

fact that football happens to bring in big money for the University of Nebraska and the state doesn't change the amateur status of college football...a college football player. Now, if he's good enough, he can get that reward of being an NFL player and he can thank Nebraska for having placed him in a position to capitalize on that particular chance but he's also receiving those educational opportunities. Now, I've handed out some information. Since Tom Osborne has become the head coach at the University of Nebraska system, we've had more academic all-Americans than any other school in the nation. And the way I view this, the way I view this bill is a statement about the athletic programs at the University of Nebraska. We're talking about academic all-Americans. Now, I handed out some information there and it lists the top 10 schools in the number of players selected between 1975 and '86. Nebraska has 24 academic all-Americans, NCAA first team academic all-Americans; second is Stanford; third Ohio State, and it moves down. In addition to that, we have had over a 102 first team football academic all-Americans, more than doubling the second place, Oklahoma. In addition, I have handed out information stating from the University of Nebraska intercollegiate athletics academic programs that list...that have the list of the academic all-Americans, in addition, the more prestigious, I feel, NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners in football. Now, Vince Ferragamo, Jeff Finn, Ric Lindquist, Jeff Jamrog, they were all able to fit in a little bit of time of studying, along with their grueling athletic training that they had to pursue. These people did not take...they realized that they had to balance academics with athletics and they did a good job of it to receive these types of scholarships. And then it goes on and lists the other Cornhusker honors that received benefits in '86 as well as in '87. Clearly, the athlete is not exploited at the University of Nebraska. He is not a beast of burden. Nebraska offers a State of the Art Program in academic counseling for athletes who need help in pursuing the educational opportunity to which they are entitled to. Now, the NCAA, what do they allow? They allow a school to provide a full scholarship for five academic years and five summer sessions. In Nebraska, that's...a five-year maximum is honored, even if the player has exhausted his eligibility in four years and even if he suffers an incapacitating injury that ends his playing career. Now, that was the result of Senator Chambers' farreaching legislation that provided for that and I do commend him for it. Currently, we have two University of Nebraska basketball players who have exhausted their eligibility and they are now completing their