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a college of veterinary medicine here. After visiting with the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State he informed me and I had copies of the letter sent around to the members of this body last week, that they would indeed be interested in visiting with us in regard to perhaps building a regional...entering into a regional concept with us whereby we could have something to say about the curriculum, the admissions, we could use some our facilities in this state in a block system in the final year of the professional course. The concern over there, and I think in many of the veterinary colleges today is the fact that the college has admitted more students and as these students get to the final year they don't have enough clinical experience because there is just not enough animals coming in to be...for these students to get their experience on. And they're really concerned about it. Many of the veterinarians in the profession in the state are concerned about that, and I think we need to take that into consideration. Since they are concerned about it over there, they would really appreciate an opportunity to visit with us about the possibility of us using some of our existing facilities, perhaps the diagnostic lab out here, in the last year so that some of these students could come back in the state, get some clinical experience over here. That wouldn't be just Nebraska students. That possibly would be even some of the Iowa students. Maybe we could build some facilities in western Nebraska for the cow-calf, maybe out here at Clay Center or some place. But I certainly think it's something we should investigate before we start down this road building this school. Now since I'm on the Education Committee and since these people from the University came in and testified to the fact that they had talked to everybody and that they were not going to be able to get the kids in school, etc., it makes me very suspicious when I find this out later that the Dean of a college right next to us would be serious in visiting with us about this type of a concept. Further, it makes me even more suspicious when I discovered that at a meeting in Rapid City several years ago he also made this same comment. It seems to me that somebody should have investigated that possibility long before now, and I'm simply throwing up a red flag here and saying, whoa, let's talk to some of these other people, let's examine the possibilities. I'm not saying that we shouldn't build one here. Maybe we'll have to build one here. Maybe this possibility will fall through.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.