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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear PASFAA Member:

You probably know by now that the NPRM on Selective Service registration is being drastically revised to reflect a considerable decrease in paperwork and expense on the part of institutions. I would like to thank all of you who took the time to respond to the Education Department on these proposed regulations. A great deal of labor on the part of our Government Relations Committee went into addressing these proposed regulations, and the committee is also to be congratulated on their outstanding effort. You can be assured that Pennsylvania aid administrators' voices were heard in Washington.

You may recall that in my Inaugural Address this past October in Harrisburg I pledged that I would be committed to accomplishing four goals throughout the year. These goals were: a quality timely newsletter, a continued commitment to training and professional development, an active roll in government relations and political awareness, and an Annual Conference that will equal or surpass those of previous years. To date, all of these goals are well on their way to being met. The quality of the Newsletter is self-evident. The Association's involvement in the Pennsylvania Aid Administrators Training Program has resulted in a successful seminar on legal issues in financial aid, and firm plans for workshops for support staff and lenders. We have also received a commitment from the federal training program for another summer institute for new aid administrators. This institute will again be held at Dickinson College from July 17 to July 23, 1983. The Government Relations Committee, besides spending hours formulating a response to the Selective Service proposed regulations, has committed itself to getting the Pennsylvania aid community involved in the legislative process (See December 1982 Newsletter). Chairman Don Raley has already begun to form a sub-committee for involvement in the Reauthorization Act of 1985. The '84 Conference Committee has held several meetings, and our Annual Conference at Seven Springs will be a professional event.

Your Executive Council has given full support to these endeavors. They feel, as I do, that these are the ways in which we can best serve you. Let me again remind you, as I did in October, that we *are* your representatives. I think I can speak for the entire Council when I say we are interested in hearing from you. Let us know your concerns.

Respectfully,

Arthur J. James

P.S. There will be a brief Association meeting at the EASFAA conference in Newport, Rhode Island on April 26 at 3:30 pm. The location of the meeting will be posted at the conference site registration desk. I look forward to seeing you in Newport.

REEHER TO RETIRE FROM CURRENT PHEAA POST

Kenneth R. Reeher, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, will retire July 1, 1983 concluding a 19-year career at the helm of the organization, according to an announcement at a recent meeting of the Agency's Board of Directors.

Reeher, an honorary PASFAA life member, indicated his intent several months ago to the Executive Committee of the Agency, which recommended to the Board the development of a continuing relationship with Reeher as a consultant to assure an orderly transition in management. The PHEAA Executive Committee was authorized by the Board to negotiate arrangements under which Reeher will work on a consulting basis after July 1 to assist in the transition to a new Executive Director and to direct the start-up of a new non-profit subsidiary corporation. The subsidiary will operate the function of the Agency developed under Reeher which services student loans across the country for the Student Loan Marketing Association, banks, and 14 other state student financial aid programs. The servicing, systems and computer services earn a substantial part of PHEAA's administrative costs to reduce the Agency's reliance on funding from Pennsylvania taxpayers.

MOORE RETIRING FROM ED POSITION

James W. Moore, Director of Student Financial Aid Programs, Department of Education, will be retiring shortly. His Washington office confirms that he will remain in his position until approximately January 1984, but that he is expected to cycle two weeks in the office and two weeks out for the remainder of 1983 making use of accumulated annual leave.

Moore has served the aid profession in the Department of Education for approximately 26 years and is well-known throughout the aid community.

ED PLANS TO MODIFY SELECTIVE SERVICE REGULATIONS

Condensed from April 5, 1983 edition of NASFAA Newsletter

The Department of Education announced that it will revise the January 27 NPRM on implementing the monitoring of Selective Service registration by financial aid officers. Specifically, ED announced that they will require schools to only collect a statement of draft registration compliance from students in the 1983-84 and 1984-85 academic years, and will not require collection of a copy of a student's Selective Service letter. ED noted that most of the public comments received on the NPRM focused on the administrative burdens which would be associated with 100% verification requirements on financial aid offices.

