

ations for these entities, as will Republicans on the House Interior Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, the committees responsible for NEH and NEA funding.

Senate retirements have decreased the level of that body's support for NEH and NEA: ten of the fourteen senators who retired effective January 1997 were strong supporters. The report was more optimistic, however, about Senate support than House support. Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK), who strongly backs funding for the arts and humanities, will chair the Appropriations Committee, while Senator Slade Gordon (R-WA), also a strong backer, will continue to chair the Interior Subcommittee, whose membership has likewise demonstrated bipartisan support of such funding.

With President Clinton's promise to be the first president in decades to balance the Federal budget and his favorable attitude toward the Balanced Budget Amendment, the report warned that the Clinton administration's strong past support for NEH and NEA may not predict his level of support during the 105th Congress. By the same token, the report argued, Clinton may now feel more free in his second term to secure such funding.

"[T]he mounting pressures connected with balancing the budget are bound to present obstacles for NEH [and NEA]," the report argued. "As long as targets for reduction are maintained without reductions in the defense or entitlement budgets, it is going to be very difficult for federal activities such as NEH to thrive in the discretionary portion of the federal budget from which most of the savings will be found."

APSA is an active member of NEH.

### Future of NSF Funding a Cause for Concern

Neal Lane, director of the National Science Foundation, expressed worries about the future of his organization, saying NSF will have to "make tough decisions" in the next year. With projections of a 20% reduction in domestic spending, Lane

fears many current projects of NSF will have to be abandoned.

Lane called upon members of the social, behavioral, and economic science community to organize in support of funding, and he asked the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF), an organization of 80 groups around the country, to continue efforts to advocate for funding.

Despite projected hard times, Lane stated that NSF will keep as their primary goals advancement of scientific discoveries and education. Beginning in Fiscal Year 1999, NSF will have to comply with the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) and prepare an annual performance evaluation. Suggesting that NSF will focus more on qualitative goals and will adopt a peer review process for the evaluation of the Foundation's success, Lane sees these as ways to make the best case for government funds.

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*Adapted from "COSSA Washington Update"*

### Behavioral and Social Science Research Defined

The Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBSSR) at the National Institutes of Health has provided its official definition of behavioral and social science research, encompassing five key principles. Under their definition, behavioral and social science research (1) is theory-driven; (2) seeks to identify patterns of behavioral and social functions; (3) acknowledges the importance of life span perspective; (4) seeks to identify variation among and between different individuals, ethnicities, genders, age groups, and socioeconomic categories; and (5) is based in both social and biological contexts.

The OBSSR definition was developed with help from the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and the National Research Council.

For the full text of OBSSR's nine-page document, access their home page at [www1.od.nih.gov/obssr/obssr.htm](http://www1.od.nih.gov/obssr/obssr.htm)

### Trends in the Profession

More than 915,000 faculty members were employed by higher education institutions in 1993, nearly double the 474,000 employed in 1970, according to a report from the National Center for Education Statistics. Other findings:

- Nearly one third (32%) of all faculty members were employed by two-year colleges in 1993, up from 26% in 1976 and 19% in 1970. Since 1976, the number of faculty at four-year institutions increased 34%, while the number at two-year colleges rose by 74%.

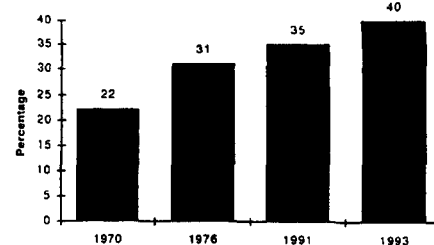
- The percentage of faculty who worked part-time also has grown as shown in the following chart. *Women faculty were more likely than men to be hired on a part-time basis.* In 1993, women comprised one-third of all full-time faculty and 47% of those employed part-time. Overall, while only 35% of male faculty were part-time employees, almost half (49%) of all female faculty were employed part-time.

- Between 1976 and 1993, the number of women faculty employed full-time increased by 70%, while the number of women employed as part-time faculty rose by 163%.

- From 1977 to 1993, minorities have grown as a proportion of the new hires of full-time faculty, growing from 10.9% in 1977 to 19.8% in 1993.

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Percentage of Higher Education Faculty Who Were Employed Part Time, Selected Years



Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. *Fall Staff in Postsecondary Institutions, 1993*. 1996. Copies of this publication (065-000-00871-8) are available for \$15 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, DC 20402-9328. Telephone orders: (202) 512-1800.

