

mind on it, at least until my colleague, Senator Chambers, has a chance to present his arguments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask my colleague, Senator Chambers, one question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Chambers, why didn't you include UN-O football players?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Higgins, I have to be realistic. I am dealing with revenue-generating activity. Those who make the money ought to share in it. The football program at Nebraska, as a matter of fact, subsidizes much, if not most, of the athletic activities in the state in this university system. I don't believe that the University of Nebraska at Omaha football is at the same level as that at UN-L because they are not even a Division 1A school. Many of the rules that must be complied with by Division 1A schools need not be complied with at the lower levels. For example, the academic standards can be different, and there are other things they don't have to deal with. They don't even have to have a stadium. But to be in Division 1A, which is the top division, it is not based on how good your team is, it is strictly a moneymaking proposition. You have to have a stadium of a certain size, and you have to have an average attendance of a certain amount. If you cannot generate a certain amount of money, on an average, over a period of time, no matter how good your team is, you cannot be a Division 1A school. So it is based on bigness and amount of money that comes in. That is why I'm dealing at the level where they are, where the sport is a big business and exists for no other purpose.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator. I did not understand that about football.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, would you like to close please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I don't want to close yet.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.