

# Council Drafts New Reorganization Plan

A new plan for reorganization of NCAA Division I, with membership qualification based upon sponsorship of a broad-based athletic program, has been recommended by the Association's Council.

Leadership in developing the program came from the Council's Division I Steering Committee, under the chairmanship of J. Neils Thompson, University of Texas, Austin.

The Council plans to sponsor the proposed modifications to the Association's three-divisional membership format at the 1977

## NCAA Convention in Miami, Fla.

Where currently membership in Division I is dependent upon strength of football and basketball schedules, the new concept would eliminate this basis for qualification and require sponsorship of eight varsity intercollegiate sports, including football and basketball, plus meeting a minimum performance standard throughout the program.

That performance would be measured by a table which would weigh an institution's travel squads, financial aid commitment, intercollegiate schedule

and success in NCAA competition on a sport-by-sport basis.

The member would earn points for meeting each minimum standard, then have to meet a minimum total of points over a three-year period to qualify for and maintain Division I membership.

**Coupled with these changes in membership qualification would be greater and more flexible opportunities for members of Divisions II and III to participate in Division I championships.**

The specific proposals which are spelled out in a memorandum mailed to the membership of Di-

vision I on October 22, are essentially summarized by three principles on which the Steering Committee based its new approach.

## Basic Principles

First, any member would be eligible for Division I membership if it sponsors a broad athletic program. This must include at least eight sports, including football and basketball, and each sport must be conducted in Division I.

Second, Division I institutions and conferences will not be guaranteed appearances on the Association's football television series. A member would have to qualify on the merit of its program. Appearance guarantees would be offered Divisions II and III.

Third, members of Division II and III could compete in from one to four Division I Championships, depending upon program

size, in addition to the six "common" or all-divisional championships. Basketball would be included as a sport in which a member of Division II or III could compete in the Division I tournament.

The number of sports in which the institution could enter the Division I event would be determined by the number of sports it sponsored. An institution with four or five varsity sports could compete in Division I in one sport; six, seven or eight: two sports in Division I; nine, ten and eleven: three; and twelve or more, four Division I sports.

## Specific Recommendations

In addition to the three broad principles, specific recommendations would spell out the performance standard mentioned above, establish more demanding criteria for automatic qualifica-

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## Honors Luncheon to Recognize NCAA Olympians

Five Olympic medalists who have participated in National Collegiate Championships will appear at the 1977 Honors Luncheon to represent all other student-athletes who have competed in NCAA competition and the XXI Olympiad.

Gold medal winners John Naber, University of Southern California swimmer; Phil Ford, University of North Carolina basketball all-America; Harvey Glance, Auburn University NCAA sprint champion; and bronze medalists Peter Kormann, who won Di-

visions I and II gymnastics championships at Southern Connecticut State College, and Stan Dzedzic, former three-time Division II wrestling champion from Slippery Rock State College.

Each of these athletes except Dzedzic currently attend their respective institutions in undergraduate programs and will compete in the 1977 National Collegiate Championships. Dzedzic is working toward a master's degree at Michigan State University and assisting with the Spar-

tan wrestling program.

At the Luncheon during the 71st NCAA Convention in Miami Beach, Fla., these five outstanding student-athletes will be recognized with the College Athletics' Top Ten and the Theodore Roosevelt Award winner at the Honors Luncheon, Tuesday, January 11.

"The Association is proud of the successes of its members' athletes in the Olympic Games, and these five student-athletes represent the excellence and spirit of those people from

NCAA member institutions who participated in Montreal," NCAA President John A. Fuzak, Michigan State University, stated. "Our contributions to the U. S. Olympic cause have been of tremendous significance.

"It only is fitting that we pause to recognize the sacrifice and dedication which these young people have demonstrated, and to reflect upon the Association's commitment to provide the best possible coaching and training for its student-athletes."

Male athletes who had attended or were attending NCAA member institutions collected 48 of the 94 Olympic medals won by male and female competitors representing the United States.

