

as well as establishing the Maryland Higher Education Loan Corporation to administer the State Loan Program for higher education, it does not appear that sufficient information is being made available to students who need financial assistance to continue their education in institutions of higher learning.

In addition to the programs named above which are sponsored by the State, many, if not all, of the various institutions of higher education in Maryland, both public and private, have established programs of student aid, through loans, grants, scholarships and work programs to assist students who need financial help, and it appears that this type of information is not always being made available to prospective students so as to effectively assist them in furthering their education.

It is a well-established principle that the future of the State, as well as the Nation, is dependent in a great part on the furtherance of education of its citizens, and this premise is worthy of every effort to assist in such furtherance.

The Student Financial Assistance Committee has considered the problem of dissemination of information on student aid in its deliberations over the past two years, and one outstanding conclusion has been reached. It has become apparent that there is a breakdown of communication at the high school counseling level, due in part to insufficient accumulation and correlation of information.

The necessary information on student aid through the State programs, as well as the existing programs in the various colleges should be compiled at some central point, from which it can be made available to the high school counselors so that they, in turn, can advise those high school students desirous of obtaining a college education, but unable financially to attain that goal, of the various programs of assistance which are available, whether scholarship, loan, grant or work program. It would appear that since this is a Statewide program, the most logical agency to compile this information would be the Maryland Council on Higher Education, and the most logical agency to disseminate the compiled information would be the State Department of Education, particularly as the State Department of Education has overall supervision of secondary school education in Maryland; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Maryland Council on Higher Education be directed to develop and compile information on aid programs at all accredited institutions of higher learning in Maryland and the State Department of Education be directed to undertake an intensive program of disseminating this compiled information as well as current information on State Scholarship Programs and the Higher Education Loan Program to high school counselors throughout the State, so that high school students may be encouraged to continue their education beyond the secondary school level; and be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the State Superintendent of Education, and the Maryland Council on Higher Education.

Approved April 22, 1970.