

then you had to build more classrooms. And when you got ahead on classrooms you built more dormitories. You never would keep the two in balance because then the legislature would not have to build one or the other.

Dr. DeHART. My impression is that this has not been too good liaison.

Dr. JOHNSON. There definitely has not been any liaison. I might as well say that. We hear about the buildings going up.

Mr. GIBBONS. You learn about it when you see the buildings going up?

Dr. JOHNSON. That is right.

Mr. GIBBONS. Don't you think this is one of the areas where Congress might take corrective action to establish some liaison so as to keep the physical plant moving together?

Do you all know what the National Science Foundation is planning to do with these institutions or proposed grants?

Dr. DeHART. At the regional level, we have not been adequately informed on those programs. The relationships have been largely a matter of Washington concern and we have not been fed detailed information.

Things could be going on in the institution right here at Northeastern. I am sure I don't know half of what Dr. Knowles has been doing with the National Science funds or sometimes whether he has even had them.

Mr. GIBBONS. Is it necessary for you to know this?

Dr. DeHART. I think in overall planning to spend the amount of money that is going into the education world today, that there might be the chance for some unhappy results if everybody concerned does not have all the facts.

Dr. JOHNSON. May I comment on that point?

Certainly it would be most desirable if we did know about these things because we are at the present time trying to collect together data of this kind in our office and in the Higher Education Bureau Office through the assistance of a program analyst so that we might have a better picture, a constantly improving picture of what is going on not only in the student financial aid area but in all of the areas.

Mr. GIBBONS. If Congress undertook to try to enact some corrective legislation in this field what would be your suggestion as to how we ought to do it?

Dr. JOHNSON. I think this would require quite a bit of thought before one could answer that kind of question.

Mr. GIBBONS. Give us some off-the-cuff ideas so that we can be mulling it around between now and the next meeting that we have.

Dr. JOHNSON. I think this point that Dr. DeHart brought out a little earlier here, and others have also, this problem about staffing—which is a most important aspect—staffing and planning for just this kind of thing. That is how it could be best coordinated. Staff is needed for it.

It won't become efficient, it won't become effective if it is just placed on the present staff as an additional responsibility. The time will not permit this kind of coordination.

Mr. GIBBON. Do you think the National Science Foundation and HUD will tell you what they plan to do if you asked them?