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"This year's enrollment increase is the largest since 1968 and occurred in both public and independent colleges. The number of students enrolled at public two-year colleges increased 15.5 per cent over the previous year; at independent colleges, the increase was 11.2 per cent."

--American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, 1976.

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Table 14. TWENTY-SEVEN STATES SHOW WEIGHTED AVERAGE TWO-YEAR GAIN OF 33 PER CENT IN APPROPRIATIONS OF STATE TAX FUNDS FOR ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976-77. (In thousands of dollars)

States	Year 1966-67	Year 1974-75	Year 1976-77	2-yr gain per cent	10-yr gain per cent
Twenty states previously reported*					
Twenty states	1,047,432	3,230,964***	4,379,499+	36	318++
Alaska	7,314	36,073	64,829	80	786
Connecticut	34,897	135,247	145,888	8	318
Maryland	61,567	181,704	256,777	41	317
Mississippi	36,720	130,729	154,036	18	319
Missouri	74,817	197,911	236,782	20	350
North Carolina	81,194	337,044	407,977	21	402
Oklahoma	41,867	105,970	152,263	44	264
Totals	1,385,808	4,355,642	5,798,051		
Weighted average percentages of gain				33	318

*See GRAPEVINE, Table 8, page 1374 (June 1976).

**Adjusted upward to account for a recent updating of the 1974-76 total for Hawaii.

+Adjusted upward to account for the addition of funds for area vocational and technical institutes in Minnesota, reported in GRAPEVINE, page 1376 (June 1976).

++Revised to reflect changes in the totals reported in footnotes above.

On July 1, 1976, the mid-point of the calendar year and the beginning of a new fiscal year for many of the states, GRAPEVINE had relayed to its readers the figures for fiscal 1977 for twenty-seven states. As we may have written in this space before, the states reported are mostly smaller or medium-sized as to population. With a few exceptions, the larger states, such as California, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois, are yet to be reported. At this mid-point one must remark that the early-reporting states have set an excellent example of progress for their more populous (and often wealthier per capita) neighbors. The national economy seems no longer to be slipping downward, and the psychological panic of 1975 is probably somewhat abated. The excitements and uncertainties of a quadrennial national election year will continue with us. Only time will tell how much tax support of higher education will gain as a nationwide priority. The record thus far is good.

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ALASKA. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1976-77:

ALASKA. The apparent two-year gain over the comparable figure for fiscal year 1974-76 is 80 per cent.

Table 15. State tax fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Alaska, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
University of Alaska	
Northern Region, Fairbanks*	19,442
South Central Reg, Anchorage**	13,928
Southeastern Region, Juneau***	3,744
Rural education+	4,851
Statewide administration++	7,773
Organized research+++	5,976
Subtotal, genl approps -	\$55,714
Special appropriations -	
Student financial aid	4,398
Educational broadcasting	1,952
Manpower and adult education	904
Alaska Methodist U nursing prog	598
WICHE@	591
Juneau Museum	428
Postsecondary Ed Commission	181
Special education grants	63
Subtotal, spec approps -	\$9,115
Total	64,829

*Total includes the statewide cooperative extension service, \$1,614,000; and Tanana Valley Community College, \$1,539,000.

**Anchorage Senior College and Community Colleges at Anchorage and Matanuska-Susitna.

***Southeastern Senior College and Community Colleges at Juneau-Douglas, Ketchikan, and Sitka.

+Community Colleges at Kodiak, Kenai, Kuskokwim, and Northwestern.

++Includes: institutional support, \$2,545,100; general salary increases, \$2,200,000; community college salaries, \$1,577,000; Board of Regents, and other items, \$568,000

+++The state's contribution to a total of \$27,539,200, mostly from federal and other sources, for numerous research institutes and laboratories, mostly on the Fairbanks campus.

@Includes \$431,000 for student exchange programs.

CONNECTICUT. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1976-77:

Table 16. State tax fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Connecticut, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Connecticut	55,155
Medical-Dental Sch	18,353
Subtotal, U of C -	\$73,508
State Colleges -	
Central Connecticut	13,032
Southern Connecticut	12,449
Western Connecticut	5,116
Eastern Connecticut	4,212
Board for State Colls	310
Subtotal, S C's -	\$35,119
Regional Comm Colls	21,319
Bd for Regional Comm Colls	441
Subtotal, R C C's -	\$21,760
Technical Colleges	5,259
Commission for Higher Edn*	3,906
Contract services**	2,952
Conn Student Loan Foundation	2,900
Administration	373
New England Bd of Higher Ed	111
Total	145,888

*Includes: Board for State Academic Awards, \$90,600; Office of Veterans Affairs for Education, \$33,400; \$49,500 for 6 student places at the U of Pennsylvania or Cornell U schools of veterinary medicine; and \$50,000 for payments to independent colleges for tuition waivers for Vietnam era veterans.

