

and academic transfer, I have no other choice but to suggest to you that the North Omaha campus, because of its unique kinds of people and the fact that they believe they are deserving of this, I believe it is worth our time to grant to Metro Tech that privilege on that campus only and I would never support any additional campus for general studies any place in the State of Nebraska but I believe in fairness to that community it is needed and they can demonstrate the need. I ask you to reject the Dworak amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of the Dworak amendment and I will tell you why. When this bill was first drafted or the community college system up in metropolitan area of Omaha came down originally they asked for nursing studies program and academic transfer program, academic offerings program rather. Now, the committee was wise enough through its committee amendment to delete the nursing program. The Board of the Metro Tech Community College had any number of the Omaha area senators to lunch to lobby us on this particular proposal, this bill, in their behalf in other words, and the particular day I went there was four of us, four of the Omaha senators went to that luncheon. The thing that came out in that luncheon was that there were some vocational courses that they had a market for. They readily acknowledged us, there was about five members of the board plus Dr. Gilliland all at the luncheon. They acknowledged, for example, there are vocational study courses that they are not offering now, they said because they were too expensive to offer. Yet they can ignore that need of the community and jump over into academic offerings and I asked them for example how can they justify that? And well they had an unmet need in the area of Omaha and consequently they felt it their duty to. They also stated emphatically, clearly that Metro Tech Community College campus of Fort Omaha which 's all that is being spelled out in this particular bill, and that is what Senator Dworak is trying to eliminate, that was all that they would be able, the only campus that would be able to offer these academic courses in. However, they also clearly stated in this luncheon that they should be offering in South Omaha. They should be offering in all of the campuses, all three of the campuses in the Omaha area. So frankly, I stated to them, right directly to them at the luncheon that I was not in favor of this particular granting of them the right to offer academic courses when they have not even met the vocational needs of the area, when for example, we know that the Board will turn over every so often, just like the Legislature does. We know, for example, that the Dr. Gilliland, the head of the college up there will leave us in four or five years. The average stay of a college president is five to seven