Female competitors or teams comprised exclusively of females earned 18, while 20 of the 94 were earned in sports in which the Association does not sponsor a championship. Nine were won by non-NCAA member affiliated athletes in sports in which the Association does sponsor a championship.

However, tallying just the medals won in sports recognized by the Association, male athletes from NCAA members captured 47 of 56 or 84%.

## Numerous Standouts

Standouts were numerous during the Olympic excitement which saw the U. S. return the basketball gold medal after a four-year absence, win gold medals in 12 of 13 swimming events (23 of 27 medals overall), and other successful efforts in gymnastics, track and field, diving, wrestling and rowing.

A total of 26 current and former individual NCAA champions medaled for the U. S. in Montreal, while 12 current and former individual NCAA champions

won individual or figured in team gold medal efforts.

Naber returned from Montreal with the greatest share of any NCAA student-athlete, winning gold medals in world-record times in the 100-meter backstroke (55.49) and 200-meter backstroke (1:15.19). He also won a silver in the 200-meter freestyle competition.

But this did not satisfy the eight-time NCAA champion, who also participated in both U. S. gold medal relay races, the 800-meter freestyle and the 400-meter medley.

## Naber's Record

Naber, a senior at USC, recently has been the main figure behind the Trojans' swimming success and three consecutive National Collegiate Championships.

It all began his freshman year when Naber won individual championships in the 500 yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke.

As a sophomore, Naber repeated in these three events, and he won third titles in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke events in 1976.

Naber holds NCAA records in the 100-yard backstroke (49.94), 200-yard backstroke (1:46.827), and shares membership to the NCAA 400-yard medley relay record (3:19.221), 400-yard freestyle relay (2:57.54) and 800-yard freestyle relay (6:33.13).

With his eight individual titles, combined with membership to four winning relay teams during his career, Naber has won 12 NCAA championships.

Naber needs two more titles to become the all-time NCAA career individual championship leader. He presently is tied with former Indiana star Mark Spitz

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## Convention, Delegate Appointment Procedures Outlined

Chief executive officers of member institutions are urged to pay particular attention to the appointment of their delegates to the 1977 NCAA Convention in view of several refinements and modifications in the Association's Convention procedures.

At the 1977 Convention, visiting delegates without speaking privileges will be seated apart from the official voting and alternate delegates. A special "observer" section will be created for visiting delegates in an attempt to minimize the congestion that has created problems in counting of votes at recent Conventions.

In addition, the NCAA Council and Executive Committee have approved these procedures regarding appointment of delegates and changes in those appointments:

Once an institution or organization appoints its voting

and alternate delegates on the proper form signed by the chief executive officer, transferring the voting rights among them is a matter of institutional judgment since the voter and alternate(s) have been approved as voters by the institution. No badges will be changed among voters and their alternates.

When the form has been signed by the chief executive officer, no one may be added as a voting or alternate delegate without a letter or telegram from that chief executive officer. Thus, no individual appointed as a visitor may become a voter or alternate without written authorization from the chief executive.

When no appointment form is received from the chief executive officer, the athletic director or other institutional representative no longer will be permitted to complete an appoint-

ment form at registration. That institution's representatives will be registered as visitors until such time as a letter or telegram is received from the chief executive officer or his stand-in, officially appointing the voting and alternate delegates.

To facilitate these procedural refinements, a new type of Convention badge will be used in January, featuring both a colored name card and a colored ribbon to designate the wearer's status as a voter or alternate. Visiting delegates without speaking privileges will have no ribbon attached to their badges, again facilitating recognition of voters and speakers.

## Delegate Forms

Chief executive officers will receive the appointment of delegate form with their copies of the Official Notice of the Convention, which will be mailed

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# NOCSAE, Safer Rules Preventing Accidents

Continuing efforts of the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE), plus the adoption of safer playing rules apparently are having a significant effect on the reduction of football-related deaths and injuries.

