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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Dear PASFAA Member:

As you are aware, President Carter is proposing a reduction in funding in the amount of \$400 million for the 80-81 academic year. In light of the recent developments in the Senate Panel Committee, you may wish to write to your state senators (Schweiker & Heinz) encouraging no reduction in federal spending for this purpose.

At the request of the Office of Education, I have been in contact with the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. We have been encouraged to develop a working agreement with BVR to commence during the 80-81 academic year. Preliminary discussion has begun and a draft agreement will be developed and reviewed by an ad hoc committee of PASFAA and the Executive Council. Further information will be forwarded as it becomes available. Several states in our region have already entered into official agreements as required by Section 504.

Hope you have a pleasant summer -- I look forward to seeing you in October.

Sincerely,

Sal Ciolino

SSFAT TRAINING - SUMMER by John Brugel -- The State Student Financial Assistance Training Program is tentatively planning to sponsor summer workshop opportunities for new aid officers. While planning for the workshops is at this point incomplete, the Program Development Committee is in the process of approving and finalizing the following workshops for NEW aid officers:

A 3 to 4 day residential training experience designed to cover basic aid administration topics. Emphasis will be placed on developing/increasing knowledge and skills necessary for the effective management of the campus based aid programs and the major external aid programs. The workshop will be offered at one training site, probably in late July/early August.

A one or two day regional workshop designed specifically to cover topics of particular interest to proprietary schools.

The SSFAT Program Development Committee plans to mail workshop details in June, if you are interested and for some reason are missed by the mailing, contact John Brugel, Penn State, University Park.

EASFAA -- At the 14th annual EASFAA Conference held May 7-9, 1980, at the Capital Hilton, Washington, D.C., results of the election were announced. 1980-81 officers of EASFAA are:

President - Richard W. Black, Harvard University
President Elect - Douglas McDonald, University of Delaware
Vice-President - Judith P. Condict, Colby-Sawyer
Secretary - Frank R. Resnick, Central Connecticut State College
Treasurer - David H. Swanson, Georgetown University
Immediate Past President - Arthur J. Fritz, Syracuse University

It was announced that there are 725 EASFAA members. 1980-81 EASFAA dues will be \$15. The amendment to rotate the presidency was defeated.

MEMORIAL submitted by Jeff Zellers:

We regret to announce the passing on April 11, 1980, of Irwin R. Shaak, former Financial Aid Officer at Lebanon Valley College. Mr. Shaak, an employee of Lebanon Valley for twenty years, served in the dual capacity of Financial Aid Officer and Assistant Controller from 1961 until his retirement in 1977.

PASFAA ELECTIONS -- Have you considered serving as a PASFAA officer? It is time to think about the slate for the upcoming election. If you would like to run or to nominate someone, contact: Renee Saleh, 122 Administration Building, Kutztown State College, Kutztown, PA, 19530.

1980 PASFAA CONFERENCE -- The PASFAA Conference is slated for October 5-8, 1980, at the Marriott in Pittsburgh. Mark your calendar, plan your budget so that we see you there!

NASFAA CONFERENCE -- The NASFAA Conference is in Denver, Colorado, this year, July 27 - 30. The pre-registration fee is \$90 and is due in the NASFAA Office by June 18. It will be \$110 if mailed late or paid at the conference. Mail to: NASFAA, 910 17th St., NW, Suite, 217, Washington, D.C., 20006. If you are interested in the convention airline arrangements, contact United Airways at 1-800-323-0639 (7:30 to 4:30 daily).

CLARIFICATION, AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENTS -- Current regulations for the Title IV programs require that a student sign an affidavit of educational purpose before receiving Title IV assistance. An affidavit, by definition, requires notarization. The Office of Education has proposed an amendment to the program regulation to allow an unnotarized statement of educational purpose in lieu of an affidavit. This revision will be based on legislation enacted several years ago which allows the use of an unnotarized statement whenever, under federal law, a notarized affidavit is required. However, until this proposed regulation is enacted, the affidavit with its required notarization, continues to be a prerequisite for receiving Title IV assistance.

POSITION AVAILABLE -- The Pennsylvania State University Office of Student Aid is seeking to fill several financial aid coordinator positions effective July 1. Letters of interest and resumes should be forwarded to: John F. Brugel, Director, Office of Student Aid, Pennsylvania State University, 335 Boucke Bldg., University Park, PA 16802.

GSL REGULATIONS -- If you haven't already, we recommend you familiarize yourself with the December 7, 1979, final regs covering GSLs. The requirements of these regs will undoubtedly require changes in the manner in which you and your business office have been handling loan proceeds. Particular attention should be paid to Sections 177.607 and 177.612 and 177.200 (GSL proceeds cannot be utilized or balance paid to student prior to student's enrollment...(definition of enrollment: the first day of classes!)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES -- Please make the following changes to your 79-80 PASFAA Membership List:

Barbra Bianco-Hagan
Delete: Institutional affiliation

Betty Jean Cockrell
Delete: Institutional affiliation
Insert: Director of Financial Aid
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Richard S. Ranck
Delete: Pr 2
Insert: Pr 4

CO-EDITOR -- A special thanks to Jenny Bills, Williamsport Area Community College. Jennie has assisted with the compilation of this publication and has graciously consented to continue to offer her assistance. Items for inclusion in the next issue of the Newsletter may either be forwarded to Jennie or to C. Kratzer.

The Executive Council met April 11th in Harrisburg. Discussion ensued concerning EASFAA. It was noted that Pennsylvania aid officers represent the largest membership group in EASFAA and the third largest in NASFAA. The Council moved to endorse Renee Saleh as President-Elect Candidate for EASFAA.

It was resolved that the newly obtained corporate seal and other corporate and permanent records will be deposited in a safety deposit box in a Harrisburg area bank. Also, a Harrisburg area Post Office Box will be obtained so as to establish a permanent mailing address for the organization.

Art Switzer reported on the presentation made January 10th in Philadelphia regarding reauthorization, a PACU liason meeting and a meeting with PHEAA on College Work Study. The PHEAA Work Study meeting informed him that new agencies will be able to sign throughout the year rather than just up to the deadline for printing the listing. Three listings will be printed throughout the year now to accommodate any additions.

New material will be printed and made available to us for students who have difficulty finding agencies in their areas. This material will help students find new agencies or jobs of their own. Involvement of the PHEAA terminals in this program was also discussed.

The establishment of a uniform wage rate was deemed a necessity and hopefully a workable solution will be found by September 1980 that will bring us in line with the federal regulations.

The "EASFAA Update" for April 1980 reported the possible award reduction schedule for Basic Grants:

\$1800-1601	100%
\$1600-1201	90%
\$1200-1001	75%
\$1000- 801	70%
\$ 800- 601	65%
\$ 600- or less	50%

OR each grant reduced by \$50.

If this gives you problems, contact your Congressman and/or members of the Appropriations Committees with your opinions and/or data regarding this proposal

The 4th Annual National Institute on Financial Aid Management held in Duluth, Minnesota, is scheduled for June 23rd through June 26th. If you are interested in attending and would like to cut transportation costs, contact Jennie Bills, Williamsport Area Community College.

The Community College aid officers met in Harrisburg March 20 and 21. Thanks to Sally Mahon and Art James for an informative and hitch-free meeting.

Gary Smith, Vince Racullia, Gene Beard, Jay Evans, and Ken Reeher provided insight into new federal regulations and budget possibilities on both the federal and state levels.

Art Switzer and Jim Ream talked about Pennsylvania's "419" and U. S. Congress' "5192", enlightening those in attendance as to the political dealings that are in play with respect to these pieces of legislation.

Representatives of the Community College aid officers met with a representative of the Commission for Community Colleges to alert Presidents to the increased importance of aid to colleges today and the plight of the over-regulated, under-staffed financial aid officer.

It was decided that the Fall 1980 Community College meeting would be held in Williamsport with tentative dates set as December 4th and 5th.

The April 15th edition of the "Student Aid News" brought out some interesting items:

Tom Butts is quoted as saying "the department has plenty of time to scale down BEOG awards... The least costly way... is to revise the payment schedules for college aid officials who would then repackage the student's financial aid package to accomodate the reduced grant."

...continuing "problems in student aid."
An audit of \$1.8 billion in aid funds resulted in a recommended \$13.2 million in recoveries.

Editor's note: If computed, this is a .73 per cent error rate, less than 1%. So much for the "abuse" of student aid funds. JTB

RESOLUTION

The Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators represents over 1600 postsecondary institutions and 1,500,000 students in 11 states, The District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The following resolution is submitted for consideration by EASFAA at its annual meeting on May 8, 1980.

RESOLVED, that the Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators express serious concern regarding the Administration's proposal to seek a deferral of \$140 million in Basic Educational Opportunity Grant expenditures for the fiscal year 1980 which will be detrimental to students during the 1980-81 academic year.

WHEREAS, institutions have already been advised of tentative funding allocations for the 1980-81 academic year and are now notifying students of their awards,

WHEREAS, changes in institutions 1980-81 funding levels for the BEOG award amounts would result in substantial reduction in funds already tentatively committed to students,

THEREFORE, EASFAA requests the support of Congress in assuring that the levels of funding originally appropriated in the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program will be made available to assist needy students in the upcoming academic year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eastern Association expresses serious concern over the impact of recent Budget resolutions proposing a reduction of \$400 million in Basic Grant funding for fiscal year 1981, which would impact on students receiving this assistance in the 1981-82 academic year.

WHEREAS, Congress made a commitment to provide expanded Basic Grant eligibility in the MIDDLE INCOME STUDENT ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978,

WHEREAS, Basic Grant reductions of this magnitude would result in reversal of that earlier commitment,

NOW, THEREFORE, EASFAA requests the approval of a budget resolution and subsequent appropriations which restore the proposed \$400 million reduction in Basic Grant funding for fiscal year 1981 (academic year 1981-82) in order to assure that MIDDLE INCOME students currently eligible for Basic Grant assistance will continue to receive this assistance.

PASFAA MEMBERSHIP LIST 1979-80

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