

budget and the capital budget, of course, for building, equipping and staffing the vitally needed Baltimore County campus of the University and for improvements of the professional schools in Baltimore. Comparable increases have been allowed for expanding and strengthening Morgan State College, the five colleges which operate under a single board of trustees, and St. Mary's College in Southern Maryland. Our concern for the elevation of the quality of the education offered by these institutions is reflected in many parts of their budgets, and in particular the provision that has been made for the upward revision in the faculty salary scale for every rank in all the institutions. A high quality of education cannot be sustained without capable teachers, and we are doing what we can to attract and retain faculties of the highest qualifications. In this connection, it is worthy of note that nearly half — 622 of 1,314 — of the new positions we are recommending for next year are for educational and related purposes. Before I leave the subject of education, I should like to point out that provision has been made, or will be made later in the session, to finance an educational television network, to strengthen the State scholarship system and to provide vocational on-the-job training for unemployed and underemployed persons under the Federal Area Redevelopment and Manpower Development Act.

A seven-station State-wide ETV network will be developed to serve the educational, cultural and informational needs of all of the citizens of Maryland, from children in pre-school age to our senior citizens. The use of this important medium of communications for the fulfillment of the cultural and educational needs of the people has been too long neglected, and we must move ahead as rapidly as possible to develop the educational television network. Legislation will be presented to you for the revision and expansion of the senatorial scholarship program. This legislation proposes to change the arbitrary fixed amount now appropriated by the State to support the senatorial scholarships to a system based on the actual catalogue cost in each college. In addition the legislation would extend the scholarship program to other accredited four-year colleges.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The good health of its citizens is of constant concern to the State. As is the case with an individual, health to a state or nation is more important than wealth. And so my program for next year calls for sizeable increases in expenditures to improve the scope and the effectiveness of the programs which are being operated by the De-