

The PASFAA Executive Council met on March 10, in Harrisburg at Towne House. The meeting was called to order at 10AM by President Ferrara. Janet Gebhardt submitted the Treasurer's Report saying that the books were audited and were found clear of errors or problems.

The Government Relations Committee report, submitted by William Irwin included an in-depth study by Jack Bower regarding Tuition Tax Credits and the effects it might have were it to come to pass. A PHEAA liason meeting with the Government Relations Committee had discussion regarding changes in the needs analysis PHEAA will use in calculating grants. The Committee cited Governor Thornburgh's statement that PHEAA Grants were not to be expected to keep up with inflation as a key element in the discussion.

Art James presented the Conference 1981 Committee report saying that the Conference fee will be \$25. per participant and the hotel rates would be approximately \$73. per day for a single room, meals included, and \$53. per day for a double room, meals included. He stressed that these rates included all nine meals during the conference.

President Ferrara and John Brugel spoke concerning the BVR Statement of Understanding and the informational meetings to be held in conjunction with SSFATP April 3, 9 and 16. These meetings will include both aid personnel and BVR counselors, information will be forthcoming from SSFATP.

President Ferrara went on to report on EASFAA activities. A guest at a recent meeting represented the North East Association of Student Employment Administration and spoke concerning the need for cooperation between employment offices and aid offices. EASFAA Council agreed that cooperation was necessary.

John Brugel reported on the Needs Analysis meeting he attended in Chicago on January 26th. He said that there was no consensus drawn by the attendees. He also stated that SSFATP workshops for those utilizing the PHEAA Uniform Methodology capabilities would be held later in the spring to provide technical assistance. The dates and sites will be made available later.

The Council voted on the dues structure for 1981-82. The implementation of the Liability insurance necessitates a \$10. or \$12. fee be added to the dues of each Active Member. The Council voted to raise the Active Member dues from \$20. to \$32. It also raised the dues from \$15. to \$20. for Associate Members and did not change the Student Member dues.

The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for May 13 in Harrisburg at PHEAA Towne House.

Legislative Alert

HB304 has been introduced to the Pennsylvania House. It proposes a scholarship for Valedictorians of Pennsylvania high schools who attend schools within the state for their post-secondary education. These scholarships are to be awarded regardless of need.

Financial Aid Transcripts

The Executive Council would like to urge aid offices to use standard transcript forms. The form prepared by NASFAA for this purpose was deemed the ideal "common" form. Changes in the transcript are presented when regulations are altered. Although the use of a standard form may not affect some aid offices one way or the other, institutions accepting great numbers of transfer students are faced with an awesome task when many types of transcripts are submitted to them.

Government Relations Committee

PASFAA Vice-President Bill Irwin, Chairman of the Government Relations Committee, attended a special EASFAA meeting in Washington, D.C. on March 23rd. This meeting was held at the NASFAA offices to hear the best assessment on the state of financial aid for FY81 (81-82 academic year). Dallas Martin and his staff presented the latest events and their evaluation as to the direction decisions are likely to take.

It can be said with certainty that delays are inevitable. In the Pell Grant program, ED has submitted revised Family Contribution Schedules which remain at 80-81 levels. They are also seeking legislative authority for a \$750. self-help requirement in the determination of grant amounts. The Congress is not presently willing to go along with these proposals, rather it prefers a return to the Family Contribution Schedule published January 19, 1981. This would allow the system to be turned back on and the ratable reduction, either as provided for in the law or a modified version, would be needed to decrease spending.

If ED is not willing to withdraw the new schedules, a resolution of disapproval could be introduced in the House. Passage of such a resolution would force ED to take some kind of new action, such as a return to the January 19, 1981 published Schedule. This would allow SER's to be printed, but no payment schedule would be available.

O.M.B. says \$636,000,000 must be cut from expenditures and NASFAA has offered the following three points in its proposal:

1. Maintain \$1750 maximum grant
2. Delay the new, more liberal cost of education provisions in the 1980 Reauthorization until 1982-83
3. Use ratable reduction by moving Eligibility Indexes to protect all below a certain income level.

There was some debate at the meeting as to whether a ratable reduction or an across-the board-cut (like this year) is preferable.

Government Relations Continued

The ED proposals to eliminate in-school subsidies and need based eligibility, have been approved by the Senate Budget Committee. Because of the legislative changes which will be necessary, an October 1, 1981, implementation date is the target. Dallas Martin pointed out that by October 1, 80% of the GSL's will have been processed for the 81-82 year and the savings would not be as great as needed. NASFAA's counter proposal includes:

- 1) retain in-school subsidies
- 2) designate an income ceiling with a needs test for any above that ceiling
- 3) return to the \$2500 maximum for all students
- 4) cancelling some of the liberalizations in the new deferment provisions.

The House seems closer to NASFAA in its thinking than to ED.

It is the feeling that students, parents and financial aid officers need to communicate their concerns to their Congressmen. Aid offices are urged to encourage letter writing drives to express views as to the effects Regan's proposals will have on their institutions, in general, and the students, individually. Although the Government Relations Committee will follow developments and respond when appropriate, voters will have the greatest impact on Congressional thinking.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Director of Financial Aid, Wilkes College.

Bachelor's degree with two years of aid experience.
Letter of application, resume and references to:

Dean of Students
Wilkes College
Wilkes - Barre, PA 18766

By May 1, 1981

WANTED

The PASFAA Conference Committee is looking for a guitarist or pianist to assist at the Conference in October, 1981. Contact Joan Shumacher at Penn State. Terminal number TM23 .

