

wondering if you realize that when you get out of college you will be paying for the rest of your life for some buildings that maybe could have been postponed or with a little bit of imagination we could have done it a little bit differently. I just don't understand the spending of the money when people are supposed to be so hard up in this state and everything seems to be under the guise of education, not true education, not really what you do in a classroom, but we spend millions and millions putting up buildings and yet what do we have to show for the education of the children or the young adults? What do we do to improve our educational programs?

SENATOR MARSH: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: My God, if we would only spend 10 percent on the improvement of programs and keeping the programs of what we spend on capital construction. Ask the students that are going to UN-L and UN-O right now which would you prefer, to do away with the program that you started in to get your degree or put up a new building? I don't want to hear any whining or crying from any of these students that say, well, I wouldn't have started here if had known you were going to stop the program. Well, we are going to stop some of those programs because we are going to put up some beautiful new buildings that we can be proud of and we can brag about, but we won't be educating anybody in them because we are stopping the programs. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Madam President and members of the body, just so we can avoid some confusion, the construction program, and I am going to address myself only to the UN-O Campus, the construction program was started five years ago and this is a...the part that we are dealing with now is the Lab Science Building which is under contract and being constructed up past the first floor. Now, when you start something like that, you have signed a contract with a construction company to build the building. You cannot stop in the middle of that contract. All we are doing now, we are not changing the scope of the building. We are not changing the cost of the building. All we are doing is issuing bonds to take the...to meet the cost of the finishing of the contract. Instead of just dipping into a current year's appropriation this year and next year, we are