

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If one of these students goes to the school and gets a scholarship in journalism, don't let them write articles for any of these newspapers. Don't let them be paid for any article that they write, and if they transfer to another school, don't let them participate in their journalism until they've given up a year of "eligibility" to participate. Don't let them receive anything of value from anyone not a member of their family. Don't let them receive any assistance other than that which they receive from that so-called scholarship. And it would be rejected out of hand.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, if we had a chemistry course, and people had to go into the chemistry laboratory, and it was a given, not...we don't say this might happen, it's a given that somebody is going to receive a serious injury. Some will be burned, some will be disabled, some may even die. A course like that wouldn't be allowed. They have doctors, they have trainers, they have those who equip these players with flak jackets, splints, all types of tapes and braces for knees that have been damaged, for backs that have been strained or sprained, for bones that have been broken. And if there is merely pain, they give them injections of drugs so that they can what is called, play through the pain. If a professor gets a headache, he or she can stay away from work. If a player has a broken bone, he's not considered giving his all to the team if he does not want to practice or play. That's the way we mistreat these players. There are some players on even the basketball team who were chastised by the coach because they missed a practice because the practice conflicted with class and they went to class. Nobody at UNL would care if a player passed up an examination in order to travel with the team to play in a bowl game, so that these suckers buying these plates can buy them and feel proud. But you tell me that this person who is supposed to be a student first and an athlete second is going to be told by the coach and everybody else, well, don't you travel with the team because you have a final examination. With all they said in damnation of Lawrence Phillips, they knew they'd probably need him for that bowl game. They knew that, and they exploit these players. They encourage them to be aggressive. They want them to be like Christian Pater. Then when the coward, instead of going out and