

board has indicated they would do to just this one campus we achieve a number of things. We provide for this socio-economic unique people in Omaha an opportunity to attend school close to their neighborhoods and I think that if they go on, and that is a big if, to acquire to higher education, they would not have gone on directly to the University as freshmen or in either the state colleges or the private schools. So I urge the rejection of the Dworak amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in support of Senator Dworak's amendment. As you may recall we have just gone through our appropriational process and we have increased our commitment to postsecondary education by 12.6%. Virtually every year we dramatically increase our commitment to postsecondary education and that essentially is our state teacher colleges and our two universities plus our medical school plus our agricultural school. The university system, the postsecondary education that we have is a very high cost operation in this state and one of the reasons it was necessary for us to develop role and mission statements several years ago was to make certain that we could more efficiently use taxpayer dollars to support in given facilities the kinds of educational programs that those given facilities were best able to carry out and we decided several years ago that come September 1, 1980, the Metro Tech Community College ought not to be in a position of offering a general studies degree and one of the reasons we made that decision simply speaking, is because we are putting a lot of tax dollars into offering equivalent courses at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Now I have heard a number of persons indicate that if the general studies degree is not allowed to be offered at the Fort Omaha Campus there will be a number of persons who genuinely will not be able to pursue or will not pursue the kind of studies encompassed in a general studies program. But one of the things that this Legislature has been very good about, in my opinion, is to make certain that there are funding mechanisms available for low income students. The Goodrich program which bears Senator Goodrich's name is one such program at UNO and the basic purpose of that program is to ensure the availability at UNO of enough financial assistance and other supportive services to assist low income students in being able to obtain a four year course of college study. Now it would be nice to be all things to all people and by that I mean simply it would be good if we really could allow virtually all of the state facilities that we have to provide all kinds of educational programs for the all kinds of people who live in the immediate areas or who want to go to that particular state facility but we can't do that. We