

that University if it did not reflect the value orientation of the administration. Since this kind of discrimination is a negative moral reflection on the University and even the state, I think the least the Legislature can do is to express disapproval of that policy. There have been occasions when this Legislature has passed resolutions commending female athletes for various achievements. So I am offering this resolution. I hope that you will adopt it. Remember this, why bar the female athletes who are doing something for the University and the state through their participation, yet it is open to any potential recruit and his family? I have to say his in this instance because apparently the females who are being recruited to participate in athletic programs would not be allowed to use it as a recruiting tool either. So I am asking that you adopt this resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this resolution. I think we have our athletic staff, we also have a Chancellor of the University, we have the President of the University, we have the Board of Regents that can take the necessary steps if they think that it is respectable. I'm sure that they've researched this project out before they built it and before they operated it, and, therefore, I would just urge you to oppose this resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. Jointly the members of the Legislature, yesterday, told the Regents that they should cut intercollegiate activities which will fall very, very heavily on women's athletics. Do you not have the courage today, following your decision yesterday, to say women are equally important in athletics? Do you not have the courage to say, hey, we cut...at least have the courage to say we think this new very excellent facility should be available for athletes. You say we don't need a women's commission, then accept part of that responsibility yourself. You say we don't need the minority commissions, then accept part of that responsibility. I will be supporting the resolution. With my vote I hope to say, to myself and to the people of Nebraska, I will follow through with the vote for I think