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been said. The regents want those football tickets, not volleyball tickets. They built skyboxes, not on money from basketball or baseball, but football. Senators have gotten free football tickets. They have not scrambled for soccer or other tickets. To pretend that football is not the money-driven business element that takes care of the whole athletic department is wrong. For people to talk about football as though it's an extracurricular activity or a game shows a total lack of understanding. I bet Senator Stuhr would be shocked to know that the NCAA is a multibillion dollar corporation. They signed an agreement with CBS...now, this is just basketball, just to cover the tournaments for the next eight years, I think it is, or six years; six billion, with a "b," \$6 billion. Then the NCAA's contract, they also get money every time any basketball game is televised. And if you look in the daily paper, you see how many of those games are televised. Every football game, every bowl game, every post-season activity in athletics that is televised or carried by radio or cable puts money into the coffers of the NCAA. How many of you knew that they have a staff approaching 350 people? The NCAA, a bloated, swollen bureaucracy, while saying that a player cannot be given travel money. A former head of the NCAA, just a few years ago, contrary to the ethical standards of the NCAA, accepted a trip to the Lillehammer Olympics payed for by CBS. So while taking away a player's eligibility, this man took that trip. And just by coincidence, CBS wound up with the contract to televise NCAA basketball games. When the president...his name was Dempsey...was going to come to the NCAA on...as executive director, he was living out in Arizona. He had a house he put on the market for about \$180,000. Nobody would buy it. So the NCAA bought it from him for about \$160,000. Nobody still would buy it. So they dumped it at \$120,000 loss. This is the NCAA, spending that money the players made. And this man, when he came to the headquarter city of the NCAA, was given a low-interest mortgage, based on money generated by the players. When the NCAA, a couple of years ago, moved its headquarters from Shawnee Mission (sic), Kansas to Indianapolis, Indiana, they were given millions of dollars in incentives by that city, because it is a big corporation and it hires a lot of people. There's discontent throughout college athletics with the heavy-handed way that the NCAA governs and bullies. For people