

Cafeteria Equipemtn.....	2495.52	
Cafeteria Repairs.....	1926.77	\$4422.29
Total.....		\$15131.66

Over this period our operation of the Union has resulted in a deficit of roughly \$1500 per annum, which is more than accounted for by our outlay for "Repairs" alone.

With these figures in mind the Council would like to ask the University to contribute the sum of \$1500 a year towards maintenance and repairs, since both the operation by the University, which resulted in an annual deficit of about \$3500.00 per annum, and the operation deficit of the Council of \$1500 per annum, apparently demonstrates that, as constituted, the Union cannot pay for itself.

The Council would further ask that the University in considering this matter make their contribution retroactive one year and carry our deficit for the year 1927-28 of \$971.00, so that we will not be forced to sell a \$1000 bond of our remaining Capital of \$5000, which as stated above is invested in Duke Price Power Co. Limited. This will be necessary for operation of General Account for this session unless we receive assistance.

In asking for this grant the Council realizes that it is faced with a big problem in the Union House, and I would like to present to you the feeling of many of us in this matter. That the patronage of the Union has been decreasing rapidly year by year is evident to us who have been here for several years, and that it is now serving the purpose for which it was founded is questionable. In my opinion it is not.

The Cafeteria patronage has fallen off very markedly during the past several years, and we estimate that at present it "serves" less than 300 students of a total 1700 in all, and regular patronage is admitted to about 150, and frequently 150 are not served in two days.

Earnings from the Tuck Shop and Billiards were last year reduced 33% over the preceeding year and 50% over the session 1925-26.

Various reasons are offered for this situation, the most likely is that the Fraternities are taking in an increasing number of men, and they do not need the service that the Union offers. Again more Undergraduates prefer to spend their free time in the Theatres than in reading (this statement I believe to be well founded.) I do not think that the Undergraduate is doing any more work than formerly:

To summarize the Union serves for:

1. Dances
2. Cafeteria for 150 regularly. 300 a maximum