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Dr. Keeney Expresses Hope Foundation Will Aid Public

Dr. Barnaby C. Keeney said yesterday that he hopes a humanities foundation will help the public at large as well as educational institutions.

Dr. Keeney, president of Brown University, was named yesterday by President Johnson as chairman of the National Council on the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Both are arms of the National Arts and Humanities Foundation, created by Congress this year to enable the government to give financial aid to the two fields.

As chairman of the endowment, Dr. Keeney will control a maximum of 10 million dollars authorized by Congress for the humanities. As council chairman he will have administrative authority over a 26-man panel of experts who will advise him how the money should be spent.

President Johnson is expected to appoint the council members shortly.

Dr. Keeney, 50, said yesterday that he hopes the council will "help the humanities not only in educational institutions, but in the population at large.

"It hasn't been apparent until recently that a humanities foundation is in the national interest," he said. "It is now and the foundation has got to operate so that it will stay in the national interest."

Dr. Keeney was congratulated last night by Sen. Claiborne Pell, who sponsored and played an important role in passage of the legislation to aid the arts and humanities.

Mr. Pell said: "There are few people in the country better qualified, either by experience

or temperament, to administer this excellent new departure in public support for the humanities, and I am proud to have supported Dr. Keeney.

"Actually his appointment doubly delights me since I sponsored and helped win passage of the legislation which establishes this new national foundation."

Dr. Keeney will take office July 1, 1966, after finishing the year at Brown. President Johnson has named Henry Allen Moe, former president of the Guggenheim Foundation, to act as chairman in the interim.

Dr. Keeney previously had announced that he would resign as Brown president at the finish of the academic year. His post as chairman of the national endowment carries a salary of \$28,500.

The endowment will administer a program of fellowships, grants-in-aid, and loans to development, research, training, publications, conferences and workshops in the human