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The athlete meets his maker

At the January, 1977, meeting of the NCAA, a resolution to drop all athletic scholarships came within 11 votes of passing.

In the annual meeting last January, this same proposal lost by 25 votes. This year it looks like the proposal will be revised.

The Mid-American Conference has requested a similar proposal be placed on the upcoming ballot. Dropping all aid but tuition and fees for all sports except football and basketball (which would be unaffected), this measure, if passed, could pave the way for the total abolition of athletic scholarships.

According to the University faculty liaison to the NCAA, Wendell Basye, there are two reasons for wanting this rule. "The first reason is that it saves money, and the second reason is that it treats all students alike," he states.

This year, \$444,693 is budgeted for scholarships in men's athletics alone. Of this total, \$284,012 is budgeted for football. Golf, tennis and swimming have no scholarships in this budget, and the other sports are allotted between \$20,000 and \$60,000.

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