In response to such administrative concerns, ED has indicated that the final regulations will propose to phase in the certification validation requirements over a period of three years. In place of the 100% verification of registration by the school, the Secretary of Education, through periodic on-site program reviews, will have ED personnel select students for verification and have their status confirmed by Selective Service. This method of verification will be in effect for the 1983-84 and 1984-85 academic years. Therefore, during this period schools would only be required to collect a Statement of Registration Compliance for students. The results of this procedure will then be evaluated before the start of the 1985-86 academic year. If students are found to be in compliance no further action will be required. However, if random checking reveals that there is not sufficient compliance with Selective Service registration procedures, then beginning with the 1985-86 academic year, schools will have to begin verifying all new student aid recipients before granting them aid. The revised regulations will be finalized by the Education Department later in April and then reissued as a final rule.

Preliminary Injunction Still Stands

Meanwhile, NASFAA reports, the preliminary injunction filed on March 9th by the U.S. District Court in Minnesota will stand and that the ruling bars all institutions from proceeding with the enforcement of the provisions. Therefore on a legal basis, NASFAA has secured advice of counsel and has been informed that schools can not require a student to complete the Selective Service Registration Compliance Statements until there is a further order from the court. However, if an institution had already include the registration compliance statement on their standard aid application form, and it is completed voluntarily by a student and turned in to the school, then the institution can keep the statement on file. Schools are, however, prohibited from denying any aid to a student who refuses to sign the compliance statement at this time. Schools that have not yet started to collect the Selective Service Registration Compliance Statement may wish to wait to do so, until they are advised to proceed. Schools are reminded, however, that they must collect a Statement of Educational Purpose from all student aid recipients, and therefore they may wish to separate that form from the Selective Service Statement.

In addition to the Minnesota Court Suit, Congress is considering a number of proposed bills that might delay implementation of this Selective Service Compliance requirement. The PASFAA Government Relations Committee will continue monitoring progress of these proposed pieces of legislation.

PASFAA XV CONFERENCE REPORT

Planning is now well underway for the Association's annual Conference in October. The Conference Committee has met twice and is very enthusiastic about the prospects for a strong meeting, both professionally and socially.

As a service to the membership, the Forms Fair will be reinstated this year. Ken Grugel of Clarion State College has agreed to coordinate this major effort. The Forms Fair is designed to offer an opportunity for aid officers to share institutionally-designed forms with each other. To offer the widest possible diversity of forms, we are dependent on the cooperation of individual members. At this time the conference committee requests that you send two (2) copies of any forms currently used in your office (award letters, institutional aid applications, promissory notes, validation forms, Work-Study placement forms, student payroll sheets, etc.) to

Ken Grugel
Director of Financial Aid
Clarion State College
Clarion, PA 16214

At the conference you will have the opportunity to review and to obtain copies of forms used by other institutions in the administration of financial aid.

Without stating a formal theme for this year's conference, the committee is anxious to take advantage of the casual, rustic flavor of the surroundings at Seven Springs. Several activities are planned which will capitalize on this aspect of the facility and we hope you will see this as an opportunity to sport your sweaters and corduroys (no ties, please!) in the spirit of informal fellowship we hope to generate.

Be sure to mark October 2 - 5 on your calendar and plan to attend. Individual member participation is the backbone of our organization and of our conference. We hope that you will consider serving if called upon to present a session or to coordinate some other aspect of the on-site details in October.

The next issue of the Newsletter will carry a tentative agenda for our meeting. Any suggestions for sessions, topics or speakers should be directed to one of the following committee members:

Catherine Kratzer	Northampton Area Community College
Mary Andrews Miller	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Helen Nunn	Allegheny College
Rick Sparks	Westmoreland Community College
Christine Zuzack	Community College of Allegheny County - Allegheny Campus

NEWPORT READY FOR EASFAA CONFERENCE

EASFAA members will travel to Newport, Rhode Island for the 17th Annual Conference April 26 - 29. The Sheraton Islander Inn, Goat Island, will be the site of the conference on "Student Aid Administration -- Changing Challenges." Senator Claiborne Pell is the featured dinner speaker for Thursday, April 28. Other speakers include RI Governor J. Joseph Garrahy, University of RI President Dr. Frank Newman, Dickinson College President Dr. Sam Banks, NASFAA Executive Director Dallas Martin, and numerous Department of Education officials.

EASFAA President-Elect Renee Saleh of Kutztown State College serves as EASFAA conference chairperson. Pennsylvania is well-represented on the conference committee by William Boyd of Pennsylvania State University, Kaye D'Angelo of Lasalle College, Jack Ferrara of East Stroudsburg State College, and Arthur James of Harrisburg Area Community College. Art James also heads the EASFAA Conference Site Selection Committee and is actively exploring Philadelphia area sites for the 1984 EASFAA Conference.

