

Centenary Biblical Institute of 1867. Yet a tradition of intense dedication, a spirit as compelling as it is intangible, has prevailed as the continuous, cohesive force spanning the decades, linking past and present generations. This intangible commitment not only to progress but to quality in higher education has forged the character, the excellence and the tangible growth of Morgan State College.

This is the moment to reflect upon the contribution of the founders of the Centenary Biblical Institute, to appreciate the vision of Dr. Littleton Morgan and the succession of vigorous presidents and independent boards that charted the first century of progress; to remember the many who labored with limited resources yet insisted upon — and accepted — only standards of excellence.

In 1939, with the advent of State support, the College's resources expanded but so did the challenges. One need only look at the figures to verify the facts. In the 1940 fiscal year, Morgan's first as a State College, the enrollment was 424 students; the operating budget, \$82,000; the capital budget, \$350,000. In the present fiscal year, the enrollment is 3500, the operating budget exceeds \$3.7 million and the capital budget approaches \$1.4 million. In less than two decades Morgan has realized an 800% growth in its student population and accommodated it through expenditures forty-five times greater than the State's initial investment.

The Centennial year also coincides with Morgan's first year as a full-fledged member of Maryland's State College family — an immersion which will even more enhance Morgan's prospects for progress and enrich all Maryland's State Colleges. While we can never forget or fail to be grateful for the efforts of Morgan's independent Boards of Trustees, the ultimate assimilation of Morgan signifies the fulfillment of their objectives and the fruition of their efforts. They have brought Morgan to this day and in this merger served not only Morgan but all of Maryland.

For unity like equality supplements and *does not* sublimate individuality. Morgan will continue to develop and contribute within its own lines, guided by its own lights, nurtured by its particular genius. Morgan is a member of a family but its relationship is comparable to that of all great families, where all members are motivated by shared principles and aspirations, yet each will act and contribute according to his own talent and character.

With this in mind the century ahead holds even greater promise, adventure and challenge. Present program and facility expansion is