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## **DeVenzio wants to pay college athletes**

Dick DeVenzio is no agent, but his dealings appear to be as questionable as those of Lloyd Bloom and Norby Walters.

DeVenzio, an academic All-America basketball player at Duke University in 1971, is spearheading a drive that would allow college athletes to be paid. His plan would allow colleges to recruit players by offering exuberant amounts of money, most of which would not bee seen until the player



## graduates.

The reason for the drive, DeVenzio said, is that college athletes have not been reimbursed properly. He said the fact that athletes are give scholarships that cover housing, books and tuition does little to help the situation.

"It's ridiculous that schools like Nebraska make millions of dollars and don't

reimburse their athletes like they should," DeVenzio said. "It's not something that should just be put aside. The issue should be addressed now."

DeVenzio said he hopes to educate college football and basketball players about his proposal by sending out mailings. He said the mailings describe the plan and emphasize that college athletes could get it instituted if they pull together.

"The players have to realize that there is no particular rule that says athletes can't be compensated, so it wouldn't be too difficult to get one instituted," he said. "What's important is college athletes need to realize what they are deserving of, and they aren't getting it."

DeVenzio said he is confident that his plan will become legislation. He said his drive was plagued last year because many football coaches and athletic directors tabbed him as an agent.

DeVenzio said he eliminated any doubts athletes may have had about the legality of his doings by sending out a letter that stated everything he attempted was within NCAA rules. He said he also made it clear that he wasn't asking the athletes for any money, a

trait associated with agents.

"I found in the past that players generally needed my material because there was so many misconceptions about what I was doing," DeVenzio said. "The truth is, I just want to give athletes a choice. The material I give them is designed to help make that choice easier."

DeVenzio said his proposal is gaining support. He said an example of its popularity could be found at last year's Nebraska-Oklahoma football game, when five players from each team met a midfield just before the start of the game to "express a show of solidarity among college athletes."

DeVenzio said although the display was brief, he was satisfied, even though he originally asked both teams to delay the start of the nationally televised game by 30 minutes. He said the display, in which the players joined hands and knelt, showed that college athletes are concerned with the reimbursement issue.

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But former Nebraska linebacker Kevin Parsons, who met with former Oklahoma running back Spencer Tillman on the eve of the game to discuss a possible protest, said the "display" was nothing more than a midfield prayer meeting.