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Annotated Bibliography and Research Proposal Student Example

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**Research Proposal**

**What are the specific problem/problems about your topic that you want to solve?**

College athletes are not getting paid evenly, they might not be getting paid a salary or such but they are receiving the cost of attendance which is different between one school and another. Also due to the NCAA rules, players aren’t allowed to do commercial or such things to make money, which makes the only of having money is if you win and gain the postseason prizes or outside employment which college athletes may rarely have the time to do so.

**What are some reasons these problems exist, based on your research?**

The NCAA claims that the students are receiving their cost of attendance as a salary “pay for play,” and also receiving their free injury issuance which is another way of paying the athletes, but there has been some cases which proved this wrong.

**What are some possible solutions, based on your research?**

Since the NCAA claims that cost of attendance is the athletes payment, athletes should be able to receive a salary which is equal to the amount of the college tuition then be considered for the academic scholarships like their fellow students, or they should be able to do easy outside employments that does not require a lot of time and effort.

**What roadblocks in your writing process do you think you’ll encounter as you continue to research and write about this topic? How might you overcome them?**

Since it is also a law-related topic, there might be some rules and laws I am not aware of, also there will be a lot of opinion articles, which makes it more difficult to find credible information on the topic. I will overcome this problem by looking for more credible articles and looking more into the rules than opinions as well as players’ statements.

**What must you research further in order to fairly present your topic, its problems, and its’ possible solutions?**

I need to research more about what the prizes given to the NCAA players, resources they utilize because they are athletes, programs budgets, and I need to look more into the outside employment rules. An interesting detail I found about while researching was the athletes are allowed to model and do commercials if they have signed the agency contracts before the college contract.

**What is your tentative thesis?**

College athletes should be paid in a different way; otherwise NCAA must have more lenient rules to have an outside-employments.

**Annotated Bibliography**

Walch, Jared, and Blake Marshall. "Should athletes be paid to play?" *USA Today*. Gannett Satellite Information Network, 20 Oct. 2016. Web. 24 May 2017.

Jared Walch and Blake Marshall are digital student journalists from the Daily Utah Chronicle that keep up with current events and is knowledgeable in sports, making them qualified to speak on the matter of whether college athletes should be paid or not. In their article, they give both sides of the debate, explaining that students voluntarily take time out of their academic schedules to engage in sports rather than it being a civil duty that needs compensation. They also argue the fact that practice is on average 40 hours a week for each sport, which is practically a full time job that they are taking on in addition to their classes. Walch and Marshalls’ article is useful to my claim because it touches base on each side, so it gives insight to both argument’s, allowing the reader to understand why each person is standing for their side. This is a scholarly source, as it was published in USA TODAY COLLEGE, which is a scholarly source. It is not peer-reviewed; however, the arguments made are substantial enough to hold value to this argument.

Savage, J Howard. "Athletics in American Colleges." *Journal of Higher Education* 70.5 (1999): 494. Web. 24 May 2017.

J Howard Savage who is a member of the staff of the Carnegie foundation talks restates a report was made by W.H. Cowley about conflicts between education and athletics, effects on the athlete health, and recruiting. He wrote all this to shed light on the Carnegie foundation chapters and exaggerates the importance of a college athlete in a student body, and how they have a lot more weight to carry on their shoulders than the average student, since these extracurricular activities put a physical, emotional, and mental strain on them. This article is useful to my research because it stresses how time and energy consuming their lives are, which depicts their worthiness of having at least some type of salary coming in to their name. This article is both scholarly and peer reviewed, giving it ample credibility to back up my claim that college athletes are deserving of being paid to play the sports that they do.

Jon Solomon @JonSolomonCBS Jun 21, 2016 • 7 min read. "10 ways college athletes can get paid and remain eligible for their sport." *CBSSports.com*. N.p., 21 June 2016. Web. 24 May 2017.

Jon Solomon has been the host of “Jon Solomon’s annual 25-Hour Holiday Radio Show” at WPRB and also the CBS sport’s national college football writer argues about NCAA athletes’ eligibility in working as models and talks about multiple ways athletes make money, he wrote this article because there were some arguments about the grandson of Muhammad Ali signing a contract with a company to be a model before signing a contract for playing football through school. Because he did it before signing for football, he was able to make money through modeling. I think this is helpful because it explains more about the ruling of the NCAA and explains other ways that college athletes are able to make money. This is not a peer-reviewed article but it is credible since it was written recently and also since Jon Solomon writes extensively on NCAA topics which means he has a lot of experience in the field.

Patterson, Tiffany. "Should College Athletes Be Paid?" *SmartAsset*. N.p., 03 Feb. 2017. Web. 24 May 2017.

Tiffany has a BA in political science from Temple University, research is her passion and she like to benefit others with her writings, in this article she talks about how hard college athletes work and they go out there to play games and make huge amounts of money for their school athletic programs, she also talks about the amount of time and effort they put into each game they play. She argues how college athletes should be paid with no doubts regarding how hard they work, she also argues about the NCAA contracts and how much money they spend on small things when they can spend it on athletes’ compensation. This will be helpful to my argument because I agree with Tiffany on not only that college athletes should be paid but also on the multiple ways NCAA spends its’ money. This article is not peer reviewed, which might make my claim not as credible.

Thelin, John. "Here's Why We Shouldn't Pay College Athletes | Money." *Time*. Time, n.d. Web. 24 May 2017.

John Thelin, a professor at the University of Kentucky, is author of A History of American Higher Education, published by Johns Hopkins University Press. In this article he talks about the negatives if we paid college athletes and he compares “pay for play” method with paying the NCAA athletes a salary. He argues this saying the scholarship has its’ power and if college athletes get paid a salary it’ll take that power away, he also argues about the differences between the pro level of sports and the high school and college athletic programs and Pro level. This will be useful to my argument because its opposing to it, and it will show me more point of views and some things to argue about. This is article is not peer reviewed, although, John Thelin had been selected for “Ivy league 50” roaster of outstanding athletes meaning he has never been out of the game and always follows the recent news so it is not as credible as a peer reviewed article but it has its credibility based on the author credibility.