

NOTES AT RANDOM

We have negotiated with a new life insurance carrier as the old one has given rather poor service. For the same cost to UUP, members coverage will be \$6,000 rather than \$5,000. New beneficiary cards will be required, however.

The agency fee rebate amount has been calculated at \$.76 based on \$.69 due back from AFT and \$.07 from NYSUT because their newspapers carry political endorsements.

UUP membership passed 10,000 statewide.



Judith Kaufman, newly elected SBUUP Chapter Treasurer smiles upon nearing the news that she has been chosen to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence. Judy is a librarian in the Stony Brook music library

Lee Wyers, talks with other members of the SBUUP election committee and an election observer (left to right Bob Kerber, Marianne Porpora, Lee Wyers, Zakia Mahmood, and Arnold Wishnia.

TENURE

The AFT commission on higher education met in Miami in February to develop methods of dealing with efforts around the nation to weaken or eliminate tenure as the way to reduce college and university budgets. As the cases of our own Louis DiLorenzo and James Farrell show, the problem of keeping tenured persons on the payroll isn't as easy as it was once thought to be. Let us hope the AFT executive council develops some effective countermeasures to the tendency of administrators to economize by increased exploitation of the faculty.



John Stamm, new SBUUP Chapter President, visits the new chapter office, located on the 3rd floor of the library (W3510)



PROFESSORS CHOOSE AFT AT TWO COLORADO CAMPUSES

Faculty members at the University of Colorado's campuses in Denver and Colorado Springs have voted to be represented in collective bargaining by locals of the American Federation of Teachers (A.F.L.-C.I.O.)

In separate polling, the union received 70 votes to 43 for no agent in Denver, and 41 votes to 32 for no agent in Colorado Springs.

The effect of the elections remained uncertain, however. The University's board of regents voted last year to rescind a policy to encourage bargaining, and the state has no law on faculty bargaining rights. Last fall a bargaining proposal was rejected by the faculty in a four-campus referendum, although the overall results included support for bargaining at Denver and Colorado Springs.

UUP, STATE TO MEET ON PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

Sam Wakshull and Ernie Fox, Vice President, Professionals, have an April meeting set with the State to discuss professional's performance programs.

Complaints have been voiced that, in some programs, language has begun to crop up involving the assigning of a specific number of hours to some professionals requiring duties that do not fall within the area of their job classification.

UUP wants to head off the possibility of a repetition of the abuses that occurred when language was introduced containing phrases such as "and all other duties as deemed appropriate by the supervisor."

AFT HIGHER EDUCATION PAPERS

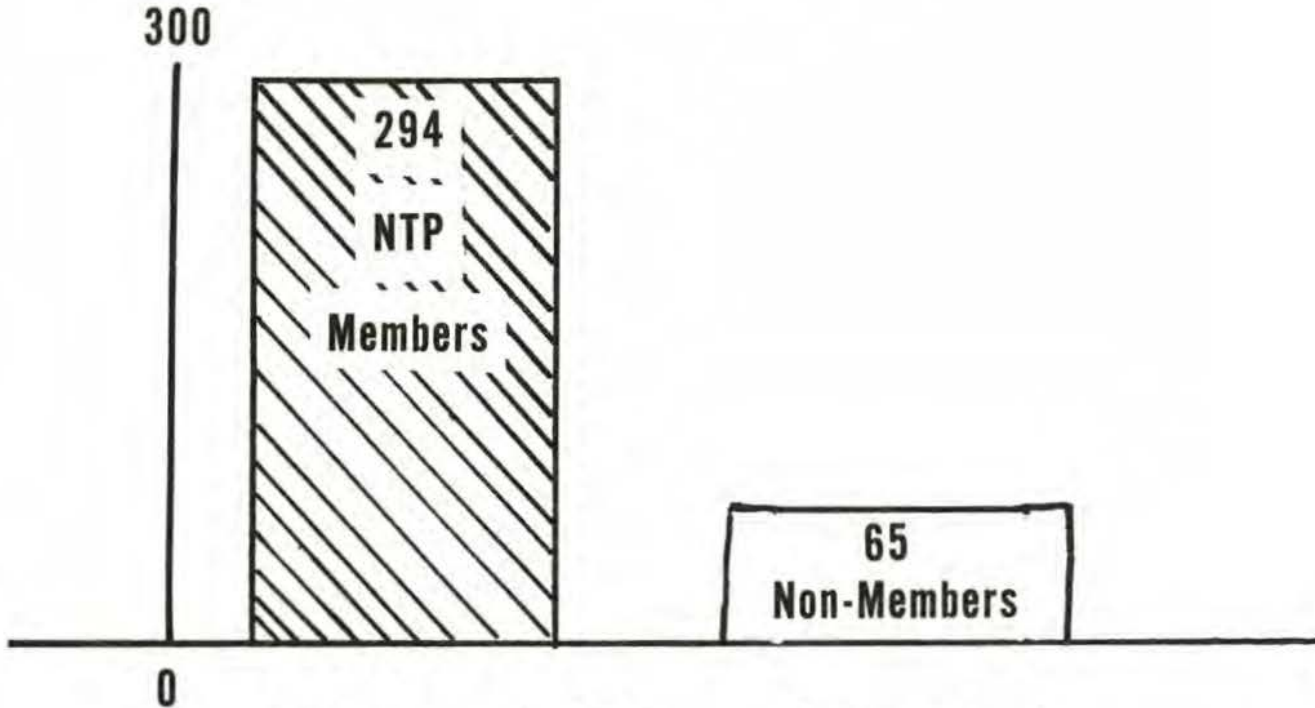
The editor would like to recommend to newsletter readers that they read the series of AFT position papers published (to date) in the March 12 and 16 Chronicle of Higher Education. Written by Irving Polishook, an AFT VP, president of CUNY's PSC and a history professor at Lehman College, and Robert Nielsen, director of AFT's Colleges and Universities Department, they are excellent analyses of the problems of higher education. Fundamentally, they are writing that if we in higher education don't hang together and fight more effectively for society's recognition that higher education is vitally necessary to our nation's well-being, we will all hang separately, as Franklin once put it in a different context.

EFFECTS OF PROPOSITION 13

California's sharp reduction in property taxes (Proposition 13) is the case of a 10% decline in community college enrollment (down 125,000!), believes William G. Craig, chancellor of California Community Colleges. Course offerings have been drastically curtailed (6% fewer courses, 13% fewer classes, 2.1% fewer full-time and 22.9% fewer part-time faculty), leading disappointed students to drop out. (Derived from Chronicle of Higher Education, 19 Mar 79, p. 2).

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OUR GOAL: 300



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