tuition again proposed for University Centers is potentially very damaging to Stony Brook and could result in a dramatic reduction in the number of undergraduates, which would impact negatively on funding.

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In August we raised some questions about the change in management of the bookstore. Many complaints have come to our attention and you should be aware that sometimes privatization creates as many problems as it solves.

FOR CURRENT BUDGET INFO...

1-800-UUP-INFO

(1-800-887-4636)

-As of February 2, 1995 UUP established the 800 number listed above to

keep members informed of current information. The recorded message will be changed as events occur.

-UUP Central will be issuing weekly budget crisis bulletins. This information will be posted on the campus SBNEWS system. The UUP Bulletin Board can be accessed through SBNEWS -> Governance and Committees -> UUP -> UUP General Information.

-Many of us tend to disregard publications sent by UUP, NYSUT and AFT. The Voice almost always contains useful information about the budget, negotiations, benefits and current topics of discussion that merit attention. Whether we like it or not, the University as we have known it has changed, perhaps irrevocably. Don't be caught short!

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DISCRETIONARY LIST

It has come to our attention that several departments never received our mailing on the **Discretionary Salary Increases**. The letter and the list of increases were mailed to each UUP member at the beginning of the term. If you or your department did not receive the letter or the list, please call the UUP office at 2-6570 or JWITZNER on all-in-one to request a copy.

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DINNER DANCE

There is still space available for the annual UUP dinner dance. You will be happy to know that the malaprop announcement that appeared in the January "Insight" made "The Chronicle of Higher Education."

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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.

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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.