



## **Bob Ehrlich In His Own Words on the O'Malley-Brown Plan of Holding Tuition Stable For the Upcoming Academic Year at Maryland Colleges and Universities:**

- Paul E. Schurick, Ehrlich's communications director, said O'Malley's challenge to Ehrlich amounted to "hollow campaign rhetoric." "Clearly, he doesn't even understand the process," Schurick said. [Washington Post, 1/3/06]
- Ehrlich, during an appearance later yesterday in Baltimore County, dismissed O'Malley's proposal as a political document without relevance to what he will do today. "One is political, one is real," Ehrlich said. "Secondly, without getting into it, I don't think there's a whole host of people lining up to take education-related advice from Martin O'Malley." [Washington Post, 1/3/06]
- Ehrlich: "What you saw [Monday] was politics," he said, referring to the mayor's statement. "This is real." [Baltimore Sun, 1/4/06]
- "This is part of a bigger trend of trying to usurp the governor's executive power," said Ehrlich spokeswoman Shareese N. DeLeaver. "This isn't about freezing tuition. This is about trying to one-up the governor, and hopefully those who are dedicated to higher education in the state will see through this election-year gimmick." [Baltimore Sun, 2/22/06]
- Ehrlich spokeswoman Shareese DeLeaver dismissed the [tuition freeze] bill as an election-year attempt "to one-up the governor," who last month proposed the largest increase in university funding in state history and whose budget, she said, has the support of university and student leaders. "To move money around is a slap in the face to the governor's budgeting efforts and is an election-year gimmick," DeLeaver said. [Washington Post, 2/22/06]