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Table 8. TWENTY STATES SHOW WEIGHTED AVERAGE TWO-YEAR GAIN OF 36 PER CENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976-77 OVER FISCAL YEAR 1974-75, IN APPROPRIATIONS OF STATE TAX FUNDS FOR ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

States	Year 1966-67	Year 1974-75	Year 1976-77	2-yr gain per cent	10-yr gain per cent
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Fifteen states previously reported*					
Fifteen states	845,815	2,493,701	3,484,472	40	312
Georgia	59,193	237,416	265,562	12	349
Idaho	15,490	50,238	70,158	40	353
Kansas	54,781	126,502	173,777	37	217
Nebraska	21,897	85,400	121,980	43	457
Tennessee	50,256	174,259	200,889	15	300
Totals	1,047,432	3,167,516	4,316,838		
Weighted average percentages of gain				36	312

*See GRAPEVINE, Table 2, page 1368 (May 1976).

FLORIDA. A Citizens' Commission on the Future of Florida's Public Universities will be appointed soon, to make a public report to the Board of Regents in early 1977 on the "programs, progress, potential and problems of the State University System.

The Board says the Commission will include "prominent citizens from throughout Florida, including legislators appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and others." It will examine the major policy issues and make an in-depth study of the relationship of the State University System to other segments of Florida education and to the economic development of the state.

ILLINOIS. The Illinois State Scholarship Commission asked for and received from the 1975 legislature \$69.3 million, plus \$2 million for administrative expenses, for fiscal year 1975-76. Having underestimated the number of qualified applicants, and being about to "run out of money," the Commission asked for and received a supplemental appropriation of \$3.65 million from the 1976 legislature to fund its program for the remainder of fiscal year 1975-76.

GRAPEVINE's total for Illinois (reported at page 1327, October 1975) thus goes up from approximately \$643 million to about \$646.6 million--a gain of slightly more than one-half of one per cent.

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

Table 9. State tax fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Georgia, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated* (2)
University of Georgia	55,348
Ag exper station	9,664
Coop extension service	8,917
Marine Resources Exten Center	388
Skidaway Inst of Oceanography	574
Veterinary med exper station	526
Subtotal, U of G - \$75,417	
Medical College of Georgia	20,530
E Talmadge Mem Hospital	11,723
Subtotal, MC of G - \$32,253	
Georgia State University	29,622
Georgia Inst of Tech	20,037
Southern Tech Institute**	2,242
Engineering exper station	2,318
Engineering extension div	425
Subtotal, GIT - \$25,022	
State Colleges -	
Georgia Southern Coll	7,419
West Georgia Coll	6,970
Valdosta State Coll	4,677
Columbus Coll	4,512
Fort Valley State Coll	3,950
Savannah State Coll	3,479
Georgia Southwestern Coll	3,322
Albany State Coll	3,300
Georgia College	3,235
Augusta College	3,021
Armstrong State Coll	2,892
North Georgia Coll	2,337
Subtotal, S C's - \$49,114	
State Junior Colleges -	
Abraham Baldwin Ag Coll	2,243
Clayton Junior Coll	2,052
Middle Georgia Coll	2,017
Kennesaw Junior Coll	1,934
Albany Junior Coll	1,711
Macon Junior Coll	1,650
South Georgia Coll	1,462
Dalton Junior Coll	1,356
Floyd Junior Coll	1,349
Brunswick Junior Coll	1,330
Gainesville Junior Coll	1,299

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State Junior Colleges (cont) -	
Atlanta Junior Coll	1,273
Gordon Junior Coll	1,086
Bainbridge Junior Coll	838
Emanuel County Junior Coll	711
Waycross Junior Coll	624
Major replacement funds	2,250
Resident instruction reserve	511
Subtotal, J C's - \$25,697	
Regents of Univ System	2,123
SREB payments	1,020
Medical scholarships	345
Regents scholarships	200
St aid to local jr colleges	5,040
Teachers retirement	19,709
Total	265,562

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

**A four-year division of Georgia Institute of Technology.

The total for fiscal year 1976-77 appears to be a gain of 12 per cent over the comparable figure for two years earlier.

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

Table 10. State tax fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Idaho, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Idaho	18,745
Agricultural research	3,412
Coop extension	2,076
WAMI medical school program	557
Regional veterinary medicine	445
Short-term applied research	75
Forestry research	125
Subtotal, U of I - \$25,435	
Idaho State U	13,588
Boise State U	12,597
Lewis-Clark State Coll	1,842

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Junior college state aid	2,788
Vocational education*	9,965
Vocational rehabilitation**	1,090
State Board of Education	1,040
Planning and scholarships	163
Statewide educational TV	978
Statewide planning & reporting	410
Family practice residency	195
U of Utah Medical School prog	67
Subtotal, B of E - \$2,853	
Total***	70,158

*Includes secondary and postsecondary vocational education
 **Includes all ages
 ***Does not include adjustments to salaries, separately appropriated.

The total for fiscal year 1976-77 appears to be a gain of 40 per cent over the comparable figure two years earlier.

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

Table 11. State tax fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Kansas, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Kansas	43,097
Med center	25,884
Subtotal, U of K - \$68,981	
Kansas State U	40,723
Wichita State U	18,598
Emporia Kansas State College	10,171
Kansas St Coll of Pittsburg	9,002
Fort Hays Kansas St Coll	7,678
Board of Regents	4,553
State aid to municipal univ	
Washburn U of Topeka	1,932
State aid to junior colleges	11,276
Kansas Technical Institute*	863
Total	173,777

*The responsibility for overall supervision and control of Kansas Technical Institute will be transferred from the State Board of Education to the Board of Regents effective in the fiscal year 1976-77.

