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"The major government effort ought to be directed to decreasing all college tuition fees, private and public, so that a choice of a college, large or small, public or private, is within the reach of more and more students rather than fewer and fewer." --Edith Green, long-time Representative in Congress from Oregon

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TABLE 66. APPROPRIATIONS OF STATE TAX FUNDS FOR ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN TEN STATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977-78 (in thousands of dollars).

States	Year 1967-68	Year 1975-76	Year 1977-78	2-yr gain per cent	10-yr gain per cent
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Five states previously reported*					
Five states	168,244	427,144	550,262	29	227
Arkansas	38,985	103,202	126,155	22	224
Georgia	87,369	240,490	302,907	26	247
Mississippi	36,720	149,363	186,579	25	408
New York	431,212	1,256,593	1,298,754	3	201
Virginia	74,335	277,198	330,586	19	345
Totals	836,865	2,453,990	2,795,243		
Weighted average percentages of gain				14	234

\*See GRAPEVINE, Table 62, page 1442 (May 1977).

ALABAMA. A report of a public opinion survey, *Alabama Citizens on Postsecondary Education: Survey '76*, is available from the Institute of Higher Education Research and Services, Box 6293, University, AL 35486. Inkings of the findings strongly refute the oft-repeated complaint that higher education is low in public confidence:

MORE THAN 92 PER CENT OF THE RESPONDENTS SEE A COLLEGE DEGREES AS IMPORTANT FOR THEIR CHILDREN. More than 84 per cent are convinced that colleges and universities play important roles in the state's economic growth. More than 60 per cent say they would pay more taxes for education; only one in ten is opposed. More than two-thirds say higher education should have very high priority in funding by the legislature.

ARKANSAS. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, biennium 1977-79:

Table 67. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Arkansas, biennium 1975-77, by separate fiscal years, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions	Sums appropriated	
	1977-78	1978-79
(1)	(2)	(3)
U of Arkansas	39,785	43,842
Medical science	20,005	22,795
Little Rock branch	11,310	12,943
Pine Bluff branch	5,733	6,205
Monticello branch	3,431	3,693
Subtotal, U of Ark - *		
Arkansas State U	11,848	12,863
Beebe branch	999	1,102
Subtotal, ASU - **		

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U of Central Arkansas	7,620	8,437
Henderson State U	5,360	5,755
Southern Arkansas U+	3,122	3,429
El Dorado branch	537	597
S W Tech Inst	1,469	1,578
Subtotal, SAU	5,128	5,604
Arkansas Tech U++	3,933	4,307
Community Junior Coll	8,645	9,749
Ark archeological survey	500	538
So Regional Edn Brd		
Special study	12	12
Dental & vet aid	791	1,202
Other dental, veterinary, optometry & chiropractic		
student aid	720	887
St scholarship aid	335	385
Total	126,155	140,319

\* \$80,264,000 and \$89,478,000

\*\* \$12,847,000 and \$13,965,000

+ Formerly Southern State College

++ Formerly Arkansas Polytechnic College

The total for fiscal year 1977-78 appears to be a gain of 22 per cent over the comparable figure two years earlier.

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GEORGIA. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1977-78:

Table 68. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Georgia, fiscal year 1977-78, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated* (2)
University of Georgia	62,125
Ag exper station	10,665
Coop extension service	10,281
Veterinary med exper station	663
Skidaway Inst of Oceanography	613
Marine extension center	426
<u>Subtotal, U of G - \$84,773</u>	
Medical College of Georgia	23,337
E Talmadge Mem Hospital	14,981
<u>Subtotal, MC of G - \$38,318</u>	
Georgia State University	33,401
Georgia Inst of Tech	22,655
Southern Tech Inst	2,553
Engineering exper station	2,609
Engineering exten division	302
<u>Subtotal, GIT - \$28,119</u>	
State colleges -	
Georgia Southern Coll	8,312
West Georgia Coll	7,778
Columbus Coll	5,342
Valdosta State Coll	5,341
Fort Valley State Coll	4,375
Savannah State Coll	3,964
Georgia College	3,764
Albany State Coll	3,711
Georgia Southwestern Coll	3,693
Augusta Coll	3,663
Armstrong State Coll	3,377
North Georgia Coll	2,620
<u>Subtotal, s'c's - \$55,940</u>	
State junior colleges -	
Abraham Baldwin Ag Coll	2,601
Clayton Junior College	2,329
Kennesaw Junior Coll	2,300
Middle Georgia Coll	2,280
Albany Junior Coll	1,990
Macon Junior Coll	1,944
South Georgia Coll	1,682
Dalton Junior Coll	1,627
Brunswick Junior Coll	1,519
Floyd Junior Coll	1,515
Gainesville Junior Coll	1,467
Atlanta Junior Coll	1,433
Gordon Junior Coll	1,297

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State junior colleges (cont) -	
Bainbridge Junior Coll	1,003
Emanuel County Junior Coll	772
Waycross Junior Coll	761
<u>Subtotal, j c's - \$26,520</u>	
Regents of Univ System	2,276
SREB payments	2,181
Medical scholarships	360
Regents scholarships	200
Family prac residency prog	275
Replacement funds	2,250
Resident instruct reserve	258
St aid to local jr coll	5,274
Teachers retirement	22,762
<u>Total</u>	<u>302,907</u>

\*Funds appropriated to the University System are allocated to the institutions by the Board of Regents.