Over the past few years, figures directly and indirectly related to injuries suffered while participating in football have dropped, and NOCSAE's efforts and implementation of safer playing rules have been major factors in the reduction, according to Dr. Carl Blyth, NOCSAE president.

**"Our organization definitely feels NOCSAE has played an important role in the reduction of football-related deaths and injuries,"** said Blyth, chairman and professor, Department of Physical Education, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. **"The response from coaches, trainers and others who come in contact with football injuries has been very positive in support of NOCSAE's equipment standard and its usefulness in providing a safer level of competition."**

Last January, the NCAA Foot-

ball Rules Committee adopted new rules prohibiting tackling, butt or ram blocking, and overall use of the helmet as a weapon against an opponent.

In recent years, some sports medicine experts have criticized coaching techniques stressing use of the head as a contact point in blocking and tackling an opponent. This so-called "head" technique has become one of the main causes of quadriplegic and paraplegic cases, according to these sources.

The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, of which Blyth is a member, recommended a new rule and editorial changes to existing rules to prohibit the use of the helmet to spear, butt or ram an opponent.

## Rules Help

"These new rules also have produced a positive effect on the reduction of football head and neck injuries," Blyth said. "Corrective blocking and tackling techniques stressed by coaches also are becoming an important deterrent to these crippling injuries."

"In 1972 there were 22 foot-

ball-related deaths. In 1973 the figure dropped to nine deaths, 11 in 1974, and 15 in 1975. Although concrete figures are unavailable on injuries, we feel the positive reports from people indicates that our program is working."

**Formed in 1970 in response to need for a football helmet safety standard, NOCSAE has developed a voluntary standard for all new equipment purchases by NCAA football-playing institutions, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFSHSA) and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).**

Besides these three organizations, the American College Health Association, National Athletic Trainers Association and Sporting Goods Manufacturing Association, were charter members of NOCSAE.

Subsequent additions to the membership included the National Sporting Goods Dealers Association and the National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association.

Dr. Voigt Hodgson, director of the Gurdjian-Lissner Biochemical Laboratory at Wayne State

University, Detroit, Mich., developed the voluntary NOCSAE football helmet standard.

**Football helmet standards first were used on a voluntary basis in 1974, according to Blyth.**

In 1975, the NJCAA adopted the voluntary standard for its membership and made recommended adherence part of its football rules, followed by the NCAA and NFSHSA in 1976.

## Future Mandate

The NCAA and NJCAA will require their respective memberships to adopt the standard beginning in 1978, while the NFSHSA indicated it will require its membership to adopt the standard by 1980.

**"A constituency of various athletic organizations presents NOCSAE excellent input for development and improvement of safer athletic equipment,"** Blyth stated. **"Support from athletic equipment manufacturers shows their concern for safety and also has made them take a more serious look at improving their products."**

NOCSAE currently operates through a grant presented to Wayne State University, in ad-

dition to financial support from athletic equipment manufacturers, sports medicine groups, sports organizations and individuals interested in sports safety.

"Our efforts are not limited to football," Blyth said. "A NOCSAE baseball batting helmet standard has been developed and will be presented publicly later this year. Research presently is being conducted on ice hockey protective headgear in an attempt to establish a standard for that sport."

**Blyth also indicated several government organizations are utilizing NOCSAE's expertise in the development of safer athletic equipment, including the Consumer Product Safety Commission.**

In addition to its programs studying safety standards for baseball and ice hockey, NOCSAE's future efforts include refinement and research of the football helmet standard; analysis of equipment-related injury data; creation of a full-time staff to administer the NOCSAE program; and establishment of a surveillance system to insure NOCSAE standards are being achieved.

## Many Winners In NCAA-Japan All-Star Tennis

The official score was NCAA All-Stars 20, Japanese All-Stars 3, but the success of the NCAA-Japanese Collegiate All-Star Tennis Championships in Tokyo, September 18-21, far exceeded the results on the scoreboard.

