

Sanity Code Bad? Is SWC Pro, Con?

By FRED WALKER

"What is the attitude of an NCAA member toward a code and its enforcements?"

"What is the effect upon the NCAA program by the failure of the Association to terminate the membership of six institutions in January, 1949, due to violation of the Sanity Code?"

In yesterday's Battalion, Article III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Constitution and Executive Regulations, or to be less impressive, the NCAA's Sanity Code was printed in hopes of clarifying same. The preceding questions are now being answered at the NCAA meeting in Dallas, and we will attempt to throw further light on the subject.

The main questions, however, are, how far can a school go towards supporting an athlete before he can lose his amateur standing, hence losing his eligibility in collegiate competition? And should athletic scholarships be put on the same basis as opportunity awards given to men of high scholastic possibilities?

These questions are now the big thing. They affect everyone connected with collegiate sports—from the parents of the athlete, to the spectator.

Three Categories of Thought

Now where does the Southwest Conference stand on these questions? The NCAA says there are three categories into which a school may take a stand. They are:

● Those who appear in favor of a code. These are a substantial majority who have given their support.

● The fraction who suggest that the standards are of such a character that no code is needed to guide or control their conduct of aid to athletes.

● Colleges which desire a code with regulations governing aid to athletes, but insist that the present code limits too sharply the amount of aid which is allowed for needy athletes.

The SWC is among the latter group although at the present time it looks as if the league may favor giving the code a "heave-ho" all the way.

It is not our opinion, but that of the men in Texas football circles.

A&M's Situation With Sanity Code

What about the SWC or A&M in a situation like this? Maybe SMU or TCU athletes wouldn't be hampered, but what happens in College Station?

Now, we ask you is it possible to adhere strictly to the Sanity Code? The Citadel didn't think so. In 1950, it politely thumbed its nose at the NCAA and went its merry way. At small colleges it is almost impossible to adhere to the code.

Here's another point of view, especially for parents. Is your son going to college to get an academic or athletic education? If you can't afford to aid your son, how can he maintain academic and athletic prowess and financial stability?

It is nearly impossible for a human being to attend classes, work out for three or four hours, work six more and then study. Nothing short of an extension of hours in a day would make this possible. NCAA says it can be done. Here is a theoretical question from Sanity Code handbook.

"May an alumnus with a particular interest in a neighbor's boy, who has proved himself to be a

Scholarships Limited to Athletes

Another hypothetical college would set aside a certain number of scholarships which would be limited to athletes—of the highest academic nature. The college could still maintain its regular "high scholarship" awards. The NCAA says "No" to this. That would be giving financial aid for other than "tuition for instruction and for stated incidental institution fees."

school whose system includes room and board in these fees, (and the majority don't) would have two problems solved. Under the Sanity Code only one meal per day may be had free. Free board is taboo.

There is always two sides to every story, and certainly to this one.

Say there were no Sanity Code. A college would be as free as a professional scout to recruit athletes, within conference compliance, of course. The first thing one knows, special institutions would be conducted year round for the

SWC Seeks to "Elasticize" Code

The Southwest Conference, is not trying to fight the NCAA for abolition of the Sanity Code, it seeks only to "elasticize" it.

A spokesman for this campus says that:

"We are trying to get a code to control athletics, but under the present set-up, it can't be done fairly for all conferences."

He further stated:

"If you have rules, enforce them, if not, throw them out. We definitely should have a governing body. Basically, I think the Sanity Code is fine, but the rules should be elastic enough to meet situations."

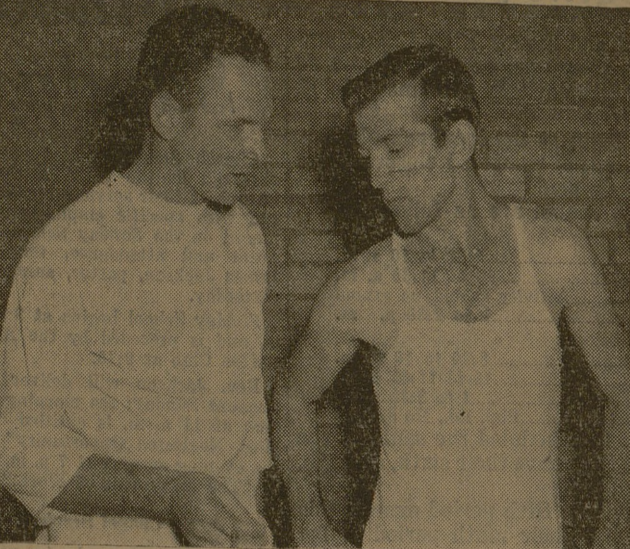
NCAA Is Worried

The NCAA is worried about cooperation. Another question to be discussed was of this nature.

