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## Universities contend with NCAA proposal

### Official says need-based financial aid to student athletes could hurt UNL

By Erik Unger  
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A proposal to change the NCAA's policy of granting scholarships based on athletic ability would hurt the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, officials said.

The proposal, which would offer assistance to athletes based on their financial need, was designed to save money and distribute financial aid more evenly to men and women and athletes from low-income families.

Al Papik, assistant athletic director in charge of compliance and administration at UNL, said the NCAA had discussed the proposal before. It is an issue again because of the financial diffi-

culties many universities are facing, he said. Although Papik said UNL had not officially decided whether it would support the proposal, he said he felt revenue-producing sports in particular wished to keep the existing system of distributing financial aid.

"I think student athletes put in extensive time, energy and effort," he said. "They should be compensated more than just need-based assistance."

Papik said cuts in travel expenses and the cost of equipment, athletic facilities and recruiting visits would save money and do less damage to Nebraska's athletic department by

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### Disputes over need-based scholarships plague Big Eight athletic administrators

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An NCAA proposal to give athletes need-based aid instead of scholarships based on athletic ability has drawn mixed reviews from Big Eight athletic directors.

The proposal was designed to save money for universities that were struggling financially, said Bob Frederick, athletic director at the University of Kansas at Lawrence.

Frederick said he supported changing the NCAA's policy as a way to cut costs.

Kansas, which has an 8 percent in-state tuition increase, 12 percent out-of-state tuition increase and a 15 percent increase in housing

costs, no longer can afford an expanding athletic budget, he said.

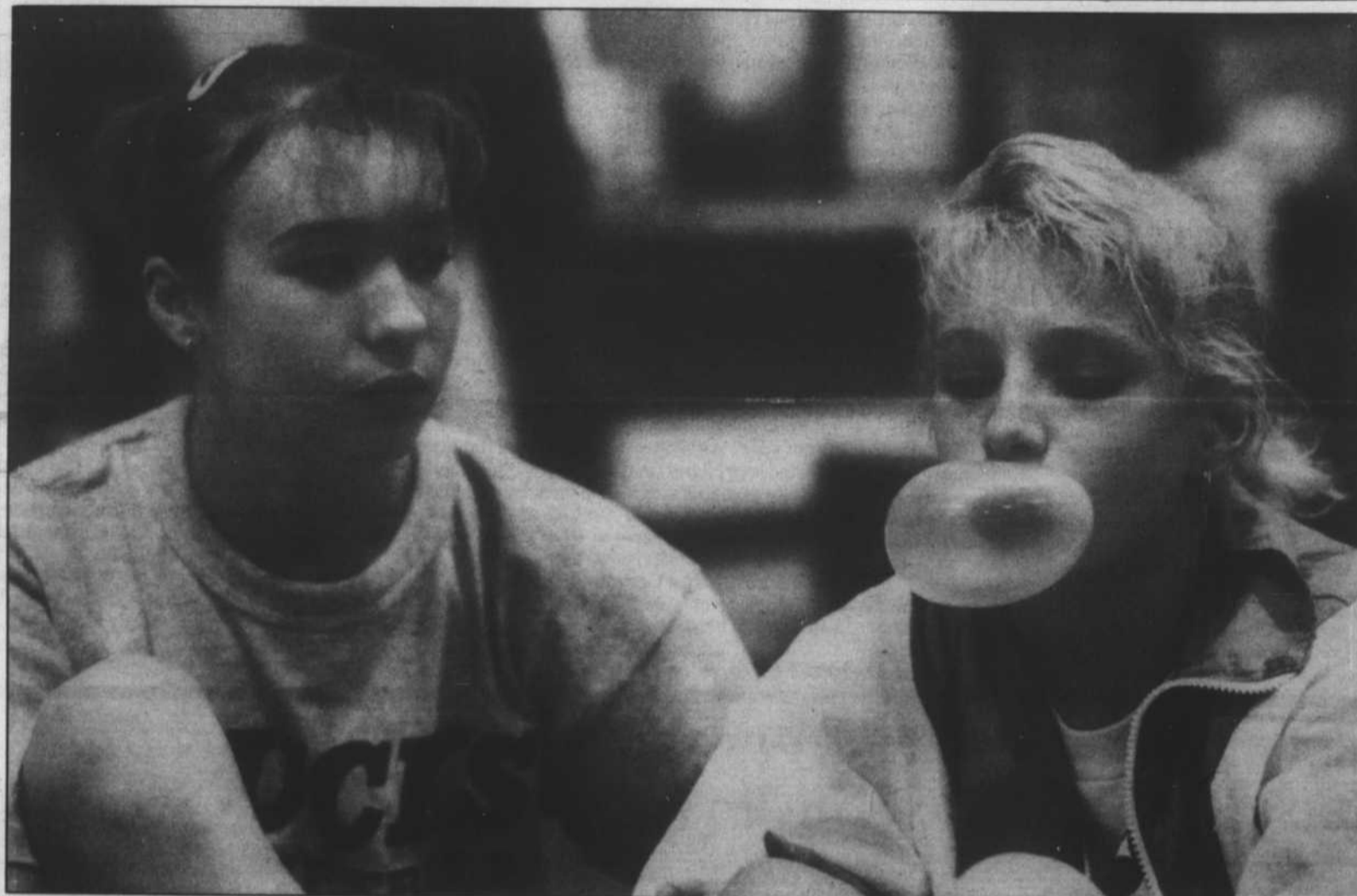
"We need to find a way to cut costs or we won't stay in business," Frederick said.

