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Topic: Should the NCAA allow college athletes to be paid?

Pros: _____

- Would help athletes
support themselves in college
- Athletes help the NCAA and
colleges make lots of \$\$
- More athletes might stay all four
years—games would be more
exciting

Cons: _____

- Hard for smaller schools to pay
the same as big schools
- Academics might become less
important to players
- Hard for less popular sports to
pay as much as popular sports