

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Universities should give the same amount of money to their students' sports activities as they give to their university libraries. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

People hold varying opinions as to the allocation of monetary resources in a university. Whereas some argue more money should be allocated to libraries, it seems universities had better put an equal premium on both sports activities and libraries in the university.

On the one hand, some argue that libraries play a center role in student's academic attainment. Students, if they intended to pass exams with the flying colors, should obtain and read a wide variety of textbooks, and universities should provide them with these books in the library, in order to ease the process of studying. Moreover, books are ordinarily prohibitively expensive. Considering the lack of constant income, many students might not afford to purchase the required books and other educational materials. By equipping the libraries, not only would students less likely to shoulder financial constraints, but also less disparity between the poor and rich students would emerge. Finally, foreign students most of which has been housed in campuses would not be able to concentrate in the often shared dormitories, where they are surrounded by their peers, so the reading halls of libraries hold a crucial role for their success.

On the other hand, it is even more important to make universities an attractive place with the healthier atmosphere. While studying full-time vigorously, many students might be more prone to health complications such as back pain, caused by their sedentary lifestyle during college years. By investing in sports facilities and encouraging students to take up a sport, not only would they be more likely to show greater competence, but also they would be healthier when leaving the college, hence more prosperous society. In addition, an extra-curriculum activity, including sport, makes the whole education process more palatable to young people, which leads to them embracing the arduous years of studying more easily.

In conclusion, I am holding on to the view that what the university authorities could practice is to spend their budget equally in both libraries and sport-related activities, unless they do intend to deliver less healthy and rounded people to their communities.