

MAINTENANCE

	<u>1930-31</u>	<u>1936-37</u>	<u>1937-38</u>	<u>1938-39</u>
Maintenance	\$250,000	175,000	275,000	275,000

Reasons for increase

1. The present appropriation is \$75,000 less than that in 1930 when the enrollment was 370 less. If the children of today are to have educational opportunity equal to that offered those of 1930, the appropriation should be increased as indicated.

2. The 1935 legislature cut the appropriation \$16,250 each year of the 1936-37 biennium, directing the University to use accumulated reserves to cover the reduction and meet any additional needs imposed by increased enrollment. The reserves having been depleted, an appropriation increase of \$25,000 is needed to maintain the current inadequate maintenance budget.

3. During the depression years the price of many essential articles and services did not decrease (fuel, water, gas, postage, books and periodicals, telephone service, scientific apparatus, typewriters, etc.). In order to maintain these essential items, the maintenance allowance for most administrative offices and instructional departments had to be cut out of proportion to the appropriation reduction. Two inevitable results followed, and still exist: first, many important class and general services were drastically curtailed or eliminated; and second, regular replacement of classroom, laboratory and office equipment was either greatly reduced or postponed indefinitely, thus making each year a more critical accumulation of needs.

4. The price level is advancing steadily.