**To contract with independent colleges to admit Connecticut undergraduates and to contract with independent colleges for programs, facilities, and services.

The total for fiscal year 1976-77 appears to be a gain of 8 per cent over the comparable figure for two years earlier.

MARYLAND. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1976-77:

Table 17. State tax fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Maryland, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
University of Maryland (Incl medical units, ag exp sta, ag exten serv and branch campuses)	115,015
State Colleges -	
Towson	13,664
Morgan	7,845
Frostburg	5,459
Bowie	4,676
Salisbury	4,310
Coppin	4,219
U of Baltimore	2,989
St. Mary's Coll of Md	2,399
Trustees of state colleges	3,057
Subtotal, S C's -	\$48,618
State scholarships	4,662
Higher Edn Loan Corp	563
Computer Center	1,497
Council of Higher Edn	775
Aid to private higher education	5,500
State aid for comm colls	41,576
State board for comm colls	272
Est salary & fringe benefits*	38,299
Total	256,777

*Not budgeted in higher education's institutions or agencies.

The total for fiscal year 1976-77 appears to be a gain of 41 per cent over the comparable figure for two years earlier.

The 1976 legislature enacted a new structure and functions for a new state-level coordinating body, an 11-member State Board for Higher Education. The board will have the usual coordinating duties, and will have an elaborate system of advisory committees representing the different segments (levels) of higher education, and also others representing students, faculty and other constituencies.

The legislation implements the report of a Task Force headed by Alan M. Wilner, appointed by the governor in May 1975.

MISSISSIPPI. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1976-77:

Table 18. State tax fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Mississippi, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Mississippi	13,107*
Teaching hospital	9,687
School of medicine	9,605
School of dentistry	1,924
School of nursing	1,068
School of health related prof	787
Pharmaceutical research	601
Subtotal, U of M -	\$36,779
Mississippi State U	15,644*
Ag experiment stations	6,494
Coop extension	5,844
Coll of veterinary med	952
State chemical lab	544
Forest products lab	433
Subtotal, Miss St U -	\$29,911
U of Southern Mississippi	14,005*
School nursing	1,600
Cont education nursing	141
Subtotal, U of SM -	\$15,746
Jackson State U	8,085*
Delta State U	4,675*
Alcorn State U	3,316*
Miss Valley State U	3,196*
Miss U for Women	3,881*
School of nursing	1,119
Subtotal, MUW -	\$5,000
Vocational education	19,031
Junior colleges	17,706
Other items**	10,591
Total	154,036

*Appropriated to the Board of Trustees for allocation to the eight universities and the Gulf Coast Research Lab.

**Includes Gulf Coast Research Lab, Board of Trustees Office, Education and Research Center, Interest funds, Medical Education Loan Program, Nursing Education Aid Program, Research and Development Center, Sea Grant funds, SREB Program, State Scholarship Program, Special Library Funds and Off-campus funds.

The total for fiscal year 1976-77 appears to be a gain of 18 per cent over the comparable figure for two years earlier.

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MISSOURI. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1976-77:

Table 19. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Missouri, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Missouri*	127,709
Columbia	
Kansas City	
Rolla	
St. Louis	
University-wide	
Subtotal, U of M - \$127,709	
Lincoln University	4,996
State Universities & Colleges -	
Southwest Missouri	15,484
Central Missouri	13,974
Southeast Missouri	10,802
Northeast Missouri	9,576
Northwest Missouri	7,195
Missouri Western College	2,872
Missouri Southern College	2,894
Subtotal, U & C's - \$56,136	
Harris Teachers College**	1,367
State aid to pub junior colls	26,045
Mo Student Grant Program	3,364
Department of Higher Ed	1,734
Matching fringe benefits	8,770
Total	236,782

*State tax funds are appropriated to the University of Missouri as one lump sum. The breakdown by campus is an internal tentative allocation, and will be furnished at a later date.

**Municipal institution, state-aided.

The total for fiscal year 1976-77 appears to be a gain of 20 per cent over the comparable figure for two years earlier.

