

eliminated. There will be other nursing programs in Scottsbluff, programs like that, that will be cut in the cuts that you will keep in the University budget and I am telling you that once people know about those cuts they are not going to like them very much, but we don't know about them and, thus, don't oppose them. And that is the folly of some of the cutting that goes on in this body frequently. We take across-the-board cuts, we take general lump sum cuts, we see the consequences after we go home, the public is outraged, but the deed is done and I think that isn't a particularly good way to go about business. I think one of the questions we have to raise not only in this area, but in other areas in the budget cuts, is what are the consequences? What are the impacts? What are the programs and services that will not be continued as a result of the budget cutting that we're proposing to do this week? I think the nursing program at Scottsbluff is a very good example, Senator Johnson and Senator Chambers talked about, of the error of our ways in thinking in terms of the specifics versus the abstract and we can't let ourselves not reconcile those differences. I think in the particulars of the cuts you will see that last year as we cut the University budget, the Lincoln Program for Nursing was one of those on the chopping block. Yes, the University budget was cut. Specifics had to be found to implement those cuts and the nursing program in Lincoln was put on the chopping block; an uproar arose and the money was put back in the program and we continue to have a Lincoln nursing program. It would be ironic now to see that the cuts in the University would continue through the process, the 100,000 put back into the budget and the nursing program at Scottsbluff reestablished and then have the Lincoln program that has been there and supported again be up on the chopping block and have an existing program that is functioning well eliminated as a new program is started up out in Scottsbluff that is a good program, could do a lot of good in the western area of the state, but which is new when an existing program already exists and is probably very, very cost efficient. It doesn't make any sense. Now Senator Johnson said we shouldn't have any new programs. I don't agree. Senator Johnson and I are going to be proposing some new ones and there is always merit to some new programs. You have to keep it in mind. There is nothing wrong with the Scottsbluff program. In fact, it is a very good program and a needed program. It's just that I think a lesson has to be learned here on this floor that we can't have it both ways. You can't have your cake and eat it. You can't be for general cuts and against specific cuts. You can't continue taking that action and that position because eventually it has to come down