

I recently got myself an assistant who will be primarily concerned with watching all Federal programs. But we encourage individual faculty members and departments to deal with their counterparts. We know that this is the only way. No one person can be an agent for everybody dealing with Washington. Our people in agricultural research, for instance, have years of experience and they know their counterparts. They know the problems. They can deal. We have confidence in them. I encourage individual faculty members to informally work out proposals. We try to provide guidelines.

At the same time, they are asked to notify their deans immediately and notify my assistant that they are doing this. But the ability of a good chemist to get money from the NSF is much greater than the ability of my assistant to get money for him from the NSF. So we have to do it that way. And we do the same thing with foundations.

Mr. HATHAWAY. How much extra time do you think you need on the average to meet these deadlines? Would 60 days be enough?

Dr. YOUNG. Sixty days would be a tremendous improvement. People are teaching full time. We decide to get a proposal together. First a committee has to be formed. Then they get a draft. It has to be checked back and be reproduced and cleared. Some of it has to be sounded out informally with the people that we are dealing with in Washington. So that 60 days would be much better.

Mr. GIBBONS. Thank you, sir.

President Sennett, we would like to hear from you next.

STATEMENT OF LINCOLN SENNETT, PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, MACHIAS, MAINE

Mr. SENNETT. I haven't any prepared statement as I received my invitation over the phone and was asked to appear, but I will be glad to submit a written statement following this session.

Mr. GIBBONS. It is not necessary but if you would like, we will have it included at this point in the record.

(The statement furnished follows:)

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE,
Machias, Maine, January 19, 1967.

Mrs. EDITH GREEN,
Chairman, Special Subcommittee on Education, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR REPRESENTATIVE GREEN: I believe a few comments are in order relative to the experience we are having with various Federal programs assisting students at Washington State College.

1. I wish to commend the Boston office for their cooperation and helpfulness in advising us about problems which might arise or have arisen in administering the programs.

2. The forgiveness feature for those entering teaching has not in my belief aided to any extent in influencing training for teaching. It might be advisable to discontinue this forgiveness feature.

3. The repayment period of eleven years seems long especially if the total loan indebtedness of the student is \$1,000 or less. Please consider shortening the period to not more than six years, for loans not exceeding \$1,000.

4. It is my conviction that a minimum payment repayment schedule should be established for all loans.

5. Opportunity grants are proving to be especially helpful in meeting needs of students from extremely poor families. Federal scholarships in lieu of grants