NORTH CAROLINA. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1976-77:

Table 20. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in North Carolina, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
University of North Carolina	
UNC at Chapel Hill	40,530
Health affairs	27,320
N C Memorial Hospital*	15,571
Area health edn centers	10,645
Subtotal, UNC, CH - \$94,066	
NC State U at Raleigh	40,371
Ag experiment station	11,640
Ag extension service	9,280
Industrial extension	754
Subtotal, NCSU - \$62,045	
East Carolina U	22,290**
UNC at Greensboro	16,869
Appalachian State U	14,490
UNC at Charlotte	13,650
Western Carolina U	10,638
N C Ag & Tech State U	9,480
N C Central U	8,433
UNC at Wilmington	5,940
Winston-Salem State U	4,304
Fayetteville State U	4,029
Pembroke State U	3,708
Elizabeth City State U	3,259
UNC at Asheville	2,933
N C School of the Arts	2,040
General administration	4,220
Allocations to institutions	1,951
Related Ed programs***	13,794
Total, U of N C	298,139
State support of comm colls and technical institutes	103,322
Separate appropriation	4,516
Edn benefits, veterans' children+	2,000
Total	407,977

NORTH CAROLINA Footnotes

*This is a teaching hospital, a part of the medical complex at Chapel Hill, but was administratively separated from the university at Chapel Hill by the legislature of 1971, and is now in effect a seventeenth separate unit of the statewide University of North Carolina.

**Includes \$3,535,043 for the School of Medicine

***Includes \$4,600,000 aid to private institutions for needy N C undergraduates enrolled in private schools; \$4,200,000 for \$200 tuition grants to each full-time N C undergraduate attending private schools; \$2,163,000 assistance to private medical schools

+Appropriated to the Department of Administration.

OKLAHOMA. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1976-77:

Table 21. State tax fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Oklahoma, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Oklahoma	25,983
Health Sciences Center	16,085
Tulsa program	1,128
Family med prac-Enid	125
Law center	1,372
Geological survey	662
Subtotal, OU - \$45,355	
Oklahoma State U	26,450
Ag experiment station	4,806
Ag extension division	4,315
Coll of Veterinary Medicine	1,745
Sch of Tech Train-Okmulgee	3,531
Oklahoma City Tech Inst	1,461
Subtotal, OSU - \$42,308	
Ok Coll of Osteopathic Med	1,932
Central State U	9,589
Northeastern State U	6,016
Southwestern State U	5,314
Southeastern State U	3,833
Cameron U	3,794
East Central State U	3,101
Northwestern State U	1,874
U of Science and Arts	1,752
Langston U	1,579
Ok Panhandle State U	1,453
Subtotal, S U's - \$38,305	
Junior colleges -	
Tulsa Junior College	4,348
Oscar Rose Junior College	4,248
Northeastern Ok A & M Coll	2,445
South Oklahoma City Jr Coll	2,223
Eastern Oklahoma State Coll	1,871
Northern Oklahoma College	1,309
Connors State College	1,265
Claremore Junior College	1,226
Murray State Coll	965
Seminole Junior Coll	952
Western Oklahoma State Coll	874
Carl Albert Junior Coll	588
El Reno Junior Coll	561
Sayre Junior College*	212
Subtotal, J C's - \$23,087	

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Televised instruction program	475
Guaranteed student loan program	100
Dental, Optometry Student Assist	85
Student intern program	15
Civil rights state plan	100
Special programs	500
Total	152,263

*A community junior college which receives state aid.

The total for fiscal year 1976-77 appears to be a gain of 44 per cent over the comparable figure for two years earlier.

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U. S. Supreme Court Decides Maryland's Direct State Aid to Denominational Colleges Does Not Offend U.S. Constitution

On June 21, 1976, by a vote of 5 to 4 of the Justices, the Supreme Court arrived at a judgment which may have widespread effects on the future development of tax support of higher education in the United States.

Maryland's direct appropriations of state tax funds to church-related colleges, for portions of their annual operating expenses, in a policy begun by the 1971 legislature, is sustained as constitutional. The tax funds must be used for secular educational purposes, and not to advance any particular religious doctrine or any teaching of theology or divinity.

Actually there was no single majority opinion. Justice Harry A. Blackmun wrote one in which he was joined by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and Justice Lewis F. Powell. Justice Byron R. White wrote a concurring opinion, joined by Justice William H. Rehnquist, thus making a majority of five in agreement as to the result.

A dissenting opinion was entered by Justice William J. Brennan, joined by Justice Thurgood Marshall. They stressed that the grants are "general subsidies," tending to "promote interdependence between religion and state which the First Amendment is designed to prevent." Another dissent was filed by Justice John Paul Stevens and Justice Potter Stewart.