

And this brick and mortar, we also understand, will not solve our problem. In fact, I suggest that if Kearney continues to grow it won't have much of a dent on that problem at all. And I think the body needs to understand that we're making some educational decisions here. And, personally, if I have a decision whether to solve an overcrowding problem, let's solve that. But this does not do that. So, if I'm faced with a nonsolution to a problem, and I have an answer of doing library automation that is a solution beginning to a major problem, and it can get some things done, I have no problem with that decision. I would reverse it. I would say, let's get library automation done...

PRESIDENT: Time, time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and let's handle the other problem when monies become available that we can really solve that entire problem of overcrowding. And this won't do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, colleagues, actually I turned my light off because Senator Wehrbein had given almost all of the crucial information, I felt. But I knew you'd be disappointed if I didn't talk about Kearney State. Now, Senator Bernard-Stevens, 16 classrooms, which will be included in Founders Hall, will look like manna from heaven when you're trying to schedule the classroom space and you are 96 percent occupied. Also, there are not faculty offices for the faculty. And you are absolutely right, this will not, and I repeat not satisfy all of the need for classroom and space at Kearney State College, whether it is in the university system or in the college system. But it will certainly be a help. And I think you ought to listen to what Senator Warner said and what Senator Wehrbein said. We did not consider, as an Appropriation Committee, the library automation because it was not presented to us for consideration. We did consider it for the university system, and it was funded. So it isn't that the committee thinks more of bricks and mortar than it does of educational tools. But in this particular case, the need is far greater for space. I do hope then that you will all vote against removing Founders Hall from the budget...or...