

1 as a very progressive and enlightened step. Perhaps if
2 adopted by the Convention, this might be the most substan-
3 tial and meaningful change in the present Constitution.
4 It would not just be a housekeeping measure, but a means
5 of assuring the present eminence of our State University
6 which has very rapidly developed in large part because
7 the Legislature had seen fit to give it the independence
8 with which to develop.

9 The University of Maryland, as we have come
10 to understand it in our study of it for the purpose of
11 this recommendation, is a rather unique function of State
12 government. It is almost impossible to parallel it with
13 the standard branches of government. It is extremely
14 large. It has expenditures greater by far, for instance,
15 than the Judicial Branch of the Government. Its effect on
16 the citizens of the State, the people of the nation in
17 terms of the immense amount of research and learning under-
18 taken within its borders compares very favorably with the
19 Government. I believe there are some 35,000 students
20 there now.

21 MR. CASE: 28,000.