

raised the money so everybody can go. They were going to go last year, didn't have enough money, but they will also be among the featured performers of the March 16 concert in Seventeenth Century Royal Dublin Hospital. One of the things in the story it said is that college marching bands are a real phenomenon in Ireland. I didn't know that. I happen to be of Irish heritage, but I guess they like to dance and sing and all and play their instruments, but they don't have marching bands. What I'd like to say before I close, musicians are very disciplined, and this band is a perfect example of that. You have to be disciplined or you don't produce the sound and the precision marching and so on that they do. The other thing, the other benefit that all of us reap across the state from this band and all the college bands is that those young people, a lot of them, go out to teach in our elementary and secondary schools and they are the ones who organize and run the bands in those schools. So it's a wonderful program, it's a feeder program for the college bands. It is sort of like a revolving band. The other thing, when I first came down to the football games here in Lincoln back in 1949 and '50, along in there, the band was one of the big attractions for me, and I'll never forget the Band Days they used to have when the high school bands came across the state and all marched onto the field with the big band. Don Lentz and Jack Snider, and all of those men and women who worked very hard to make those bands a success. So I think this is just a crowning glory for this band. UNL has the oldest continuous marching band program in the country. It started its 118-year history as an ROTC military unit, and in 1941, UNL became the first band to do a Rose Bowl halftime show, and three years ago, you'll all remember, they appeared at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. when Johnny Carson was honored. So, that's my story. I'm real proud of the band. I know you all are proud of these young people because they work so hard, and it is a wonderful thing to see young people doing good things because we work a lot...so much here on the floor with young people who have problems. So, thank you very much. I hope you will support the UNL band resolution.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Crosby. There are no other lights on. Next resolution, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LR 325, Mr. President, offered by Senator Robinson, it's found on page 972 of the Journal.