

1 salary at midterm. The University administration does  
2 not have to go back to the Governor because of the exist-  
3 ing economy in it, does not have to go back to the Governor  
4 and request these changes to be made through a budget  
5 amendment which is authorized by the Board of Public  
6 Works.

7           What actually happens in practice, if the  
8 administration wants to amend the budget, it takes the  
9 matter to the Board of Regents and the Board of Regents  
10 goes ahead and amends the budget. I might say that in  
11 my experience, I have been on the Board six years now,  
12 there has never been an amendment where a program has  
13 exceeded its estimate in the budget. There have been  
14 amendments back and forth, but there have always been  
15 shifts. You don't get the proper staff you are going to  
16 get when the budget is made up and for some reason or  
17 another, there will be a surplus in that program which  
18 can be used in another area. But if it weren't for  
19 autonomy if a surplus developed, it would revert to the  
20 State and would have to be reappropriated through a budget  
21 amendment at the end of the year if there is a surplus