

# THE FACULTY VOICE

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### THE BUDGET CRISIS

As the announced Governor's Executive Budget goes to the Legislature, Hunter College Faculty, Students, Staff, and Administrators are mounting a major letter-writing and lobbying campaign. Faculty have agreed to staff the tables, to secure letters and signatures, on Monday, March 25, from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet being circulated. You can also come by the tables on 3W and help out, if you have some free time.

Arrangements are also being made to set up tables on the Brookdale Campus and at The School of Social Work. Faculty may be asked to secure letters and student signatures during regularly scheduled class periods. We urge your cooperation in this regard. President LeClerc has secured the services of Emily Giske to lobby on behalf of the college regarding the proposed budget.

This is a critical period for all of us and the need for a massive, intensive, collective effort to address current and anticipated budget cuts is of paramount importance at this time.

### TWO GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ONE HONORS CONVOCATION

Please note that there will be two Commencement ceremonies this year for graduating students. On Tuesday, June 4, the Divisions of Programs in Education, Sciences and Mathematics, and the Humanities and Arts will conduct graduation exercises. On Wednesday, June 5, the Division of Social Sciences, and the Schools of Nursing, Social Work, and Health Sciences will hold their ceremonies. Each ceremony will be held in the Hunter College Assembly Hall beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Honors Convocation will take place on Tuesday, April 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the Faculty-Staff Cafeteria.

We urge faculty to make a special effort to honor, by their presence at these functions, the graduates of their programs.

### NOMINATION PETITIONS FOR POSITIONS ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FDA AND UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Due to expiration of terms of office, recent resignations, or faculty on leave, several vacancies exist on the Executive Committee of The General Faculty and The Faculty Delegate Assembly, as well as on the University Faculty Senate. Individual faculty, interested in having his/her name placed on a ballot for an Executive Committee position or for the position of Senator on the University Faculty Senate may secure a nomination's petition in The Office of The Faculty Delegate Assembly Room 1414E. Each nomination petition, with twenty-five faculty signatures, must be returned to the FDA by April 1.

### ACADEMIC COMPUTING SERVICES FOR FACULTY

Academic Computing Services is located on the 10th Floor of the Hunter North building. As part of an expanding complex, there is a small faculty/advanced graduate student electronic lab and information center. Dr. Marc Eichen, Director of A.C.S., writes that "The Faculty Lab is available to all faculty and staff." The hours which the lab is open are: Mon. thru Thurs. 9:00 - 7:00 p.m., Frid. 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Sat. 10:00 - 3:00 p.m. It is highly recommended that faculty wishing to use the facility call Andrew Blainer at EXT 5525 to schedule a time slot and to discuss equipment and software needs. The facility is small and is usually quite busy. Faculty needing assistance with research projects involving computer use should contact Nancy Larkin, also at EXT 5525. There are also other services available through A.C.S., such as establishing accounts on the large University Computer Center mainframe system, and seminars on use of selected hardware and software systems, which faculty are invited to explore.

### APPOINTING YOUR HEALTH CARE AGENT

In January 1991, a new law was passed called the New York State Health Care Proxy Law. This law allows you to appoint someone of your choosing, as your "health care agent," to decide about treatment measures if you lose the ability to decide for yourself. This law gives you the power, in a rather uncomplicated manner, to make sure that health care professionals follow your wishes. These decisions are made by you, giving your agent, as much or as little authority as you want, and witnessed by individuals of your choosing. The appointing of your health care agent, as legislated by the Health Care Proxy Law, differs significantly from the Living Will, with which most faculty are familiar.

Health care proxy forms can be obtained by writing to: New York State Department of Health, Box 2000, Albany, NY 12220.

### SIBLINGS OF THE GOLDEN PARACHUTE

Nancy Dean, convener of the group writes, "We had a wonderful meeting on February 26, 1991, in which Dr. Marion Klutch led a very good discussion that included some hilarious moments." Meetings for the Spring semester, which are being planned to "coincide with salary days," are scheduled on Thursdays, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in Room 1413E on the following dates: March 21, April 18, and May 16.

Many of the "siblings" are beginning to discover that there is "life after Hunter," and that their retirement experience is a positive one, especially with the support and encouragement of other early retirees.



## DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY

Faculty are invited to participate in activities relating to a Disabilities Awareness Day (D.A.D.), which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. It is anticipated that this will be an annual event organized by the Coalition of Disabled Student Clubs, the Disabled Student Study Center, and the Office of Disabled Student Services, under the sponsorship of the Auxiliary Enterprise Board.

The overall goal of D.A.D. is to provide information about disabling conditions, to change the impression that disabled persons are only those with visible disabling conditions, and to provide living proof that disabled persons are successful in their chosen academic and career endeavors.

The Study Center, TH 205, will be the focal point for most of the activities, although you may encounter individuals simulating disabling conditions throughout the buildings. Mark your calendar and lend a helping hand.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**HUNTER SYMPHONY--** The closing concert of the season, which features Professor Peter Basquin in Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 27 in B-flat, will take place on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the College Auditorium. Professor Clayton Westermann will be conducting a program entitled a "A Mozart Academy," devoted to the works of Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven.

**STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP--** Pat McDonald, C.S.W., Program Administrator of The Employee Assistance Program, will conduct a "Spring Lunchtime Seminar" on stress management on Thursday, March 28, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., in Room 1337W. The seminar will "present strategies to deal with the inevitable consequences of stress in our lives."

**FAREWELL TO MARGUERITE WILKE--** President LeClerc has extended an invitation to faculty and staff to stop by his office on 17E on Thursday, March 28, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. "to wish Marguerite Wilke a fond farewell as she begins her retirement . . ." Marguerite has been a distinguished faculty colleague for over twenty years. We will miss her.

**DOLCIANI LECTURES--** The second annual Dolciani Lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Guest speakers include Andrew M. Gleason, Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, Harvard University, and Ronald L. Graham, Adjunct Director, Research, Information Sciences Division, AT&T Bell Laboratories. Professor Mary Dolciani, a Mathematician and Mathematics Educator, is fondly remembered by many of her faculty colleagues at Hunter College.

**REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN A BALANCED CURRICULUM** is the title of a "Working Conference" to be held at Hunter on June 10 - 12, 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. This faculty development conference is being sponsored by Women's Studies and Community Health Education Programs. Professor Ros Petchesky, Coordinator of Women's Studies, says that she may be contacted at EXT 5683 if there are any questions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FACULTY DELEGATE ASSEMBLY FOLDERS** have been created in the Main Library, and The Schools of the Health Professions, and the School of Social Work branch libraries. From time to time, reports of interest to the Faculty will be placed in these folders. At the present time, a copy of The Governor's 1991-92 Executive Budget, pertaining to CUNY, and a copy of the report generated by the FDA Budget Advisory Committee is available in each of these folders.

**THE ARCHIVES OF WOMEN'S CITY CLUB--** The Women's City Club of New York has marked its 75th anniversary by establishing the club's archives at Hunter College. The archives, currently displayed on the second floor of the library, will become a permanent resource for public policy scholars and social historians. Our faculty should find them most useful in their teaching and scholarly endeavors.

**IN MEMORIAM--** We regret the delay in announcing the death of Professor Emeritus Mary K. Landers, who died on November 18, 1990, at the age of 85. Mary Landers, Professor of Mathematics, came to Hunter in 1927. She retired in September 1975, but she continued to maintain an active interest in her beloved college and the welfare of her colleagues.

**A VOICE FROM THE GULF--** Captain Suzanne Byrnes, an Adjunct Faculty member in The School of Nursing, was called to active duty in February. Sue writes from a field hospital that she misses Hunter, especially her nursing students. She also says, "It is so nice to be remembered." If anyone would like to write to Suzanne, her address is available at the School of Nursing--481-4312.

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**SHUSTER AWARDS--** The deadline for submission of proposals by faculty for small grants funding is April 15. These awards, averaging approximately \$300, are made to support current research, scholarly writing, or creative work. Professor Pamela Stone, Sociology, has been chosen to chair the proposal review panel and has said that she welcomes inquiries relating to the proposals. She may be reached at EXT 5585.

**THE FACULTY EVENTS COMMITTEE,** Chaired by Prof. Carolyn Sommerville, will meet once more during the Spring semester. A small amount of money is still available to fund faculty sponsored events. Proposals must be received by The Office of the Faculty Delegate Assembly no later than April 10. Questions may be addressed to Professor Sommerville in Rm. 1719W or at EXT 5500.

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