

whereas the athlete receives only \$1,400, and at the bottom of the first column in that article are these words, "Many college football coaches favor eliminating the NCAA's cap on Pell Grant money. If that is the way they feel, why is the cap not eliminated? Because the NCAA is made up of a majority of smaller schools. These schools count on that extra Pell Grant money that the player cannot receive to supplement their athletic budgets. They frankly acknowledge that without taking that money that should go to the individual, their athletic departments would go under." But it seems to me that if the federal government were going to do its job, it would look into a situation which has a student qualifying for \$2,100 of federal aid receiving only \$1,400 of it and an institution taking the remainder. The Pell Grant program is not designed to be aid to institutions but aid to individuals, and under the NCAA rules, the aid is going to the institution. Now to go into some of the bill, the provisions, and I do want this into the record, there are some findings which explain the relationship between universities and colleges and the NCAA. Those findings state the eligibility requirements for receiving a Pell Grant, and the requirement that the player accept less. Here is the first part of the bill that actually would be operative law. It is on page 3, and if you disagree with this, you will disagree with the bill. "No college or university shall adopt, promulgate, or enforce any rule or regulation that requires a student to forego, relinquish, waive, or surrender a portion of a financial aid grant made available to financially needy students by federal law solely on the basis of or as a condition to participation by such student in an intercollegiate athletic program." What that says is that if you are an athlete and you want to participate in a sanctioned activity of the university, you have to agree as a condition of participation to give up assistance made available to you by the federal government. If you are a music student, there is no requirement on you that you do that. If you are an art student, English, journalism or any other area of study, if you are a student in any of those areas, this condition is not imposed on you. So I feel that this Legislature has the responsibility to enact laws to prevent unfair discrimination against any individual or group of individuals. Athletes are the most abused, set-upon, exploited group of people in this society. This Legislature did vote to enact a bill that under certain circumstances would allow a stipend to go to the athletes. The Governor vetoed it. There are people who don't want the athletes to receive any compensation or aid despite the millions of dollars they