

TOLL LIQUIDATES EDUCATION

In letters addressed to 28 members of the Department of Education at Stony Brook, President Toll announced the cancellation of the Education Program at the University, effective 1976. The reasons given by Toll's letter cited 'financial exigencies' relating to the State's fiscal problems. Approximately 2,700 students, primarily from Long Island, will be directly effected by administration's decision.

Ironically, inspite of fiscal 'exigencies', the Department of Education is one of the few programs on campus which is self-supporting. Most recent figures indicate that the total expense of the Department last year was \$650,000, of which \$649,000 was met by Department generated income. According to one member, the CED program for the University is virtually supported by students enrolled in education courses. What savings to the University would be gained by eliminating the Department of Education was not explained by Toll's letter.

Some of the background information leading up to the liquidation of the education program at Stony Brook can be found as early as spring of this year when tenure and promotion recommendations from the Department of Education were held up by administration for some time. It has also been noted that President Toll is presently presiding officer of the Long Island Regional Advisory Council on Higher Education, a group of Nassau/Suffolk college presidents which includes large private institutions (Adelphi and Hofstra), with their own departments of education and their own fiscal problems. It would seem these private institutions will not be severely hurt by Stony Brook's decision to sacrifice its own faculty and 2,700 students. In light of these circumstances, the recommendations of Toll's 'Blue Ribbon' commission to investigate 'financial exigencies' came as no surprise, adding a stamp of approval to decisions already made. UUP is providing legal counsel to tenured members affected and will lead the defense.

TENURE NO LONGER SECURITY AT STONY BROOK

8 tenured professors, 2 tenured associate professors and 2 tenured assistant professors were among the recipients of letters of dismissal from President Toll this month. In spite of a contract signed by the University that 'special consideration' for placement within the University' must be given faculty, no assurances were offered the dismissed members of the Department of Education faculty, tenured or not, that they would receive more than routine consideration for educational positions maintained or created in other existing academic departments. That teacher education positions may now exist in other academic departments without being filled by qualified members of the dismissed Department of Education is a clear violation of the present contract.

NEGOTIATIONS

Bill Lister (Math) will again be a member of the UUP negotiating team. Donna Amariglio (Library) and John Pratt (History) will serve as members of the Negotiating Committee.

NTP RENEWALS

Indications are that about 2/3 of all NTP renewals (for tenure) have been approved by campus administration. In an official letter from President Toll to Dick Glasheen, S.B. UUP President, the figures cited were 58 renewals of 85 recommended.

UUP CAMPUS HEADQUARTERS

The campus chapter of UUP will soon occupy new offices in room 165 of the old Humanities Building. Telephone: 7-6666.

OTHER ITEMS

- Stony Brook membership still trails Albany (280) and Buffalo (403). Stony Brook at 237.
 - Fall Delegate Assembly is scheduled to meet in Buffalo on October 10 and 11. Stony Brook Chapter will hold elections shortly to name delegates (2 academic, 2 NTP).
 - Salary printouts will be available in early October.
 - Voice, the newsletter of UUP Central, will be distributed to all members of the bargaining unit beginning this fall.
 - 1975-1976 membership cards will be in the mail shortly.
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