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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

-Bill Godfrey

February and March are always busy months trying to move the legislature to improve SUNY's share of the budget. Three of us attended the Legislative Breakfast on February 9. On February 23 and March 2, I went to Albany for NYSUT (our parent union) lobbying and saw many of the Long Island Legislators. On February 26, Janet Steins, Ed O'Connell and I met on Long Island with Senator LaValle and Assemblymen Sweeney, Englebright and Conte. On March 4, I gave testimony in Farmingdale to the Assembly Republican Task Force on the future of SUNY.

Please make yourself known and if necessary be a nuisance to your elected representatives. If you do not know who your State Senator or member of the Assembly is, please call us and we'll give you names and addresses.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

These are critical days for our university and our union. The ongoing budget crisis has put our job in jeopardy and increased the work load for all our members, both academic and professional. In order to save the educational mission of this university, to protect our members and carry our message to the legislature, it is imperative that we have a strong and active union. In the one year that Bill Godfrey has been president of the Stony Brook chapter, building on the excellent base established by past presidents and activists, he has made tremendous strides in strengthening our union her on campus and in Albany.

Working closely with the Executive Board and other union members, Bill Godfrey has:

Worked ceaselessly to place retrenchees in new positions

- Improved communication with members through monthly newsletters
- Strengthened our relationship with state legislators and made them more aware of our importance on Long Island and in New York State by regular lobbying and by arranging for legislators to meet our members through legislative breakfasts and other functions
- Improved and strengthened relations with the central UUP office in Albany
- Raised important work issues with the university administration through regular and well-planned Labor Management meetings
- Sponsored two large informational meetings for professionals.

We urge you to let Bill Godfrey continue the work he has begun by re-electing him as President. We also urge you to join us in our efforts to improve working and educational conditions at Stony Brook by becoming active in the union.

- Executive Board Members

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DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE SCHEDULED

The NYSUT sponsored Defensive Driving Course has been scheduled for two consecutive Thursdays, April 15 and April 22, from 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. (You must attend both sessions.) This course is open to all UUP members and their families. If you are interested in attending this course, please send a check in the amount of \$25 for each participant, payable to NYSUT to the UUP office, 104 Old Chem, 3475.

COLLEGE REVIEW PANEL ELECTED

The election for the College Review Panel was held in February. Of the 500 professionals in our chapter, 220 people voted. The College Review Panel will review promotion or salary requests that are denied and make recommendations to the campus President. The people elected to serve on the panel are: Maryann Bell, Barbara Fletcher, William Wiesner, Sandy Burner, Janet Youngblood, John Schmidt and Arthur Shertzer.

NYS/UUP LIBRARIAN AND PROFESSIONAL STUDY LEAVE (PDQWL) APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

This program establishes a study leave fund for professionals and librarians in the 08 bargaining unit (UUP.) The maximum individual award under this program will be \$5,000 (up to \$2,500 for salary for a replacement and up to \$2,500 for other expenses) for activities occurring between July 1, 1992 and August 31,1993. The application deadline for the Librarian Study Leave is April 15, 1993. The application deadline for the Professional Study Leave is May 7, 1993. Applications are available in the UUP office, 104 Old Chem. Please stop by between 8:30 - 2:30, or call 2-6570 if you would like an application mailed to you.

UUP LAUNCHES 1993 LEGISLATIVE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

UUP's 1993 legislative advertising campaign uses billboards, radio and print ads to remind New York's policymakers that there's more to the state's infrastructure than roads and bridges. It urges legislators to invest in the most vital infrastructure New York possesses: an educated mind.

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The Stony Brook Chapter Executive Board meets on alternate Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. All Executive Board meetings are open to the membership. Please feel free to attend.

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