

provides. The question of academic transfer courses on the Fort Omaha campus is one of real parity with other institutions across this state. The other campuses, all of them, are allowed to offer academic transfer in the majority of the facilities that are available. Now they do prohibit it in certain areas but every other area is allowed to offer academic transfer. Now that is not the case in Metro Tech which is the largest. It is denied that opportunity and I think that inconsistency is one that we ought to deal with but I think we also have to look at the neighborhood in the area that we are talking about providing these academic transfer courses. Frankly one of the reasons I am making this speech, and I supported the role and mission statement of before, and frankly felt that we ought to have some limitations and the only reason I am making this speech is because I think there ought to be this one campus for very unique situations and reasons why we should do that. I supported role and mission and I supported limitation on the growth of the tech schools, even though I have not... I kind of regretted it at some times, especially at last election time there was some times when I really regretted some of my positions on this whole area. Well frankly that is one of the reasons I am up here speaking today because I have not had a change of philosophy but I am going to be just like Senator Goodrich. I am going to represent my constituency as I see it. Senator Goodrich says his is the University and that frankly is a very logical and reasonable thing since his district encompasses the University. I see mine as one that has basically been far away from these kinds of services that have not been able to avail themselves and, in fact, during the campaign last year many, many people talked to me about the whole issue of academic transfer. Many poor people who reside in the North Side felt that they ought to have the opportunity to take these kinds of courses for enrichment and also for transfer if they ever thought they might do that and I heard this many many times in the course of the campaign. Now these were basically poor people, people that are not going to attend those private schools that Senator Dworak rattled off, people that basically if you ask them their religion I don't think they would name Lutheran or Catholic or some of the others, maybe mostly Baptist but I am not... anyway have no way of being sure of that either. The situation is simply this that the competition...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have a minute, one minute.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...the competition that is being talked about is really not all that sincere or devastating. I don't think and I have every faith that this is not in any way going to detract from those private schools, nor do I believe it is going to detract from UNO. In fact, if it is limited as the