The total for fiscal year 1977-78 appears to be a gain of 26 per cent over the comparable figure two years earlier.

MISSISSIPPI. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1977-78:

Table 69. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Mississippi, fiscal year 1977-78, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Mississippi	16,093
Teaching hospital	8,408
School of medicine	11,210
School of dentistry	2,950
School of nursing	1,335
School of health related prof	881
Pharmaceutical research	748
<u>Subtotal, U of M - \$41,625</u>	
Mississippi State U	19,689
Ag experiment stations	7,840
Coop extension	7,643
Coll of veterinary med	1,896
State chemical lab	641
Forest products lab	575
<u>Subtotal, Miss St U - \$38,284</u>	

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U of Southern Mississippi	17,695
School of nursing	1,650
Cont education nursing	161
Subtotal, U of SM - \$19,506	
Jackson State U	10,172
Delta State U	5,895
Alcorn State U	4,533
Miss Valley State U	4,387
Miss U for Women	4,904
School of nursing	1,283
Subtotal, MUW - \$6,187	
Gulf Coast Research Lab	1,981
Research & Development Center	3,489
Ed & research maintenance	544
University centers (off-campus)	284
Med edu loan	346
Nursing ed aid	1,411
State scholarship program	225
Post-sec ed financial assist brd	115
Other scholarships	14
SREB	891
Board office	448
Unallocated for general supp	65
Vocational education	21,476*
Junior colleges	24,700
Total	186,579

\*Includes both secondary and post-secondary programs.

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Coll of William & Mary	11,570
Bland College	896
Va Assoc Research*	383
Subtotals, CW&M - \$12,849	
Other colleges and universities	
Old Dominion U	13,866
Madison Coll	10,105
Norfolk State Coll	9,243
George Mason U	9,316
Virginia State Coll	6,547
Radford Coll	5,735
Longwood Coll	3,273
Va Military Inst	2,998
Mary Washington Coll	2,664
Christopher Newport	2,433
Subtotals, OC&U - \$66,180	
Community Colleges	68,602
Student aid**	3,625
St Council of Higher Ed	873
Scholarship Asst	1,208
Eminent scholars	726
Regional Ed & Scholar	794
Tuition Asst & Loan	4,011
Other supplement	161
Subtotals, SCHE - \$7,773	
Eastern Va Med Auth	1,569
So Reg Ed Board	71
St Ed Asst Authority	55
Va Inst of Sci Research	40
Other higher ed***	1,022
Totals	330,586

\*Under joint administration of the College of William and Mary and Old Dominion University

\*\* Includes only appropriations made directly to higher education institutions for student aid. Other aids included under State Council of Higher Education.

\*\*\* Includes: Gari Melchers Memorial, \$19,000; James Monroe Law Office Memorial, \$20,000; VMI-Alumni Hall, \$19,000; Scholarships to non-higher education agencies, \$914,000; Governor's supplement, \$50,000.

The total for fiscal year 1977-78 appears to be a gain of 19 per cent over the comparable figure two years earlier.

*Life is painting a picture; not doing a sum.* - - Oliver Wendell Holmes

VIRGINIA. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1977-78:

Table 70. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Virginia, fiscal year 1977-78, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
University of Virginia	40,105
Hospital division	9,306
Sch of Continuing Ed	2,025
Clinch Valley Coll	1,408
Subtotals, U of V - \$52,844	
Va Poly Inst & St U	39,793
Ext division	13,682
Research division	7,567
Subtotals, VPI & SU - \$61,042	
Va Commonwealth U	35,523
Health Sci; Hospital	19,391
Subtotals, VCU - \$54,914	

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NEBRASKA. This state, having its three-campus University of Nebraska, four state colleges, and a clutch of two-year local "technical and community colleges," has always resisted the strong trend toward a statewide *governing board* for higher education, or an all-inclusive *coordinating board*.

Thus in 1977 there are two *governing boards* in the state system (apart from the separate local boards for the two-year colleges and technical institutes). Each of these two governing boards for senior institutions is mentioned in the state constitution. They are the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and the Board of Trustees of State Colleges.

*New Coordinating Commission  
with Limited Duties*

In March 1976 the legislature set up a coordinating commission charged with developing a statewide information system as its first and principal priority. This body has 12 members, half representing the higher educational systems and institutions, and half appointed by the governor from the lay public.

*Independence of University  
Regents at Issue*

Meantime the Regents have sued for declaration of their powers under Article VII, section 7 of the state constitution: "The general government of the University of Nebraska shall, under the direction of the legislature, be vested in a board of not less than six nor more than eight regents... Their duties and powers shall be prescribed by law..."

