

all persons are important and I think all athletes deserve what is available currently for only men athletes at the University of Nebraska.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk. Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I rise to support the resolution, but I would like to give you a little bit of personal insight, if you will, into the athletic program of Nebraska. I just got off the phone with one of the people involved in women's athletics at the current time because I was trying to find out how much progress had been made in the area of women's athletics. As a lot of you know I have a daughter that was a female athlete at the University of Nebraska back when the program was first starting. There certainly was an awful lot of discrimination. For example, she would get off of her track practice late in the evening and there wasn't any training table available to her. The dorm cafeteria had even closed. So there was some real different treatment. She had to buy her own shoes. Male athletes had theirs furnished. There has been a lot of progress made. I'm told that the women athletes do now have a training table. It is not the one that Senator Chambers is referring to. I was also told by this individual that for some of their athletes, both male and female, they would just as soon they wouldn't go to the training table because they eat too much, Senator Chambers, and sometimes it can be rather difficult for them to hold their weight down. But there has been an awful lot of change. But I was also told that there is a real concern right now, a real concern because of two major things, number one, the budget cut to intercollegiate athletics and whether or not that cut would be applied evenly across the board, or even though from our point, from our side it is dollars for intercollegiate athletics, but internally from their side it is monies only for the women's athletic program. I don't know about the rest of you but it is not my intent, I didn't agree with that particular cut but it's going to happen, I know that, and it certainly is not my intent that that money comes out only from the female athletic side of UN-L's budget. I would expect them to allocate the funds evenly, what funds they have available from their cash funds. There is also a concern that, because of changes at the administrative level internally within the University, that there may be some changes in policy in spite of the fact that Title 9 says that you treat everybody equally, in spite of the fact that