

housing, instructional and other facilities to accommodate increased enrollments expected for many years hence.

Enlarged appropriations are also recommended to expand teaching and professional staffs, for merit increments to members of the faculties and to defray the costs maintaining the expanded physical plant. In the budget I am offering, the University of Maryland and the State Board of Agriculture will receive an increase in general-fund support of \$1,312,852. Morgan State College will be allotted \$54,392 additional, and the five state teachers colleges, a total of \$584,680 in additional funds. High standards of education cannot be maintained without good teaching, and so I am recommending to you a revision of faculty salary scales of the University, Morgan State College and the five teachers colleges to enable these institutions to recruit and retain gifted and able teaching personnel. My proposal provides a uniform base scale for all of our institutions of higher learning. It sets up for the first time professorial rank for the faculty of the teachers colleges, which will serve the two-fold purpose of strengthening the faculty and providing a more rational approach to salary conditions in these institutions. Additional increments are allowed to graduate and professional instruction in the highest two ranks, an area in which the university faces its most serious problem in the recruitment and retention of key faculty personnel.

The improved scales will enable us to keep abreast of national salary standards and will make it possible for these institutions to maintain a strong competitive position in attracting and keeping competent teaching personnel.

Good health is as essential to the happiness and success of a community as it is to the individual. So, I urge that we continue to press onward with aggressive programs of public health and mental hygiene. Last year, you will recall, we took steps to accomplish a greater measure of cooperation and coordination between the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by setting up a new policy board to govern both. A greater emphasis is being placed upon community health services, and, under the guidance of the board of health and mental hygiene, the two departments are collaborating to give impetus to this progressive movement in public health, particularly with regard to the treatment of the mentally ill and mentally retarded. It is satisfying to be able to report a continuation of the downward trend in patient population in our mental hospitals—a trend which assuredly indicates the high quality of the treatment we are giving the mentally ill in our State. The average number