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UUP Agrees Upon Tentative Contract

by Nancy Doane

The United Universities Professions (UUP) union, after fourteen months of negotiations, has agreed upon a tentative contract for the faculty of the New York State University system.

According to Dr. John Potsdam State's UUP representative, the members of the union must approve the contract before it can be put into effect.

Ballots have been distributed to all members of the union, and the fate of the contract will be decided by March 11.

Ryan believes that the most significant principle established by this contract is that "faculty

who are paid the lowest salary will receive the highest percentage of salary increase."

"This will create equity among faculty members," said Ryan.

Ryan says that some faculty members are glad that as "stable agreement" has been reached. Others "express reservation" over the new contract.

"Some faculty feel that the pay increase will not be sufficient to keep ahead of inflation," said Ryan.

Another point of contention raised by members of the SUNY faculty involves the power given to management to "cre-

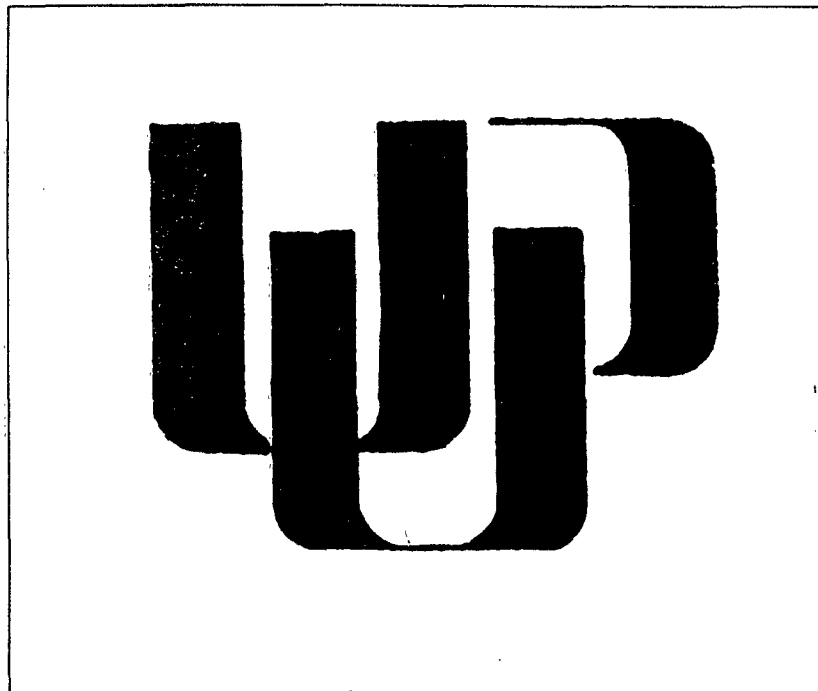
ate and eliminate positions." They believe the UUP "conceded too much" during negotiations, commented Ryan.

According to a memo from the Committee of Concerned Faculty in Albany, the power granted to the administration will provide no check on the authority of management "to remove, under the guise of re-trenchment those individuals whom they wish to get rid of."

The committee believes that the new contract "provides no protection for employees," nor does it "provide a meaningful tenure system."

Ryan said that the power given to the management was a "political maneuver."

According to Ryan, state, at the beginning of negotiations, said there was no money for any faculty pay raise. However, through negotiations, "we were able to get something," said Ryan, in reference to the pay-



raise.

The state, also wanted the power to re-trench any faculty member. The passage of this clause would have eliminated the seniority system, said Ryan.

The new contract will retain

the seniority system. "The last to arrive will be the first to go," said Ryan.

"Of course this has given rise to dissatisfaction among non-senior members," stated Ryan.

Treasurer Kilmartin To Run For SGA President

by Hansen Alexander

SGA Treasurer Tom Kilmartin will be nominated to run for SGA President when nominations open on the Senate floor within the next few weeks. Kilmartin will lead a ticket that includes Doug Chilton for Executive Vice President, Dorothy Graham for Comptroller, and Elizabeth Jones for Administrative Vice President.

In his election drive, Kilmartin will emphasize his performance as SGA Treasurer.

"I met my goals I made when I ran," he said. "I speeded up the dispatch ordering system. I published a balance of accounts for each month, kept my office open to all, and made the Finance Committee more influential and responsive".

"I instituted new controls over spending. All purchases must now originate from the Treasurer's Office, cutting abuses," said Kilmartin.

Kilmartin believes students see politics as corrupt and non-responsive. He added there is a lack of education of the political process in grades K-12, and that people don't know how the political process affects their lives.

