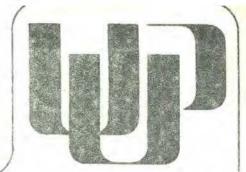
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YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED TO SET PRIORITIES FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

UUP is shortly to begin bargaining with the State of New York for our next contract. This process, perhaps the most important activity we undertake, will result in an agreement concerning the terms and conditions of employment for all of us.

IT REQUIRES YOUR INPUT.

All members will soon receive a questionnaire asking what issues each of us wants brought to the negotiating

table. (At this time, it is unclear whether those employees in the bargaining unit who are not members of UUP will receive a questionnaire.) We urge you to respond.

Serving as Stony Brook's liaison to the negotiating team are chapter president Bill Wiesner and vice presidents Charlie Hansen and Mike Zweig. Contact them with your questions and concerns.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Dear Calleagues.

The impact of this year's budget situation on personnel resources is not much different than in years past. Once again we can be relieved that no one is being fired, but once again there is the loss of lines, which means an increased workload on the rest of us. Certainly it is the responsibility of the administration on campus to increase the efficiency of the campus as a whole by providing a work context which allows for maximum effort without burnout. In the face of the problems that the campus is facing, we can't help but wo der what logic is currently driving this campus to hire two senior administrators at the policy making level when what we need is more professionals workers.

There are at present searches taking place for a new Dean for Enrollment Management, whose main job it seems will be to improve communication among several of the units in student affairs. This position will cost at least \$70,000 in salary and benefits. It is difficult to understand why that money isn't being used to improve the campus work evnironment in more creative ways (including hiring SEVERAL professionals). In the same vein, we see that a new Assistant Vice Provost for Human Services is in the works. While this position seems to be a bit better defined than the first, it still seems to be the wrong time to be hiring policy makers when what we need are workers.

It is a truism of sorts that when times are hard institutions and businesses try to manage themselves out of trouble. When the problem is not one of managerial structure (as in these two cases) then situations are likely to get worse rather than better.

Bill Wiesner Chapter President



Executive Board Meets

Matters discussed at the April 3 Executive Board meeting are summarized below. Complete minutes are available in the UUP office.

SUNY Budget - Information on the state of the budget has been recently received from President Marburger and Nuala Drescher. Between 50 and 100 of the 162 lines due to be lost at Stony Brook by March 31 could still be taken away (all are vacant; most are in the hospital, and many are in maintenance).

Contract Negotiations - Bill Wiesner explained the function of the Contract Advisory Board, to consist of one professional and one academic from each campus. This group will advise the negotiations committee which is responsible for developing the package UUP will present at the table. Charlie Hansen and Mike Zweig will represent Stony Brook on this Board (Bill is our representative on the negotiations committee).

Department Representatives - The recent meeting was poorly attended. To increase activity in this area, Bill wants to devise agendas that will speak more directly to the interests of this group. Bill Fox suggested sending a more detailed description of matters to be discussed; Charlie Hansen proposed that one or two department reps be invited to each labor/management meeting. Agendas of these meetings should also be distributed to department reps.

Chapter Budget - Treasurer Sandra Burner presented her proposed chapter budget for 1984/85. Discussion resulted in some minor changes; the budget was voted on and passed.

General Membership Meeting - The time of the April 30th general membership meeting was changed so as not to conflict with the SUSB Senate meeting on curriculum reform. Agenda items were suggested.

Future Dinner/Dances - Bill would like to see the Chapter continue to sponsor this event, though we cannot afford to subsidize it as much as we did last fall. A spring dinner/dance and a fall picnic were proposed.

Take Back the Night Committee - Representatives from this group presented their request for a donation to help fund activities concerned with promoting

Proposed Chapter Budget

Treasurer Sandra Burner presented the following proposed budget for the 1984/85 fiscal year at April 30's general membership meeting.

Sandy explained that it represents an increase of over \$3,000 in our total receipts because the central office in Albany has increased funds to each chapter.

Expenditures:

| Membership/Affiliated meetings | \$1,500.00 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Office expenses | 3,000.00 |
| Secretary | 4,600.00 |
| Furniture, equipment | 1,000.00 |
| Printing, duplicating | 1,000.00 |
| Other (publicity, donations, | |
| petty cash) | 650.00 |
| | \$11,750.00 |

Receipts:

| Chapter allocation | (1250 | in | the | |
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| bargaining unit | | | | 11,250.00 |
| Flat stipend | | | | 500.00 |
| | | | | |

\$11,750.00

After some discussion, the proposed budget was passed unanimously by those present. If you have questions or comments on these procedures, please contact Sandra Burner or any member of the Executive Board.

