

recruited to these schools to be students. They're recruited to be athletes. If you have a marginal athlete who is a four point student, he won't make the grade, but if you have a top-of-the-line athlete who is a marginal student, he will make it. And they'll find a way to keep him eligible as long as his eligibility lasts. And one of these cynical academic counselors was asked, is it difficult when you have these players who come to your school and because they were treated as athletes in the lower grades and didn't get a good education, is it difficult for you to keep them eligible? And this cynic, knowing how corrupt the system is, said, I can keep a cockroach eligible for four years because people go along with fixing transcripts. They go along with inflating grades. They go along with allowing others to take examinations.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And when the players watch this and they see the corrupt people and the corrupt system, you are surprised when they will take an amount of money when there are politicians corrupted for far less than what is waved in front of these players. You want them to be more righteous as I say than St. Jude because he is the saint of the hopeless and I feel an affinity for him, wiser than Aristotle, more gentle and honest than Jesus, and like a flower, live with sunshine, water and fresh air because they can't earn a nickel. It is ungodly for those of you who believe in God. Those of us who don't try to do something about this situation.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There are no further lights. Senator Brashear, would you like to close?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Madam Chair and members of the Legislature, this is the appropriations bill for LB 1264 which you just advanced. We are, in fact, hereby beginning the process of appropriating relatively less significant sums of money in order to make the spirit plates available to all those who would like to purchase them, use them, be proud of the Husker spirit and benefit the athletes and their education and the facilities that are at the core of all this, and I would urge the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement of LB 1264A to E & R