

interesting debate and it gets to be a philosophical one. I would support Senator Moore in his comments about the maturity of the young persons that have served as student Regent members. And I don't think we should underestimate the abilities of young people in our state. Many of them are very talented and very educated. They're capable of taking the responsibility to make very difficult decisions. I look at the Pages who serve in this Legislature and I have had some apply through my office for me to recommend them as Pages and submit their names and so on, and I look at their resumes and, my goodness, some of these young people have credentials and work experience and educational achievements that are just outstanding. Here I am an elected representative of one of the districts in Lincoln here and I can tell you when I was 20 years old, of course, I spent a lot of my time devoted to athletics, but when I was 20 years old my resume would not compare with any of the resumes that probably these Pages have that work in our Legislature. They're usually the outstanding students. They have...often they have relatives who have served in government in some capacity. They have been active in politics. They're aware of the issues that we deal with here in the Legislature and they're more concerned about the university and the state colleges and the institutions they had attended than just about the price of books or how costly their meals are. They are concerned, legitimately, about the type of education they get. The student Regents I have dealt with recently have been very good. I remember one specific instance when the athletic department was soliciting our support for building a new recreation center and the student Regent at that time was Chris Scutter. Chris came down to our Legislature and appeared before several hundred people in the east Chamber. I think it was packed. There was probably more like a thousand or so people there. And she gave one of the most articulate and reasoned speeches advocating the need for the student rec center of any of the witnesses that appeared before us. She did a wonderful job and she knew what the university was about. She knew what the issues were. There was no reason that she...for anyone to doubt her qualifications. She is an outstanding person and I think what she...she is now working, I understand, at the University Foundation, has worked some time there and has thought about going to law school, outstanding person. There is no reason why college students cannot and should not be voting members on a board of trustees. I have a thought about the procedures we're following here as far as deciding whether or not we want to have the students have a vote. And I am wondering if we're not going a little bit backwards in the way