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"It is apparent that the higher educational system in this country performs a wide range of functions, which, collectively, have enormous economic and social value. It is also obvious. . . that public expenditure on higher education is a national bargain, and not the extravagance many people believe it to be."

-- Alan Pifer, president, Carnegie Corporation of New York.

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Table 41. TWENTY-THREE STATES SHOW WEIGHTED AVERAGE TWO-YEAR GAIN OF 22 PER CENT IN APPROPRIATIONS OF STATE TAX FUNDS FOR ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978-79 (in thousands of dollars).

States	Year 1968-69	Year 1976-77	Year 1978-79	2-yr gain per cent	10-yr gain per cent
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Sixteen states previously reported*					
Sixteen states	1,218,919	3,521,006	4,229,755	20	247
Connecticut	61,513	145,888	206,901**	22**	236
Georgia	112,524	265,562	346,731	31	208
Hawaii	30,987	97,884	113,767	16	267
Mississippi	47,804	154,036	218,950	42	358
Oklahoma	52,858	152,263	196,594	29	272
Rhode Island	21,545	56,360	66,341	12	208
Vermont	10,940	20,138	26,478	31	142
Totals	1,557,090	4,413,137	5,405,517		
Weighted average percentages of gain				22	247

*See GRAPEVINE, Table 33, page 1518 (May 1978).

**Total for 1978-79 includes \$28,365,424 for fringe benefits. Since fringe benefits have not been reported in previous years, the amount for this year was omitted in computing the percentage of gain over two years.

As of mid-May 1978 twenty-three states had reported total appropriations of state tax funds for annual operating expenses of all higher education for fiscal year 1978-79 of \$5,405,517,000.

These states, reporting early in the year 1978, are almost all on the smaller side, measured by population and wealth. This explains the fact that nearly half of the fifty states have appropriated less than one-third of the prospective 50-state total for the year.

The weighted average two-year gain is 22 per cent--slightly higher than the 20 per cent shown for all fifty states one year earlier (GRAPEVINE, Table 14, page 1483, number 233, November 1977).

At this point a prediction of the nationwide total for fiscal year 1979 would be premature; but it can be said that at least for now, the rate of gain appears to be a little better than it was a year ago; and it can be said the rate of gain continues about a half higher than the rate of general inflation for the same years.

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CONNECTICUT. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1978-79:

Table 42. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Connecticut, fiscal year 1978-79, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Connecticut	65,372
Medical-dental school	24,074
<u>Subtotal, U of C - \$89,446</u>	
State Colleges -	
Central Connecticut	15,295
Southern Connecticut	15,178
Western Connecticut	6,158
Eastern Connecticut	4,840
Board for state colleges	545
<u>Subtotal, S C's - \$42,016</u>	
Regional Community Colleges	26,406
Board for Reg Comm Colls	641
<u>Subtotal, R C C's - \$27,047</u>	
Higher Education Center, Waterbury*	566
State Technical Colleges	7,345
Bd for St Tech Colls	362
<u>Subtotal, S T C's - \$7,707</u>	
Board of Higher Education**	1,054
Mandated programs	8,810
Board for St Academic Awards	156
Conn Student Loan Foundation	1,250
Admin overhead grants	364
New England Bd of Higher Ed	120
Finge benefits***	28,365
<u>Total</u>	<u>206,901</u>

*The Regional Community College Board serves as the fiscal agent for this center. This sum pays for operating costs only, not for teaching and administration.

**Includes: \$35,794 for Office of Veterans Affairs, \$162,566 for Office of Student Financial Assistance, \$208,355 for the management information system, and \$646,885 for Board administration.

***Estimated. This item did not appear in the totals for previous years; therefore, this amount is omitted from the statewide total in computing the gain for 1978-79 over 1976-77.

GEORGIA. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1978-79:

