



# The Sentinel

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## FREE LUNCH

Gail Maloy, Director of Member Benefits/Services, from UUP in Albany will be on campus Wednesday, March 21, from 12:00 to 1:30. She will explain the benefits package that is currently in place for UUP members.

Come to Morris Hall room 104 from 12:00 to 1:30, for a free sandwich and refreshments. Gail will be available to answer your questions after her presentation.

UUP is constantly seeking ways to enhance and improve employee benefits through collective bargaining and legislation. The success of our efforts depends upon the suggestions and support you offer to United University Professions.

Members at our last luncheon posed questions such as: Why is the co-pay greater for prescriptions when there is no generic substitute available? What does the health plan cover with regard to certain procedures?

## WORK LOAD ISSUES

As you schedule your classes for next semester, keep in mind that if you choose to teach another section of a class, or another class above your "normal" class load you may be setting a precedent. Different departments require different faculty to teach different loads, usually depending upon when you were hired. As stated in the last issue, the Economics and Business department is in the process of gaining AACSB accreditation. With that accreditation comes some protection against workload increases. Faculty in an accredited program can teach a maximum of three courses per semester, if they advise more than 45 students, that load will require a reduction of one class.

## UUP Office to Move

Due to the planned construction project on the Human Ecology Building, the UUP office will be moving April 9, 2000. The new office will be located in the Morris Complex Room 37. The office will be moved during the week of the spring break. We plan to remain in Morris 37 for two years.

## SALARY CALCULATOR

At the last noon lunch meeting some members inquired about the discretionary salary increase monies referred to in the last edition. Someone seemed to recall that in 1997 DSI was distributed across the board to everyone eligible at a rate of \$500. There was discussion that it is too bad we don't do this more often, as everyone on this campus contributes to our success. To find out just what your salary would be if this were a common practice (giving DSI across the board to everyone), you can go to the UUP web page and use our "WHAT IF" calculator. [www.oneonta.edu/~oneuup](http://www.oneonta.edu/~oneuup)

# NYSUT Legal Plan can help!

You're a law-abiding citizen. You have no need for legal assistance. **Right? Wrong!**

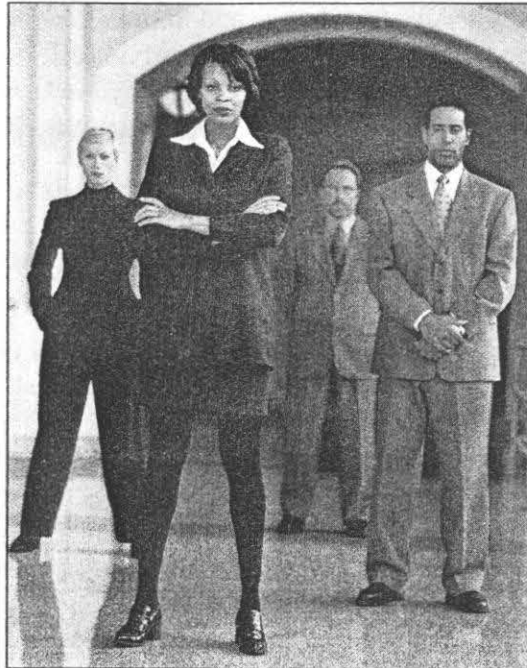
Maybe your neighbor's fence is on your property. Or maybe a collection agency is pursuing you for a debt under dispute. Maybe you want to refinance your mortgage or change your legal name. Maybe you want to draft a Will or update your existing one. These situations generally require legal assistance, and we all know how expensive hiring an attorney can be.

With NYSUT's Legal Service Plan, you have access to professional legal assistance at discounted rates. Preventive in nature, the plan provides access to legal advice before a situation becomes too much to handle. By enrolling for \$55 a year, you'll have access to unlimited legal advice from plan attorneys by calling a toll-free number. These attorneys will make phone calls or write legal letters on your behalf to help resolve your legal problem. This often is the solution for consumer protection and credit resolution matters.

If a situation can't be handled over the phone, you'll be referred to a participating Plan attorney located in your geographic area. These attorneys charge discounted

hourly rates for plan participants. In addition, a number of personal legal matters have guaranteed maximum fees assigned to them. As a bonus, annual enrollment in the plan yields coupons for free office consultations with a Plan attorney.

One of the most widely used features of the plan is the free simple Will. A Will allows you to name a legal guardian for your children. It also ensures that your estate will be distributed according to your wishes. Without a valid Will, these important personal decisions are made by the state.



Optional riders for Elder Law and Business Protection services can be added to expand your legal coverage. With the availability of this economical plan, there's no longer any excuse for

avoiding legal problems.

For more information, call NYSUT Member Benefits at 800-626-8101, weekdays from 9 A.M. through 5 P.M., or e-mail them at your convenience at [benefits@nysutmail.org](mailto:benefits@nysutmail.org).

**Note to Retirees:** Retiree members can choose between the NYSUT Legal Service Plan and the Retiree Legal Service Plan, priced at \$34.