



# SENTINEL

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## Chapter Meeting Thursday

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, at 12:00 noon in Conference Room F of the Hunt Union.

Local representatives will report on the most recent state-wide Delegate Assembly, held on February 8-9 in Albany. In addition, relevant aspects of the newly published state budget will be identified and explained.

The current status of contract talks with the state will also be reported. By February 21, all members will probably have received copies of both the UUP and OER proposals, which were exchanged on January 16.

Supplements to the proposals were then exchanged on January 30, and questions for clarification were asked on that

date and on February 6. Meetings have been scheduled for every Wednesday after that, until the end of March.

The noon meeting time has been scheduled to accommodate those members who find the evening meetings impossible or inconvenient to attend. Please make an effort to be there, to get new information, and to ask questions.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership chair John Mazarak recently sent a letter to all non-members of UUP at SUCO. During February and March, these non-members will be contacted personally by individuals prepared to provide information, discuss benefits, and answer questions. Because only members can vote on UUP matters, it is hoped that, with contract negotiations underway, those approached will seriously reconsider their status.

## LOBBYING SCHEDULED

Reports on the proposed SUNY budget are discouraging. While newspaper articles on the subject are very upbeat, we still, frustratingly, find ourselves under the gun. Four-year colleges are particularly hard hit. One result of the budget problems is a Spring lobbying effort which Bill Benedict, Legislative Chair, is organizing. Certainly these yearly appeals for action are depressing and discouraging, but if we fail to present our own case, no one else will. For any lobbying to be effective, many members **must** get involved. Please contact Bill and discuss how **you** can help!

Due to unusual circumstances, there will be no full issue of **The Sentinel** this month. The newsletter will resume normal publication in March.

### NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

February 21, 1985  
12:00 Noon  
Hunt College Union