NEW EMPLOYEES: DON'T DELAY IN SIGNING UP FOR YOUR HEALTH AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS. DELAY REDUCES YOUR OPTIONS.

women's safety issues. The board requested that the Committee provide a copy of its budget, so that a determination of how our donation will be used can be made more easily.

Proposed Committee on Academic Freedom - The Board voted unanimously to oppose the formulation of this committee, whose function will be to study, monitor and reprimand teachers who violate academic freedom.

Labor and Management Meet

A special labor/management meeting was held on March 9 to discuss problems with staff turn-over in the Department of Residence Life. Complete minutes of this and all meetings are available in the UUP office.

March 20

Budget - President Marburger reported that the proposed deficiency budget recommends that 270 lines be restored, SUNY-wide, out of the 1100 lines scheduled to be cut (eliminating these 1100 lines means a cut of 162 at Stony Brook.) However, there is a possibility that we would be required to give up only those lines already vacated by early retirees (55 positions). An even distribution of the 1100 around the system would require Stony Brook to give up more than 55; dividing up the 1100 by size of campus would mean we give up 120 lines.

Stony Brook may be required to provide to Albany the vacant line numbers. There are currently over 100 vacant lines in the hospital, however the money for these has already been given up.

President Marburger predicts that the legislature will rescind the SUNY tuition increase. If so, the loss of these funds will take all available OTPS monies, since the legislature will take money out of the OTPS budget to replace the lost tuition income. Stony Brook's OTPS budget is already a half million dollars in the red; 1.9 million has been taken from it. We cannot operate with our present OTPS budget. Rescinding the tuition increase could lead to retrenchments.

Legislative Action - Bill Wiesner announced the formation of a new SUSB Senate/UUP standing committee which would work year round on advocacy issues and education in Albany and in the home offices of state legislators on behalf of SUNY.

LINAC - Safety issues concerning the Van de Graaff accelerator were discussed at length. An evaluation was done last September, the report of which cites safety hazards. The President's Advisory Board (URPC) has asked the Nuclear Structure Laboratory to respond to the report. The accelerator is now off-line, but is scheduled to back on-line in mid-July. Before going into full operation, however, there will be a Bureau of Radiological Health inspection, and safety regulations sti-

pulated by both the Bureau and URPC will be in place. Bill Wiesner brought up the fact that safety measures which were part of the original project were not followed.

and was assured that this would not recur.

URPC has the authority to shut the facility down.

The union feels that there are problems within the administrative controls of the LINAC, and that improvements are necessary. In addition, there are concerns about the safety of employees, some of whom have indicated to the union that they are afraid of retaliation if they make their concerns known to management. President Marburger was quite insistent that no employee need fear their job security, and encouraged all concerned to come forward.

George Marshall noted that the Department of Environmental Health and Safety is available for training sessions, but that his staff must be invited in to do so by either labor or management. He suggested that UUP ask for training sessions for workers on the LINAC project.

April, 12

<u>Discretionary money</u> - List of 1983/84 recipients of discretionary increases was given to Bill Wiesner (for probable publication in future issue of Insight).

\$20,000 has been appropriated for monitoring devices, and that other safety procedures will be implemented.

Department of Residence Life - Report on the staff turn-over in this department will be completed sometime this spring.

Upcoming, special labor/management meetings

- The union will meet with Provost Neal
on May 23 to discuss hiring practices and
the absence of searches for high level
positions. There will also be a special
meeting (date not yet set) to discuss
NTP concerns; the conclusions drawn by
the tenure and promotion task force will
be discussed, however, the union has not
examined this document yet.

Policy regarding cancelled classes in bad weather - The Union would like to know who is empowered to cancel classes or close the university, and under what conditions. Information from radio stations is often misleading. President Marburger reported that while Homer Neal and Carl Hanes are

Report of the Vice President for Professionals SECONDARY SOURCES AND YOUR EVALUATION

By CHARLES C. HANSEN

Every member of our bargaining unit has, or should have, a copy of the negotiated contract between UUP and the state, a little yellow booklet entitled "A System of Evaluation for Professional Employees," plus a copy of the Policies of the Board of Trustees. These are the documents which spell out our rights.

At this time, let me discuss one of the rights an individual has and should exercise, namely the right to prior knowledge of secondary sources in your evaluation procedure. When your supervisor evaluates you (based on your performance program) there may be statements in the evaluation not based strictly on the supervisor's own knowledge, but based on facts known through some other source. This is called using secondary sources. A secondary source can only be used if, at the time your performance program is being but together (with your input), you were advised that this secondary source would be consulted when the evaluation occurs. Likewise, at the time your performance program is written, you too can insist that another source (possibly someone with knowledge of your professional activities) be used at . evaluation time. This procedure, a great plus, was negotiated for your protection.