"The attempt at control and elimination of mal-practices which have grown up in intercollegiate athletics is encumbered with many obstacles, not the least of which is the widespread lack of confidence by member institutions in other institutions."

In other words, schools assure each other that they are complying with the rules—with the philosophy that what they don't know won't

Share Spotlight Saturday...



Coach John Floyd Jewell McDowell
Captain of the A&M team McDowell receives advice from A&M's basketball coach Floyd during a practice session

Ag Tankmen Get 1st Test in SWC Relays

Sixteen members of A&M's swimming and diving team are scheduled to participate in the Southwest Conference Relay Carnival in Houston tomorrow night.

Coached by Art Adamson and Emil Mammaliga, the team will be seeking to avenge its loss last year to the first place Texas Longhorns. And this meet should indicate fairly conclusively just how the conference will go this year.

Coach Adamson is relying heavily upon his junior and sophomore talent to go with his three starting senior lettermen. Lack of reserve strength in key spots may prove to be the Aggies' weakness this year.

Following are some of the swimmers who will see plenty of action this year, beginning with the Houston carnival.

Tommy Butler—A senior letterman who placed sixth in the conference last year in the 50 and 100.

Ag Fencers Enter Meet At Houston

A&M fencers will journey to Houston Saturday to engage in individual foil and three-weapon competition. The Houston fair is an open affair with entries expected from all parts of the Southwest, the biggest group coming from Galveston, Dallas, and the host city itself.

All three weapons will be fought, and with the expected competition from the conference schools, the tourney may be a fair indication of the possibilities of A&M again winning the league title.

It will be the fourth time this season that the Cadets have been engaged in swordplay. John Gottlob and Curtis Wilson are the top Aggies entered in the meet.

Two of the matches held by the Maroon and White swordsmen were open meets, but the other two affairs were won over Rice and John Tarleton, by the identical scores of 17-10.

—Beat TCU—

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A&M, TCU Vie For SWC Lead Saturday Night

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Battalion Sports Editor

Tomorrow night in DeWare Field House, the Southwest Conference basketball title may be at stake, as the league leading Texas Christian Horned Frogs engage the sometimes-hot-sometimes-cold Aggie quintet. The varsity game begins at 8 p.m., but the cage program gets underway at 6, when the Aggie Fish meet the Allen Academy Ramblers.

Undeclared in league play and having downed the two supposedly top teams in the conference with ease, Coach Buster Brannon's five will be hoping to erase the only other team which may be able to stymie them in conference competition.

A&M, who holds the unbeaten record of two straight conference victories, has been doing better than ever noted by pre-season dopsters. Although many sportswriters placed the Cadets second to Arkansas, the majority felt that with the installation of a new coach and a new type of ball-playing—ball control ball playing, that is—the Aggies would probably falter.

Although Coach John Floyd's Cadets haven't stacked up as strong a record as TCU's, chances for an Aggie victory are strong.

Statistically, this is the story: TCU has scored 186 points to 143 for their opponents, averages of 62 and 48, respectively, while A&M has scored 106 points to 92 for their foes, averages of 53 to 46, respectively. The difference being that A&M has played one game less than the Horned Frogs, and play a stronger defensive ball.

Included with McLeod and Fromme on TCU's starting five will be John Swain and John Taylor at guards while Dick Allen will help Fromme at the forward post.

Purple Has Won, Easily

In their three conference wins, the Purple has coasted, defeating Southern Methodist, 57-46, Arkansas 42-31, and Rice 87-66. Rice is the only conference team that both the Aggies and the Frogs have played, but the Maroon and White won by only a 12 point margin as compared to the 21 point advantage of the Fort Worthians.

