

1 anything he wants, unlike the budget for the public  
2 schools which, of course, the Governor cannot cut, and that  
3 is what we voted on yesterday; and oftentimes does. We have  
4 had a number of instances where salaries of different  
5 people have been reduced against the wishes of the Board  
6 of Regents and this has presented problems. Now, when the  
7 Governor finally gets through whatever he is going to do  
8 with the budget and it goes to the General Assembly, the  
9 General Assembly traditionally each House holds a hearing  
10 on the University budget; and they can cut it so that  
11 again for the second time, it does not have the isolation  
12 that the State school budget has. It is subject to  
13 scrutiny then by the Governor and by the Members of the  
14 General Assembly.

15 When it finally passes, it comes out as part  
16 of the budget law. Now, here is the difference between  
17 the general budgets for other State agencies and the  
18 University of Maryland. Once the budget has become law,  
19 then the Board of Regents can spend that money within  
20 their discretion, and if it becomes necessary, to amend  
21 a program or to take on somebody or to change somebody's