

are stepped on when we want to give the impression that the Legislature is doing something macho. So I am in support of the motion that has been made. I hope the bill will be returned and I hope we will adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in support of the amendment and I would like to tell you why. It has been said on this floor, for example, that academic education is the most important part of a college education. Yes, I agree with that. But so is an athletic program important to these students. A whole collegiate experience for students such as those at UN-O and the state colleges includes the athletic experience that they get while they are going to school. I would like to remind this body that all students cannot afford to come to Lincoln to get an athletic experience, nor can all the students participate in a Division I athletic program because their ability, for example, is not quite as good as the recruited athletes from all over the country that come to UN-L for their athletic experience. I am telling you that any student's collegiate experience would include an athletic program if it is to be complete. I would like to read for you just a couple of lines here from the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges which you had circulated to you. The athletic program is considered an integral part of the total educational program at the colleges. This is the state colleges I am quoting from. "We, the Presidents of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College system, believe that intercollegiate athletics should be supported in the same manner as our other educational opportunities." Once again I say, all these students haven't got the ability to play on a Division I team, nor can the parents afford to send them down here to Lincoln so that they can get an inter...a collegiate experience while they are going to college. I say to you folks and I ask you to let these students have the whole college experience close to their homes where they have to stay and have a college experience which includes the whole experience of a collegiate athletic program and I implore you to vote for this amendment for that reason. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Eret.

SENATOR ERET: Mr. President and members, when Senator