PASFAA members are urged to attend the upcoming EASFAA Conference in Newport and are reminded that there will be a brief PASFAA association meeting at 3:30 pm, April 26 at the conference site.

NASFAA CONFERENCE PLANS UNDERWAY

The 1983 National NASFAA Conference will be held July 10 - 13 in Anaheim California with a theme "Student Financial Assistance: Communicating Commitment to Education -- 25 Years." A major portion of the program, according to Conference Chairman Taft E. Benson, will be committed to improving education's image through better communication and effective use of, and response to, the media and the public.

A special feature of the conference is the display of institutional financial aid brochures and consumer pamphlets. All such materials should be sent by June 1 to

Mr. Taft E. Benson, Financial Aids Office
Milwaukee Area Technical College
1015 N. 6th Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOTES

Executive Council met on March 3 at the PHEAA Board Room in Harrisburg. Various committee reports appear in this Newsletter. PHEAA staff Gary Smith, Tom Fabian and Jay Evans updated Council on state grant and loan concerns for 1983-84. The next scheduled Council meeting will be Monday, May 2.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Several issues have been of concern to the Government Relations Committee in recent weeks. The most important of these are addressed briefly below:

Selective Service Registration Regulations (See article in this issue)

Much has happened on this issue since the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was released on January 27. The many financial aid administrators who responded to the NPRM should be convinced that their opinions do indeed count, because the U.S. Department of Education is expected to issue a revised set of regulations on May 6 which may not require colleges to collect verification documents (photocopies of registration letters from the Selective Service system).

The several bills which have been introduced in the House and Senate to repeal or delay the implementation of the monitoring have been given support by the issuance of a temporary injunction by the U.S. District Court for Minnesota.

NASFAA continues to recommend that we refrain from printing and distributing forms designed to collect information about the Selective Service status of financial aid applicants. In fact, NASFAA suggests that on a purely legal basis institutions may not be able to require information about the Selective Service status of their applicants. However, if forms are already distributed and information is submitted voluntarily, there should be no problems.

In any case, Title IV aid cannot be denied any applicant on the basis of inadequate Selective Service status. NASFAA believes that institutions should await the results of the legal and congressional processes before attempting to collect a Selective Service compliance form. The Government Relations Committee will continue to monitor the Selective Service registration issue and will attempt to keep the PASFAA membership advised of developments as they occur.

Legislative Awareness Network

The Committee is continuing its efforts to develop a network throughout the Commonwealth which would expand PASFAA's capacity to shape and respond to federal legislative matters. Dr. John Brugel, director of financial aid at The Pennsylvania State University, is the committee member in charge of this project. He is attempting to engage a financial aid administrator in each U.S. congressional district to serve as the contact person and PASFAA representative of each institution within the congressional district. It is hoped that the network will be nearly completely formed by the time of the 1983 PASFAA annual meeting and that the newly-appointed members of the network will be able to meet to discuss goals and directions.

Preparing for Reauthorization

A government relations study group, chaired by Dr. William Irwin, director of financial aid at Lock Haven State College, is beginning to consider the issues which will be important when the Congress initiates the federal reauthorization process. The study group is asking for position papers from the PASFAA membership. Therefore, members who have opinions regarding redesigning the federal student aid programs and the delivery system are encouraged to present their ideas to Dr. Irwin in the form of position papers.

Less Money for 1983-84 PHEAA Grants Expected

An early assessment of the funds available for next year's PHEAA Grants is that the Agency will have approximately \$5.5 million less than the total of \$89.3 million available for 1982-83 awards. Even though the appropriation from the Pennsylvania legislature remains constant, the total amount available will be reduced primarily because a dramatic reduction in the amount carried forward from 1982-83 into the 1983-84 budget is anticipated.

Pennsylvania's high unemployment rate has generated many more special consideration applications for 1982-83 than in recent years, forcing a reduction in the amount available to carry forward to next year. Also contributing to the total reduction is the cutback of about \$600,000 in SSIG funding. The Agency is working to adjust the PHEAA grant formula to accommodate the reduction and remain as fair and credible as possible to the applicants.

