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## Analyzing the Budget Request

WHEN THE Legislature's appropriation committees prepare to take final action on the University's budget for the next biennium, careful consideration should be given to the budget request as presented by the Board of Regents.

The men who compose this board are not violent partisans of the University. They are business and professional men living in widely scattered parts of the state; they have numerous other interests besides their once-a-month meeting as a board of regents; and they are men of broad enough experience and ability to consider the interests of the state as a whole, as well as the interests of the University itself.

These men have proved their co-operative attitude toward the state administration's economy program by returning to the state a considerable part of the appropriation for last year—and this in spite of a court decision that they were not required by law to do so.

Four of the seven members of the board that approved the budget request and sent it to the state budget officer were appointees of Governor Leon C. Phillips—men in whom he has expressed the fullest confidence.

Another indication of their good faith may be seen in the fact that the budget request for 1941-43 is substantially less than the amount requested for the 1939-41 biennium.

There are many reasons, therefore, why the budget request should be given serious consideration as representing actual needs of the University, and not just a nominal sum upon which to begin slashing.

With all due respect to the state budget officer, a conscientious man who is faced with the difficult problem of cutting all budget requests to come within some arbitrary limit, we believe that the Board of Regents is the body whose judgment on the University's needs ought to be given chief consideration.