

\$30 Million More For Pa. Students

Federal monies coming to Pennsylvania students to help pay for college have increased by more than \$30 million this year because of Pennsylvania's new requirement that students seeking state funds must first apply for federal aid.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), which administers all state programs of aid to students, had directed college, trade, business, and nursing school students to apply for federal funds under the new Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program or face cancellation of state funds for the second semester.

Kenneth R. Reeher, Executive Director of PHEAA, said the new policy, put into effect by PHEAA in June of this year in order to increase Pennsylvania's access to federal funds, moved receipt of federal aid under the new federal program from \$7 million last year to \$37.5 million this school year. As a result, PHEAA will reduce its state grant to certain of the students, resulting in a savings in state commitment of funds to these students for the second semester that may reach \$5 million.

State savings, Reeher said, would have been even more except for increased tuition at schools and other factors. Tuition increases averaged 8% in the private colleges and from \$50 to \$140 a year in the state supported institutions.

Already, the receipt of federal data indicates that more than 40,000 Pennsylvania students have obtained \$35.1 million in federal BEOG money. Projected figures indicate that by academic year's end the "capture" of federal dollars by Pennsylvania students will hit \$37.5 million. **This is based on the fact that between now and October 15 about 13,000 students who have not filed for federal BEOG money in accordance with the state's mandate must do so or face cancellation of the next payment on their state grant.** Many will qualify for federal funds under BEOG.

Altogether, about 43,000 of the 124,000 students to receive state grants will have qualified for BEOG money by the October 15 date. The state program, administered by PHEAA, continues aid above the family income levels acceptable to the federal program and makes a special effort to aid middle income families. It also is not as stringent as the federal program which expects that middle income families and widows must sacrifice their home equity to pay for college.

"We're really pleased with the results of this state action this year," Reeher said. "Last year the federal government had \$135 million unspent in their program."

"Students are eligible for up to \$1,400 federal dollars per school year. The federal government advertised this program as a 'basic entitlement' and we simply informed Pennsylvanians of their entitlement and where to go get it. Now the students and their parents know where to get the federal funds and state residents should benefit from this for years ahead. The state sent a federal application to each student's home and told the students to go after the federal money. Now we are moving to use the released state funds to offer more aid to the forgotten middle income family and those who send their children to the full charge private colleges and schools where tuition is high because state tax dollars don't support tuition reduction."

So far this year more than 22,000 additional regular students and 4,500 veterans have applied for state student aid than applied last year. Requests for special consideration due to unemployment of the parents have already surpassed all of last year in the state program. By tying the eligibility for further state grants to the filing by students of applications for the federal BEOG aid, the Agency was able to assist more students who in the long run received more aid through the federal and state sources than they could have expected from the state



Reader staff writer Jean Beatty with Father Jafolla
Photo by Mark Switzer

New Priest On Campus

By Jean Beatty
Staff Writer

Even though everybody knows good guys always wear white hats, there's a new good guy on campus wearing a black hat. His name is Father Henry A. Jafolla and he's the new Catholic chaplain. His job is to minister to the spiritual needs of the community at Capitol Campus.

Assigned to both Capitol Campus and HACC, Father Jafolla comes to us from LaSalle College in Philadelphia, where he had served as Director of Campus Ministry for the past three years. A member of the Order of Norbertine Fathers of Pennsylvania headquartered in Paoli, Pennsylvania, Father Jafolla replaces Father John O'Connor who is now assigned to Gettysburg and Dickinson Colleges.

Asked what he considered his major challenge in campus ministry, Father Jafolla unhesitatingly cited the "human element" of his apostolate--the dealing with students on a one-to-one basis, working by way of chain reaction acquaintances.

Because of the importance of personal and individual contact in his work, Father Jafolla expects to spend much of his time at Capitol in Vendorville. If he cannot be found there, he may be reached by contacting Ann Campbell in the Counseling Center.

