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fact they did not make as much when they worked here.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you. But isn't that...and I guess I'll let you answer this question too. Isn't that the fundamental unfairness of this whole system, of the way college football is, and the big business that it is? Why is it that big? Shouldn't we go back and pay the Johnny Lujacks? Shouldn't we go back...I mean, Knute Rockne's estate, shouldn't they be making money? What about Bob Devaney's estate? What about...you know, this seems fundamentally unfair to me. I mean, the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...this team was seven and seven last year. And I'm not saying they don't deserve stipend money. I've never said that. What I'm trying to figure out is, why is everybody so interested in what they do, and where is it generated? It's generated from the very beginning, if you go back to 1962, when Bob Devaney showed up here. I guess what I'm saying is, that is a fundamental unfairness to me. When you...Johnny Rodgers does...I mean, he deserves that money as much as anybody that's ever walked on this campus. And to me, that is a little bit of an issue. Because if that team was four and seven next year, you know, revenue generation is down. I mean, do you see the point I'm trying to make here, Senator? I would yield to that. I would ask you if you'd yield to that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: First of all, I'm not going to call the names of players. Anybody who has watched football knows that the top-of-the-line players are taken care of. They get money, access to cars,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...all kinds of things...oh, you said time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, Senator Chambers, but your time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay.