

Athletes hold advantage for financial grants

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a gross disadvantage in receiving financial help compared to the student who also is an athlete.

scholarship system overwhelmingly outdistances the student scholarship base. The athletes, who represent only about one per cent of

the student population, receive almost 36 per cent of the financial aid extended to University students.

extends its own scholarships and functions according to its own assets and liabilities.

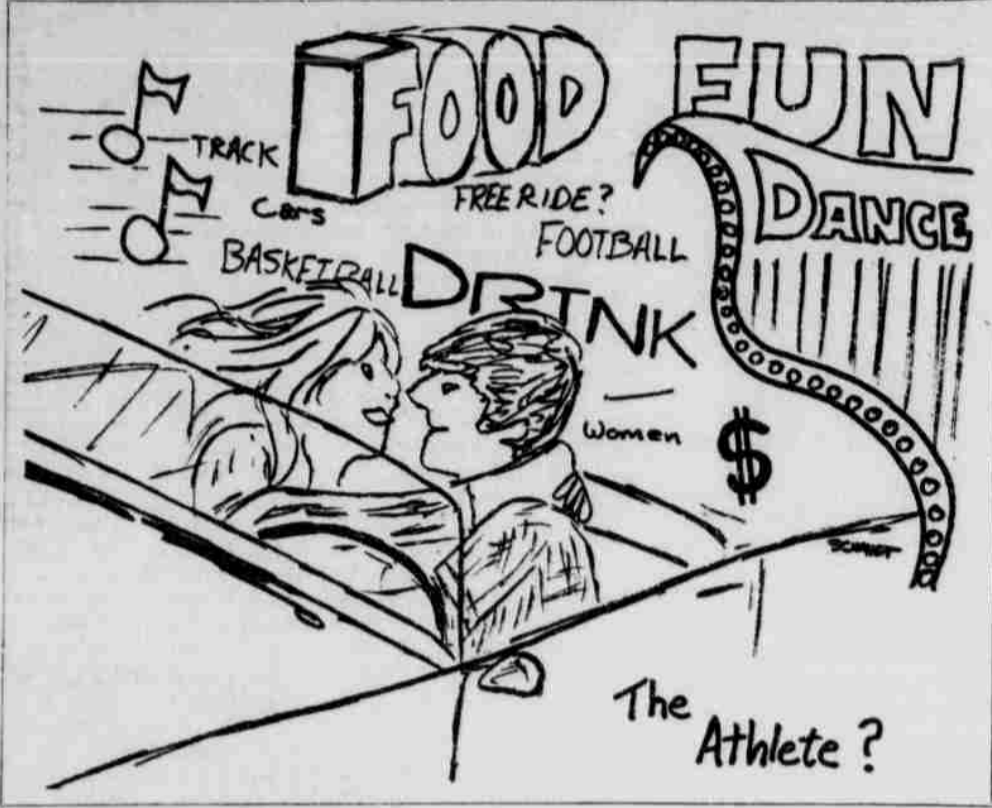
track expenditures rate third at \$39,761 allotted for scholarships.

the full grants, Lundak said. "Some of our scholarships, like the Unicameral Award," Lundak points out, "amount to only \$100."

scholarships (music, drama and art.)

"Basically," Lundak says, "these scholarships are the only big scholarships. We do, however, give almost 400 educational opportunity grants in which we match \$1,000 with another \$1,000 already given."

"We also give special Regent scholarships within various colleges."



The disproportionate ratio in scholarships is attributed to reports from the NU athletic business office and the office of scholarships and financial aids.

Nine University-approved sports represent \$357,626.35 in scholarships, based upon a 1958 financial report prepared for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics by the University of Nebraska.

Other full-time University students are responsible for about \$1 million in scholarships, according to Dr. Edward E. Lundak, director of the office of scholarships and financial aids.

The hitch in such computations involves the number of athletes at the university. They represent slightly over 200 students in an enrollment of almost 20,000.

It is important to point out, however, that athletic and academic scholarships operate independently at the University of Nebraska.

Own budget
The Athletic Department, operating on its own budget,

The office of scholarships and financial aids also derives its funds from its own sources, most of which are private donations, Lundak said.

Statistics aside, the average University student, despite the school's affinity for the athletic scholarship, is not being cheated out of any money since the scholarships are conducted under two different systems.

In essence, the Athletic Department pays for itself. The Office of Financial Aids' effectiveness is contingent upon whatever funds it can acquire through sources other than the University.

Football accounts for the bulk of the athletic expenditures. Grid scholarships represent \$88,190.23 in tuition, \$5,869.57 in books and \$121,313.67 for room and board. The standard \$15 monthly allowance for athletes accounts for \$15,864.00 for football players.

Other sports seemingly are broken down according to their relative fan support. Basketball's \$41,492 expense tag ranks behind football, and

Minor sports such as wrestling, swimming, gymnastics, tennis and golf rank behind the major sports in that order.

Lundak says that although the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids does not extend as many full scholarships as does the athletic department, the office has an even greater responsibility to the school's other 19,000 students.

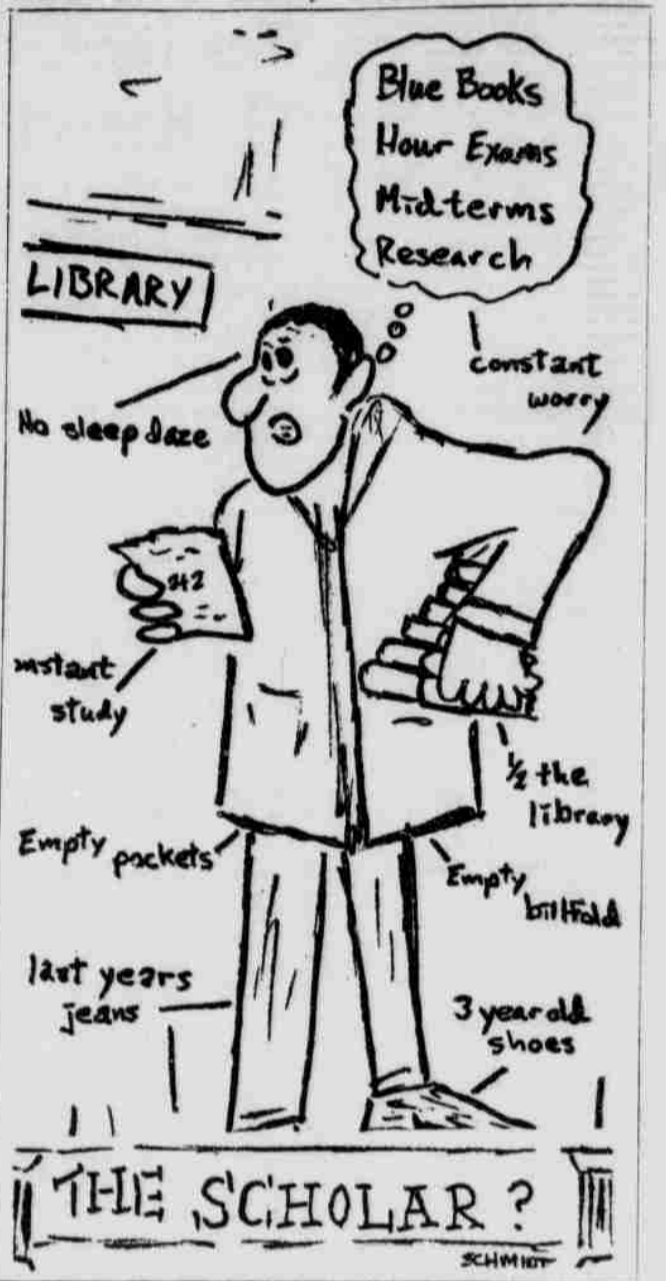
Small town bank

"What we run is a small town bank," Lundak says, "and a devil of a big employment agency. Actual scholarships account for slightly over \$1 million. We handle another million in loans and \$1 1/2 million in work grants. Last summer our office helped almost 3,000 students find jobs."

Lundak adds that his office deals with various scholarships in various amounts, much like the athletic department does.

"The idea that a lot of money is lavished around us is a myth," Lundak says. "We give few big scholarships."

One hundred seventy-five, four-year Regents scholarships constitute the biggest share of



Husker defense to modify tactics to corral Owens

Nebraska will be changing defensive tactics this week, but it's not because the blackshirts haven't been doing their job sufficiently.

The Huskers lead the Big Eight in all defensive statistics except rushing defense and destroyed Kansas State's potent offensive attack last week.

So why make any changes? Steve Owens is the reason.

The Huskers have successfully corralled Colorado's Bob Anderson and Kansas State's Lynn Dickey this fall, but Owens is another story.

In the Kansas game last week the 6-2, 215-pound tailback broke two NCAA career records. Owens has scored 54 touchdowns and rushed for 3,535 yards, bettering old marks of 51 by Glenn Davis of Army and 3,388 by Eugene "Mercury" Morris of West Texas State. He still has two games left.

Tabbed as the leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy by pre-season prognosticators, Owens has kept his name at the top of the list all season performances.

Owens is currently the nation's scoring leader with 21 touchdowns and is the Big Eight rushing leader with 1,191 yards. He has the Nebraska blackshirts to thank for the scoring lead.

Kansas State's Mack Herron was last week's leader, but was held to one touchdown by Nebraska while Owens scored three.

All totaled, Owens has set five NCAA records, eight Big Eight records, and 15 school records.

Nebraska has the chance to put an end to one of his record breaking streaks. He has rushed for 100 yards or more for 17 consecutive games.

This might be wishful thinking considering how Owens demoralized the Huskers last year. The Oklahoma blockbuster crashed into the Nebraska end zone five times and picked up 172 yards rushing to lead the Sooners to a 47-0 victory.

After the game Nebraska coach Bob Devaney said Owens "is the toughest back we've seen or played against since we came to Nebraska."

Owens received many compliments for his performance against the Huskers on national television, but there is one that sticks out in his mind.

It came from O. J. Simpson, last year's Heisman trophy winner. Simpson called Owens after watching the Nebraska-Oklahoma game to congratulate him on his performance and to tell him it was the best effort Simpson had ever seen.

Other accomplishments for Owens this season include a record breaking 53 carries against Iowa State. He has gained over 200 yards twice, picking up 248 against Iowa State and 201 against Kansas.

Owens is primarily a power runner, but on many occasions during his career he has shown the ability to make a quick move and break open for a long touchdown.

He proved his versatility during his high school days at Miami, Okla. when he won the high jump, high hurdles, broad jump, and got second place in the low hurdles in the state high school track meet.

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