

an athlete's scholarship because of an injury. Mr. O'Hanlon, speaking for the university, opposed the bill and said it wasn't necessary because the university always would allow an injured athlete to complete either school or eligibility. This article that I handed to you, which appeared in the Kansas City Times, April 20, 1987, discusses the bill that I passed and how it was used to force the university to restore scholarships to two female gymnasts whose scholarships had been lifted by this university which Mr. O'Hanlon assured the Legislature would not do such a thing. So when it comes to the players and their welfare, there are plenty of people who will stand up to criticize and oppose things that will benefit the players, yet some of those very senators may, in the past, have accepted free football tickets and they still do so, may take advantage of the special tickets set aside for the senators and go out there and cheer and holler. So apparently when these young men have on their numbers they play this dangerous game. It's dangerous. You can look at the equipment they wear, the types of rules that govern the game, the number of injuries that result to understand that this is not merely an extracurricular activity like band. This is a high octane, multimillion dollar entertainment business. It is packaged, marketed and sold like any other commercial commodity and to the highest bidder. To show some of the things that schools will do, when it comes to the money involved in big-time athletics, in 1988 Penn State took over the production of its own game so that it could control the televising and make all of the money. It would also control the advertising. Notre Dame, who sent a priest to lead the negotiations with the networks for a football contract, after negotiating that contract, withdrew from it, made its own individual contract with the networks, undercut that contract that it helped to negotiate, the other schools got less money and are bitter against Notre Dame to this day, but money is what did it. The Bible, that I'm sure is held in high regard at Notre Dame, says, the love of money, not money, the love of money is the root of all evil. And the love of money is the root of all evil in big-time athletics. If you could remove the money, you remove the evil. Columbia University is a member of the Ivy League which is considered the paragon of education. About three years ago, ESPN, the cable network, took out a contract with the Ivy League to place their games on television. Columbia, a member of the Ivy League, had lost more games than any other big school in history. Because they're going to be on television, it's not productive to have a losing team.