## Association News

SSOP, Washington, DC 20402-0328, 202-512-1800. Request stock number 065-000-00871-8. The report also is accessible via the Internet at [gopher.ed.gov:10000](http://gopher.ed.gov:10000) or <http://www.ed.gov/NCES/>. A summary of this study is in the September 16, 1996 issue of *Higher Education and National Affairs*, American Council on Education, One Dupont Circle, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

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## Graduate Assistants Pitch in at APSA

Four graduate students in political science are contributing to the daily operations of an association to which, in a few years, they will contribute their intellectual gifts. Graduate assistants Crystal Roach and Patti Shea, first-year graduate students in American University's public policy program, worked to generate the 1996-98 Directory of Members, processed Annual Meeting panel paper proposals under the new central processing system, and continue to work on the 1997 Annual Meeting. Jon Nakagawa, first-year student in the political science department at George Washington University, also helped generate the Directory and works in Membership along with Sean Dugan, a first-year student at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

In addition to graduate assistants, APSA employs several undergraduate interns each year through the work-study program at Georgetown University and a special relationship with Mount Vernon College at George Washington University. Interns help maintain the APSA website, assist in the publications and membership offices, and aid in several aspects of planning the Annual Meeting.

## Women's Caucus-South Elects New Officers

The Women's Caucus for Political Science-South recently announced the election of officers for the 1997 term. They include Laura van Assen-

delft, Mary Baldwin College, President; Wendy Gunther-Canada, University of Alabama, Vice-President and Newsletter Editor; Susan Roberts, Davidson College, Secretary; and Laura Woliver, University of South Carolina, Treasurer.

## Pi Sigma Alpha News

*Distinguished Speaker Videotape Series.* Pi Sigma Alpha has begun publication of a series of videotaped lectures by eminent political scientists as a way for students to get first-hand exposure to some of the

leading thinkers in the discipline. The first tape in the series is a talk delivered by Robert A. Dahl at the 1996 APSA Annual Meeting and titled "Equality and Inequality: Facts and Causes in a Normative Perspective." The videotapes are available to Pi Sigma Alpha chapters which can then organize meetings, discussion groups or debates around screenings. Contact the Pi Sigma Alpha National Office for details.

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Albany State College	Public issues forums
Brigham Young University	Regional student research conference
East Central Univ. (Oklahoma)	Initiation banquet
Eastern Washington University	Political science career luncheons
Univ. of Florida	Essay contest and awards
Univ. Of Guam	Acquisition of political science library materials
Hartwick College	Political Science Department pamphlet publication
Univ. Of Illinois—Springfield	Essay contest
Univ. Of Illinois—Urbana	Seminar series for women's shelter residents
Illinois State Univ.	Regional student political science conference
Marquette Univ.	Brunch for old and new IISΑ members
Mary Washington College	Scholarship competition for high school seniors
Univ. of Maryland-Baltimore Co.	National political speaker and reception
Univ. Of Massachusetts	Awards banquet
Univ. Of Michigan	Survey of alumni members and chapter history project
Mississippi Valley State Univ.	Visiting scholar lecture; debate on First Amendment topic
Univ. Of Montana	Banquet with speech by Montana governor Racicot
Univ. Of Nebraska	Paper competition and awards banquet
New Mexico State Univ.	Symposium on US-Mexico relations
Northeastern Univ.	Speaker; awards for best papers in public law and international relations
Univ. Of Notre Dame	Essay contest for middle school students
Purdue Univ.—Calumet	Student attendance at Indiana Political Science Conference and banquet
Coll. Of St. Francis (Joliet, IL)	Student attendance at MWPSA Conference
St. Francis Coll. (Loretto, PA)	Model U.N. for high school students
St. Olaf College	Best paper awards
San Jose State Univ.	Convocation and awards ceremony
Utah State Univ.	Induction banquet and speaker
Wake Forest Univ.	Guest speaker on narcotics trafficking in Latin America
Washington & Lee Univ.	Symposium on Elshstain's <i>Democracy on Trial</i> in conjunction with the author's visit to the university
Winthrop Univ.	Symposium on desegregation and busing

The members of the Grants Committee were James I. Lingle (Georgetown University and IISΑ Executive Director), Karl A Cerny (Georgetown), and Maurice Woodard (Howard University).

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