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Governor Rockefeller has proclaimed Saturday, October 13th as STATE UNIVERSITY DAY throughout New York State. SUNY Chancellor Ernest Boyer has issued a statement to all staff members, calling for campus participation in a state—wide day of observance and celebration. SUNY/UNITED President Lawrence DeLucia notes that October 12th and 13th have been set aside for the Fall Delegate Assembly meeting, to be held in Albany.

Meanwhile, the SUNY staff still awaits a recommendation from the select committee of the state legislature which was established after Governor Rockefeller rejected the fact-finder's recommendation of a 6-1/2% increase in SUNY salaries for 1973-74.

We can use STATE UNIVERSITY DAY to get our message across, too. Most campuses will be setting up special meetings, programs, activities, and displays to highlight the achievements of the State University of New York.

Our chapters must participate. The public will be invited, and we can use this opportunity to let them and our colleagues know the facts of our salary situation.

Here's what your chapter can do:

- * set up a display booth with factual information on staff salaries and workload on your campus, using audio-visual materials if possible
- * prepare and distribute informative fact sheets on the history of this year's salary negotiations
- * distribute copies of the Governor's statement rejecting the factfinders' recommendations on salary increases for SUNY staff
- * invite support and participation from campus leaders (both staff and students) and members of your local community
- * extend a personal invitation in behalf of your chapter to your State Senate and Assembly representatives to attend your campus programs
- * use your imagination to develop other ways of demonstrating concern
- * arrange for coverage of your activities by local news media

The Delegate Assembly will be meeting in Albany on October 13th. We have the opportunity to let the state know that we are a serious and visible presence on each and every SUNY campus while the Delegate Assembly is taking place. Please let us know your plans as soon as possible so that we can coordinate state-wide media coverage,