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From the KASFAA President

When I was appointed as Director of Financial Aid at Dodge City Community College in February of 1990, many of you were very kind to me and helped me get through those first few months. I learned very soon that the people in KASFAA were people I needed to get to know. It took me about three more months to figure out what NASFAA was and that I needed to be a member of that organization as well. After about a year, I finally understood what RNASFAA was about and that this was yet another organization I needed to stay tied to. I cannot imagine trying to administer financial aid without these three organizations but, KASFAA is most near and dear to me. I mean you all; the members of KASFAA are dear to me. I am proud to represent you and I promise to do my best.

Many of you have sent me volunteer forms and I appreciate it. If you have not sent a volunteer form, please do so or email me with your preference for serving on a committee. We will be having our budget meeting in May and I want to have committees pretty well organized by then. If you don't contact me, I may contact you.

It looks like the war on terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan will dominate presidential politics until after the general election in November. I don't know how much work the Congress will accomplish on reauthorization of the HEA of 1965 but, I think we all will want to stay tuned. If Dr. Tom is right, there may be some interesting developments for us to ponder despite the present focus of the government and media.

If any of you have any ideas about how we can be more effective in the various KASFAA activities and operations, please let me know. I think this might be a good year for looking within the organization. We may want to identify our core values, review our

mission, and brace ourselves for possible financial challenges. Those are some of the things I have been thinking about.

I know budgets are tough right now but, I urge you to consider attending the NASFAA conference in Minneapolis in July. The RMASFAA conference in October is closer to home this year. Perhaps some of us could travel together by car to Omaha and save on expenses. I am sure willing to cooperate with any of you for that kind of a venture.

I hope this edition of the KASFAA newsletter finds you and yours healthy, happy, and prosperous.

Anthony Lyons

