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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear PASFAA Member:

As you probably know, full enforcement of the Selective Service requirement has been delayed until September 1, 1983. After that date, a student's Statement of Registration Compliance (SRC) must be received by an institution prior to making any disbursements of Title IV aid or prior to certifying any forms for Title IV aid. A "Dear Colleague" letter from the Department of Education dated July 31, 1983 further explains the April 11, 1983 Regulations which govern the Selective Service requirement.

Registration material for the 15th Annual Conference was mailed to all members on August 2. If you have not received your material or know of someone who wishes to receive material contact Helen Nunn at Allegheny College. The Conference is the highlight of the year. It is a time to refresh ourselves professionally, renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

I trust the remainder of the summer will go well for you, and I look forward to seeing you at Seven Springs.

Respectfully,

Arthur J. James

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Several of our colleagues have submitted cartoons related to financial aid matters for this new column. As room permits, we will include these humorous looks at our profession and welcome contributions.

With a class just recently graduated and with incoming and returning students contemplating their upcoming Fall semester bills, this one seemed appropriate.



Sunday, October 2 -- Wednesday, October 5, Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion PA

The PASFAA 1983 Conference registration materials were mailed to all current PASFAA members during the first week of August. If any member has not received his or her packet of information by August 15, please contact Helen Nunn, Student Aid Office, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335.

The Conference Committee would like to remind the membership of several important points concerning our annual meeting:

- A room deposit of \$25 (per room) must accompany your reservation. Deposits must be received by September 19 to assure space in the hotel.
- Hotel check-in time is 5:00 p.m. The hotel will check your luggage if you arrive earlier than 5 o'clock.
- The hotel does not accept credit cards. You have three options for satisfying your account:
 - 1) Prepay the full amount
 - 2) Pay the full amount by cash or check upon departure
 - 3) The hotel will bill you after the conference and give 30 days to remit your payment

Once again we'd like to remind all of you who are planning to attend that the Conference Committee would like to emphasize a relaxed atmosphere throughout our sessions, meetings and social events. This is an opportunity to pack only your casual clothes and enjoy our rustic surroundings.

We are very pleased with the agenda as it finally stands and hope that you'll agree that this is a PASFAA you won't want to miss!

Looking forward to seeing you in October,

Catherine Kratzer, Northampton Area Community College Mary Andrews Miller, Indiana University of PA Helen Nunn, Allegheny College Rick Sparks, Westmoreland County Community College Chris Zuzack, Indiana University of PA

OFF TO "A RUNNING START"?

The PASFAA Conference Committee is entertaining the idea of sponsoring a three-mile run on Sunday afternoon, October 2, at Seven Springs. Interested runners should contact Helen Nunn at Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335 or TM75 before September 15. If a large enough field is enrolled, additional information will be sent out to those wishing to participate. At that time, we can provide details concerning the time and course of the race.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

PASFAA's on-going program of training as implemented through PAATP continues. A very successful week-long OSFA workshop for new aid officers was held at Dickinson College July 17 - 22 with Don Raley hosting.

PAATP planning under the chairmanship of Barry McCarty met at Dickinson on July 22 to continue planning for the upcoming 1983-84 year. One change to be made in the PAATP schedule involves moving the support staff workshops from their present April slot to December. April was determined not a good time for staff to be out of their offices, according to comments received.

Three training sessions are planned for the annual meeting in October. Check the conference agenda for times. Sessions for secondary school guidance counselors are planned for November. December will see professional development seminars for experienced aid officers. An important part of training effort will be designed to meet the needs of the proprietary sector. A first step in this direction will be a presentation to owners at the annual PAPSA meeting August 20 by Renee Saleh representing PAATP. The aim is to emphasize the importance of training aid personnel.

On behalf of the PAATP committee, professional standards committee chairman Art Switzer wishes to apologize to the number of PASFAA members who volunteered to participate as teachers and did not receive acknowledgements. Resumes are on file for future consideration as new teaching staff is selected, and thanks are expressed to those who expressed interest in helping with the effort.

MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION COMMITTEE

Preliminary results of the nominations process for the 1983-84 Executive Council are as follows:

President Elect:

Barry McCarty

Lafayette College

John Pergolin

St. Joseph's University

Council Seats:

Public Two-Year

Richard McCracken

Gary Seelye

Community College of Philadelphia

Reading Area Community College

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Rebecca Denova

School of Computer Technology

Debra Moore

Wandra Bowman

Airco Technical Institution

Pittsburgh Technical Institute

Rosemary Sweeny Leslie Dengler

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These nominations are considered preliminary until all nominees have formally accepted nomination. This process has been initiated and will be completed by mid-August. Additional nominations can be proposed during the initial business meeting at the annual conference.

Membership and Election Committee

John Brugel, Chairman Robert Godfrey Vali Heist

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Late-Breaking News

The Senate approved its bill (S. 675) with an amendment by Senator Daniel Moynihan (D-NY) to extend the grace period for the Solomon Amendment until September 30. This would allow schools to disburse student aid for an additional month without the statement of registration compliance on hand. Then the House-Senate conference committee approved the Senate version but did not get the measure to the floor of each house for approval prior to disbanding for the August recess. This leaves the additional month of grace a moot issue because Congress does not reconvene until September 12.

Some efforts are underway to jaw-bone Secretary Bell into administratively extending the grace period beyond August 31, 1983, but it is unlikely that the administration will make such a move without the force of law coming through the Congress. Consequently, after August 31, institutions must have a signed statement of registration compliance on file prior to disbursing any Title IV funds or certifying GSL/PLUS eligibility. The formal notice of this provision was published in the July 22 Federal Register, Page 33695.

PASFAA members are urged to write to Sen. Moynihan, U.S. Senate, Washington DC 20510 to thank him for his sensitivity to the needs and frustrations of the financial aid community. Both Pennsylvania John Heinz and Arlen Specter supported Moynihan's amendment and deserve a thankful note.

We can expect to hear more about the Selective Service registration issue in the months to come. The Supreme Court may test the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment, and several congressional bills designed to repeal or delay implementation of the amendment may still emerge from the armed services committees of the House and Senate.

Other Committee News

The Guaranteed Student Loan audit requirement has been delayed until June 30, 1984. Therefore, institutions do not have to have their GSL files audited for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983, as previously announced. The 1983-84 fiscal year will be the first requiring a GSL audit.

In Pennsylvania, where there is an efficient GSL program review conducted regularly by the PHEAA Program Review Department, there may be an opportunity to reduce the expense and duplicated effort conducting two GSL audits. The Government Relations Committee hopes to be able to explore the possibilities of special GSL audit requirements for Pennsylvania institutions.

The composition of the Government Relations Committee is changing, and PASFAA members who represent nursing schools will want to make a special note. Due to a change of employment within the financial aid community, Daniel Hudock, formerly director of financial aid at Robert Packer Hospital School of Nursing, recently resigned his position to the committee. Joyce Robinson, director of financial aid at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing and the nursing school sector representative to the PASFAA executive council, recommended Leonard Amodei, financial aid administrator at Episcopal Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia, as a replacement for Mr. Hudock, and Mr. Amodei has agreed to serve. Therefore, pending his official appointment by the executive council at its next meeting, Mr. Amodei will be the government relations committee member who will be most aware of the special concerns of aid administrators at the schools of nursing.

As we enter a new school year, it may be good to review the government relations committee membership. PASFAA members are urged to bring to the attention of the committee through any of its members any opinions related to state or federal legislation or rule-making. The committee members are as follows:

Leonard Amodei

Episcopal Hospital School of Nursing

William Irwin Sally Mahon

Lock Haven University of PA

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(pending official appointment) John Brugel

Penn State University

Kristel Mehnert

Bucks County Community College Temple University

Kaye Caplinger D'Angelo LaSalle College

Donald Raley, Chairman Dickinson College

Rebecca Denova

School of Computer Technology

Again, an appeal is made to the PASFAA membership to prepare papers on reauthorization issues and send them to Bill Irwin who is heading the reauthorization study group. Reauthorization of Title IV programs will become a front-burner issue during the coming school year, and the study group needs to know what PASFAA members are thinking about ways to improve the federal student aid programs and their delivery systems.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Assistant Director, financial aid: immediate opening for an individual to assist in the planning, supervision, development, and overall coordination of the college's financial aid office. Skills in fiscal and office management, counseling and automated systems are necessary. Masters degree preferred but related experience considered. Contact Personnel Office, Northampton County Area Community College, 3835 Green Pond Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017. Completed formal college applications must be received or postmarked no later than August 29, 1983. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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