

run the MBA program and they should do it in cooperation with other campuses, and the first experiment was at Kearney State, and it didn't work. And I think it was largely because the university simply was unwilling to make the sacrifices that they had to make to go clear out to Kearney and make that offering. As you know, Kearney has gone ahead and built its own MBA program, after we changed that, has a good offering, a good program, and it is meeting people's needs. But that coordination just didn't occur, and it really didn't have to be done that way. I was disappointed then that the institutions wouldn't work...couldn't work together and I place the majority of the blame on the Lincoln campus, not on the Kearney campus, for that failure. We have had a similar problem in Chadron in that we still don't have access to an MBA program out there, although I am hopeful that this year some of the proposals that are there are going to address that. But it does matter to students because they get impatient with that, and Senator Warner talked about what can happen during 16 years. I will tell you what can happen during 16 years. You can lose a lot of students to other states, and it is a darn side easier to go to Colorado State University or the University of Wyoming or someplace in South Dakota. If the institutions in your own state don't respond to you, you just leave. That might have something to do with the brain drain in this state. That might have something to do with some of the statistics that we have been very concerned about. I think the activities so far, as a matter of fact, have made things better for students and we will never know whether this is a carrot or a stick that is making it happen, but we have an exciting program being done now between the Med Center and Chadron to provide guaranteed slots for medical students so that they are going to come into the institution and be guaranteed a slot and we hope that addresses the need for doctors in rural communities. So I think just in terms of access, just the threat of doing this has started to open up some access, and to actually do it, I think if we don't do this, then things will go back to the way they were before. Institutions are already starting to respond a little bit, and if we don't do this, then I think everybody settles back into their comfortable ruts and the little guys keep clamoring to the big guys hoping that somehow they can get by the hurdle that in some cases role and mission has presented, that they can't make offerings that students need out there, and there is no way to go around it and there is no way to go through it, and so you just get nothing. I would also suggest that it is a basic problem with transferring credits from institution to