

1 citizens, for the new members of the legislature to  
2 decide that perhaps it would be well to find a way to  
3 go to the root of the existence of the university and  
4 to, in fact, in one form or another control it. I think  
5 we've been very fortunate in Maryland in having good  
6 support from the citizens, good support from the legis-  
7 lature, a good opportunity to actually meet the needs of  
8 higher education as they have been a part of the activities  
9 of the university and yet you have seen during recent  
10 years direct attempts to change the authority of the  
11 Board, direct attempts to change the membership, various  
12 moves of that type that can in fact considerably lessen  
13 the authority of any board to really direct over a period  
14 of years the affairs of an institution, public insti-  
15 tution of higher education.

16 I think we are fortunate that across this  
17 country there has been developed the boards of regents  
18 or trustees. This is particularly an American insti-  
19 tution in which the continuing destiny of a particular  
20 institution is placed really heavily in the hands of  
21 this Board.