Table 43. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Georgia, fiscal year 1978-79, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
University of Georgia	69,897
Ag exper station	12,190
Coop extension service	11,964
Veterinary medical exper sta	875
Skidaway Inst of Oceanography	676
Marine extension center	482
Marine Institute	356
Off of Minority Business Enter	100
<u>Subtotal, U of G - \$96,540</u>	
Medical College of Georgia	25,771
Eugene Talmadge Mem Hospital	17,793
Family pract residency prog	1,277
Satellite med facility prog	500
Special desegregation prog	250
<u>Subtotal, MC of G - \$45,591</u>	
Georgia State University	37,666
Georgia Inst of Tech	25,800
Southern Tech Inst	2,914
Engineering exper sta	3,184
Engineering exten div	378
<u>Subtotal, GIT - \$32,276</u>	
State Colleges	
Georgia Southern Coll	9,507
West Georgia Coll	8,690
Columbus College	6,512
Valdosta State Coll	6,333
Ft Valley State Coll	4,816
Augusta College	4,569
Georgia College	4,540
Savannah State Coll	4,507
Georgia Southwestern Coll	4,115
Albany State Coll	4,082
Armstrong State Coll	3,912
Kennesaw College	3,130
North Georgia Coll	2,968
<u>Subtotal, S C's - 67,681</u>	
State Junior Colleges -	
Abraham Baldwin Ag Coll	3,018
Clayton Junior Coll	2,615
Middle Georgia Coll	2,563
Albany Junior Coll	2,272

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Junior Colleges (cont) -	
Macon Junior Coll	2,247
South Georgia Coll	1,912
Dalton Junior Coll	1,871
Atlanta Junior Coll	1,778
Floyd Junior Coll	1,755
Brunswick Junior Coll	1,706
Gainesville Junior Coll	1,654
Gordon Junior Coll	1,478
Bainbridge Junior Coll	1,129
Waycross Junior Coll	856
Emanuel County Junior Coll	855
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Subtotal, J C's - \$27,709	
Grants to local jr colleges	5,281
Regents of University System	2,561
SREB payments	2,309
Major replacement funds	2,250
Resident instruction reserve	370
Medical scholarships	400
Regents scholarships	200
Teachers' retirement	25,897
Total	346,731

HAWAII. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1978-79:

Table 44. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Hawaii, fiscal year 1978-79, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
University of Hawaii	
U of Hawaii, Manoa	66,631
Ag experiment station	5,271
Coop extension service	2,211
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Subtotal, U of H, M - \$74,113	
U of Hawaii, Hilo	6,465
West Oahu College	539
Community Colleges	20,743
System-wide support	7,745
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Subtotal, U of H - \$109,605	
WICHE	866
Student loan fund	20
Fringe benefits*	15,561
Collective bargaining	2,117
Less tuition and other revenues	-14,402
Total	113,767

*Estimate of centrally appropriated amount attributed to the University of Hawaii.

MISSISSIPPI. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1978-79:

Table 45. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Mississippi, fiscal year 1978-79, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Mississippi*	
Teaching hospital	9,112
School of medicine	13,311
School of dentistry	4,183
School of nursing	1,528
School of health related prof	939
Pharmaceutical research	740
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Subtotal, U of M - \$48,595	
Mississippi State U*	
Ag experiment stations	9,585
Coop extension	8,481
Coll of veterinary med	2,531
State chemical lab	672
Forest products lab	695
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Subtotal, Miss St U - \$44,929	
U of Southern Mississippi*	
School of nursing	1,825
Cont education nursing	200
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Subtotal, U of SM - \$22,786	
Jackson State U*	
Delta State U*	6,864
Alcorn State U*	6,417
Miss Valley State U*	6,030
Miss U for Women*	
School of nursing	1,400
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Subtotal, MUW - \$7,329	
Gulf Coast Research Lab*	
Research & Development Center	3,671
Ed & research maintenance	677
University Centers (off-campus)	366
Medical education loan prog	408
Nursing ed aid	1,680
State scholarship program	225
Post-sec ed financial assist brd	115
Other scholarships	6
Mineral resources inst	248
SREB	851
Board office	460
Unallocated for general supp	29
Vocational education	24,309
Junior colleges	29,000
Total	218,950

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

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OKLAHOMA. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1978-79:

Table 46. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Oklahoma, fiscal year 1978-79, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Oklahoma	31,095
Health Sciences Center	21,798
Tulsa Medical College	2,467
Family Med Prac-Enid	223
Family Med Prac-Shawnee	100
Family Med Prac-Lawton	80
Family Med Prac-Bartlesville	80
Law Center	1,642
Geological Survey	863
Energy research inst	300
<hr/> Subtotal, U of O - \$58,648	
Oklahoma State U	33,124
Ag experiment station	5,514
Ag extension division	5,023
Coll of Veterinary Med	2,220
Animal Disease Diagnost Lab	630
School of Tech Train-Okmulgee	4,862
Oklahoma City Tech Inst	2,171
<hr/> Subtotal, OSU - \$53,544	
OK Coll of Osteopathic Med	3,102
Central State U	11,956
Northeastern State U	6,734
Southwestern State U	6,499
Cameron State U	5,275
Southeastern State U	4,477
East Central State U	4,147
U of Science & Arts	2,255
Langston U	2,155
Northwestern State U	2,095
OK Panhandle State U	1,881
<hr/> Subtotal, S U's - \$47,474	
Junior Colleges	
Oscar Rose Junior Coll	6,294
Tulsa Junior Coll	6,144
South Oklahoma City Jr Coll	3,879
Northeast OK A&M Coll	3,056
Eastern OK State Coll	2,250
Claremore Junior Coll	1,803
Northern OK Coll	1,707
Connors State Coll	1,624
Seminole Junior Coll	1,345
Murray State Coll	1,308

