

# \$4,000,000 ASKED FOR PRINCESS ANNE

## Expansion Of College Planned Despite Recommendation

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Annapolis, Feb. 23—Despite the recommendation of the Marbury Commission on higher education for abandonment of Princess Anne College, the University of Maryland has put forward requests for expenditure of more than \$4,000,000 next year at the college.

It asked Governor Lane to include \$463,585 in general funds for Princess Anne in the 1950 budget as compared with the current general fund appropriation to the college of \$118,694. The Governor allowed \$429,768 of the request.

The university also proposed a \$3,775,000 capital improvement program for the college, giving this request top priority over all proposed university construction.

### Not Made Public

The State Planning Commission's recommendation on the request has not yet been made public. The Governor has not yet announced his general construction program.

The Marbury Commission, which made its study and report two years ago, found Princess Anne College "far below standard."

Since the report was published, many changes have occurred at the Negro college—even to the changing of its name to Maryland State College, Division of the University of Maryland at Princess Anne.

A president has been appointed.

The faculty has been augmented and its academic standing increased. Enrollment has grown greatly.

New construction has been undertaken.

Two years ago, however, the survey staff of the Marbury Commission said of Princess Anne:

"Without question it is the weak-

est land-grant college anywhere in the United States."

The commission itself had this to say in recommending abandonment of the college and transfer of its land-grant functions to Morgan State College:

"Princess Anne College is far below standard, as the report of our survey staff clearly shows. This is frankly admitted by the president of the university, who attributes this condition directly to the lack of adequate State support for the school. . . .

#### Suggests Use Of Morgan

"Our survey staff has strongly recommended the designation of Morgan State College as the land-grant college for Negroes in this State and the abandonment of the operations at Princess Anne. Your commission concurs in this recommendation.

"We can see no hope of developing at Princess Anne an institution in any way comparable to the agricultural and mechanical schools at College Park. The obstacles in the way of developing such an institution at Morgan State College seem to us to be far less formidable.

"We recognize that it may be desirable for the time being to continue certain activities at Princess Anne, and we, therefore, recommend that the physical facilities located there be transferred to the control of Morgan State College.

The survey staff discussed Prin-

cess Anne from many aspects. Some of its findings follow:

#### RELATIONS WITH BOARD OF REGENTS

"A special instance of neglect by the Board of Regents is evidenced by the conditions at Princess Anne College."

"Perhaps it could be argued that the University of Maryland and Princess Anne College have been co-ordinated through the single Board of Regents; but the co-ordination under the one board in this instance certainly has not been a benefit to the program in the college for Negroes, and there is little or no evidence of co-operative relationships between the two institutions or even of an interest in the welfare of Princess Anne College on the part of the Board of Regents."

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

"The patterns of administrative organization in the Maryland colleges all provide for the usual array of executive officers. Princess Anne, however, is operated as a branch of the University of Maryland and by reason of that fact does not have the full complement of administrative officers.

"The local official responsibility for the institution is given the title of dean. The person who has held this responsibility for the past ten years, however, has been named only as acting dean for that entire period.

"It would seem highly advisable not to keep the status of the chief local administrative officer at Princess Anne College in doubt over such a long period. If he is never to be made the actual dean, steps should be taken at once to obtain a properly qualified person for that position. It is both unfair to the man and to the institution to keep him so long on the status of acting dean.

#### "Operated As Subsidiary"

"Somewhat similarly, the business office at Princess Anne College is operated only as a subsidiary of

the main business office at College Park. The registrar's office at Princess Anne, however, is quite independent of the registrar's office at College Park.

"In general, the arrangements for the division of authority between the University of Maryland and the branch at Princess Anne are open to many criticisms. . . .

#### FACULTY

"By all the measures presented in the table (showing faculty degrees and amount of faculty graduate study), Princess Anne College is shown to have a faculty with very limited scholarly preparation.

"Princess Anne College is a degree-granting institution offering a fairly diversified instructional program, yet it has on its staff not a single instructor with the highest academic degree, and more than one fourth lack even the master's degree.

#### "None Rank Lower"

"None of the State-supported institutions rank lower than Princess Anne College on average number of months of graduate study or on percentage of the faculty who have had a major concentration of graduate study in the field in which they are teaching."

"There has been an excessively high rate of turnover of faculty members at St. Mary's Female Seminary and the Princess Anne College.

"It will be noted in this tabulation (of salaries) that the salaries at Princess Anne College and Morgan State College are extremely low."

#### ENROLLMENT

"The total enrollment at Princess Anne College in the Fall of 1946 is 159. Of this group 39 (25 per cent) are in the two-year general educational program."

#### PHYSICAL PLANT NEEDS

"Princess Anne has a gymnasium and a women's dormitory, both of which are excellent. The administration and classroom building is of very good quality, and the build-

ing purpose reasonably well.

"In almost every other respect the plant is sadly deficient. Some of the conditions in the physical plant at Princess Anne College are a disgrace to the State of Maryland."

The survey staff said the transfer of the land-grant program to Morgan State College would necessitate "extensive developments in the physical facilities of that institution," but said the extent of such developments "probably would be less" than would be required at Princess Anne.