PHASE-IN TO NEW LEGISLATION

The New Haven ETA recently began the process of reducing PSE enrollment as mandated in new CETA legislation. Letters were mailed to 92 present PSE participants who will have been in the CETA program for 34 months or more as of March 23. The letters indicated that the 92 will be administratively separated from CETA on March 23 whether or not they have obtained other employment by that time.

The administrative separations - part of a local phase-in to new legislation - are the first of a monthly process that will continue as long as the new CETA legislation remains in effect. Since the legislation mandates that PSE participants be held to 18-month participation limits and reduces funding allotments in PSE Titles, administrative separations will become a regular process of the CETA program.

The process adopted locally will treat equally those persons who have been enrolled in the CETA program for approximately the same time. The individuals on PSE the longest will be separated first because they have been served the longest amount of time.

CETA/UNITED WAY: As part of our intensified efforts to assist PSE participants find unsubsidized jobs, CETA has joined with the United Way in an effort to aid local non-profit agencies in seeking alternative funding sources.

A new resource person, funded by CETA, will work on a long-term basis with community agencies, particularly smaller ones that lack expertise in grantsmanship.

It is expected that some of the new funds generated will be used to hire former PSE participants who have contributed to over 70 non-profit agencies.

VOLEYBALL: On February 1, PSE defeated Traffic & Controllers and Planning lost to Parks & Recreation; 2/8 - Planning vs. Traffic & Controllers at 7:45, PSE vs. City Plan at 8:15.

REMINDER: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays will be holidays for all staff members on Monday, Feb. 12, and Monday, Feb. 19.