

From the President A. W. (Bill) Godfrey

The **Dinner Dance**, attended by more than 100 members, was a great success. Many thanks go to Lynn Davis and Ed O'Connell for putting it together. Assemblyman Steve Englebright (our member) also joined us for this celebration and thanked us for our activism in Albany.



Just a reminder...

You will be receiving ballots for chapter elections. Please take time to complete them and send them back to Albany.

Campus Grants

The university received several campus grants from the joint Labor-Management Committee and we congratulate the recipients:

1. Dan Kinney and Dean Branin for upgrading and training of library staff in technology: \$30,000
2. Ed O'Connell, Environmental Health and Safety, for radiation safety and dealing with hazardous materials: \$6,000
3. Kathy Terwilliger, "Chemistry for Non-Chemists," or how to handle hazardous chemical materials: \$6,000
4. Maureen Kotlas, "Hazardous Materials Chemistry for the Non-Chemist" Training: \$6,000

PDQWL

In the last newsletter it was indicated that there would be very little money for this round of PDQWL grants. It is still true, but we have been advised that there may be a little more money allocated than was previously expected. Applicants should have received letters regarding the status of their applications. If you have applied, but have not received notification, please call the UUP office, at ext. 2-6570.

UUP Contract update...

You may have heard that CSEA agreed to its contract with annual increments of 2, 2 1/2, 3, and 3 1/2 percent over a four-year span. Their location stipend was also increased. Our contract is still in the preliminary stages of negotiation. We will keep you posted as we get more information.

Budget concerns

The Governor's budget according to the analysis of the Fiscal Policy Institute in Albany is not a good one for the following reasons:

1. The budget proposal continues regressive tax cuts which tend to benefit those in the upper income brackets than help to develop a stable middle class.
2. The Governor's claims about job growth do not factor in the reality that the national economy has expanded radically over the last four years. Job growth was greater during the first term of the Cuomo administration.
3. When adjusted for inflation, state spending is below the 1994-95 levels.
4. The drop in the unemployment rate is largely due to a decrease in the size of the labor force as people continue to leave New York.

Budget Concerns continued...

5. The poverty rate in New York remains high while the national average has gone down.
6. The tax structure of the state is very regressive; especially the ongoing cuts in state income tax.
7. The tax cuts are not stimulating the economy but are being absorbed by cuts in education, healthcare, and infrastructure.

Letter-writing Campaign

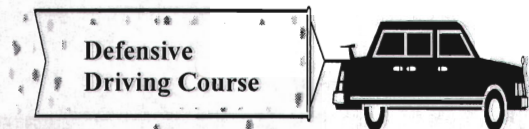
As we have said before, New York is the only state that has not increased its tax levy contributions to public higher education.

We urge you to write letters to the leaders in the legislature about the inadequate budget.

Sample letters are available in the Union Office.

Letters do count. It was their absence last year that sustained the Governor's veto on several important funding increases. We need to generate several thousand letters. It is easy to go to the NYSUT web site at: <http://nysut.org> and click on the fax to state legislators. You can either use the form letter on the web or have the option to write your own letter.

Please mention the need to restore lost faculty lines and a five-year budget plan for SUNY.



DATE: Monday, April 5, 1999 and
Tuesday, April 6, 1999

TIME: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

COST: \$15

WHO: Open to all UUP members and
their immediate family members

WHERE: Student Activity Center
Monday – Room 306
Tuesday – Room 305

Payment must accompany registration requests.

**Checks should be made payable to:
"NYSUT Benefit Trust".**

**To register: Bring, or mail, registration fee to UUP
office, 104 Old Chemistry, Z=3475.**

Note: This course usually costs two to three times as
much. Successful completion of this course can result
in a 10% reduction on your car insurance. We need at
least 30 participants for this course to be offered, and
there is a limit of 36 people.



Educator's Tax Guides

Educator's Tax Guides are still available at the Union Office. This is a useful handbook, which will make tax preparation much easier. Drop by and pick up your free copy, while supplies last, at 104 Old Chemistry.

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