Father Jafolla noted that although he will be at Capitol Campus only on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., he is available on a 24-hour basis. He may be reached during off-campus hours at 2121 N. Third Street, Harrisburg, 233-1014 and 233-3410.

Asked about any formal

program he might have for the coming year, Father Jafolla cited the following: (a) Mass on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center; (b) Seminar Socials, "Beer and Bull" sessions dealing with subjects such as the Bible; (c) a proposed lecture on "The Social Message of the Gospel and the Equality of Women" by Sister Winifred Goddard, Director of Campus Ministry at Elizabethtown College; (d) possible weekday and late evening Masses; (e) continued support of the Chi Rho Club, a Christian social action organization headed by George Dudek, Pres.; (f) the establishment of a liturgy committee to assist in the preparation and celebration of Masses.

Father Jafolla stated strongly that no part of his program is limited to the Catholic community. His goal is to bring a complementary spiritual element to the total intellectual and social community at Capitol Campus.

Father Jafolla launches his official program with an opening liturgy to be held October 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center. All are invited to join in the celebration.

Father noted that Mass is also celebrated at Elizabethtown College's Rider Hall on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Asked about his personal philosophy in his apostolate, Father Jafolla stated that in both his formal and informal programs he would stress the reinterpretation of classic tradition in terms of modern life.

That Father Henry Jafolla wears a black hat is figurative; that he is a good guy is not. We welcome him and wish him well.



Welcome from the **BSU**

The members of the Black Student Union extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students to Capitol Campus.

The BSU is an organization which serves as a liaison between Black students and all others on campus.

This year the BSU will provide a Black Cultural Arts Center located in W-132 which can be used by all students on campus. The center contains books and other resource information regarding current and historical contributions of Blacks in America.

BSU is divided into three sub-organizations in which students are involved--The scholarship and recruitment committee, the cultural committee and the social committee.

Not only is BSU educational, it is also an active social organizer. The BSU will sponsor various activities which we hope everyone will enjoy this year. The social atmosphere of the BSU is one which we hope

will give you a better understanding of the cultural phenomenon we refer to as "JAM".

Also we are hoping to create a positive racial relationship with others on campus.

The executive members are:

President Troy Buster
Vice President Diana Harris
Sec. Valerie Miles
Corresponding Sec. Cecelia McGhee
Treasurer Marc Bellemy
Parliamentarian Rudy Hall
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Alumni Elect Officers

At its first meeting of the 1975-76 year, the Capitol Campus Alumni Society Board elected officers for the coming year, according to Terry K. Wimmer of Elizabethtown, President of the Association. Robert E. Shaffer of Duncannon was elected Vice President, Michael J. Bauer of Haverstown was elected Secretary/Treasurer, and LeRoy G. Levan of Reading was elected Newsletter Editor.

Board members previously elected during the spring are: Elizabeth Acri of Harrisburg, Sharon Levan of Reading, and William Cromer of Camp Hill.

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Black Student Union	\$440.00	Rec/Ath	*
Beta Chi	\$300.00	Resident Student Assoc.	*
C.C. Reader (newspaper)	\$3,000.00	Ski Club	-0-
Capitolite (yearbook)	\$2,000.00	Student Govt. Assoc.	\$400.00
Chess Club	*	Student Govt. Operations	2,000.00
Cheerleaders	\$150.00	Social Committee	\$7,000.00
Chi Gamma Iota (XGI)	\$350.00	WZAP	\$300.00
Delta Tau Kappa (DTK)	*	Aviation Club	-0-
I.E.E.E.	\$260.00	Good People Productions	Allocated by Social Committee
Head Shop	-0-	NOW	*
I.T.E. (proposed allocation)	\$130.00	Tarnhelm	-0-
Meade Heights	\$400.00	XP	\$165.00
Gov's	*	FAA	*
P.S.E.A.	*	Contingency Fund	\$19,557.49
P.S.P.E. (proposed allocation)	\$75.00		
Photo Club	\$250.00		

*These organizations were not present at the scheduled meeting date.