

supporting the increase in funding and might even had agreed that maybe Peru State College should close. But starting with Dr. Tangeman about nine years ago and now with Dr. Gallentine there is an entirely different situation. Peru is very much alive. It's a tremendous service in southeast Nebraska. I wish you would check your handouts and I think we have some figures there that are revealing. Referring to the rest of the story Senator Vard Johnson had a handout a few weeks ago that I think only covered part of the story. On the first page of your handout Senator Vard Johnson's figures stopped with the change in the General Fund which showed that the university system had a much smaller increase than the state colleges, but the rest of the story and I think it is a very important part of the story, is that during these periods, these five years, the university declined, and again, I hope no one is thinking that I am picking on the university. I am not. I have not supported the cuts that have been made on the university program. But in answer to Senator Johnson's handout, the University General Fund did not increase as much as the state colleges, but their enrollment decreased. And now if you look at the figures in regard to state colleges you will find that as a whole the state colleges have had a 24 percent increase in enrollment at that time. Notice the bottom figure in that line, in that time Peru State College has had a 60 percent increase in enrollment. For the four year period Peru State College has lowered its cost per student to taxpayers by \$1,138 from a high, which was too high, of \$4,235 in 1982 to \$3,097 in 1985. In spite of the declining enrollments in the high schools around, decline in graduates, Peru State has been able to pick up its enrollment and an increase in tuition in each year which certainly points out that they're doing something there to attract those students. At the same time they still have the same number of faculty, 49. They have a faculty ratio today of 25-8, almost 26 to one. On the next page I want you to notice the cuts in the General Fund or the increases, the changes, percentage of change in the General Fund. Notice in that list Peru State College is the only institution that has had a cut in its General Fund from last year. Now, I know the Appropriations Committee is using the Cash Funds for basis for the cut in this area, but I think there is a lot of disagreement of how much money is in that Cash Fund. I know that Dr. Gallentine of Peru State College does not agree with it and also I think there is too great a reliance on Cash Funds. Those Cash Funds, of course, are those that are raised from tuition and as you notice in that chart Peru State College's General Fund cut was 1.4 percent from last year. Everybody else's increased. Now what does this amendment do