

cated its intention to support the new college. A preliminary charter for Eisenhower College was granted in 1966 by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, and as a result of generous loan arrangements from both the State and the Federal Governments, four dormitory buildings have been completed, one administration and academic building has been constructed, and one cafeteria and student community center is in the process of construction. A full faculty, boasting a very large percentage of Ph. D.'s, has been assembled under the leadership of Dr. Warren Hickman, vice president for academic affairs, and some 250 students are scheduled to begin the academic schedule in September of 1968 when the college will open its doors.

I might just add to what is included in the formal statement, Madam Chairman, to point out that the association of General Eisenhower is not strictly the superficial one of the fact that the college bears his name. General Eisenhower has taken a close personal interest in the college since he agreed to allow his name to be associated with the college.

The board of trustees has met occasionally on his farm. He attended the ground-breaking in 1965, and he has followed very closely the development of the college, and Dr. Kevin McCann, who has been closely associated with President Eisenhower many years, is also a member of the board of trustees, and is here this morning, and will testify.

Based largely on the generosity of local businesses and citizens in the Seneca Falls area, generous gifts from friends of President Eisenhower, generous gifts from members of the board of trustees, and the proceeds from several nationally sponsored fund-raising programs the college has received a total of some \$3 million—and, incidentally, another \$3.5 million in loans—if my figures are correct. But, as the members of the subcommittee well know, colleges are expensive things to get started these days, and even this money still has not removed from Eisenhower College the problem of meeting some difficult commitments as it begins its operations in September.

However, the board of trustees has recently reasserted its determination to see that the college remains sound and viable, and I am certain that this will be the case. I am myself a member of the board of trustees, having been so designated, largely, I believe, because of my position as Congressman from the area. And I am as enthusiastic as are the other members of the board with regard to the future of this college.

I have with me this morning to support this legislation not only President Rosenkrans but distinguished members of the faculty: Dr. McGrath, the chancellor; Dr. Kevin McCann, a longtime close associate of President Eisenhower, who is also a member of the board of trustees; and the vice president of the college for financial development. These individuals can give the committee more details with regard to the academic and financial situation at the moment than I can do.

Let me just say that in general the purpose of the college is to provide a basic liberal-arts education with particular emphasis on individuals who may not be as readily able to attend college because of increasing academic requirements as those who are currently being