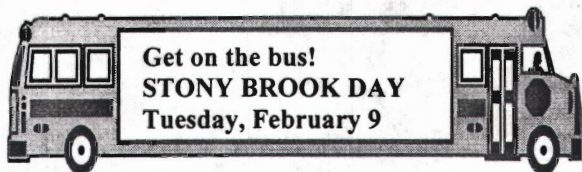


From the President A. W. (Bill) Godfrey

Stony Brook Day at the legislature will be on Tuesday, February 9th. We urge everyone who can to attend this event. It is a good opportunity to meet with legislators and to promote both Stony Brook and SUNY and to encourage legislators to undo some of the fiscal damage brought about by the Trustees and SUNY Central. Unfortunately, it is no longer expedient to remain aloof from the fray.

If you are able to come to this event, please call Pat O'Rourke at 2-9115. It will be an early event since the bus(es) will leave campus at 6:00 a.m. It is a chance to do something for the university.



The next 3.5% increase mandated by the contract will be effective in the following manner:

Calendar-year employees on a 26-pay cycle will receive the first increase effective January 7th with a check dated February 3, 1999.

Academic-year employees on a 21-pay cycle will receive the increase effective January 15th with a check dated February 3, 1999.

Academic employees on a 26-pay cycle will receive the increase effective March 4th with a check dated March 31, 1999.

UUP Office Changes...

Jo Weitzner, who has managed the UUP Office for more than a dozen years, has left to join the labor relations staff at the Health Sciences Center. She was capable, pleasant and knowledgeable and has been the voice of UUP on this side of campus. We wish her well and will miss her greatly. Willa Smith has replaced her, starting on January 19th. She comes to this office with excellent skills and we are certain the transition will not be disruptive.

The legislative agenda for UUP has been established. The Trustees have cut the request made by SUNY Central so that it does not meet the increased costs caused by the contractual salary increases. UUP will be asking for restorations and will also be asking for a five-year operating budget that will allow for long-term planning. This would be similar to the university's five-year capital plan. UUP will also be looking at improving SUNY's Resource Allocation Methodology (RAM).

The current method is deeply flawed and driven by enrollment figures rather than sound academic principles. UUP is also asking for a restoration of full-time academic lines to replace the loss of more than 1,000 lines in the last five years -- even though enrollment is up more than 2,600.

More depressing news is that for the first time prison funding from tax levy revenues exceeds that of higher education. In 1998-9 corrections spending increased over the last decade by \$761 million while SUNY/CUNY spending decreased by \$615 million. Another shocking statistic is that more people of color are in prison than at SUNY.

**UUP
Dinner Dance**



The invitations to the Dinner-Dance have gone out.
It will be
**Friday, February 19th, at the Harbor Hills Country Club
from 7:00 to 11:00p.m.**
It will be a pleasant evening at a very reasonable cost -
only \$20
for dinner and dancing.
Please remember to get your tickets early so that
we can make arrangements.

PDQWL

The new round of PDQWL grants is greatly reduced in funding because so much was used in the previous round. At this moment it seems unlikely that anyone who has already been funded will be eligible for additional monies.

UUP Chapter elections are coming up quickly. Nomination forms have been mailed out. We urge members to consider running for delegates to the UUP Assembly, which meets three times a year. It is an opportunity to meet with colleagues at other campuses and catch the pulse of the statewide system.

UUP is opposed to the way the Trustees are intending to impose a general education requirement on all of SUNY. This was done without faculty input and without taking into consideration the differences of individual campuses. Although they have stated that there will be opportunity for input, it seems likely that this will be very modest -- perhaps pro-forma.

A search is going on for a new chancellor and the search committee is front loaded with Trustees, although President Kenny, the sole university president on the committee, may be a moderating force. It seems questionable whether it will be possible to come up with an outstanding educational leader because of the Trustees micromanaging of the system and the general ineffectiveness of SUNY Central.

LINK SCHOLARSHIP

Link Scholarship forms are available at the Union Office. This scholarship provides full tuition for students who can meet the following criteria:

1. Completion of at least 16 credits
 2. An average of at least 3.75
 3. Evidence of service to the university or the community attested by letters of support
- The deadline is March 1.

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