

October 1, 1961, at Patuxent. The additional funds will be used to staff the center and improve the services to an expected increase in the population of the institution.

The vast and rather complex budgets of the state's institutions of higher learning merit, I think, careful consideration and close scrutiny by all of you.

I believe you will find that the allowances I am recommending reflect this Administration's deep and abiding interest in establishing and maintaining the kind of public institutions that will offer our young people the best opportunities to complete their formal education. In this connection, I would remind you that this Administration is continuing its effort to find the best possible solution to the problem of expanding the University of Maryland to meet the requirements of a tremendously increased enrollment over the years ahead.

Meanwhile, we are increasing our appropriations to existing institutions in an effort to meet immediate needs. The allotment to the University of Maryland for operating purposes, for example, has been increased by \$2,496,780 of which \$1,286,504 is in general funds. Among other things, these increases will make possible the enlargement of the teaching and professional staffs, regular increments to classified employees, faculty salary merit increases and the maintenance of expanded physical plants, in College Park, Princess Anne and in the professional schools in Baltimore. Funds for Morgan State College have been increased by \$110,040, which will enable the College to continue to offer its present high-quality program.

I assume that you are familiar already with our program of capital improvements, which has been reported in the press in considerable detail. Capital projects submitted by department and institutions were reviewed and evaluated by the State Planning Department, and based upon the findings of that Department, I have adopted a capital budget for the 1962 fiscal year which includes 97 projects to cost \$16,750,400.

Highlights of this program are \$4,274,100 for the University of Maryland, with an expenditure of \$2,830,700 at College Park and \$1,156,500 in the Baltimore schools; \$1,000,000 for additional land acquisition in the Gunpowder River Park; \$2,469,200 for much-needed improvements at the Rosewood State Training School, and \$2,500,000 for the first stage construction of a new medium-security correctional institution at Breathedsville. Also, Morgan State College will receive a total of \$1,103,000, including sums for the construction