

NCAA plans new setup

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All nine members of the Southwest Conference and North Texas State University have been placed into Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's new reclassification program.

The NCAA Classification Committee, with the endorsement of the Association's Council, is proceeding with a plan to structure the 467 football-playing members of the NCAA into four divisions. The program was created primarily for purposes of competition and television administration. The plan concerns only football competition.

The plan also provides limited legislative authority for the new divisions.

The Classification Committee, authorized by the last NCAA Convention to determine the "advisability" of creating Divisions I (the "Super Division") and IA in the sport of football, recommended such a program to the NCAA Council last May 4.

The Council, meeting May 7 in Chicago, agreed that the Committee should proceed with its plan.

The Committee will make its final classification decisions June 30 while

appeals may be heard by the NCAA Council August 11-13. The results will be subject to ratification at the 71st NCAA Convention Jan. 10-12, 1977.

Goldsmith places 17th at golf tourney

Texas A&M's Brenda Goldsmith finished a disappointing seventeenth in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) National Championship golf tournament held in East Lansing, Mich.

The San Antonio junior's 72 hole score was 307, five strokes behind the winner. Tulsa's Nancy Lopez defeated defending champion Barbara Barrow of San Diego after four playoff holes. Furman took the team title.

"She (Brenda) just couldn't get it together," Women's Golf Coach Kitty Holley said. "Her putting was

not good and she had trouble staying on the fairway."

A&M teammate Susan Smerick failed to make the qualifying cut at the tourney.

"We had a good year for our first year," Holley said. "But, we'll have some help this fall, so we should do better." The women's coach is referring to her recruiting ventures thus far which she has termed as successful. The women's team will have six women on scholarship, this being the first time they have been able give out scholarships.

Intramurals

SOFTBALL
June 15, 1976
Eco. vs M&M'S, 1-4; Economists vs. Stateh, 0-4; Cowpokes vs Briggs Hall No. 1, 1-0; Aston A's vs. Genetics, 7-6; Briggs No. 2 vs. Stateh, 13-3; Bombers vs. Beaver Eaters, 1-0; Veterans, 10-11; Fountain 4A vs. Stateh, 18-0.
June 16, 1976
Squirrels vs. Dancing Bears, 3-18; Dirty Birds vs. Sig Eps, 10-2; Vet 1 vs. Maroon Machine, 1-0; US vs. Gatorhawks, 0-8.
June 17, 1976
Squirrels vs. Schlabiniks, 14-2; Buffs vs. Rugby, 1-0; Guajalote vs. Alkies, 10-9; Mosher Mooners vs. 77ers, 13-6.
June 21, 1976
EE vs. Genetics, 9-11; Aston A's vs. Stateh, 16-15; Briggs No. 1 vs. M&M'S, 1-0; Stateh vs. 2 forfeit; Past, Present, Future vs. Stateh, 9-4; Bombers vs. Veterans, 13-10; US vs. Beaver Eaters, 10-11; ME Bunch vs. Stateh, 4-11.
BASKETBALL
June 16, 1976
Names vs. Gatorhawks, 30-13; Vet vs. Sig Eps, 10-2; Sig Eps vs. DK vs. Beaver Eaters, 13-31; Briggs Hall No. 1 (forfeit) vs. Bad Edgingtons vs. BSU No. 1 (forfeit); Saints Wildlife, 30-18; Sparkeys vs. CBA's, 31-19; Mosher Mooners vs. Only 3, 31-14.
June 21, 1976
Hambres vs. BHP&W, 30-12; Ole Men vs. High Rollers, 31-16; Polish Army vs. Stateh, 13-30; Sparkeys vs. Only 3, 30-16; Bargement Varmits vs. Thugs, 24-31.

Bond issues important to city

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tricity by College Station. Bryan at the present time is asking for an increase of approximately 30 per cent.

City officials have estimated that College Station residents would save \$1,742,000 during the coming year by switching over to Gulf States. This figure is based on the proposed Bryan rate compared to the proposed Gulf States rate.