In dropping the Owls so easily, TCU broke a conference record while tying another. The 87 points scored by the winners was high in the league while the combined total of 153 tied the sum set by Arkansas and Texas in 1946.

A personal scoring duel which is probably expected between the conference's high scorer, Harvey Fromme, and Jewell McDowell may never materialize. The scorers to

A&M . . . 2 Wins

Player, pos.	fg	ft	pf	tp
Miksch, f	1	1	4	3
Martin, f	4	3	6	11
DeWitt, f	7	4	4	18
W. Davis, c	11	11	8	33
McDowell, g	12	8	7	32
Walker, g	0	0	1	0
Heft, g	3	0	6	6
Farmer, g	1	1	4	3
Totals	39	28	40	106
Opp's Totals	29	34	40	92

Following is the swimming schedule for the Aggies:

- Jan. 13—SWC Relay Carnival Houston.
- Feb. 3—Baylor, College Station.
- Feb. 10—Northwest Louisiana, Natchitoches, La.
- Feb. 17—SMU, Dallas.
- Feb. 23—University of Oklahoma Norman.
- Feb. 24—Rice, College Station.
- Mar. 3—Rice, Houston.
- Mar. 10—University of Texas, College Station.
- Mar. 22-24—NCAA Nationals, Austin.
- Apr. 5-7—AAU Nationals, Columbus, Ohio.

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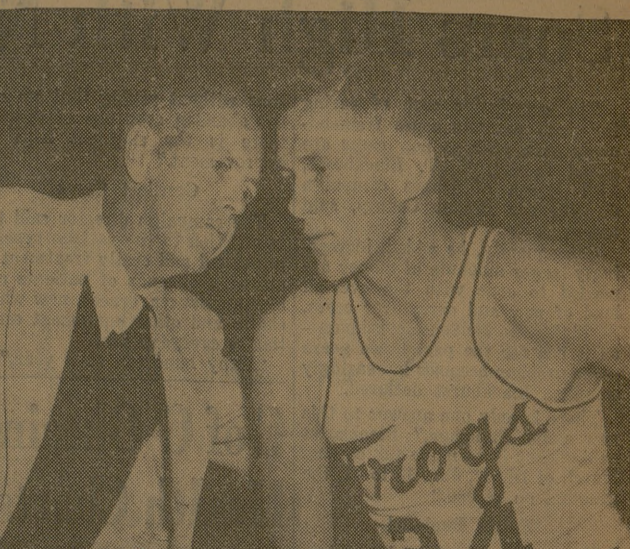
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... Night In DeWare



Coach Buster Brannon Harvey Fromme
TCU's quintet Captain Fromme takes a minute to gather the information passed out by the Horned Frog's coach Brannon.

Tiger Quintet Plays Host To Sharp at 8

A&M Consolidated cagers go up against Sharp's aggressive quintet tonight in Tiger Gym in what is expected to be a hotly contested game.

Coach Othel Chafin's Tiger five carry a record of four wins and one loss, garnered in district play so far this season.

Billy Blakely, Joe Motheral, and Bobby Williamson spark A&M's offense, while Bob Jackson, David Bonner, and Fred Anderson add sharpness to the defensive play.

District basketball champions of a season ago, the Tigers boast of only one returning letterman, Williams at forward, in their starting lineup.

Friday night's game will mark the Tiger's first engagement with the Sharp cagers. The two teams will meet again Feb. 6.

Coach Chafin expressed pleasure with the showing of the Consolidated five in the 151 campaign, but has been reluctant to make any predictions for this year.

Bradley 15 Win Streak - Stopped

New York, Jan. 12—(AP)—Bradley's 15-game winning streak was snapped by St. Johns of Brooklyn last night, the Redmen handing the No. 1 collegiate cage team in the country their first defeat of the season, 68 to 59.

Williams Addresses Tyler Service Clubs

E. L. Williams, vice director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service addressed two service clubs in Tyler, Wednesday and Thursday.

He spoke to a meeting of the East Texas Sales Executive Club, Wednesday evening, on "Training Sales People to Sell Texas Products." Thursday he addressed a meeting of the Tyler Rotary Club.

Williams discussed "Training Texans for Key Positions in Texas Industries."

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Drill Night

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