



# legislative memo from college teachers

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In a petition drive coordinated by the United Federation of College Teachers, hundreds of City University instructional staff members have affixed their signatures in a protest against the contemplated 5% across-the-board budget cut.

The petition which is addressed to Governor Rockefeller and the legislators will be presented to the Governor as part of the Legislative Conference of the New York State AFL-CIO, by Dr. Israel Kugler, President of the United Federation of College Teachers and the New York State AFT College and University Council.

The petition makes three points:

1. It would cripple CUNY's program of SEEK and College Discovery which would grant college access to students from poverty areas.
2. It would cut admissions by 20%--3500 high school seniors.
3. It perpetuates the discrimination against CUNY by maintaining the disparity of State Aid of \$2718 per student of the State University as against \$738 per student of City University.

Dr. Kugler stated: "Official U.S. statistics from the Bureau indicate that New York State ranks 25th in the nation in per capita aid to higher education California, a comparable state in population and income ranks 9th." Dr. Kugler further stated: "With some kind of higher education becoming a universal necessity in today's complex society, we cannot afford short-sighted cut-backs. Education assures social mobility from poverty, crime and other anti-social phenomena which are more costly."

The UFCT is supporting legislation on the following:

1. More rapid construction of badly needed community colleges under Dormitory Authority
2. State Aid for City University equal to State University
3. Availability of Personnel files
4. Salary Parity between CUNY Community Colleges and Senior Colleges
5. Open meetings of Board of Higher Education
6. Professional vacations for CUNY Librarians
7. Faculty status for College Physicians

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