President’s Greeting

Spring is rapidly approaching and it is a time of change. This will be the first year that the association has gone to an annual conference. We hope that you will find our conference in May to be full of "meat" and little "fluff". We realize each of us has very limited funds for meetings and we want to make our conference attractive as well as informative, so that you want to come and bring your staff. The conference this year will be at Utah State May 23-25 and for 2002, SUU May 15-17. Hopefully with Utah going to one conference per year some of you will be able to participate in RMASFAA. They have an annual meeting which is held each fall. This year it will be held in Wichita, KS October 23-25.

One of the goals I have set for my presidency is to get more involvement from the membership and make the association a useful tool for each of us. I want to put out a call for volunteers to help us in the association. We have committees that need help and it is an opportunity for each of us to share our talents with each other in the association. Listed below are some of the committees and the chair for the current year and the co-chairs who will take over this fall. We need your help to fill these committees. If you would like to volunteer to serve on a committee or be a co-chair please feel free to call any member of the executive committee or the chair of the committee you would like to serve on. Please refer to UASFAA officers, committees, and chairs.

We are also in need of individuals who will help us with the decentralized training we get each spring and fall. The costs of the training are covered and all you need to do is give us some of your time, and not even a great deal of that. It will give you good information to use on your campus. Another goal that I had set this year is to have a UASFAA web page. We are well on our way to achieving that goal and I hope by the annual conference we will have something to show you. Peggy Leavitt is doing a great job with this project.

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At the annual conference we will have some of these distance ed courses being shared, and sometimes just simply contracted out, what are the rules regarding these arrangements. Non-traditional education...what are the issues (enrollment, program eligibility, disbursement, etc.) relative to these new models (distance and other) of delivering education.

We are thinking of inviting other people on your campus who deal with distance education to join us on that Friday. More information will follow as the dates get closer. I want to thank the committee chairs and each member of their committees for the time and effort they have put forth. We are here to serve you and want the association to meet your needs. In order to do this we need to get input from each of you as to what you want us to do and areas that you want covered in our training. I also want to thank each of you for all you do for the students here in the state of Utah.

Doug Horne

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**UASFAA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!**

Peggy Leavitt is a great lady and we are fortunate to have her at Dixie State College and in the financial aid community.

Peggy is a native of Southern Utah. She is married to Ferron Leavitt and is the mother of 5 children and has six grandchildren. She received her B.S. Degree in Business Education at Southern Utah University.

She was hired as the secretary in the Financial Aid Office and about six months later she was appointed to the Director's position. She pulled the Financial Aid Office at Dixie College out of a "hell" mess. The challenges and constant changes that take place in our industry are the very things that have kept her interested in her career. She enjoys working with students and encouraging them in their pursuits to better themselves.

Peggy has served the financial aid community for many years. She has served UASFAA as President, Chair of the Conference Committee, Chair of Publications Committee, and Chair of the EIC Committee. She has also served on the RMASSFAA board as Chair of the Conference Committee, Chair of the Publications Committee, Vice Chair of the Publications Committee, and as a member of the Training Committee. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from RMASSFAA in B99.

Peggy is a great person to work with. We have shared a lot of joy, sorrow, and humor over the years. It takes humor to survive in financial aid for twenty years. Sometimes, we have even had the opportunity to do a little laughing at Peggy's expense. There was a time, not too long after she was appointed Director, when she decided to get even with the college mailman. He would always come up behind her and startle her or give her a little squeeze. So now it is pay back time. One time she was at the back of the building and Bob, the mailman, was sitting at a desk with the Purchasing Agent. Peggy decided to sneak up behind him and blow in his ear (quite a picture) - well that is exactly what she did and the effect was great. However, Peggy was shocked to find out it was someone else.

The Moral of the story is be sure of the consequences before you blow in someone's ear.

(by Terri Bell)