

will tell you what, I am still feeding the cows. There are ways you can figure out to adjust under budget cuts without doing away with the purpose of what you are there for. Many people in agriculture today are suffering and making a lot of cuts but they are still feeding their cows and they are still putting fertilizer on their crops because they know they have got to, and the message to education is that you still have to educate people, and I guess I would like to tell the President of the University and the Board of Regents that I want them to look at themselves before they look at cutting back on services to students, before they look at cutting back on opportunities to access to students. If we are going to interject any optimism at all into our attempts to work our way out of this situation, we darn well better have a well-educated populace. The young people in our institutions today are our only hope, be they at Curtis, be they at Kearney, Chadron, Lincoln, Omaha, or wherever. And even though we might have this economic situation and even though we might ask those institutions to tighten their belts, I don't think anybody in here is actually asking them to reduce the ability of people to get an education. So I am saying to them that I still expect them to provide the services but to figure out ways to absorb the cut as much as they can, as much whatever they can do internally at the administrative levels. All of us in our businesses have to do that. I can tell you as that individual businessman, I am not living very high on the hog. I am not doing the things that I would have done a few years back. As I mentioned earlier, those old cows haven't even figured out yet that there is an economic crisis because they are still eating just as good as they did before because I know dang well they have got to, and if I can do it, so can the educational systems because they don't have any choice in my opinion...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...but to continue to educate those young people. So I guess the thing that really irritates me is that we send messages to young people that we are not going to educate you. We send messages to those people who are out there, the professors actually doing the educating, that we are going to close you, we are going to do away with you, when in fact we know we can't. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Haberman.