

## Pell Grant

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non-scholarship athlete in football or basketball must relinquish all aid to be eligible for varsity competition.

Devaney said that if a state law would put Nebraska colleges and universities in violation of NCAA rules, the NCAA could "assess whatever penalty applies to the violation."

In addition, Devaney said, he opposes the bill if it would require the UNL to count those students with federal aid as scholarship athletes. That would count against the 95 football and 15 basketball scholarships UNL is allowed to award, he said.

Chambers, of Omaha, said his bill does not touch on the NCAA's requirements for the number of scholarships or how those scholarships would be handled if the bill was passed.

The bill only would prohibit colleges and universities from withholding federal aid to student-athletes, he said.

Devaney denied Chambers' accusation that the athletic department is discriminatory in its federal-aid practices.

"Everything he (Chambers) does is a crack at the athletic department," he said. "We'll do everything we can to help the athlete."

Devaney said the athletic department "fought hard" to raise the Pell Grant allowance from \$1,400 to \$1,700.

But Chambers said by upholding the NCAA's rules regarding federal aid, the university is discriminatory.

NCAA rules regarding varsity status also only apply to revenue-generating sports -- football and basketball, Chambers said. That is discriminatory and there is "no moral justification for it," he said.

The Legislature adopted an amendment to remove a section from the bill that would have fined a college or university \$25,000 if the school imposed any penalty on a student affected by LB708.

Chambers said he thinks the amend-

ment "does not take away from the thrust of the bill."

He said federal aid is for student-athletes and "it is not to be used by the athletic department or anyone else."

Sen. Arlene Nelson of Grand Island said that if the bill is passed, the Legislature would be "making public policy that we don't fully understand the implications of."

She said the bill would force the university to violate NCAA rules, and if senators don't understand the bill and aren't confident about voting, the bill should be held over.

Nelson suggested studying the bill over the summer to understand the complicated issues in it.

Sen. James McFarland, of Lincoln, said the consequences and effects of the bill are unknown, and a thorough legal analysis is needed.



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## Minority

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tried to make the campus comfortable for minorities, and have helped attract minority students to UNL.

The Office of High School and College Relations has strengthened its strategy for attracting minority students, Smith said. In coalition with Griesen and the Division of Multi-Cultural Affairs, the Office of High School and College Relations has

started a minority-recruitment program to attract high school students to the UNL campus.

The plan has several points, including targeted mailings to minorities. High school students also are sent American College Test registration packets and are encouraged to take the test, the first step in getting admitted to college.

Other parts of the plan, Schmidt said, include special invitations to campus tours and events in Omaha, Lincoln and Western Nebraska.

## Regents

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general's opinion that a proposal to divide the one student regent vote among each student regent would cause constitutional problems.

The current proposal is different because it would give only one of the three student regents a full vote, Hill said. Students have full voting rights in 33 states, he said.

"Unfortunately, the NU Board of Regents do not want to address student concerns by working with a voting

student regent," Hill said.

Hill said the board is "hiding from the real issue -- the inclusion of students into the formulation of policy."

"The board really isn't committed to bringing students fully into the process," he said.

The regents, in their statement opposing the student vote, said they consistently have opposed a change in the Nebraska Constitution for a voting student regent.

"The board continues to believe that such a change is not in the best interests of the university and the state."

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