

DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHEDULED AGAIN

Due to an overwhelming demand, the NYSUT sponsored Defensive Driving Course is once again being offered to UUP members and their families on Saturday, November 6, 10:00 - 4:00. If you would like to register for the course, please send a check in the amount of \$25.00, payable to NYSUT, to UUP, 104 Old Chem. Space is limited so please register as soon as possible.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Janet Steins
Legislation Committee Chair

NEW YORK STATE

The recent report of the Regents' Commission on Higher Education, made 35 recommendations, many of which require legislative action. They include:

- a restoration of Bundy aid from \$36 to \$84 million;
- differential tuition among the different types of SUNY campuses;
- increased funding for state campus buildings;
- increased full-time faculty at SUNY and CUNY, to stabilize faculty/student ratios.
- Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) restored to 1990-91 level.

The Commission's report, headed by Victor Riley of Key Bank, is available at the UUP chapter office. The commission had 18 members. Only two of the 18 members had direct working knowledge of public higher education, seven had affiliations with the private colleges. UUP leadership in Albany was consulted by the commission during the course of their work.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A. W. Godfrey

As we predicted, the issue of workload is coming up again. The Riley report (see Legislative Update) has recommended that Colleges and Universities must treat cost effectiveness as "equal in importance."

The legislative program of UUP is moving quickly. We will be in place by the beginning of December. If you have occasion to visit your state legislator, it would be helpful to advise us beforehand so that we can coordinate our efforts sensibly.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

It may be backhanded kudos that reached John Milazzo when it was announced that Richard Roberts won the Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine. John, from the department of Mechanical Engineering, co-authored two articles with Roberts: "A Computer Assisted Method for the Determination of Restriction Enzyme Recognition Sites" and "Computer Programs for the Assembly of DNA Sequences." He was also acknowledged in a major article as the person who "introduced them to the potentialities provided by the computer and wrote the code for several programs."

FEDERAL

In a controversy over proposed rules for the Advanced Technology Program, universities vehemently oppose a Commerce Department proposal to bar them from owning patents and limit publication rights for research they conduct.

The American Physical Society responded negatively to a Senate Appropriations Committee report calling for the National Science Foundation to commit 60% of its research budget to "strategic" research. The report reasoned that the need to support research of economic value to the nation was "a fact of life and political reality." The Society, in a letter to all members of Congress, has called the report "in error," adding that the job of promoting technology transfer belongs to other federal agencies and that the NSF must remain committed to basic research. (CHE 09/22/93)

The House Science, Space, and Technology Committee recently questioned universities that are earmarked by Congress for specific academic projects with millions of dollars in direct funding. A Columbia University vice president for health sciences, defended his institution's earmarks as important locally and nationally, with endorsements from Governor Cuomo, among others. Committee chair Rep. George Brown emphasized that he was not attacking the quality of the projects, but rather procedures, adding that "Congressional favoritism is not a substitute for merit review of individual projects." (CHE 09/22/93) Vanderbilt Chancellor Joe B. Wyatt in an Op-Ed piece (NY Times, 10/12/93) was critical of universities lobbying efforts for special funds. "The research community needs to wake up as well. Institutions that buy into the pork barrel send the message that the way to succeed in science is not with good ideas and hard work, but by hiring the best-connected lobbyists. The President should send this message to Congress: Stop pork barrel science now."

LINK SCHOLARSHIP

The Eugene P. Link Scholarship Trust Fund was created to recognize leadership in academic unionism for SUNY students. Last year, Cara Brick, a Stony Brook major in History with minor in Classics was one of the recipients of the award. Applications for the 1993-1994 academic year are now available in the UUP office, 2-6570 or JWEITZNER on all-in-one.

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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.