

THE FACULTY VOICE

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Letter-writing Campaign

The letter-writing campaign is generating thousands of letters. It will continue Mondays --- Thursdays through March 21, as now planned. Consult Ms. Renate Murray of the Senate offices if you have an hour or two to spend staffing the tables to encourage letter writing to Albany.

Letter patterns are available, with fact sheets, names and addresses of legislators, and street listings that indicate the appropriate Assemblyman and Senator for each citizen to write. The budget crisis appears to be even worse than described; letters written by individuals who realize the enormity of our potential loss--as a city, as a college, and as individuals--are valuable.

Please bring letters, in addressed and sealed envelopes, to the Senate Office, Room E 1018, or to the people staffing the tables on the third floor West Building. Do not use Hunter stationery. Every letter is appreciated.

Albany Trip

On Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and 7, a group of faculty and students including President Paul LeClerc, Professor Jo Kirsch, Chair of the Hunter College Senate, Ms. Patricia Falk, Director of Community Affairs organizer of the visit, and Professor Nancy Dean, President of the Faculty Delegate Assembly, will go to Albany to visit the offices of the legislators.

Faculty Delegate Assembly Meeting March 15

The next meeting of the Faculty Delegate Assembly will be held in **Room 217 West**, March 15 from **2--3:45**. The agenda will include a report from the Administration, on the Budget Crisis, discussion of a second writing course or advanced writing experience, a report concerning the contracted 12th floor lounge, and one concerning deductions on paychecks.

Faculty--Staff Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 8 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in East Lounge North Build.--one flight below main floor. Appointments necessary--call Fringe Benefits--772-4516, 4517, 4512.

Hunter's Retention Rate and Faculty Mentors

Vice-President Sylvia Fishman described Hunter's efforts to oppose its very low retention rate. Hunter's rate of retaining students who stay for five years and earn a degree is 27%, the third lowest in CUNY. The National average retention rate over five years is between 41 and 50%. Ms. Reva Cohen, Counselor in the Office of Student Services will serve as Coordinator of Faculty Mentors at Hunter College, a program by which selected faculty will serve as advisors to seven, first year students. The answer to "What do Students Need," is partly--a human helper in the wilderness of college planning and college study. All faculty members who are interested in joining the program are invited to call Ms. Reva Cohen 772-4887.

Mellon Grant to Hunter College

Professor Frank M. Kirkland announced that the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded Hunter College \$350,000 over five years to "identify and select exceptionally talented minority students" in their undergraduate years. These students will receive a stipend of up to \$5000 per calendar year and a tuition scholarship. Professor Kirkland, the Coordinator of the Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program in the Humanities, invites nominations of minority students with GPA's of at least 3.0, who are interested in studying for a Ph.D., students currently within the range of upper freshman to upper junior. Those who receive a Ph.D. become eligible for the "loan forgiveness" program sponsored by the Mellon foundation. Contact Frank Kirkland for further information.

Employee Assistance Program offers Spring Seminars: Topics and Dates--

Thursday, March 30--How to Recognize Chemical Dependency ;
Thursday, April 6--How Families can Help a Chemically Dependent Member;
Wednesdays, April 26 and May 3--Care of Aging Relatives;
Wednesday, May 10-- How to Balance Work and Family Demands;
Wednesday, May 17--How to Select Child Care that's Right for Your Child.

These topics were chosen in response to the needs expressed by Faculty and Staff in questionnaires circulated this winter by **EAP**.

Dance /Movement Therapy Program offers

Two-Day Seminar for educators, counselors, anthropologists and dance therapists to learn about diversity of cultures through dance films and lectures. Alan Lomax and Forrestine Paulay will present seminars Saturday, March 11 and March 18 in West Bldg., 9 am --4 pm Room 511. Contact Dance/Movement Therapy Program, 425 East 25th St. for more information.

Academic Computing Services//Faculty Microcomputer User Group--Calendar

Thursday, March 16, "QUARK Xpress," Desk Top Publishing for the Macintosh in Faculty Lab, 1001 E HN 2--4 pm.

Thursday, April 6, Kinko Courseware Review--demonstrations of samples of the library of Kinko's courseware. Room C105 HN 2 -- 4 pm.

Thursday, April 13--Instructional Computing Symposium for Foreign Languages. Room 217 HW 1:30 --4:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 26--Educational Computing Day. An Introduction to K through 12th grade software and applications. Room C 105 HN 2:30 --4:30 pm.

Women of South Asia Celebrated

March 13--18 Photographs 3rd fl. Gallery West

March 14--"Night Scene in the Garden"by Meena Alexander in Little Playhouse 8 pm.

March 15--Film// Food Festival 3rd fl.W.12-2 pm

March 16--Dr. Veena Oldenburg, 217 W.3 pm
Reading, M. Alexander Rm 217 West; 7:30 p.m.

On April 26 Joyce Hunter, activist and Hunter BA and MSW, will speak at the **FDA Meeting on Aids and the College Student**. Hold the date.

Two pm Recitals--

March 29 Peter Basquin plays Schubert and Schumann

April 12 Constantinos Yiannoudes, Bass and Stanley Sontag, Piano--Branms, Ravel

April 26 Cori Ellison, Soprano & Marcia Eckert, Piano

Faculty Work

Mimi Abramovitz.--Regulating the Lives of Women:Social Welfare Policy from Colonial Times to the Present. Boston, 1988.

John L. Hammond. Building Popular Power: Workers' and Neighborhood Movements in the Portuguese Revolution. New York, 1989.

Faculty Members of Provost's Advisory Committee on Teaching and Faculty Development: Lucille Croom, Louise De Salvo, Stuart Ewen, Nicholas Freudenberg, Mae Gamble, L. Michael Griffel, Joyce Hope, Bernie Jones, Patrick Perrino, Fulton Ross, Carol Ann Scott, Marvin Scott, Ezra Shahn, Ruth Sidel, Ana Celia Zentella.

Minority Graduate School Enhancement Committee: Lucille Croom, Shirley Hune, Mary McRae, Joaquin Rodriguez, Michael Turner, Carolyn Somerville, Patricia Dempsey, J. Santiago Torres, Regina Linder, Barbara Hampton, Ruby Tsang, Jaffer Kassamali, David LaValle, Michele Paludi, Daniel Bates, Mary Kay Penn, Maritza Paul, Gwen Martinez, Ann Marie White, Andrew Robinson, Chair.

FDA Elections for the President, Vice-President, Day Session Rep., and Part-time Faculty take place in the last full week of April. Nominating petitions must be submitted to the Executive Committee no later than April 1. Nominating petitions are now available in Room 1414 Hunter East.

This issue is sponsored by the Office of the General Faculty and the Faculty Delegate Assembly. Executive Committee Members: Nancy Dean, President; Frank Kirkland, Vice-President; Bernice Baxter, Treasurer; Alvin Kabot, Secretary; Joan Tronto, Day Session Representative; Jane Matthews, Evening Session Representative; Cecile Insdorf, Representative of Part-time Faculty. It was prepared on QUARK Xpress in the Faculty Lab of the Academic Computing Services with the help of Kai Chiu.