

Grants Provided For Humanities Program

Washington, D.C. — The National Endowment for the Humanities has begun a program of grants for support of humanities projects initiated and conducted by young people. NEH thereby becomes one of the few Federal agencies so involved. Announcement of the new program was made by Dr. Ronald S. Berman, the Endowment's Chairman, who said that NEH is encouraging proposals for projects effective immediately.

Created in line with a recommendation made last year by the National Council on the Humanities, the new program — called "Youthgrants in the Humanities" — will consider applications from both students and young persons out of school. In announcing the program, Mr. Berman described it as "an important new thrust in the Endowment's continuing efforts to interest and involve all sectors of the population in the humanities." The program will

offer young people an opportunity to translate their educational and ethical concerns into concrete projects and to reflect critically on their own beliefs and values as well as those held by the larger society.

March 17th has been set as the first deadline for "Youthgrants" applications for projects scheduled to begin during the summer or fall of 1972. Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of young people prior to submission to the National Council on the Humanities, which makes final recommendations on all applications for Endowment grants.

Further information about the program, including eligibility, application procedures, and grant requirements is contained in a brochure available without charge from: Youthgrants in the Humanities, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506.

Dope Decriminalization

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John Finlator, who resigned his deputy directorship of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs earlier this year to join the advisory board of NORML and who has also served as Director of the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control in HEW has stated that until marijuana is legalized he doubts that any efforts to combat the heroin problem in this country, or any other serious drug abuse problems can be effective.

In a statement released by NORML, Finlator said:

"I have learned through many years of experience that repressive criminal laws will never solve our drug abuse problems. In the 1930's, when marijuana was first made illegal, there were less than 50,000 smokers in the whole country. Yet today, after four decades of incredibly harsh penalties, the Marijuana Commission tells us that 24 million Americans, including 15% of the population over 12 years of age, have smoked marijuana. Regardless of one's views towards marijuana, the ineffectiveness of the criminal laws as a deterrent to use is astounding. Meanwhile, we have ruined the careers and lives of hundreds of thousands of otherwise law-abiding citizens by needlessly subjecting them to the ramifications of being defined criminal."

Finlator added that it must be recognized that there is such a thing as "recreational" use of drugs. He stated that cigarettes and alcohol are recreational drugs like marijuana with one important difference: "Both of these drugs have far more proven harmful effects than marijuana."

"I have lectured at more than 40 college campuses over the past few years, Finlator said,

many during the turbulent 60's when drug experimentation of all kinds was flourishing. Today I see a more cautious and reasoned approach. LSD and heroin are rarely seen on campus. The illegal drug used is predominately marijuana. And more often than not, it is being used by upper-level students, whose grades are high, and who have incorporated the casual use of marijuana into their lives without apparent harm. More and more we are seeing that this is also the case among young

professionals, athletes and in industry."

Finlator closed his statement saying: "we must stop sending people to jail for smoking marijuana. From my vantage point, I predict that eventual legalization with government control, similar to that used for alcohol, is inevitable. When this country decides to honestly deal with the marijuana question, perhaps then we can begin to make some progress in the battle against serious drug abuse in the United States."

Summer Session

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Tuition charges for courses are \$85 per credit hour, plus a \$10 registration fee. Courses may be audited for a charge of \$25 per course. The normal maximum course load is seven credit hours per session.

The summer session courses are taught by members of the regular teaching faculties from Bennett, Greensboro and Guilford Colleges, Lanier said. They will cover the full content of the courses given during the fall and spring academic sessions.

"The joint summer sessions are viewed as a logical extension of the present spirit of cooperation existing among the three Greensboro colleges," said Lanier. "Not only are we able to offer twice as many summer courses as has been possible in the past, but the combined summer school also permits a number of advanced and specialized courses."

In addition to the regular course offerings in art, music, science and the humanities, several courses and workshops are offered especially for public school teachers who wish to renew teaching certification, or

who desire additional training in working with exceptional children.

Training which deals with instruction of exceptional and mentally handicapped children will include courses in art, physical education, psychology and special education.

Scholarship

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As far as recruiting is concerned, it means that a scholarship applicant must have a college board score of 1100 if he is in the 50th percentile of his class.

The move toward the new requirements had been underway for over a year. J.R. Boyd pointed out that although different people had different reasons for wanting the change, his own (and one mentioned by others) was the large percentage of aid to athletes relative to the total amount of financial aid that Guilford has.

It is hoped that the new policy will eradicate or aid in the eradication of the source of displeasure by ensuring that Guilford athletes are representative of the academic standards claimed by the school as a whole, rather than existing as a group apart as suggested by the 'hippie' and 'jock' controversy which pervaded the campus a few years back, and still remains an unsolved problem.

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