Remember, the responsibility of knowing your rights is yours, not the union's, not your supervisor's, but yours. An arbitrator has already ruled on this matter. If you have a question regarding your rights, do not put it aside. Call the union and raise the question. Knowledge of our contract and the other documents utilized in spelling out our terms and conditions of employment gives us strength. Having a right but now knowing it or exercising it makes us weak. Since we are the union, we must make ourselves knowledgable of those things we have fought for and won.

Labor/Management. continued

his general designees, any official statement will come only from his office. He added that individual departments may take the initiative to send employees home if conditions warrant it. The union requested a list of the radio stations the university uses to broadcast such information.



-- An "Early Retirement Incentive Rill" for SUNY and CUNY employees has been proposed in Albany. If you are considering taking advantage of the option to retire early, we urge you to read through this draft legislation (copy available in the UUP effice), and let UUP President Nuala Drescher know your reaction to it.

-- FSA has announced the following students to be winners in this year's Quality-of-Campus-Life Competition:

1st prize (\$500) - Jonathan Garlick Steven Cohen

2nd prize (\$50) - Pia Bozzo Larry Jamner Rosaria Matty Roderick Owens

Honorable Mention -Steven Burby Robert Chroneas

-- More on the prescription plan -Prescriptions bought out-of-state
at non-participating pharmacies
will be reimbursed only for the
wholesale price of the item.

<u>Dissarities</u> - President Marburger agrees with <u>HUP</u> that a greater effort is needed here, adding that work is underway in certain areas (such as Engineering).

Monitoring teaching - UUP is concerned with administration's efforts in this area. The President spoke at length on ways to do this without visiting classes.

Report on the NYSUT Representative Assembly

By DONALD B. KILLORAN

As one of two elected delegates from Stony Brook, I attended the NYSUT- R. A. (Representative Assembly) held in Toronto, Canada on March 15-18th. Overall, I felt that an inordinate amount of time was spent in trying to resolve needs and potential problems for new programs involving teachers in the k through 12 group. Too little discussion was given concerning the major issue on Higher Education which affects the entire assembly. In my estimation, our time would have been used to greater advantage if these issues were aired freely and more openly when all of us were in attendance at the Representative Assembly.

The matters pertaining the U.U.P. were informative and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting members from both sides of the political fence. Elections for

the position of NYSUT Director (3) were held; Susan Puretz and Mac Nelson, both incumbents and Reform Caucus members, were not re-elected.

The UUP Executive Board also met at Toronto and I, along with twenty-two other delegates, attended this meeting as observers. Delegates beyond the first fifty to be elected were also at Toronto. Bus transportation had been provided for these delegates who came from as far away as Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn. From a political point of view, one can only assume that their vote was important to someone.

Overall, I was very please to have attended these meetings. I found the Representative Assembly to be enlightening and the experience enjoyable.

looking ahead

| May | | | | |
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| May 1 | Tuesday | 4:00 | Executive Board Meeting, UUP office | |
| May 3 | Thursday | 12:00 | Affirmative Action Committee, UUP office | |
| May 11-12 | Fri - Sat | | Spring Delegate Assembly, Albany | |
| May 15 | Tuesday | 2:30 | Labor Management Meeting, President's office | |
| May 22 | Tuesday | 4:00 | Executive Board Meeting, UUP office | |
| May 23 | Wednesday | 1:30 | Labor Management Meeting, Provost H. Neal's office | |
| June | | | | |
| June 12 | Tuesday | 4:00 | Executive Board, UUP office | |
| June 20 | Wednesday | 2:30 | Labor Management Meeting, President's office | |
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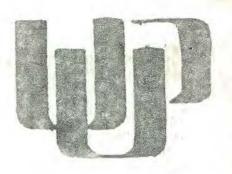
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 300 Old Country Road
 Mineola, NY
 741-2020
 OR
 110 E. Main Street
 Smithtown, NY
 265-4700
 (Group vision fee schedule)
- * East Setauket Liquors
 4082 Nesconset Hwy.
 (Walbaum's Shop. Center)
 East Setauket, NY
 928-4455
 (15% off any bottle of wine;
 20% off any case of winemay be mixed, same size bottles
 except sale items)
- * Eyeglass Service Industries, Inc. 469 Sunrise Highway Lynbrook, NY 599-1135 (25% off purchase. Call for location closest to you).
- * Goodyear
 4915 Nesconset Highway
 Port Jefferson Station, NY
 928-0700
 (10% discount on tires and
 service unless specially priced).

- * Ionion Pizza 229 Middle Country Road Selden Plaza Shopping Center 698-2880 (10% discount on dinner for two)
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- * Neil's NY Nautilus Inc II 5026 Nesconset Hwy East Setauket, NY 928-6633 (30% off regular membership prices)
- Port Jefferson Chiropractic Office 713 Main Street Port Jefferson, HY 331-1010 (Insurance accepted as full payment)
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