

to this institution has been strengthened by my activities as a State official, first as Comptroller of the Treasury and now as Governor, and an ex officio member of the Board of Public Works in both positions. In these official capacities, I have seen Maryland State grow from the few scattered buildings that comprised the old campus of Princess Anne Academy to this magnificent new plant.

I am proud to say that during this time I have lent my powers of persuasion and encouragement to the program of building, fully aware of the great service Maryland State College has rendered to the State in the past in the education of its youth and fully cognizant of its potentialities in the future development of the cultural, economic and human resources of Maryland. The progress that has been made here at this College since the end of World War II is truly remarkable. This progress should not be measured in terms alone of brick and steel and stone, although, of course we are all pleased to have the buildings and the equipment needed for the successful operation of this institution. But physical plant alone never made a good school, college or university.

Along with the enlargement and improvement of buildings and equipment here at Maryland State College we have seen the orderly growth of faculty and student body. The administration has been revised and streamlined and the curriculum expanded. Student life has been improved by the enlargement of cultural and recreational programs. I acknowledge readily enough that victory in athletic contests is no criterion of the value of an educational institution, but we would be less than human if we did not take some pride in the brilliant athletic accomplishments of this College. Its achievements have been nothing less than amazing. I enjoy football games myself, and when I go to see my favorite professional team play, it is heart-warming to watch two of Maryland State's great football stars still playing the brilliant game they did here on this campus a few years ago.

Yes, Maryland State College has played a significant role in the development of this great State and in the enhancement of the lives of its citizens. Students for more than seventy years now have marched through its portals to move into positions of leadership in all walks of life. As an integral part of our great State university, which is rapidly gaining renown and prestige not only in all parts of this country but throughout the world, I predict an even more significant role for this College in cultivating the talents and developing the intellectual capacities of our youth. We must pursue that high purpose with energy and determination, ever mindful of the warnings we see that if we fail in that