Also, late afternoon sign-up sessions are being planned. For Conference Committee purposes, please check two of the following topics and return the checklist to Art James, Financial Aid Office, Harrisburg Area CC.

_____ BEOG VALIDATION
_____ STRESS/BURNOUT
_____ CLOCK HOUR COMPUTATION
_____ REFUNDS

_____ NCAA GUIDELINES
_____ COST OF ATTENDENCE
_____ FINANCIAL AID TRANSCRIPTS
_____ DEVELOPING A POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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It will soon be time to submit nominations for President-Elect and Council Persons for PASFAA elections in October. Consider your desire to serve or the nomination of a fellow aid person to serve in one of these capacities.

NASFAA Conference 1981

A reminder that the NASFAA Conference for 1981 will be held in Washington, DC July 29 - August 1. With the current state of financial aid affairs and the proximity of this year's national conference, you might want to give special consideration to attending.

EASFAA Elections

Renee Saleh is running for Treasurer of EASFAA. When you receive your ballot remember to vote. Renee has served PASFAA for many years with admirable dedication and achievement and would certainly continue to be a plus to EASFAA in her current capacity as Treasurer for another term.

MOVING ON UP

Richard Raspen, former Director of Financial Aid at Wilkes College has become Director of Alumni Affairs at Wilkes.

EASFAA NEWSLETTER

The latest EASFAA Newsletter included this item from "Beleaguered Yeoman: Comments on the condition of Collegiate Middle-Managers," Robert A. Scott, College and University, Winter, 1979.

"In many ways, Financial Aid officers are perfect representatives of the major dilemmas faced by middle-managers on every campus. They are a young group, in existence for only 19 years, and a group of young people, many of whom are recent graduates of their institutions. I have found them especially interesting because of the conflicts they face. They enter the career field to work with students, but find that they work mostly with paper. They have high institutional loyalty, but must look off-campus for training, guidance, recognition, collegueship, and rewards. They are highly oriented to service but find increasing pressures to exert both administrative and financial controls. They have little substantial contact with faculty and senior officers, but want higher status on campus. They exhibit highly desired traits of behavior - tolerance of ambiguity, administrative talent, fiscal ability, and interpersonal skills - but experience a very high rate of turnover."

ON APRIL 7, 1981, PHEAA COMMUNICATED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PENNSYLVANIA AID OFFICERS VIA THE PHEAA TERMINAL SYSTEM:

AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF NEGOTIATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS RESUMED PROCESSING OF PELL GRANTS FOR 1981-1982. ALL APPLICATIONS WHICH NEED CORRECTION OR ADDITIONAL DATA WILL BE MAILED BACK TO THE STUDENTS THIS WEEK AND THE FIRST PART OF NEXT WEEK AND PROCESSING AND MAILING OF COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BEGIN ON OR NEAR APRIL 16.

THE ELIGIBILITY INDEX WHICH APPEARS ON THE 1981-82 SER'S WILL ASSUME A MAXIMUM AWARD OF \$1,750 AND THE USE OF THE FAMILY SIZE OFFSETS WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH 13 FEDERAL REGISTER BY THE ADMINISTRATION. THESE ARE THE SAME OFFSETS THAT WERE USED IN THE 1980-81 ACADEMIC YEAR. THE INCORPORATION OF A REQUIRED \$750 SELF-HELP REQUIREMENT IN THE PELL GRANT PROGRAM HAS BEEN DROPPED FOR THIS YEAR BY THE ADMINISTRATION, BUT IS LIKELY TO BE RECONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE.

FURTHER, IT IS ASSUMED THAT SCHOOLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE SAME COST OF ATTENDANCE STANDARDS THAT WERE USED IN THE 1980-81 PELL GRANT PROGRAM. THE OFFICIAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR 1981-82 WILL NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOLS UNTIL CONGRESS HAS APPROVED THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY 81. THIS PAYMENT SCHEDULE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS UNTIL EARLY JUNE AND IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE THE FIRST STEP RATABLE REDUCTION LANGUAGE OUTLINED IN THE EDUCATIONAL AMENDMENTS OF 1980. THIS REDUCTION WILL PROTECT ALL AWARDS FOR STUDENTS WITH ELIGIBILITY INDICES BETWEEN 10% TO 40%, DEPENDING UPON THEIR LEVEL AND THE STATUTORY SCHEDULE. SCHOOLS ARE ADVISED THAT THE ESTIMATED EI'S THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED ON THE OUTPUT DOCUMENTS FOR THE NATIONAL SERVICES ARE INCORRECT SINCE THEY WERE BASED ON THE JANUARY 19 FAMILY CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULES.

NASFAA WILL ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS WITH A PRELIMINARY PAYMENT SCHEDULE TO BE USED IN ESTIMATING AWARDS, BUT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS SCHEDULE SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS SINCE THE OFFICIAL ONE WON'T BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL LATER. A FINAL RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATED CHANGES IN THE GUARANTEED STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM IS NOT LIKELY TO BE RESOLVED FOR AT LEAST THREE TO FOUR WEEKS. HOWEVER, ANY CHANGE MADE TO THE PROGRAM WILL PROBABLY NOT EFFECT LOANS MADE PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1981. THEREFORE, SCHOOLS SHOULD ENCOURAGE THEIR STUDENTS TO GET THEIR LOANS APPLICATIONS FOR GUARANTEED STUDENT LOANS IN EARLY BEFORE THE CHANGES TAKE PLACE.

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