

They're trying to take the in education out and just have masters programs in these areas. Are we anticipating other types of graduate programs being initiated on that campus? Are we anticipating a new research function as a university for Kearney, a new type of role and mission in both graduate education and research? Are we anticipating a change in undergraduate education, a further expansion? They're already one of the most expansive undergraduate programs in the state, covering the state from Bellevue up through Wayne and over to the Panhandle. Do we plan even more undergraduate outreach. And how does their education and outreach effort, how will that mesh with other state colleges in what they're doing? How will that mesh with what the university is doing for outreach? How will that mesh with the Extension Service? And how do these things fit together? With all those questions looked at then how do we meet the needs to find the resources to do these things? Are there more buildings that we're going to need? Is there more equipment we're going to need, if we get into research, or just get into graduate or other programs? Are we looking at bigger increases in faculty salaries as a result of a different focus, of a different peer group, of a different expectation? And, if we have higher faculty salaries and other expenses, how much of a tuition increase are we looking at, because again of a difference in focus of role and mission and status? These and many other questions have me concerned and are really what we need to focus in on on a study first, before we act on this measure. Perhaps people feel they have the answers to all these things. Perhaps there is a master plan in mind that everybody feels comfortable with that is promoting this bill. But I, for one, am not unaware of the answers to these questions. I, for one, am aware of a master plan or a strategy that will tell us where we're going with this piece of legislation. And that is why, again, I argue that a study first and action later is the wiser course of action. Now I know again, as I mentioned, I don't have much support out in the lobby. And the small band of a dozen or so of us on the floor that have expressed concern about this continue to have that concern. But I wish again that this floor discussion would open some minds and you would consider some of the arguments that I'm making, and hopefully others will make about why we need to not continue down the course this bill now provides. There isn't going to be anybody outside, behind the glass, telling you to follow that course. The lobbyist for the university, which...who sat by, in fact, at least they're down from the balcony. When we debated it last time I knew I was in trouble