Government Relations Committee Chairman Don Raley welcomes input from PASFAA members on these and other concerns.

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Chairman Art Switzer reports that Barry McCarty of Lafayette College will chair the PAATP Advisory Committee. Support staff workshops are scheduled for

Wednesday, April 6	Edinboro State College
Thursday, April 7	Lycoming College
Friday, April 8	Duquesne University
Tuesday, April 12	Dickinson College
Thursday, April 14	Drexel University

PAATP is also planning workshops for proprietary institutions and for lenders which will be announced shortly.

MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION COMMITTEE

One of the primary responsibilities of the Membership and Election Committee is to initiate and oversee the annual election process. Chairman John Brugel reports that for the upcoming year the membership must elect a President-Elect and council persons from each of the sectors represented on Executive Council.

Chairman Brugel requests consideration and active involvement of members in identifying potential nominees for the above-mentioned offices. A request will be made for formal nominees through a separate membership mailing in early June. Self-nominations will be encouraged.

POSITION OPENING

Director of Student Aid and Records - The Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, a private health profession school with enrollment of 500, invites nominations and applications to fill a current vacancy in the Director of Student Aid and Records position. Candidates should have 3 - 5 years' experience in financial aid administration (particularly with HPSL and NDSL programs), working knowledge of registration and student records functions, strong interpersonal and management skills, background in business/accounting, and teamwork orientation. A bachelor's degree is required. Familiarity with data processing applications in financial aid/student records areas is desired but not essential. This position, which reports directly to the Vice President for Student Affairs, carries an excellent benefits package and a starting salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Resumes accompanied by cover letters and references and desired salary ranges should be addressed to: Bruce C. Wahlig, Personnel, Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, Eighth at Race Street, Philadelphia PA 19107.

PITTSBURGH AID GROUP ACTIVE

PASFAA wishes to recognize the efforts of formal and informal groups of aid officers who meet throughout the state. Sister Suzanne Postava, Director of Financial Aid at LaRoche College, reports that the Pittsburgh Council for Higher Education (PCHE) has been in existence since 1966 when six area college and university presidents recognized the need for an association. Over the years the membership has grown and now includes ten accredited colleges and universities in Allegheny County. Monthly meetings are held to exchange information about aid issues, policy changes, etc.

The PASFAA Newsletter would be pleased to hear from other organized aid groups throughout the state to let the PASFAA membership know of your activities and interests.

GSL AUDIT GUIDE EXPECTED THIS SUMMER

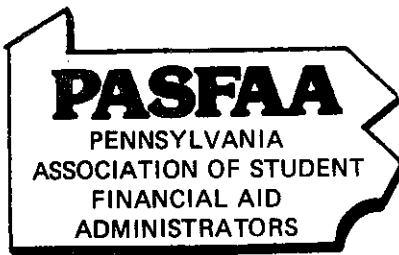
The Department of Education plans to begin auditing the GSL program for the year ending June 30, 1983, according to an article in the April 1983 NACUBO magazine. As in other Title IV programs, GSL will be audited at least once every two years and the audit will cover the period of time since the last audit. The first two-year audit for GSL will be due after the period ending June 30, 1984. This means that GSL two-year audit deadlines will coincide with the two-year audit deadlines for the other Title IV programs. All institutions where students receive GSLs will be required to have an audit done, not just institutions which are lenders.

ED has resumed work on its combined audit guide for the campus-based, Pell Grant, and GSL programs. A final draft is expected to be ready in April with expected printing and distribution expected in June or July, according to NACUBO. The new guide must be used for auditing all Title IV programs for the year ending June 30, 1983. ED's action assumes that the single audit procedure for all federal funds to institutions, currently being tested by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Health and Human Services, will not be required for auditing this academic year, or will incorporate ED's guide for auditing these student aid programs.

GSL INTEREST RATE EXPECTED TO DROP TO 8%

According to a provision in the Higher Education Act, Guaranteed Student Loan interest rates may drop from the current 9% to 8% sometime in September 1983. A letter dated March 25 was sent by Ken Reeher to all PA educational institution financial aid offices explaining the provisions. Aid officers should be aware that the drop in interest rate will only affect first-time borrowers and will only be effective for periods of enrollment beginning after that September 1983 date. It will be important for aid officers to carefully counsel students who may wish to forego a loan for the Fall semester and apply second semester at the lower interest rate.

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