

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, in fact if I remember right, Founders Hall, some of that construction and some of that space will not be for students at all, some of that space would be administrative space, as well as some classrooms and two laboratories.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's faculty offices. I don't have anything about administrative, it says...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Faculty offices is good enough. What I guess I'm trying to get across to the Legislature, and I will not take much more time of the body, but I do want at least the discussion to be out before the body. And I appreciate Senator Wehrbein's comments that he feels the library automation should be done at some point, hopefully this session, though those are my words, and, if not, some other time frame to get that worked in. But I guess what I'm a little concerned with is if you have an Education Committee within this body that looks at educational needs, and then you have an Appropriations Committee within the body that looks at funding needs, but whenever you get the funding decisions, education priorities are made. And there is an overlap, a considerable overlap. And one of the things that the Appropriations Committee has done, and I'm sure it has something to do with the makeup of the committee as well, but they have made a priority decision that we want to help solve an overcrowded situation, but we know what we're going to do will not solve that overcrowded situation. It will still be overcrowded. But we have that decision to make, or we could, and, Senator Scofield, I disagree a little bit, they are competing because one is done and one is not done; or we could use that money and decide do we want to do something positive for education for all state colleges, including Kearney, that would bring information to the fingertips of the students. That would let the administration, or the administrative information as far as what books we have, what information is on hand,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...where can we obtain it, whether it be for master studies, graduate studies, undergraduate studies, wherever it needs to be, is that information going to be available, or are we going to have the dilapidated system that we continue to have now. And the answer to that is quite clearly the Appropriations Committee has said, well, we'd like to do both, but right now we're going to do brick and mortar.