"Students," said Kilmartin, "don't know they can have great impact on the curriculum, School Calendar, and grading system. To give you an example of the power we have, we could eliminate Crane, Athletic Department, and the Fine Arts Department. We could add organizations as well."

Kilmartin emphasized, however, that he is not advocating these things, but rather using them as illustrations of the range of power that he said can be realized.

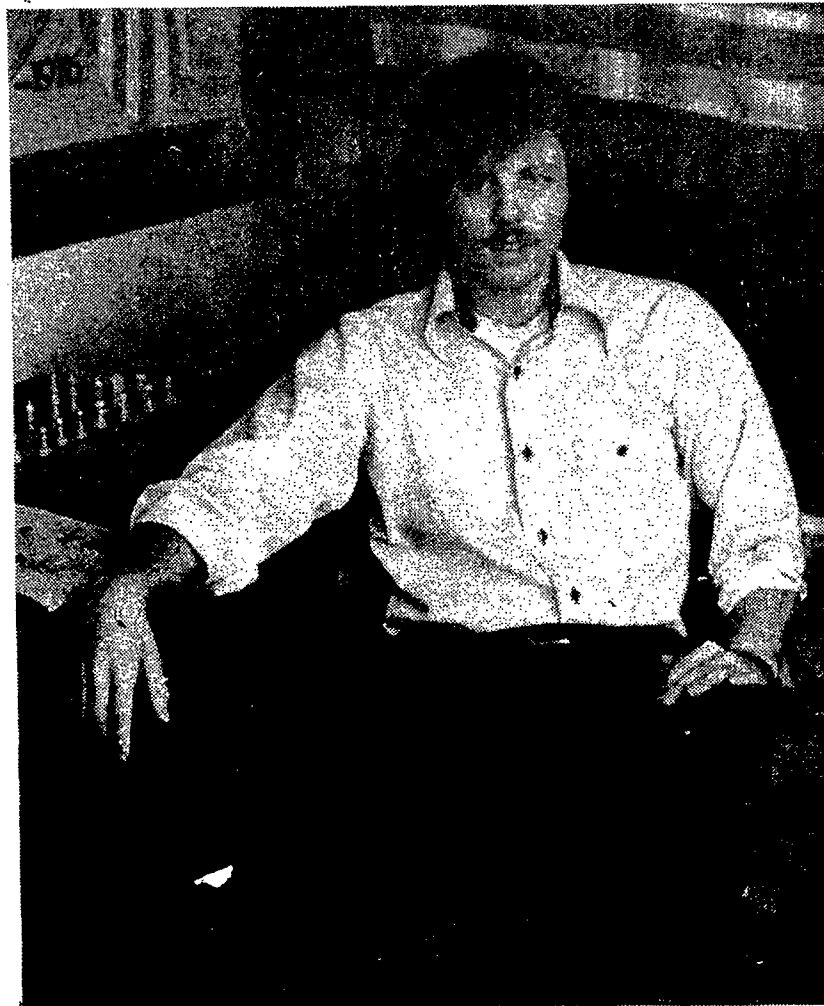
Communications between

the SGA and students must be improved, Kilmartin believes, and that will be a major thrust of the campaign.

The mechanics of the communications are yet to be worked out, he said, but one suggestion in that direction would be a comprehensive monthly bulletin board in the Student Union. Kilmartin is hopeful students will be aware of more campus activities because of the bulletin board, and decrease a certain student apathy he believes pervades the campus.

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(photo by Matt Klare)

Tom Kilmartin.

Campus Budget Rally Scheduled; Individuals Invited To Speak

A rally will be held on March 10 at all SUNY campuses to inform each college community of the effects of Governor Carey's proposed budget cuts on the State University System.

According to Pat Hoey, Potsdam State's rally will be held in

the academic quad. Elected officials, department chairmen and any interested students are invited to speak against the proposed SUNY budget.

The decision for a SUNY wide rally was made at a caucus of SUNY and CUNY college representatives in Albany on February 12 and 13. The purpose of this caucus was to draw up an agenda for action against Carey's proposed SUNY budget for 1977-78.

All afternoon classes will be cancelled on campus. During the morning classes, professors are requested to talk about the possible effects of the budget cuts on their department.

To kick off the rally, a letter writing campaign will start today in the lobby of the college union. All students are requested to write a letter to their Congressman in response to the proposed SUNY budget cuts.

On March 4 and 5, during CUB's "All Nighter," students will be asked to write letters to their Congressman before entering the dance.

SGA will take care of the postage and mailing of all letters, said Hoey.

SUNY college representatives will begin lobbying against the proposed budget on March 15, in Albany.

The SUNY budget will come



Dr. Kenneth Gant speaks before the students at last year's rally before the New York State Congress, for final approval, late in March.

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