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There is a problem with corruption in the world of college athletics. We have seen college athletics grow into this multi billion dollar industry, that's carried on the back of young men and women. There are many different levels to this corruption, with it going in many different directions, from different hierarchies as discussed in the many chapters over this course. One of the most notable issues of corruption in college athletics is the financial exploitation of student-athletes. The NCAA generates billions of dollars annually through ticket sales, television contracts, merchandise licensing, and sponsorship deals. The NCAA gains all this revenue at the expense of the student athlete, who receives nothing but a scholarship to attend school. The NCAA is trying to protect amateurism in sports, when in all reality that is not the case anymore. In chapter 11 titled "*Governing Sport In The Twenty-First Century*", it states that, "The NCAA hasn't yet changed its rhetoric to reflect the new reality, suggesting that it may still be in denial about its own transformation of amateurism into a form of professionalism. Refusal by those who oversee college sports to accept that change is underway may lead to more profound sorts of change foisted on them, such as by Congress or the courts" (page 2).

Another level to the corruption of college athletics is the coverup schemes that college institutions put in place to protect their athletes from the heinous crimes they have committed. There is no excuse for this, although you could say that the pressure to maintain a winning team often leads colleges and coaches to prioritize athletic performance over accountability for

misconduct. High-profile cases have revealed how universities manipulate investigations or suppress evidence to protect athletes from legal consequences. One of the most famous cases being Art Briles and Baylor University. Between 2011 and 2014, several lawsuits alleged that Baylor football players were responsible for at least 52 rapes involving 31 players. These included multiple gang rapes. Despite these concerning and alarming statistics, the university and Briles failed miserably to take the right action to address or prevent such behavior. Instead, they actively worked to keep reports of sexual assault hidden and shield players from accountability. A lot of Art Briles reasoning being he believed that everybody deserve second chances, with a direct part from the chapter titled, "*Coach Briles*" being, " Baylor president Ken Starr later defended Briles's willingness to help troubled players and give them second chances, in an interview with ESPN's Joe Schad in June 2016. "That's what Art Briles was doing, working on those young men's lives to shape their character, to make sure they get an education, that they become good, young men," Starr said. "Yes, in retrospect it would have been a lot safer to say to these young men, 'No, we're not going to give you a second chance.' But that's not America." Starr also suggested it was Baylor's responsibility, as a Christian university, to help troubled Players find their way."(page 4). As you see there was an excuse behind the corruption.