**"Both teams won this first championship,"** said team leader Rolla Anderson, Kalamazoo College, and former NCAA Tennis Committee chairman. **"It was an unforgettable experience, one which I am sure none of the participants will ever forget."**

"The sincere warmth of the Japanese people was certainly the highlight of the trip. We hope to continue this relationship in tennis, and look forward to NCAA representatives competing against Japanese collegiate athletes in other athletic endeavors."

UCLA Head Tennis Coach Glenn Bassett served as team coach for eight NCAA players selected on the basis of results from last spring's National Collegiate Championships, and following recommendations from the United States Tennis Association's Women's Collegiate Committee.

Included in the playing contingent were Southern California's Bruce Manson and Chris Lewis; Bill Maze, Stanford; Tim Garcia, New Mexico; Steve Wed-

derburn, Oklahoma City; Francisco Gonzalez, Ohio State; and two female competitors, Barbara Hallquist, Southern California, and Trinity College's Sandy Stap.

Jerry Miles, NCAA director of events, accompanied the group which departed Los Angeles on September 15.

## Long Flight

After a 14-hour flight to Tokyo, the all-stars rested prior to practicing Friday (September 17) at the Topyrec Plaza, where the competition took place.

**Players from both teams paraded into the Topyrec for introductions in opening ceremonies on the first official day of competition September 18. A crowd estimated at 1,200 was on hand before a Japanese national television audience.**

Shinichi Sakamoto, one of Japan's top players, surprised Garcia for one of the host country's two wins, in men's singles competition, 6-4, 6-3, while Hallquist lost to Nobuyuki Nakagawa in women's singles, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6. NCAA teams won all three men's doubles matches on the opening day of competition.

Sunday's action was highlighted by the attendance of scores of Japanese children, who were thrilled by the attention



*Tennis Ambassadors*

Members of the NCAA Tennis All-Stars pose at Topyrec Plaza. Standing (l to r): Bruce Manson, Southern California; Tim Garcia, New Mexico; Bill Maze, Stanford; Steve Wedderburn, Oklahoma City; Francisco Gonzalez, Ohio State; and Chris Lewis, Southern California. Kneeling (l to r): Rolla Anderson, Kalamazoo College; Sandy Stap, Trinity College; Glenn Bassett, UCLA head coach; Barbara Hallquist, Southern California; and Jerry Miles, NCAA director of events.

they received from the American players.

## Bassett Impressed

"I was very impressed with the Japanese players," Bassett said. "They were better than I thought they'd be, and could be very good once they gain experience and work on basics."

**"But just the experience of seeing our young people competing internationally in a foreign country and establishing goodwill far outweighed any tennis edge we might have had over the Japanese."**

The next two days of competition saw the teams compete "unofficially" as players exchanged opponents.

Shopping, a tour of Tokyo, eating exotic Japanese foods, and enjoying the atmosphere and beauty of Japan and its people occupied most of the group's time off the courts.

## Good Friends

Southern Cal's Bruce Manson shakes hands with Shigeyuki Nishio of Waseda University following Manson's 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 win in nationally-televized match.



Perhaps Gonzalez summarized everyone's feelings as he stepped on the jet at Tokyo's busy International Airport by saying, "Wow, what an experience!"

Sports Nippon Press, the largest sports newspaper in Japan with a circulation of 1,400,000, co-sponsored the championship with the NCAA.

The tournament was approved by the USTA, Japan Tennis As-

sociation and Japan Student Tennis Federation.

Future competition with Japanese collegians includes the second annual NCAA-Japanese Collegiate All-Star Golf Tournament, December 15-17, in Tokyo, and the first NCAA-Japan International Volleyball Series, January 28, 29 and 31 at San Diego State, UCLA and Cal-Santa Barbara, respectively.

## Official Basketball Scorebooks Available

With the basketball season just around the corner, sports information directors at member institutions may be interested in ordering a full supply of Official NCAA Basketball Scorebooks.

Because of the NCAA Publishing Service's prepaid-only policy, books cannot be shipped without payment on the week of that first game, so advance planning will help prevent last-minute frustration.

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