

run a football or do anything else of an athletic nature for that University they are labelling themselves. This Legislature loves a black winner like Johnny Rogers, a resolution to praise you if you win but not a vote for your human dignity. There will be other resolutions on this floor for black athletes and what they help accomplish because a resolution is a piece of paper but they are labelled and there is contention on the campus right now between the black students and the black athletes because the athletes know that they are being used and that they have pressure brought to bear on them not to speak out on this issue and they know that the black students are 100% right in the position they have taken of condemning the University for this gift that it has accepted, the money from it. Today black people were crushed by the vote of the Legislature and I accept that as a part of being down here but I am going to have to swallow spit and take it. I can let you know what you have done and the way people like to come up after a vote like this and say, well I had to do it for this reason and that reason. This is one of the kind of issues where that won't work anymore. There is too much involved here. It may be to some of you a vote at one instant of time on a particular budget bill because you don't want to break the budget but it has future impact on that University and the lives of those students and the athletic program. How in the world could I ever, if I am asked, tell a young black athlete to come to this University which says he is not a human being. I wonder how many gifts would be accepted the same way if attached to the gift was a total degradation and denial of the humanity of native Americans or if there was a piece of money with the face of Adolf Hitler on it and it would be accepted and they say it is only money and there is nothing else connected with it. We know that universities deal in symbolism and this Krugerrand deal was one of the worst deals ever cut. I would rather be on the losing side and sides have been drawn here today, than to be on a side that won only because it had the most votes. The most votes don't mean the most right. Every now and then, I told Senator Johnson this, I have to read about John Brown because John Brown was a white man who gave his life and his sons gave their lives trying to help fight against slavery and trying to help black people get freedom so that does remind me that there are white people with some principles. So if I make a condemnation it is not of every white person because that person is white. I am condemning actions today and I think what was done in rejecting that amendment was inexcusable but naturally I am a minority of one here today. I feel funny when I am going to have to speak for a sheriff's