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## FROM THE PRESIDENT A. W. (BILL) GODFREY

This will be the last newsletter before the end of the academic year. It has been a troubling year and I doubt that the summer will bring a lot of good news. Unfortunately, most reorganizations at the university take place during vacations when faculty and staff are not around to react appropriately.

It would be very useful if you could advise us whether you will be available during the summer should we need additional pressure or support. Please call the UUP Office if you can be of help this summer.

These have been very difficult times and we all feel very much under siege. UUP also feels the pressure because of the contract negotiations. It is much too early to tell how these will work out. We will do our best to keep you advised.

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It is clear that a statewide assault on faculty salaries is beginning. Articles in various upstate papers have appeared criticizing university salaries, particularly since "they work only ten months." The

Governor also has made some very uncomplimentary comments about individuals who teach at the state university whose salaries exceed \$70,000. This seems to be fuel to use against us in contract negotiations. Remain in touch with your legislators.

In our efforts to secure full funding for SUNY, Assemblymen Sweeney, Harenberg and Englebright have been extremely helpful. They have made the needs of SUNY and Long Island known to the upstate group of legislators that seem to be in control at the present time. We hope we will be able to thank them in a more substantive way in the near future.

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Our members should be aware that every June this University hosts the Bach Aria Group. This is a world class group that deserves enthusiastic campus support. Several concerts and lectures are being given on campus in the June 10th to June 25th time slot. We urge everyone to take advantage of the activities.

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We would like to extend to President Kenny our best wishes on the occasion of her inauguration. The event was well attended by our members.

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Toward the end of April we had the first meeting of the newly-formed Employment Security Committee. It is UUP's position that employees with continuing employment should have employment security and ought to have first consideration for new positions that they qualify for. Management was not in disagreement with our position.