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were once started that were supposed to be self-sufficient but still need tax dollars add to the 7% increase or automatic increase that the University has come to learn to expect and demand from this body. Next year the funds will be \$70,000. They will not be from the general fund next year. They will be hidden away even further. Next year the \$70,000 appropriation will come from student fees. This is an unjustifiable program. It is a costly program. It is an unmeritorious program. It has never done what it was supposed to do and next year the students will pay for this program out of student fees and that is exactly the worst and most unjustifiable thing I can think of. For that reason, I humbly request this body, I am getting humble after three losses, humbly respect this body to strike the paltry sum of \$123,000 from the University's budget because it is not justifiable. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Newell is very smooth in his explanation. As I have worked with this since I have been in the Appropriations Committee, I can tell you that not only the "registered students" are taking advantage of these enrichment programs. The educational program is primarily for the women of the state who cannot because they live so far from a campus or cannot attend because they have small children or cannot attend because they cannot afford the cost of the tuition but can still gain the educational opportunity. Sunrise semester, if a woman is willing to get up and set aside those early hours, and sometimes those are the only uninterrupted hours a woman has. Yes, there are men who also take advantage of it but by and large the persons who are watching are not necessarily the registered students. This is an educational tool. I feel that any tool which helps enrich the lives of Nebraskans, particularly the women of our state, should not arbitrarily be chopped because we looked, all nine members of us on the Appropriations Committee, very carefully at these figures. It is easy to come in as an outsider and say, I don't like that program, therefore, I will chop here. Then I will have some dollars for my pet program sometime later. This may not be something which will be continued indefinitely. This may be a program which may be changed but this year it was the decision of the Appropriations Committee that it should be funded at its current level and I urge you to consider thoughtfully the time, the effort, sometimes the sweat and tears, that came along with the decision making process. I urge you to reject this amendment.