

1 creating their state universities, six states and now more
2 have given constitutional autonomy to the institution for
3 the purpose of protecting it from the freeze of public
4 or political interference and having to accept staff
5 appointments on the basis of political patronage. And
6 yet in other states, autonomy has been given to the
7 universities by legislative act as it has been at this
8 point in Maryland. The courts have been eloquent in sup-
9 porting such devices and I quote the case of State versus
10 Chase in which the court speaks on this:

11 "It was put to the management of the greatest
12 state educational institution, it put them beyond the
13 dangers of vacillation policy, ill-informed or careless
14 meddling and partisan ambition that would be possible in
15 the case of management by either legislative or executive
16 chosen at frequent intervals for functions and because of
17 qualities and activities vastly different from those which
18 qualify for an institution of higher education."

19 DELEGATE CLARK (presiding): Delegate Wheatley,
20 you have five minutes.

21 DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Now, I would like to point