

# THE FACULTY VOICE

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### KEEPING THE HEAT ON

Members of the Executive Committee of The General Faculty would like to bring you up-to-date on their efforts to influence our Albany legislators in relation to the proposed 1991-92 budget cuts for CUNY, and Hunter's legislative campaign.

On February 25, Assemblyman Edward Sullivan, Chairman of The Higher Education Committee, visited the college and met with various members of the Hunter community, including Executive Committee members: Milagros Garcia, Cecile Insdorf, Marnia Lazreg, Jean-Jacques Strayer, and Margaret Magnus. This was one of the first formal opportunities which the Committee had to express concern about and strong opposition to the proposed cuts in college funding; the proposed \$500 tuition increase; and the proposed reductions in the TAP program, Regents scholarships, and nursing scholarships. Many of the participants came away from that meeting with the feeling that Assemblyman Sullivan was indeed sympathetic to the CUNY plight. We also sensed from his comments that a incremental income tax package might be supported as an acceptable revenue-generating approach.

On March 25, the Executive Committee members, with the assistance of other faculty volunteers, and students, staffed the table on 3W from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., in order to secure letters and signatures to be forwarded to Albany.

Margaret Magnus joined a Hunter team who went to Albany on March 26 to lobby our legislators individually. During this all-day session, we visited nine Assemblymen and Senators in their offices. As we went from office to office, it became apparent that a tuition increase at some level was being seriously discussed, and that an incremental income tax was a viable option.

On Friday, April 5, Cecile Insdorf and Margaret Magnus, as part of a larger group, met with Assemblyman Steven Sanders at Hunter College. His message continued to be bleak on the now overdue budget, including the "T" word--taxes.

We will continue our efforts in support of Hunter's legislative campaign until the proposed cuts are reversed.

### HUNTER LIBRARIES NOW ON CUNY +

Hunter College Libraries are now equipped with the CUNY+ online catalog system. The new CUNY+ system allows users access to library holdings in the three Hunter libraries plus ten other CUNY libraries, including: The Graduate Center, Baruch, Brooklyn, City, John Jay, Queens, Staten Island, Borough of Manhattan, Kingsborough, and New York City Tech. CUNY+, planned and implemented by CUNY's University Library Automation Services, will eventually include holdings from all CUNY libraries.

Users may now search CUNY+ by using authors, titles, or Library of Congress subject headings. Keyword searching is being planned in the future, as well as further enhancements of the system. We will keep you posted.

CUNY+ is available on the VTAM menu for those with mainframe computer access. Users may also dial-up CUNY+ with a modem and communications software. For more information, call Polly Thistlethwaite at 772-4180. You may also stop by the library's 3rd floor reference desk for a CUNY+ demonstration.

### SIBLINGS OF THE GOLDEN PARACHUTE

Early retirees continue to meet and indicate that, for the most part, they find their retirement experience a positive one. Feedback from the group appears to support the sentiments expressed by Adrienne Harris in a recent article in Black Enterprise entitled, "Think Before You Leap." Harris writes, "...when one window of opportunity closes, it means another one has opened. With thoughtful, honest preparation and planning, you'll be ready to leap through it when it does--and hit the ground running on the other side." The group meets again on Thursday, April 18, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in Room 1413E. Refreshments will be served.

### RETIREMENT TOAST

The General Faculty Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, will be a luncheon meeting and a special toast for faculty retiring at the end of this academic year. Please note that the luncheon will be held at Roosevelt House, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. If you did not receive your personal invitation, please call The Faculty Delegate Assembly Office. We would especially like to let our part-time faculty know, that due to the closing of the East building, we experienced a delay in sending out their invitations.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CANDIDATES FOR DEAN OF SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK--**Members of the Executive Committee of The FDA have been invited by President LeClerc to meet with each of the four finalists for the position of Dean of the School of Social Work. We would like to commend our faculty colleagues for the efficient manner in which the search was conducted, and thank them for being able to recommend four highly qualified candidates for the position at this time.

**PLURALISM AND DIVERSITY AWARDS--**Congratulations are in order for eleven of our faculty colleagues for having their grants funded from the Pluralism and Diversity Fund. Faculty who received the awards are: Lynne Clark, Nicholas Freudenberg, Barbara Gordon, Sherryl Graves, Paul Keys, Maurice Martinez, Michelle Paludi, John Potter, Judith Rosenberger, Francesca Sautman, and Ida Susser.

**PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE--**Four faculty will receive special recognition during Commencement Exercises on June 4 and 5. Nancy Dean and Michael Carrera will be honored for Excellence in Service; Katharine Garnett will be recognized for Excellence in Teaching; and Maria Tomasz will be the recipient of the Excellence in Scholarship/Creative Activity award.

**TYPEWRITERS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE--**Charles Glasser, Day Session Student Government, writes that our students now have access to a "free typing area" set up in the East Lounge of the North Building--one flight below ground level. Charles requests that we bring this service to the attention of our students, so that they may experience less difficulty in completing term papers and essays.

**FACULTY NEWS FROM GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY--**Victor Goldsmith has been appointed chair of the Science Advisory Committee of the National Parks and Conservation Association. He continues to serve on the NYS Governor's Coastal Resource Task Force and as Chair of the Geosciences Section of the New York Academy of Sciences.

Saul B. Cohen gave the 1991 Presidential Address at the Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers.

**IN MEMORIAM--**We are saddened by the death of John T. Tessoriero, former Vice President for Administration, who died on March 29, 1991. Many of the faculty, who have had the opportunity of working with John T. over the years, fondly remember his dynamic collegiality and unquestionable expertise in budgetary matters. He will be missed.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**RACE RELATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY--**Reverend Calvin O. Butts, III, Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, will speak at Hunter College on Thursday, April 18, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Room 615W. His talk, "Race Relations in New York City," is sponsored by the Department of Sociology, as well as by several other departments, programs, and clubs. The event is open to all members of the Hunter community and to the public.

**CO-DEPENDENCY: THE CARETAKING SYNDROME--**On Wednesday, April 17, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in Room 1441W, Dr. Alita Buzel returns to discuss issues relating to co-dependency. This popular program is sponsored by the Hunter College Employee Assistance Program as a Spring Lunchtime Seminar.

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**FACULTY ELECTIONS--**The Executive Committee of The General Faculty requests that you return your ballot to The Office of the Faculty Delegate Assembly by April 26. For the convenience of the faculty at satellite branches of the campus, ballot boxes have been placed in the mail rooms at The School of Social Work, and The Brookdale Center. If you have not received your ballot, please call Nelly Melendez at 772-4123.

**HALF YEAR FELLOWSHIP LEAVE--**Hunter College will fund at least one half year-full pay fellowship leave for the 1991-92 academic year. Although the deadline for submission of applications to the departmental chair was April 8, faculty are advised that Divisional Deans are asked to forward completed forms to the Provost by April 22.

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

The final exam schedule has been distributed by Senior Registrar, Yechiel Rosenrauch. Faculty are reminded that exams are to be administered May 16 through May 23, and not during the final class session.

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The VOICE allows members of Hunter College Faculty to share news and views on a regular basis. So that we may include as many items of information as possible, please keep entries timely and concise. Thank you for your continued interest.