Donnie Duncan, athletic director at the University of Oklahoma, said the university probably would support the new proposal because he believed need-based aid should transcend athletics.

"I think if a person needs aid on a financial basis, it should be given to them," he said. "It shouldn't be based on their athletic ability."

But Duncan said he disagreed with the athletic financial aid system because it was dis-

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Tatiana Gutsu, right, concentrates on blowing her first bubble gum bubble as teammate Svetlana Boginskaya watches. The two Olympic gymnasts spent Monday night relaxing before their performance at Pershing Auditorium Tuesday in Lincoln.

## Assault sends man to hospital

From Staff Reports

Three men were assaulted early Tuesday morning on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus, and one was admitted to Lincoln General Hospital for treatment.

Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said the assault occurred shortly after 1 a.m. Tuesday at 16th and Vine streets, and apparently stemmed from a verbal exchange among passengers in two cars.

According to police reports, two cars — one with three passengers, the other with two — were northbound on 17th Street when a verbal exchange began.

Two men in the second car who have not yet been identified stopped behind the first car, pulled the three men from the other vehicle and assaulted them.

Daniel Hoising, 23, of Elkhorn, was listed in fair condition Tuesday afternoon with facial bruises and cuts.

Stephen Rease, 23, of Omaha and David Willman, 24, of Fresno, Calif., were treated for facial bruises.

## Opinions clash on proposed amendment issue

### Government corrupted by seniority, needs major change, advocate says

By Jeff Zeleny  
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Seniority has corrupted politics, and term limits are the first step to changing the political system, a term limit advocate said.

"People know government isn't working," said Shari Williams, executive director of Americans Back In Charge.

"The system makes it so (politicians) can't get anything done. They are focusing on reelection, not good ideas," she said.

Initiative 407, the proposed term limit amendment, would limit U.S. senators to two six-year terms and representatives to four two-year terms.

If the measure passed, state legislators would be limited to eight years in office. However, it wouldn't take effect until

the incumbent's current term expired.

Fourteen states are proposing similar legislation this year, Williams said. Colorado is the only state to have passed federal term limits. That bill became law in 1990.

Williams said term limit legislation would be introduced in every state next year, and predicted that a term limit amendment would be added to the Constitution in four years.

Former U.S. Rep. Hal Daub said Americans were tired of seeing congressional gridlocks that produced special sessions.

Daub said Nebraskans should pass term limit legislation because politicians lacked discipline and needed new motivation.

People want to serve without being hovered over by special interest groups, he said.

Daub also said seniority was unnecessary in politics.

Seniority once was good, he said, but now it

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### Term limits unnecessary, would hurt Nebraska, state treasurer says

By Jeff Zeleny  
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Limiting politicians' terms would be harmful to Nebraskans and would not solve political problems, State Treasurer Dawn Rockey said.

"Term limits mean less say for Nebraska at the federal level," she said. "Limiting the terms of our congressional representatives will put Nebraska at a distinct disadvantage."

The proposed constitutional amendment will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot as Initiative 407. If passed, U.S. senators would be limited to two six-year terms and representatives to four two-year terms.

State legislators would be limited to eight years in office if the proposal passed.

Rockey said problems existed in politics, but limiting terms wouldn't solve them.

"Campaign spending is out of control, perks are at an all-time high, and accountability is at an all-time low," she said. "But terms limits are not the answer."

If the term limit measure is passed, Rockey said, Nebraskans would lose valuable congressional representation.

"Without the ability to acquire seniority, our representatives in Congress will not have any influence the House and Senate."

She said the last time a Nebraskan chaired a major Senate committee was 1953. Seniority is the key to earning those positions, she said.

A recent Omaha World-Herald poll showed that 71 percent of Nebraskans supported term limitation.

Rockey said the poll was accurate, but voters didn't understand what the proposal meant.

"Term limit is a buzz word," she said.

Voters think the Nebraska term limit legis-

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