

to train and educate our young people is shaping the destiny of our great nation.

In each successive budget since I took office as Governor, the program of public education in Maryland has been broadened, intensified and accelerated. The result is that in just about every category of measurement, Maryland holds a position of high rank in relationship to the rest of the country. The budget which I am recommending to you reflects the determination of this Administration to continue a policy that has as its objectives a steady improvement in both the quantity and the quality of the education that is offered in our public school system.

### *HIGHER EDUCATION*

This policy extends beyond the elementary and high school level and into the area of public higher education. The aim of this Administration to enlarge and strengthen our public institutions of higher learning—the University of Maryland, the State colleges and the community colleges—is evidenced in both the operational and the capital budgets for fiscal 1965.

Last year you set up the machinery for the conversion of the five State Teachers Colleges into colleges of the arts and sciences and outlined a general plan for their utilization to meet the heavy demands of an ever-increasing college enrollment. The conversion is taking place, and in the budget I am recommending for fiscal 1965 there are appropriations which I believe will enable the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges to launch a program under which eventually these colleges will rank among the finest in the nation. I have proposed a total allowance to these institutions, in general and special funds, of \$7,589,288. This represents an increase of \$911,224 over the appropriation of the current year. Most of the increase is to be spent for new positions, additional books and science equipment to sustain the additional enrollment and expand the liberal arts program. Comparable increases have been allowed Morgan State College to enable it to continue to strengthen its excellent instructional program. In total funds, I have proposed that Morgan be allowed \$3,878,579, an increase of \$210,291 over the appropriation for this year.

The appropriation which I have recommended for the University of Maryland is designed to permit that institution to grow at the rapid pace the population explosion of our time demands and at the same time to strengthen its programs of services to students and to