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New York cannot afford expansion UB is seeking

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The state of New York is virtually bankrupt. There is little chance that it will become solvent in the near future. Hundreds of people are leaving New York every week, especially young people. In the face of this situation, the University at Buffalo wants to raise \$5 billion to expand, \$2.9 billion from New York State.

UB's goal makes no sense. There is no need for an expanded university. UB and the smaller colleges in the area have more than sufficient capacity to handle all of the young people who desire a college education. There is no way the state or the community can or should afford the amount of money that is being sought for expansion.

It sounds as if UB President John Simpson is on an ego trip, one that is wasteful of time and resources; one that will never come to fruition and never should. The main needs of New York State are: more jobs, less taxes and better government in Albany. UB should not try to get bigger. Instead it should try to improve its present programs and quality of the existing university.

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