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President's Corner

Throughout the year, the officers and delegates who you have elected to serve the UUP Albany Chapter regularly attend Executive Committee meetings, and the three UUP Statewide Delegate Assemblies. As you view the election results in this newsletter, please remember those individuals who serve the Albany Chapter membership. They are all volunteers, and are not paid to do the work of the union. So when you see them on campus, please let them all know how much you appreciate all the work they do for the Albany Chapter!

In addition to volunteering their time, including nights and weekends, these volunteers also regularly contribute a few dollars at each meeting which is put into the UUP Albany Chapter Good & Welfare Fund. Those of you who attend the general membership meetings may also have participated in the raffles which we hold regularly – with those monies also going into the fund. There are many restrictions on how Chapter monies can be spent. So when it comes time to purchase sympathy cards, make donations to soup kitchens, or give awards to chapter officers who have served for a significant period of time, the funds from the Good & Welfare Fund are used. We were also able to purchase the spring snow crabapple memorial tree for President Hall, which is growing in the Social Sciences garden, and should be blooming any time now! We plan to purchase a memorial bronze plaque, which will be placed right next to the Hall memorial tree. As this is costly to do this, I thought I would take this opportunity to invite you all as members of the Chapter to participate in that purchase. Any amount you would like to donate can be send to the UUP Albany Chapter Good & Welfare Fund, c/o Carol Anne Germain, LI 128. Checks would be preferable to sending cash through the mail, and every little bit will help us reach our goal! Let's make this a Chapter project in which you all can participate!

Campus building projects and new signs

Get ready for some renovation and campus revitalization! To address beauty and pedestrian safety, several projects will get underway this summer, after graduation. From the Dutch Faculty lot, to the gazebo, a podium canopy, window wells, sky domes, entry plaza renovation and new interior and exterior signage, things will be changing for the better! To find out more and keep informed about progress, go to <http://www.albany.edu/facilities>, a website which includes a button to click if you want to leave comments. This website will be updated quarterly.

To find out more about exterior signage,

go to: <http://www.albany.edu/space/exterior signage.htm>



New Life Sciences Research building external identifier

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ALBANY CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS: 2007-2009

The term of office for each position is June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009.

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-SPECIAL NOTE TO PART TIME FACULTY-

The raise in the base salary to \$2,800 this past fall benefited 81 part-time faculty across the campus. But its subsequent impact is that that of salary compression. Long term part-time faculty may be discovering that they are now making only slightly more than their newer colleagues. Discretionary Salary Increase (DSI) can be used to address salary compression. However, in order to be eligible for a DSI you must complete a Faculty Activity Report and submit it to your department chair or program head by June 1, 2007. The form is available on the University website (Academics page/lower right hand corner). Awards are made in the fall semester. If you have any questions about DSI please contact your Part-time Concerns Representative, Kristina Bendikas (Bendikas@albany.edu).

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MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Let us help put you on the MAP!

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By joining MAP, you'll be among the first to hear about new, endorsed programs and program updates. You'll receive special offers from Member Benefits or its endorsed program providers. You'll help Member Benefits test potential new programs and provide feedback. Your opinions will be solicited on new programs under consideration.

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This exciting, new program allows you to help shape future programs and services exclusively available to you and your colleagues.

Join by July 2, 2007 and you will be entered into a drawing to receive one of two Kodak Easy-Share digital cameras. To join, log on to www.memberbenefits.nysut.org, or call (800) 626-8101. You will be asked to provide your name, address, local association, e-mail address and NYSUT Member ID number, found on your membership card or by calling Member Benefits.

Help make a difference. Become a MAP team member.

For information about this program or about contractual expense reimbursement/endorsement arrangements with providers of endorsed programs, please call NYSUT Member Benefits Trust at (800) 626-8101, e-mail benefits@nysutmail.org, visit www.memberbenefits.nysut.org, or refer to your NYSUT Member Benefits Trust Summary Plan Description.



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Contract negotiation proposals

UUP and NYS contract negotiation proposals are available via <http://www.uupinfo.org/contract/proposals.html>

These are conceptual documents that the respective negotiation teams will detail with specific proposals in the context of collective bargaining.

The contract proposals will also be published in the May/June issue of the UUP Voice.

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We'd love to hear your comments on this or any other issue of *The Forum*. Please send them to:

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