8. Property, Plant and Equipment:

Property, plant and equipment, as of June 30, 1989, consisted of the following (amounts expressed in thousands):

Enterprise Funds:

Depreciable Assets	Non- depreciable <u>Assets</u>
	\$ 5, 4 53
\$37,185	1,805,399
29,097	535
66,282 36,265	1,811,387
	\$1,811,387
	Assets \$37,185 29,097

General Fixed Assets:

General fixed assets activity by asset classification for the year ended June 30, 1989, was as follows (amounts expressed in thousands):

Classification	Balance July 1, 1988	Additions	Deletions	Transfers in (out)	Balance June 30, 1989
Land and improvements Structure and improvements Equipment Construction in progress	\$ 559,658 2,159,608 715,780 290,275	\$ 17,194 48,436 76,091 120,066	\$ 31 10,064 52,634	\$ 34,419 106,534 9,640 (150,593)	\$ 611,240 2,304,514 748,877 259,748
Total	\$3,725,321	\$261,787	\$62,729	\$ -0-	\$3,924,379

Higher Education Fund:

Property, plant and equipment, as of June 30, 1989, consisted of the following (amounts expressed in thousands):

Land\$	56,179
Building and improvements	983,271
Contents	
Construction in progress	73,295
Total	

9. General Obligation Bonds:

General obligation bonds are authorized and issued primarily to provide funds for state owned capital improvements, including facilities for institutions of higher learning, and the construction of public schools in political subdivisions. Bonds have also been issued for local government improvements, including grants and loans for water quality improvement projects and correctional facilities, and to provide funds for repayable loans or outright grants to private, not-for-profit cultural or educational institutions. Under constitutional requirements and practice, the Maryland General Assembly, by a separate enabling act, authorizes a loan for a particular object or purpose. Thereafter, the Board of Public Works, a constitutional body composed of the Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury and the State Treasurer, by resolution, authorizes the issuance of bonds in a specified amount for part or all of the loan authorized by a particular enabling act.