

what is right. And as far as I am concerned, we are doing what is wrong to take 3 percent out of our state college budgets, 3 percent out of our University budgets, having taken in effect about 2 1/2 percent out this last year because we required them to raise the salaries of the academics and the clerical employees and the like and we only gave them a 1/2 percent increase to get a 3 percent pay raise. Senator Chambers is right. We are building inferior educational institutions in our state for our children. Our children should go to the Yales and the Harvards and the Creightons and the private schools because the taxpayers haven't got the belly to do what is right by the children. They haven't got the belly to do what is right and they will come down and watch the football games and think that is college and that is university, but colleges and universities are scholars and researchers and contemplative people and teachers and conversationalists and transmitters of value. Even in the depression, we did what we could to maintain our colleges and universities, and for us to go through this process of slowly wringing the lifeblood out of our colleges and universities, squeezing them ounce by ounce by ounce is absolutely wrong. It is wrong. There is no major game plan or strategy in this Legislature for working things all together. I just say it is simply time for individual senators to get up and speak their mind about where they stand on higher education. I am going to stand with what we have and try to make it better, and I am not going to stand for a 3 percent reduction in our colleges and our universities. I am going to stand with those faculty members who get their awards of excellence for their dedication to scholarship, and to our students, and I am going to stand for our students who when their parents sent them down to the University send them down with the hopes and dreams of parents after parents, generation after generation, have had for their children, that their children will be well educated, well cultivated, well nourished, and able to lead a useful and productive and just life, and if we can't rise to that occasion, we fail our parents and our children and our society and our civilization. A 3 percent cut may seem like little but it is the world. It is the world. So I am with you, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am with Senator Chambers too. Senator Johnson said he would not