

Conference enacts legislation to cut costs

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LUBBOCK, Tex. — The 60th Southwest Conference spring meeting in Lubbock this past weekend

brought a new SWC president and new legislation. Athletic directors, faculty representatives, coaches and officials of the SWC went through the routine

spring business and elected Ken Herrick, former vice president of the SWC to the head job, before making proposals for legislation to go before the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Herrick of TCU succeeded J. Neils Thompson of Texas and the conference dispelled routine matters and approved and set dates for the post-season basketball tournament that will make its debut next year. The tourney will be held at

Moody Coliseum in Dallas on March 4-6. The team with the best record draws an automatic bye to the finals with the other eight teams filling out the field.

Baylor will host next year's SWC spring meeting with the dates to be announced at the winter meeting in December. Waco will also be the site for the SWC spring championships. The fall golf tournament, which doesn't decide the conference championship will be held at

Texarkana, Arkansas on Sept. 15-17. The swimming championship will be decided at SMU and will take place on the same dates as the basketball tournament.

Then the SWC officials got to the heart of this meeting's most important subject, economics. The conference, in an attempt to reduce the cost of SWC athletic programs, set new restrictions and discussed others as proposals to the NCAA. The number of baseball scholar-

ships were set at 22, whereas it had previously had no limit. The conference officials also approved a packet that would allow 20 workouts in 30 consecutive days from Feb. 1 to Jan. 21 and any games played during spring break would only count as one against the maximum amount of games allowed in SWC baseball.

In other dollar-saving moves, the SWC revised the football scholarship rule slightly. The maximum amount allowed still remained at

105 but a team could award 60 scholarships in a two-year period and as many as 35 in one year.

A reduction of 35 per cent was applied to all university sanctioned sports other than the major sports by SWC officials.

In basketball, the maximum number for scholarship players was set at 18, with no more than ten awards issued in a two-year period and as many as seven in one year.

In other money-saving efforts, the SWC approved new limitations as to the size of coaching staffs for athletics in the conference. In football there could be one head coach, eight assistants and two part-time assistants who are compensated by scholarship. For basketball, there could be one head coach, an assistant and a part-time assistant under the same guidelines as the football part-timers. All sports other than football and basketball could have one head coach and one part-time assistant.

Herrick, Thompson and Executive Secretary Cliff Speegle all said the proposed legislation if adopted by the NCAA would equalize the competition between conferences. Herrick also commented that none of the proposals were made to give the SWC an advantage.

The SWC council also announced the possibility of having a limited walk-on program in conference athletics. The resolution suggests a test that will determine the ability of the prospective athlete so coaches will have a means of eliminating those lacking talent. This rule has not been adopted but is being considered.

These proposals will be put before the NCAA, in a special meeting in August. SWC officials are hoping the proposals are accepted nationally in the special summer economics meeting.

UH sweeps SWC net tournament

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LUBBOCK, Tex. — The Houston Cougars totally dominated the Southwest Conference tennis tournament, winning both the singles and doubles competition.

The SWC tourney held at the Lubbock Racquet Club almost turned out to be an intrasquad affair for the Cougars, as they were interrupted by Texas A&M's Charles Emley and Billy Hoover. After Friday's competition, topseeded Ross Walker of UH and teammate Dale Ogden were left to contend with each other for the singles title. For a while it looked like all Houston in the finals but in the day's final match Hoover and Emley came from behind to defeat UH's Matt Rainey and Colon Nunez to advance to the doubles finals.

Walker got to the finals by dropping TCU's Randy Crawford 6-4, 6-4, Friday morning and then returning that afternoon to beat his teammate Rainey 6-4, 6-2. Ogden swept by Rice's Ogi Mitra 6-2, 6-1 and second-seeded Longhorn Gary Plock (7-6, 6-3) to advance to the finals.

Third seeded doubles team Hoover and Emley were second ranked after Stewart Keller and Gonzalo Nunez of Texas dropped out of the competition. Against Nunez and Rainey of Houston, the Aggie duo dropped the first set 4-6, but overcame the deficit to win 7-6, 6-4 in the final two sets.

Saturday in the finals Walker defeated fellow Cougar Ogden to give Houston their first singles title since they entered the competition four years ago. Walker won 6-1, 6-3. Then the two teamed up to spoil the Aggies' bid for a doubles championship by defeating Emley and Hoover 6-4, 6-3.

In this match Ogden became the 10th three-time doubles champion and could become the first four-time winner when he returns next year.

Southwestern Conference Tennis Tournament Results

Singles
QUARTERFINALS — Ross Walker (Houston) def. Randy Crawford (TCU) 6-4, 6-4; Matt Rainey (Houston) def. Gonzalo Nunez (UT) 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; Dale Ogden (Houston) def. Ogi Mitra (Rice) 6-2, 6-1; Gary Plock (UT) def. Danny Dolbis (Baylor) 6-4, 7-5.
SEMI-FINALS — Ross Walker (Houston) def. Matt Rainey (Houston) 6-4, 6-2; Dale Ogden (Houston) def. Gary Plock (UT) 7-6, 6-3.

Doubles
SEMI-FINALS — Ross Walker-Dale Ogden (Houston) def. Randy Crawford-Jim Allen (TCU) 7-5, 6-4; Billy Hoover-Charles Emley (Texas A&M) def. Matt Rainey-Colon Nunez (Houston) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

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Doubles
FINALS — Ross Walker-Dale Ogden (Houston) def. Charles Emley-Billy Hoover (Texas A&M) 6-4, 6-3.

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