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SMITH PROFESSOR NAMED TO NATIONAL EDUCATION PANEL

Washington, DC -- Dr. Richard B Young, professor emeritus of English at Smith College and two others have been appointed by Senator Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) to serve on a national panel to review federal financing of higher education.

The National Commission On Responsibilities For Financing Postsecondary Education was created when Congress approved last year's Higher Education Act. The commission will study and investigate federal policy in financing the costs of postsecondary education.

In announcing the appointment, Sen. Dole said, "Professor Young's background in education will be valuable as the commission reviews our policy of financing higher education, and recommends what the future of our policy should be. I'm happy that Dick Young has agreed to serve on the commission; his experience and familiarity with some of this country's leading university educators will be invaluable."

Dr. Young served as a professor of English at Smith College from 1961 through 1986. He earned an undergraduate, master's and doctorate degree from Yale University where he taught English from 1953 until 1961.

Dole also appointed Dr. Bill Danforth of St. Louis, Missouri and Larry Jones of Wichita, Kansas. Six other members have been appointed by the President and former Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill. The commission will operate until 1989.

Dr. Young and his wife Ann maintain a residence in Northampton, Massachusetts and have spent their winters on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina since 1978.