

greater value at a far less cost could be accomplished by greater support for the existing department of the Ag Institute in the area of Animal Science, Veterinary Science and Diagnostic Laboratories at our present institution. What we need in this state when we talk about the livestock and agricultural business is we need a greater research facility. I looked at Dr. Dickinson's budget. He asked for one million dollars for research. Now whose fault is that? That is the fault of the Ag Institute and others who say we need more research. I submit to you that we can hire the finest pathologists, the finest toxicologists in the nation if we are willing to put out the dollars. These people in turn can help us solve the problems of animal disease. We need a modern laboratory out there and I am willing to submit my vote and my support for this kind of endeavor. I am willing to put dollars into research but I am not willing to put my dollars into another Taj Mahal when all indicators say to us there are declining student enrollments in the public schools and, therefore, we will have less demand. The studies say to us that we have a glut of veterinarians. As Senator Landis said a moment ago, when we do have these veterinarians in hand, they are going to gravitate to the large cities and they are going to deal with small animals, not the economic animals we are talking about because they can make over \$30,000 a year in that practice, whereas, in the rural practice environment, they make less than \$25,000 because today most men who live on farms do a great deal of veterinarian medicine on their own because of the pharmaceuticals which are available. Most of the time they call out a veterinarian only when they are in a crisis condition. They don't use veterinarians for nutritional advisory capacities, those kinds of things. I am in business in the cattle business in a small community in this state. We have three veterinarians in that community and we use them, not just in a crisis concern, and our vet bills prove it. I am saying that wherever you need veterinarians and you use them you will have them, but when you forget them, they are going to leave the profession, go somewhere else, or they are going to go to the Lincolns and Omahas where the business is easier and the money is forthcoming. For us to take this step today in view of the fact that our University and state college system is showing dire need for additional finances, I think is we are saying we are going to place the vet college in a higher priority than the standing colleges which we have been supporting historically. I have letters from engineering students, from bus ad students saying, "We need to improve those standing colleges. We don't have enough faculty. We can't get the courses we need to pursue our profession." Yet we are going to ignore those people.