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The National Federation of Filipino-American Associations (NaFFAA) is “running on empty.” According to our Deep Throat, “It cannot pay the rent of its national headquarters in Washington, DC, and the salaries of its erstwhile staff. Its Chief of Staff and concurrent Executive Director Doy Heredia has resigned, as he claims that he has not been paid his salary for more-than nine months. The NaFFAA secretary-receptionist Les Talusan has not also been paid her salary. Greg ‘Lagareng Hapon’ Macabenta is now a one-man ‘demolition squad’ for he serves as the NaFFAA national chairman, executive director, chief operating officer, chief financial officer and public-relations director all rolled into one miserable jack-of-all-trades but master-of-none leader.”

This website has foretold the demise of the NaFFAA, which has been abandoned by its less-than 170 members (not the 3,000 that its founders used to gloat over) on account of the financial scams that some of its national executive officers (NEOs) have allegedly committed – as per the various exposés written by this reporter. In fact, this writer warned the Filipino-American community way back in May 2000 that unless the federation followed religiously the ATIC tenets, it would soon fold up. ATIC, as this writer coined, means “accountability, transparency, integrity and credibility.”

The NaFFAA used to depend on donations from its members and the contribution well has dried up. After all, as many of its members have said, “Nobody would support an entity where its national officers have been accused of pocketing its funds.” As one pundit said, even some of its NEOs have abandoned the federation, as there is no more money to steal. Now, it will be forced to close its headquarters

The MabuhayRadio.com has documented the various financial scandals in the federation in its NaFFAAGate, as can be accessed in this hyperlink, <http://www.mabuhayradio.com/sections/naffaagate.html>

Even the former NaFFAA National Chairwoman, Loida Nicolas-Lewis, has stopped her periodic donations to the federation. She is said to be the richest Filipino in the United States but according to our sources, she has refused to throw good money after bad.

* Here are some of the articles about the current financial problems of the NaFFAA, as published in the <http://www.mabuhayradio.com/sections/naffaagate.html> :

[New "Payroll Scandal" Hits the NaFFAA National Headquarters](#)

[The NaFFAA Is Bankrupt Not Only Financially But Also Intellectually](#)

[The "Embezzlement" Issues in the Menorgate/NaFFAAGate Scandals of San Jose](#)

[Community Urged to Continue Boycott of the NaFFAA](#)

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This writer has said since May 2000 that the NaFFAA ruling clique is a bunch of crooks and he dared the clique members to sue him for libel. So far, nobody among the NEOs has even sent a demand for a retraction.

Pretty soon the Filipino-American soap opera, “*NaFFAA-ka-lungkot talaga, Kuya Eddie*,” will come to an end. For as the song goes, “Nothing comes from nothing ever good . . .” # # #

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