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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I wish you would have told me that. I thought I was still on Senator Higgins' time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Oh, well I just didn't want to disrupt you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay. I was on a roll, huh?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The football players are like gold, mined by others for the benefit of others. Senator Johnson mentioned the scholarship. What is the value of a scholarship? Nobody knows. What is the cost of a scholarship? Whatever the University says. Is there any correlation between the cost of a scholarship and the quality of the education? Certainly not. We, right now, are determining how tuition increases come about, and what amount they will have, not because we have exemplary professors or outstanding curriculum; it is because the Legislature wants to appropriate less than a two percent increase so the University raises the amount of tuition, which would indicate that the increased cost of the scholarship should mean a parallel increase in value. But as Oscar Wilde said, "There are people who know the cost of everything and the value of nothing." That scholarship is a sham. You shouldn't even talk about an athletic scholarship because it is a contradiction in terms. Athletics is not scholarship. It does not pertain to scholarship. Turner Gill, Irving Fryar and Mike Rozier, the stars, were all in academic trouble at the time they were here. But there were coaches, trainers and others trying to make sure they were on that football field, hurt or not, and Rozier played hurt most of the latter part of his career. Turner Gill had a hurt back when he went into the Hawaii game. Irving Fryar was injured. I think Turner had to wear a flack jacket at one point. Do you think that the football element over there would say, "Turner, Irving, Mike, since you are hurt, don't come to practice this week, go to class and make sure everything is all right." You better believe they won't. You let him act like he wants to spend too much time in the classroom, they'll tell him, "Your first obligation is out here on this field, you are a gladiator, you come on out here and knock some heads, that is what you are here for." There is no genuine concern about the level of their