

# COURSES NOW OVERLAP IN 2 STATE SCHOOLS

## Morgan College Studies Are Duplicated At Princess Anne

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Quietly and without any apparent authority, the State's college for training Negro students in agriculture and mechanics has embarked on a course of competition with the State's arts-and-sciences college for Negro students.

The competition involves a duplication of classes and a duplication of expense.

Both schools are supported by tax funds.

In the past, the two schools have been restricted to differing fields.

### Two Institutions' Fields

Princess Anne College, the University of Maryland's branch for Negroes in Somerset county, was bought by the State to provide agricultural and industrial education under the act governing land-grant colleges. Morgan State College, in Baltimore, was bought by the State as a public institution of higher learning for Negroes offering instruction in the liberal arts and providing preparation for professional study and teaching.

Until this year, the schools adhered to their separate fields.

Now, however, as part of the overnight expansion undertaken by the University of Maryland, the Princess Anne school is reaching out for students in the field assigned to Morgan College. It is offering rival courses in the arts and sciences.

### Princess Anne Budget Grows

The added cost to the State is represented in the mushroom growth of the Princess Anne budget, which the university wants to jump from \$118,694 this year to \$463,585 next.

No mention of this transition appears in the college catalogue. According to that publication, Princess Anne offers a four-year curriculum in agriculture and agricultural education, home economics and mechanic arts and industrial education.

Arts and sciences are listed by the catalogue as limited to a two-year junior-college course, and prospective majors in this field are advised that a transfer to some other institution, such as Morgan, will be necessary to complete the studies for an arts degree.

### School Changes Prospectus

Since the publication of the catalogue, and the recruitment last year of an expanded student body from other states, the school has changed its prospectus. Bulletins distributed by the college authorities have announced the addition of instruction leading to a four-year course of study in the liberal arts.

The facade of an agricultural and mechanical land-grant college remains, but the school is expanding into other fields in which the State has made prior provision at Morgan College.

University authorities, who had neglected Princess Anne for a decade, began the current expansion of the school upon the publication of a report by the Maryland

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Commission on Higher Education recommending that **Princess Anne** be consolidated with Morgan College, removed from the jurisdiction of the University of Maryland, and its activities in its present plant be abandoned.

### Building Program Drafted

Funds were poured into **Princess Anne** from the university treasury, amounting to \$159,540. A multi-million dollar building program was drafted. A new faculty and a new student body were recruited, one of the means used to attract students being newspaper advertisements in other states.

Even this means failed to attract the student body of 600 at which the university was aiming. The agricultural and mechanical curriculum, it appeared, was insufficiently attractive to prospective undergraduates. It was then that the school branched out into the liberal-arts field for which the State was already paying at Morgan **College.**