

look at the undergraduate tuition rates you can see that Kearney and the state colleges are about \$9.00 below UN-O and about \$12.00 behind UN-L in tuition per credit hour. Well my amendment, what it attempts to do in this amendment is basically phase Kearney State's tuition up and so by 1991 when Kearney becomes part of the university it has a comparable tuition to UN-O. I'm not going to sit here and say that tuition at Kearney should be the same as it should be at UN-L, but I think a good argument could be made, and I'm going to try and make it, is that if Kearney is going to be part of the university, it's very similar to UN-O, and I think their tuition should be comparable and I don't think it should be jumped up all at once but I think if we're making a decision, I think we have already made a decision with Kearney, I think the responsible thing to do is to start phasing that tuition up and so by the time it all happens, it all makes sense. Now now the advocates of Kearney can say, are going to say, wait a second, we're not a university yet. Well, with the passage of LB 247 this body is saying, yes, you're going to be one but we're going to take it to court, but all the time they've been saying this, they're saying we're not like the state colleges, we're not a college, we are really a university. Well, if Kearney is really a university I think it is high time we start paying university type tuition out there, but more importantly, I think it is important that we start talking about what it is we're going to set tuition at. What is tuition at Kearney supposed to be? If we're going to make a political decision on what the name should be, I think we need to make a decision on what the tuition is going to be. I think most importantly, hopefully it will interject in all discussion, the impact, a different impact because all everybody thinks about is the good things that...people in Kearney at least, all they want to think about is the good things that are going to happen by Kearney being part of the university. Well I don't know if raised tuition is necessarily bad, but if you're a student and this whole reason you went to Kearney in the first place, because they had lower tuition, I guess Kearney being part of the university may be bad because your tuition is going to go up. And for all of us to sit here and ignore the whole issue of tuition when we talking about Kearney State, I think is irresponsible. I think we need to address, we need to talk about what tuition should be. This amendment is one proposal. I'm willing to work with it if there is a more reasonable level, but I think it's simply, to me, it doesn't make sense to keep Kearney tied to state colleges tuition rates when you're saying Kearney is no longer like the state colleges, Kearney is