

repaired before it is used by students. There is an issue as to whether we want to pay for it or not, whether it's going to be closed down until we decide to pay for it or not, whether some other fund source could come up, but that building will be repaired before it is open for use. It is not usable right now as a facility. Yes, there are students using it. Yes, there is scaffolding in the middle of classrooms. Yes, there are shorings going down through laboratories, and posts and columns in the hallways and offices. It's usable in that it can actually be habitated without having physical safeties compromised, but it's not usable as we would look at a building. It's going to be fixed. If you decide that you want to just throw it on the university and say, we'll get around to it some other day or we won't worry about it now, you're going to close it down and you're going to disrupt the College of Pharmacy for at least a year and maybe longer. Now the College of Pharmacy, as Senator Schmit so aptly pointed out, came under heat a couple years ago and there were some real efforts to close that because it was recommended during our cut session back in '85 that that probably was one of the least important things to be done. We elected...excuse me, the Board of Regents elected not to close down the institution. It might have been a political thing and maybe it should have been done. But what has happened since then, there was a major turmoil in that college, major loss of existing faculty, major loss of morale. It has been turned around. It has been revamped. I am pleased that Chancellor Anderson and his staff has reinstilled the morality...or not the morality, excuse me, the...pardon my...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...the high morale that's there and he has dedicated staff. He has good dedicated students. They can't afford to do this. They can't afford to have this thing shut down for a year, unless you want to close it up. If you want to close it up, fine. But the building is going to be repaired. The university has taken the proper steps. We have taken the proper steps. It has had not one independent study but three, the latest of which was the Black and Veatch study. And everybody except one person who was a witness for the defense says that it's got some problems and that witness even said it had problems at one time and now denies it. I'm comfortable that we can do this. It is a necessary thing to do. I am very concerned. I'm convinced that if we don't do this, that we will be in a position we wouldn't like to be in. I would hope that