

Get Out the Vote!

Cynicism and apathy are the natural enemies of democracy: believing that positive change is impossible leads to the self-fulfilling prophecies of entrenched incumbency and incompetent leadership. We urge you, no, we *beg* you to get out the vote in the upcoming electoral cycle in whatever ways you can. Vote yourself, of course—thoughtfully, discriminatingly, carefully—but also encourage all those in your orbit to involve themselves by at least voting.

At our most recent Delegate Assembly, Ed Wesnofske and other local attendees were present as United University Professions endorsed Comptroller H. Carl McCall for Governor of New York State. We pass along this endorsement in the hopes that you will consider this fine man's credentials as you prepare to cast your vote. Regardless of your personal choice(s), we applaud all of you who perform this most solemn act of citizenship on Election Day.

Veterans' Day Events

Difficult times bring with them memories of others who have survived duress. As a country, we find ourselves at this odd moment in history involved in several rhetorical and actual "wars"—on drugs, on terrorism—and on the brink of a major international military engagement. Whatever your thoughts and ideological leanings, please take the time to remember those who have served our nation in past struggles. It is sobering to remember that the idea of Veterans' Day—of Armistice Day—derives from the end of the "War to End All Wars."

UUP President Bill Scheuerman recently distributed a memo endorsing the Delegate Assembly's spring 2002 resolution "urging that each Chapter encourage all campuses to observe Veterans' Day, and to recognize those who served their country in some appropriate manner." SUNY campuses at Brockport, Canton and Geneseo have responded to UUP chapter calls for institutional acknowledgement of this somber day of remembrance—of which too few of our students seem aware.

When this edition went to press, no specific events had yet been planned for the Oneonta campus.

Fall Outing

Over two dozen of the faithful had a great time at our gathering on the 17th of October. We met at the Cooperstown Brewing Company, in Milford, for a tour, and then we rode the rails on a picturesque ride to Cooperstown and back. Great food—supplied by Brooks' House of BBQ—the odd beverage, and hearty comradeship meant a fine time for all. What made the train ride even more exceptional was the enthusiasm of the volunteers whose efforts are offered in the service of their delight in the idea of rail-roading and community. And speaking of volunteerism, our gathering would not have happened without the tireless efforts of Lorraine Tyler, who organized the event and hosted our journey. The work of dedicated volunteers like Lorraine is the finest example we can provide to those who watch our Union: membership means service and community, and Lorraine embodies those ideals in all she does. Thanks Lorraine! And thanks to those who joined us for a fine ride through our beautiful countryside...



