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# Foundation's Goal: 'Excellence in Arts'

An official of the National Foundation on Arts and Humanities told a Brown University audience last night the purpose of the foundation is to help "provide constant exposure to excellence in the arts so as to create the ability to appreciate."

Livingston L. Biddle Jr., deputy chairman of the foundation, spoke at the 136th anniversary dinner of the Rhode Island Alpha of Phi Beta Kappa. About 150 persons attended.

He said the appropriations for the newly created foundation are "in some jeopardy" this year, but he is hopeful cuts will be restored.

The counterpart of the arts endowment, the National Endowment for the Humanities, will place its emphasis on developing scholars and teachers, Mr. Biddle said.

He gave much credit for the

establishment of the national foundation to Sen. Claiborne Pell, who introduced legislation creating the agency.

He also praised Dr. Albert Bush-Brown, president of the Rhode Island School of Design, and Dr. Barnaby C. Keeney, president of Brown, in supporting the legislation.

Dr. Bush-Brown is a member of the council on the arts and Dr. Keeney has been named chairman of the council on the humanities and the endowment for the humanities.

Before the dinner, 26 members of the Brown classes of 1966 and 1967 were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa.