

1 educational circles, but there are others that would.
2 I realize and believe it is true that there are only four
3 States who have elevated their universities to constitu-
4 tional status. They are California -- and California
5 has shown that one does not escape the vicissitudes of
6 politics. In the words of Thurman Arnold, you can never
7 take the politics out of politics. The other universi-
8 ties that are elevated to constitutional status are
9 Minnesota, Michigan and Georgia. I would be one of those
10 who contest the proposition that the University of Georgia
11 is a first rate institution, constitutional autonomy or
12 not.

13 The statutory autonomy under which the Univer-
14 sity of Maryland has flourished has worked well. Cer-
15 tainly, it is always a risk that a Legislature of the
16 future might repeal it, amend it or jettison it altogether,
17 but again, that is one of the risks of democracy. If
18 every institution or agency in this State that was afraid
19 that at sometime a Legislature would act arbitrarily or
20 capriciously and therefore demand constitutional protection,
21 we would have a document 100 pages long. I have seen no