MINNESOTA. The 33 area vocational-technical institutes (AVTI's) in Minnesota provide secondary and post-secondary education in trades, industrial and technical occupations, distributive occupations, health occupations, office training, agriculture and homemaking.

When the data are available, GRAPEVINE reports state tax-funds for operating expenses of those institutes that are recognized as being "higher education." (See table 30, page 1268 of GRAPEVINE, January 1975.) Such information is fragmentary since the states vary widely in their manner of providing and financing these educational opportunities.

Minnesota's system of AVTI's is extensive, but heretofore GRAPEVINE has not reported the state support for it in the annual tabulations. A special note attached to the report for the current biennium indicated that a supplement would be published when the appropriate information could be secured. The Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Commission published phase IV of the comprehensive plan, Making the Transition, Supplement 2: Budget Review Report, in February 1975. Table 42 on page 220 of that document shows state appropriations and state "foundation aid" for the "post-secondary education component of the area vocational-technical institutes." The following exhibit supplements the reports for the 1975-77 and 1974-75 bienniums:

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Reported				
Totals	187,552*	194,311*	250,815+	255,460+
AVTI's**	43,052	51,446	56,800	62,661
New				
Totals	230,604	245,757	307,615	318,121

*GRAPEVINE, Table 31, p.1149 (July 1973).
 **Small amounts designated for residence halls and food service have been omitted.
 +GRAPEVINE, Table 59, pp 1313-1314 (August 1975).

The new total for fiscal year 1976-77 appears to be a gain of 29 per cent over the comparable total for two years ago.

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

Table 12. State tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Nebraska, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Nebraska	
Lincoln	39,997
Medical Center	22,293
Omaha	8,347
System office	23,790
<hr/> Subtotal, U of N - \$94,427	
State colleges -	
Kearney State College	6,024
Wayne State College	3,460
Chadron State College	3,177
Peru State College	1,789
Central office	103
<hr/> Subtotal, S C's - \$14,553	
Technical community colleges	13,000
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 121,980

The total for fiscal year 1976-77 appears to be a gain of 43 per cent over the comparable figure two years earlier.

NORTH CAROLINA. On March 23, 1976 the people of this state voted to approve the issuance of \$43,267,000 of state bonds for capital improvements for the University of North Carolina institutions. The issue had been proposed by the 1975 legislature, subject to popular vote.

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A U. S. District Court in North Carolina, upholding the freedom of the daily Tar Heel, student newspaper at the University at Chapel Hill, said of "forums for diverse views" at state universities: "The resulting stimulation of students and discussion is at the core of the educational process." --U.S. District Judge Gordon, in Arrington v. Taylor, (U.S.D.C., N.C.), 380 F. Supp. 1348 (1974).

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

Table 13. State tax fund appropriations for operating expenses of higher education in Tennessee, fiscal year 1976-77, in thousands of dollars.

Institutions (1)	Sums appropriated (2)
U of Tennessee, Knoxville	43,491
Center for health sciences	18,551
Family practice residencies	1,395
Clinical centers	1,218
Ag experiment station	3,081
Ag extension service	4,453
Veterinary medicine	1,517
Inst for public service	1,112
Municipal tech ad service	264
County tech assistance	218
Continuing education	577
U of T, Space Institute	750
U of T, Martin	7,140
U of T, Chattanooga	6,612
U of T, Nashville	4,660
<hr/> Subtotal, U of T - \$95,039	
Board of Regents: Universities -	
Memphis State U	26,146
Middle Tenn State U	12,449
East Tenn State U	11,814
Medical school	1,163
Family practice res	635
Tenn Technological U	9,673
Tenn State U	7,411
Austin Peay State U	4,967
<hr/> Subtotal, BRU - \$74,258	
State community colleges -	
Shelby	3,867
Chattanooga	3,102
Cleveland	2,588
Walters	2,325
Roane	2,050
Volunteer	2,046
Jackson	1,864
Columbia	1,801
Motlow	1,177
Dyersburg	1,059
<hr/> Subtotal, SCC's - \$21,879	
State Technical Institutes -	
Memphis	3,089
Nashville	1,740
Knoxville	647
<hr/> Subtotal, STI's - \$5,476	

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Tennessee Higher Ed Commission	497
Board of Regents, Admin	739
U of Tenn Systems, Admin	785
Contract education	822
Tenn Student Assist Corp	1,394
Total	200,889

The total for fiscal year 1976-77 appears to be a gain of 15 per cent over the comparable figure two years earlier.

VIRGINIA. The tenth annual edition of a valuable public information document is Higher Education in Virginia: Selected Characteristics; Degree Programs; Student Fees in Public and Private Institutions, 1975-76. Richmond: Council of Higher Education for Virginia, 1975. Pp. 81.

Strangely enough, apparently only a few of the statutory coordinating boards that currently exist in some 25 states actually accomplish the fundamental task of making available an annually updated comprehensive inventory of higher educational institutions and programs in the statewide system, in a readable document of manageable size.

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One feature of this edition of Higher Education in Virginia is an institutional roster of six regional "Consortiums for Continuing Higher Education," each grouped around a focal institution.

Credit for preparation of this year's document goes to Gordon K. Davies and Martha F. Robinson of the Council Staff.

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