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The NCAA has come under much scrutiny in the past regarding their eligibility requirements and student rights, but Jack Ford, a legal analyst and sports correspondent for CBS News, claims allegations against them are not only untrue, but the opposite of what the NCAA stands for.

Ford understands where those who are troubled by college sports are coming from, but doesn’t believe many have solid foundations on which their opinions are built.

“We’ve had this seismic shift in to the world of opinion,” Ford said. “with it comes destructive qualities. You’re entitled to your own opinions, but not your own facts.”

As a result of their yearly profits, many consider the NCAA more of a corporation than an association, leading to distrust and misunderstandings of the efforts of the organization.

“What drives that is the idea that a billion dollars a year comes into the NCAA,” Ford said. “More than $800 million goes directly back in to the schools.”

Aside from fund allocations, adversaries of the NCAA also point to low graduation rates of college athletes as a sign of misconduct, but graduation rates among NCAA athletes are high.

“The graduation rate for Division 1 athletes is 86 percent,” Ford said. “There’s been a 15 percent increase in the past 10 to 15 years.”

Overall, the NCAA provides student athletes an opportunity to do what they love while getting a free education, and, to Ford, this is one of the best opportunities a student can be given.