

Q. *What are the minimum regular needs of the University for the next biennium as compared with legislative appropriations for the present biennium?*

A. Exclusive of special items, the appropriations for the current biennium and needs for the next biennium are as follows:

	Annual Appropriation for 1931-'33	Reduced by Regents for 1931-'32	Reduced by Regents for 1932-'33	Annual Needs 1933-35
Salaries	\$819,000	\$819,000	\$738,000	\$730,000
Maintenance	255,000	176,156*	67,500*	208,000
Repairs	67,500	60,750	50,625	50,000
Geol. Survey	25,000	23,606	18,750	18,750
Cont. Fund	500	400	375	375

At Kansas City

Salaries	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$108,800	\$104,000
Maintenance	62,000	41,743	23,700	50,000
Repairs	5,000	2,900	4,000	4,000

*Actual reduced maintenance budgets were \$196,574 for 1931-32 and \$173,360 for 1932-33, balances to the amount of \$19,058 being used in 1931-32 and to the amount of \$105,860 in 1932-33, in addition to reduced legislative appropriations, in order to maintain quality of service. The actual budget for 1932-33 is considerably in excess of \$173,360 due to the use of remaining stocks of office and laboratory supplies. Depletion of balances and reserve supplies this year will necessitate sole reliance of maintenance need for next biennium upon the legislative appropriation, if the quality of service is to be maintained.

Q. *How important is it that the amounts requested be appropriated?*

A. Vital, if the quality of service is not to be greatly lowered. The requests actually represent less than the desired minimum needs for the maintenance of fundamental instructional services.

If young men and women now of college age are to have an equal chance in competition with students trained during other times or in other institutions, the quality of the service in Kansas must be maintained. The stronger men now on the faculty must be retained, laboratory supplies must be kept up, worn-out and out-of-date apparatus must be replaced, new books must be purchased and the files of periodicals must be maintained. Particularly is this important as the enrollment trend continues from the less expensive freshman-sophomore level to the more advanced and necessarily more expensive levels.

Items of relatively less vital importance have already been removed from the budget, and further reduction in the activities of the University can come only from a reduction in the quality of instruction or from a discontinuance of instruction in fields which the students have a right to expect the University to cover.

Enrollment at the University for the past year and the present year has not fallen to correspond with the depth of the financial depression. The reason seems clear. The faith of the people of Kansas in higher education persists. They have found no better way to prepare their sons and daughters for life. They recognize that education is "The eternal