

# ***THE FACULTY VOICE***

## ***Newsletter for Hunter College***

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### **Budget News**

In response to the shocking news of the Governor's 1989-90 budget, Professor Shirley Wedeen, Chair of the University Faculty Senate, called together faculty leaders and representatives from all the CUNY campuses to confer before the University Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 1989. The group discussed lobbying strategies, including letter-writing campaigns, and the importance of individual visits to political representatives in Albany and on their home grounds.

Although at this time, few numbers can be certain, the information that we have indicates that the budget cuts will be very serious and will affect not just CUNY and SUNY but most municipal agencies across New York State. The intensity and determination of our own response must, therefore, be genuine and sustained or the cuts against our own college will stand. It is regrettable that, in this way, we must, to some extent, separate ourselves from the sister colleges with which we make common cause.

### **Salient budget recommendations:**

From a total budget of \$799.7 million dollars in 1988-89 for CUNY, \$18.5 million dollars are scheduled to be cut.

At Hunter that reduction translates to a reduction of almost \$4 million in 1989-90, from the \$70 million dollar budget of 1988-89.

Full-time authorized positions in Senior CUNY Colleges are to be cut from 11,203 to 10,435, a decrease of 768, or 6.9%.

At Hunter that reduction would result in the loss of approximately 30 full-time teaching positions and 40 full-time support positions.

Adjunct allocations are scheduled to be cut by \$2 million.

At Hunter that reduction indicates a 7%

reduction in adjunct funds, or 35-40 fewer part-time instructors.

A general reduction is forecast in library acquisitions, instructional equipment, building repairs and temporary services personnel.

As teachers are dropped, class size will swell and more and more students will receive less individual attention.

Since the latest hired are the first fired, by collective bargaining rules, this bout of teacher loss will once again strike primarily the younger teachers, minorities, and women, because the recent hiring reached out primarily to those groups.

### **Some good news**

CUNY-wide Aid to "disabled students" is to be increased \$200,000 to a total of \$750,000.

The Prefreshman Basic Skills program is increased \$1 million to a total of \$2 million.

No increase is recommended in tuition.

Hunter renovations of the North Building and the Playhouse have not been cut.

### **Letter-Writing Campaign**

The Hunter College Senate will coordinate a letter-writing campaign planned by Pat Falk, Director of Community Relations in cooperation with Jo Kirsch, Chair of the Hunter College Senate, Sara Aronson, PSC Chapter Chair Nancy Dean, Chair of FDA, and a strong Committee of committed student representatives of graduate and undergraduate student government, as well as NYPIRG. The campaign is timed to coincide with the period when Legislators will be considering the budget cuts: Feb.22--March 15. Tables (with letter patterns at hand) will be set up on the third floor of the West building. Students, faculty, and staff will send letters to their representatives.



### Next FDA Meeting: Feb.15

At 2 pm Wednesday, February 15, 1989 the FDA will sponsor a **General Faculty Meeting** on the 8th floor of the West Building. Two major topics will be discussed: the Governor's latest recommendations for the budget and the Secondary Education report distributed before Christmas.

We are inviting Provost Beaujour to be present. Vice President for Administration, Anthony G. Picciano, has agreed to come to speak with us about the budget. Pat Falk, Director of Community Affairs, will speak to us about the Letter-writing campaign.

Professor Mae Gamble, Chair of Department of Curriculum and Teaching, and Professor Shirley Raps, Department of Biological Sciences will be present to help us to understand the significance and the implications of the substantial **Report on Secondary Education**, which they worked on for a year with twenty other representatives of CUNY, its colleges, the University Faculty Senate, and the Professional Staff Congress.

**Future FDA Meetings will be held  
March 15, April 26, and May 17, 1989.**

### Adult Fitness Program

The Department of Health and Physical Education invites the Faculty and Staff to participate in its Spring Fitness Program. After physical evaluation each participant will be given an exercise program designed to meet his/her personal requirements. Exercise sessions, supervised by Professor Thomas Burke and Paul Juris, will be directed to serve individual needs and interests. Classes will cost \$50 per semester. They will begin on Monday February 6 at 8 am. Contact Dr. Thomas Burke, Dept. of Health & Physical Education 772-4634 or 4610 to enroll in the program.

**Vincent Longo's solo exhibition of painting  
will open at the Condeso-Lowler Gallery, 76  
Greene Street, on February 14, 1989.**

**Miriam Balmuth's article "Female Education in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century England: Influences, Attitudes, and Trends," will appear in the 1988 issue of Canadian Women Studies / Les Cahiers de la Femme.**

### Women of South Asia--Week-long Festival Sponsored by the Women's Studies Program March 13--18

March 13-18 Photographs of Indian Women by Norma Holt, Third Floor--West Bldg.

March 14--Theatrical performance of A Night in the Garden by Prof. Meena Alexander in Little Playhouse 8 pm.

March 15--South Asian Women's Film Festival, 2-4 pm in room to be announced.

March 16-- "Dowry, Infanticide, and the Condition of Women in South Asia"--talk by Dr. Veena Oldenburg, Sarah Lawrence College, Room 217 West, 3 pm.

March 16--South Asian Food Fair--sponsored by the Peacock and the Indian Student Union, Third Floor West Bldg, 12-2 pm.

March 16--Poetry Reading by Prof. Meena Alexander, Department of English--Room 217 West, 7:30 pm.

### Microcomputer Fair

**ACS Microcomputer User Group** of Hunter College in association with Aldus, Claris, IBM, Micrografix, Microsoft, QuarkXpress, Toshiba and others, presents a **Microcomputer Fair--Thursday, February 16, from 1-4 pm** in Room 217 Hunter West. Refreshments--free demo disks.

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