

This is William E. Hudson, executive secretary of the Georgia Higher Education Facilities Commission. The purpose of this commission is to recommend to the U.S. Office of Education the relative priorities of eligible projects for the construction of academic facilities submitted by institutions of higher education within the State of Georgia.

The commission is composed of Mr. John A. Sibley, chairman; Dr. Harmon W. Caldwell, vice chairman; and Mr. James A. Dunlap, Dr. Rufus C. Harris, Dr. Waights G. Henry, Jr., and Dr. Benjamin Mays, members.

I could identify those various individuals. They are college presidents and people connected with the higher education effort in this State.

The foregoing group has served without change since the inception of the program. The commission has an office at 1108 Candler Building, Atlanta, Ga., and, in addition to the executive secretary, who devotes one-fifth of his time to the affairs of the commission, the commission retains the services of Mrs. Jeanne Roe as a full-time secretarial employee.

The State commission-Office of Education relationship is working well. The Federal-State partnership arrangement is most advantageous. The State commission has received no official complaints from any higher educational institution, public or private, in the State, and, in fact, no unofficial complaints have been received.

The commission's business is a matter of public record, and the plan for determining priorities of grant requests is on file at all accredited institutions.

A few facts concerning the program from its beginning are:

1. There are 61 accredited institutions of higher education in Georgia, 34 of which are classified as "privately supported institutions," and 27 are publicly supported.

2. Nineteen grant requests have been received from the private colleges—and this is total from the beginning of the program—and all of these requests have eventually been recommended to the U.S. Office of Education. These grant requests total \$4,272,313. No request has been refused by the commission.

3. Thirty-two grant requests have been received from the public institutions, and with the exception of one request, which was declared ineligible for consideration by the commission, all of the requests have presently been recommended to the U.S. Office of Education. These grant requests total \$13,725,140. No eligible request has been denied by the commission.

4. At the present moment, there remains on hand \$4,529,483 to be allocated during the current fiscal year. Indications are that this amount will be insufficient to cover the requests which will be received.

5. A list of grant requests by institutions is attached.

6. The allotment of Federal grant construction funds to Georgia has been fully utilized to date. No funds have lapsed or have been lost because of lack of demand.