On October 11, 1976 the district court of Lancaster County (Lincoln), made a decision which says something for the autonomy of the Regents. For example: "The Legislature can not control the use by the Board of Regents of funds generated by University activities including student fees, sale of commodities raised on University property, fees charged at the Medical Center and similar fees by requiring specific annual appropriations of the same. Such University cash funds are subject to

being disbursed only by order of the Board of Regents."

Taking up half a dozen other sections of statutes enacted in 1975 and 1976 authorizing encroachments on the sphere of the Regents by the governor or state administrative officers, the court declared them unconstitutional and inapplicable to the Regents.

It approved, however a requirement that public hearings be held prior to acceptance by the Regents of gifts or bequests. This seems singularly inappropriate. Perhaps, however, the entire decision should be regarded as tentative just now, because it seems certain to be reviewed by the state supreme court.

The legislature of 1976, apparently disenchanted with the prospects of the Coordinating Commission created in March of that year, or at least wishing to prepare measures going beyond the limited mandate of that Commission, went ahead with its own "Legislative Resolution 36 Interim Study Committee" of 9 senators (members of Nebraska's unique unicameral legislature); and that Committee reported on December 1, 1976 *A Proposal for Legislative Coordination of Postsecondary Education in Nebraska* (36 pp.).

In a nutshell, the report opted for "regulatory coordination" (not consolidated governance), to be accomplished by the legislature (not by the governor nor by any executive-appointed board).

*New Nebraska Postsecondary Education  
Advisory Committee*

As a result of the Commission's report, Legislative Bill 459 was enacted in April 1977. It provides for a new Committee of 8 senators, to be titled as above this paragraph, and to recommend regulatory coordinating measures with emphasis on definitions of roles and scopes; and to cease to exist on July 1, 1978.

The Act also eliminates the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Technical Community Colleges, and newly prescribes the powers and duties of local two-year college boards of trustees.

"Legislative Resolution 36 Interim Study Committee," mentioned above, now retires from the scene.

NEW YORK. Appropriations of state tax funds for operating expenses of higher education, fiscal year 1977-78:

Table 71. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in New York, fiscal year 1977-78, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
<b>State U of New York</b>	
University Centers -	
Buffalo	84,520
Stony Brook	63,098
Albany	43,303
Binghamton	28,127
<b>Subtotal, U Ctrs - \$219,048</b>	
Medical centers -	
Downstate (NYC)	48,442
Upstate (Syracuse)	41,466
<b>Subtotal, Med Ctrs - \$89,908</b>	
Colleges of Arts & Science -	
Buffalo	22,652
Brockport	21,035
Oswego	18,898
New Paltz	15,834
Oneonta	15,198
Geneseo	13,801
Cortland	13,652
Plattsburgh	13,485
Potsdam	13,011
Fredonia	12,134
Purchase	11,125
Old Westbury	6,259
Empire State	6,242
Utica/Rome	3,581
<b>Subtotal, C of A &amp; S - \$186,907</b>	
Statutory Colleges -	
Adjacent to Cornell U*	42,189
Ceramics (Alfred U)	2,598
<b>Subtotal, State Colls - \$44,787</b>	
Specialized Colleges -	
Forestry	9,133
Maritime	4,671
Optometry	3,674
<b>Subtotal, Spec Colls - \$17,478</b>	
Ag & Technical Colleges -	
Farmingdale	14,535
Alfred	9,766
Cobleskill	6,866
Morrisville	6,829
Delhi	6,302
Canton	5,623
<b>Subtotal, A &amp; T Colls - \$49,921</b>	

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University-wide programs -	
Ednl Opportunity Centers	11,194
SUNY SEEK	8,013
Building Repairs	3,000
Salary Adjustments	2,132
SUNY Scholarship fund	1,852
New York Network	1,556
University computer center	894
Application processing ctr	826
Student loan programs	670
Binghamton clinical campus	282
Sea grant research	134
Empire State Youth Theater	45
Central administration	6,850
<b>Subtotal, U-wide - \$37,448</b>	
Fringe benefits**	112,000
SUNY gross total	757,497
Less stu fees & other income -	107,465
SUNY net tax fund total	650,032
Cornell miscellaneous	1,381
Other than SUNY -	
Aid to CUNY	156,393
Aid to Comm Colls	164,067
Tuition assist program	202,800
Aid to private colls	89,457
Scholarships & fellowships	20,600
H Ed Services Corp (loans)	11,921
H Ed Admin (St Ed Dept)	2,103
<b>Subtotal, Other - \$647,341</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,298,754</b>

\*Includes state colleges of agriculture and life sciences, veterinary, human ecology, industrial and labor relations, Geneva experiment station, and general services.

\*\*Estimate of sums to be allocated from statewide lump sum appropriations.

The total for fiscal year 1977-78 appears to be a gain of 3 per cent over the comparable figure two years earlier.

Note: First steps toward larger proportional state support of the 4-year colleges of the City University of New York caused some changes in the magnitude and captioning of appropriation items under the heading of "Other than SUNY." Those items are not to be taken as precisely comparable with their counterparts of prior years.