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Junior colleges (cont)	
Western OK State Coll	1,217
Carl Albert Junior Coll	1,051
El Reno Junior Coll	838
Sayre Junior Coll	281
<hr/> Subtotal, J C's - \$32,797	
Scholar leadership program	150
Televised instruction program	575
Student intern program	15
Civil rights compliance	290
<hr/> Total	
	196,595

The total for fiscal year 1978-79 appears to be a gain of 29 per cent over the comparable figure two years earlier.

RHODE ISLAND. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1978-79:

Table 47. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Rhode Island, fiscal year 1978-79, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Rhode Island	34,408
Rhode Island College	15,680
Rhode Island Junior Coll	11,762
<hr/> Subtotal, U & C's - \$61,850	
State scholarships	3,208
New England Hi Ed Compact	49
Reg plan, medical & dental	100
Support of medical ed*	1,000
Regional veterinarian prog	101
New England Coll of Optometry	33
<hr/> Total	
	66,341

*Administered by Rhode Island Department of Health.

The total for fiscal year 1978-79 appears to be a gain of 12 per cent over the comparable figure two years earlier.

VERMONT. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1978-79:

Table 48. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Vermont, fiscal year 1978-79, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
University of Vermont	13,969
Educational TV*	658
Morgan horse farm	5
Subtotal, U of V -	\$14,632
State Colleges**	6,044
Community College of VT (2 yr)	528
One-time appropriation	1,000
Subtotal, S C's -	\$7,572
VT Student Asst Corp	4,165
Senatorial scholarship	60
Nat Guard Enlisted Men's Scholar	10
New Eng Higher Ed Compact	27
Ed Commission of the States	12
Total	26,478

*Approximately 60% for elementary and secondary instructional programs.

**Include \$100,500 to reserve 12 student places at schools of veterinary medicine at Cornell University and University of Pennsylvania.

VIRGINIA. CORRECTION in the percentage of gain over two years as reported in GRAPEVINE, May 1978, comes from the Virginia Council of Higher Education in a letter dated May 5, 1978:

"The actual figures are correct and your assessment of the overall gain from 1976-77 to 1978-79 is technically accurate, based on what was reported. However, Virginia's appropriations have never, before this biennium, included fringe benefits in the individual agencies' budgets. This previous exclusion distorts the growth picture for higher education. If the amount for fringe benefits is deducted from the 1978-79 appropriations, the overall gain from 1976-77 becomes approximately 21% rather than 35%."

WISCONSIN. This state has a statute requiring that tuition fees for in-state students in the statewide university system be fixed at 25 per cent of the cost of instruction.

Perhaps that may sound simple and reasonable to persons not fully aware of the very great difficulties of determining what items of expenditure should be computed as "cost of instruction" in some 28 widely varying institutions composing a statewide system including diverse programs and types and levels of instruction and research. Without going into that "can of worms," we note that the statewide Board of Regents expressed dissatisfaction with the mandate at its May 1978 meeting.

Regents Want Statute Changed

From the *UW MEMO*, Vol. VII, No. 14, (May 1978), a newsletter from the System Administration at Madison, we learn that in May 1978 the Regents committed themselves to an effort to get the statute changed to permit students to pay a share smaller than 25 per cent of the cost of instruction.

The Regents were reported to have "expressed considerable dismay" at the current rise in student charges, "and strategies were discussed for bringing the issue more effectively to the public and the legislature."

Wisconsin's Salutary Tradition of Low Tuition Fees

In 1961 the Regents of the University of Wisconsin adopted a resolution: "Efforts should be made to return to the traditional concept of free public higher education, as the percentage of our young people attending college continues to increase, and as college-going becomes a part of the expected educational program of a majority of the state's youth."

In the same year the Coordinating Committee announced its belief that "the goal should be to seek a return to the established principle of free public higher education." In May 1978 this spirit was obviously continuing alive. How soon will its full revival come?