

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Legislative Breakfast was a success with more than one hundred members in attendance. Senator LaValle and Assemblymen Englebright, Flanagan, Sweeney, Sidikman, and Conte attended as well as the Legislative Aides of Senators Trunzo and Tully and Assemblyman O'Shea. President Marburger was also present and the general message was that we cannot let SUNY continue to be underfunded and wither as has happened recently in California.

We are embarking on a new legislative program, and looking for volunteers in Western Suffolk and Nassau Counties who will be willing to visit their legislators on a regular basis to convince them of the merits of UUP's legislative program for SUNY. This is an important undertaking and if you are willing to help, please call me at 2-6546 or 2-6570 or Janet Steins at 2-7150.

ADA, STONY BROOK and PDQWL

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), became law January 26, 1992, and requires that individuals with disabilities be given equal opportunity in public services, programs, employment, transportation, and communications. Prior to this, the University was subject to similar provisions under Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. ADA defines disabilities more broadly and

mandates the University to provide reasonable accommodation and access to services and programs.

To ensure reasonable and consistent standards of compliance with ADA guidelines, Monica Roth has been appointed ADA Coordinator. Sylvia Geoghegan who has joined the ADA office recently will assist her.

The ADA Office assesses current policies and procedures to identify and correct those that are inconsistent with the federal ADA regulations. The office will complete the ADA survey of current services, programs and activities, conduct training and provide technical assistance workshops for USB staff and faculty and will recommend priorities to achieve compliance with ADA. The ADA Coordinator acts as consultant to all departments regarding reasonable accommodations for employees, students and visitors with disabilities and coordinates all USB employee and student services to provide a work and academic environment free of barriers to ensure equal access.

If an employee believes there has been discriminatory action, he/she may seek redress in the campus Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity office, 632-6280 (Phyllis Hughes) or, for more specific information:

Equal Employment Opportunity
1801 L Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20507
800-800-EEOC (voice) 800-800-3302 (TDD)

Human Rights Commission
Veterans Memorial Highway
State Office Building, Room 3A-8
Hauppauge, New York 11788
(516) 360-6434

The ADA Coordinator is a consultant to employees, students and visitors with disabilities and provides information about reasonable accommodation, adaptive devices, campus accessibility and removal of architectural barriers.

Questions should be referred to Monica Roth, Sylvia Geoghegan, or Carol Dworkin at 632-6748.

The New York State/UUP Affirmative Action Committee has announced a new award program "Grants for Employees with Disabilities". The maximum award under this program is \$1,000 for work-related out-of-pocket expenses incurred by employees with disabilities between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis and are available at UUP office, 104 Old Chem, or JWEITZNER on all-in-one.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bill Godfrey

Chancellor Johnstone's recent letter to the editor of the New York Times essentially states that he is grateful to the Governor and the legislative leaders for their support and thanks the faculty and administration of the various campuses for "their austerity spirit." Essentially, he says that despite real problems, SUNY has remained accessible without an exodus of New York State students. This seems to be a gross misrepresentation of the facts and we can only hope that the legislators do not use this against us when next year's budget is negotiated.

The commission studying higher education in New York State has recommended a differential tuition policy for SUNY. If the recommendations are implemented, University Centers will be able to charge more than other schools in the system. This seems like a rather shortsighted policy which may not correspond to the value received by undergraduates - especially when many or most of the lower division courses will not be taught by full-time faculty. If the policy is approved, it is possible that students

will attend two year colleges, transfer to a university center, where it is likely to take at least three years to graduate once they have sorted out equivalent courses and distribution credits. The plan quite probably will cost the state on an average of 20% more per undergraduate student.

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Hours: 8:30 am - 3 pm

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

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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.