The city has further projected that the savings in electrical costs would allow the retirement of the proposed electrical bonds while still providing electricity at a lower cost than under the Bryan system.

College Station City Councilman Gary Halter, also chairman of the Capital Improvements Committee, has estimated that the switchover could be effected by January 1979, when the present contract with Bryan expires.

Halter said that if the electric bonds pass, the city would approach Bryan about buying the electric substations which are located in College Station.

Halter pointed out that even if the city does not switch to Gulf States, either because Bryan reverses itself and offers a lower price or because the electric bonds do not pass, the city will still have to make approximately \$1,000,000 in improvements to the present system.

The increase presently being sought by Bryan will be disposed of after the bond

election is over. Whether the electric bonds pass or fail, College Station residents can still expect an increase in their electric bills. But some councilmen have indicated that they think electric costs to College Station residents could be cut after a switchover to Gulf States.

Proposition 9

Proposition 9 is a proposal to issue \$500,000 in revenue bonds, to be repaid completely out of the hotel-motel tax revenues, to build a civic-convention center. No property or other taxes or revenues will be used to repay the bonds. The hotel-motel tax is paid by people who rent rooms in motels within the city.

"You can never get something for nothing, but this comes as close as possible," said Lane Stephenson, College Station city councilman.

No decision on the exact type of facility or the location has been made. A citizens' committee, chaired by Albert Pedullah, a professor in the environmental design department at Texas A&M, has sent questionnaires to most local groups and organizations that would be likely to use the facility. The purpose of the questionnaire is to determine what type of facility is needed. Most of the questionnaires should be re-

turned in a month or so, Pedullah said.

Officials of the Brazos Valley Arts Council and the A&M Consolidated Independent School District have expressed an interest in combining efforts to provide a multi-purpose facility that could be used for school, cultural, civic and convention purposes. The school officials have indicated that they would consider sharing part of their facilities, principally the administrative building and the band hall, at the Middle School on Jersey St. for the center.

The proposed center will have no sleeping accommodations and is not intended to compete with existing facilities at the University or local hotels and motels, said Stephenson. In order to avoid competition, the center could charge higher rates than those at hotels and motels; provide availability primarily on an overflow basis; provide special facilities not available at existing centers; or a combination of the three.

College Station began collecting the hotel-motel tax during the last quarter of 1973. Since then, a total of \$108,656.76 has been collected. There is, at present, \$17,323 in delinquent taxes not including penalties owed to the city.

While the tax is not mandatory, any city collecting it must, by law, spend 16 2/3 per cent (one-sixth of the total) for direct tourist promotion of the area. The remaining five-sixths of the tax will be used to repay the bonds to build the center.

Texas A&M announces signings of six athletes

Texas A&M announced the signings of six athletes in four sports — three in basketball, two in baseball, and one in men's track and two in women's track.

The basketball player is 6-4 1/2 Keith Carter from Youngstown, Ohio. Carter was selected as one of the top five prospects in Kansas following a two-year career at Garden City Junior College. He averaged 15 points and 14 rebounds per game. According to our scouting report, Carter can jump higher than anyone in the country his size except David Thompson, A&M coach Shelby Metcalf said.

The baseball players are pitcher Marty Green from Justin, Tex., and outfielder Mike Hurdle from Victoria, Green, a left-hander, had a .09 record with an 0.69 ERA while striking out 170 in 95 innings. He pitched a no-hitter against Midlott in the regional championship. Hurdle hit .380 for Victoria with 18 runs batted in and 12 stolen bases. Both Green and Hurdle will play in the high school all-star game in the stadium.

Lynn Byrd, a high jumper from Texas city, returns to A&M after a year at Ranger Junior College. Byrd won the Southwest Conference title as a freshman at A&M. This year he jumped 7-1 1/2 for Ranger and cleared 40 three times.

The women tracksters are Cathy Locke from Ladywood St. Agnes

High School in Indianapolis, Ind., and Patty Oswald from Reicher High in Waco. As a sophomore, Coker broke the national mile record with a 5:09.3. Oswald is a four-time state champion in the 220 and won the 100 title this year.

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