

SMU players allowed to transfer without giving up year's eligibility

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist football players can transfer to any of the other Southwest Conference schools and not have to wait one year before playing, the Southwest Conference Council voted Monday.

The Council met Friday by conference call and decided by a 5-3 vote to allow players to waive a league rule that prohibits players from transferring and playing the first year, SWC Commissioner Fred Jacoby said.

"You've got two things to look at, one (being) the good kids who are having to pay the price for all this," Arkansas Coach Ken Hatfield said. "You certainly want to give them every opportunity to go where they can enjoy college football."

But Hatfield questioned how far the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the SWC should go in punishing the SMU program.

"If you let them all transfer, some would have to start again from ground zero," Hatfield said. "If you limit it to the seniors only, you at least have a few people left."

Council members voted to follow the NCAA special transfer rule that waives the one academic year residence requirement for SMU student-athletes in the football program only.

The NCAA last week suspended SMU's 1987 football season because of recruiting violations that occurred while the school was on probation for previous violations.

Rice changed its mind after Friday's 5-3 vote and asked for a reconsideration, but Jacoby said the earlier vote was binding and that the request for reconsideration could only be taken up at a future meeting.

"What happened was we had a conference telephone call Friday," Jacoby said. "One institution called

and said it wanted to change a vote and ask for reconsideration. We both concurred that meeting concluded when we hung up on the phone call."

Jacoby said the vote was binding, but any school could reconsider at a future league meeting.

SMU faculty representative Lonny Kliever abstained from the vote.

The SWC Council also voted to interpret another league rule to mean that NCAA sanctions suspending competition in football do not jeopardize SMU's standing as a full conference member.

Council representatives will discuss SMU's situation and the NCAA sanctions Saturday during the regularly-scheduled faculty athletics representatives' meeting in conjunction with the SWC Post-Season Basketball Classic in Dallas, Jacoby said.

AP Top 20

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, record and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.Nev.-Las Vegas (50)	30-1	1244	1
2.North Carolina (13)	27-2	1210	2
3.Purdue	23-3	1118	3
4.Indiana	23-4	946	4
5.DePaul	25-2	945	5
6.Iowa	25-4	935	7
7.Georgetown	23-4	914	8
8.Temple	29-3	848	5
9.Alabama	23-4	799	10
10.Syracuse	24-5	654	11
11.Pittsburgh	23-6	582	9
12.Illinois	21-7	577	14
13.Clemson	25-4	444	13
14.Duke	22-7	360	17
15.TCU	23-5	338	15
16.New Orleans	25-3	275	19
17.Oklahoma	21-8	209	12
18.UCLA	21-6	120	-
19.Missouri	21-9	115	-
20.Notre Dame	19-7	104	-

Yeoman says he provided Cougar players with cash

HOUSTON (AP) — Former University of Houston Coach Bill Yeoman admitted in a memorandum released by university officials Monday that he occasionally gave his players cash, but in amounts never more than \$35.

The memorandum was taken during a university in-house investigation, being handled by the Houston law firm of Lidell, Sapp and Zively, into allegations that Yeoman and his assistant coaches had paid players in violation of NCAA rules.

In the memorandum, taken last July 10, Yeoman defended his actions on the grounds the money was given in small amounts and was generally given for humanitarian purposes. The memo quoted Yeoman as saying he gave money to players for gas for their cars, utilities, or rent for players' parents.

"For example, if one of the player's parents could not pay rent and were about to be evicted, Coach Yeoman would provide

the money for that month's rent," the memorandum says.

Yeoman said such money was not given to the players, but went directly to the parents.

The former coach told investigators that some of the money came from his own pocket.

Yeoman, who coached the Cougars for 25 seasons, resigned at the end of last season and was replaced as head coach by Jack Pardee.

Yeoman could not immediately be reached for comment by telephone, and attorneys for the school said they would not comment pending completion of the NCAA investigation.

The investigation emerged after some former Cougar football players said that while on the team they either received cash from coaches, bought gasoline with the coaches' school credit cards or had car repairs made free of charge through arrangements made by the coaches.

Texas Tech to announce any NCAA sanctions today

LUBBOCK (AP) — A news conference has been called for 5:30 p.m. CST today to announce any sanctions imposed by the NCAA on the Red Raiders for football recruiting violations, school officials said Monday.

Texas Tech president Dr. Lauro Cavazos will preside over the news conference, sports information director Joe Hornaday said.

Also at the news conference will be Athletic Director T. Jones, faculty representative Dr. Bob Sweazy, and the school's legal counsel, Pat Campbell.

No one from the NCAA is scheduled to attend, Hornaday said.

Texas Tech officials appeared before the NCAA Committee on Infractions on Feb. 15, in Coronado, Calif., to face allegations of recruiting violations between 1982-84.

Allegations against Tech involved ex-coach Jerry Moore, four assistants and six recruits. They ranged from buying a recruit a meal at a Dairy Queen to cash inducements.

All such inducements would be violations of NCAA rules.

None of the coaches involved is still at the school. Moore was fired in 1985 after compiling a 16-37-2 record in five seasons. Assistants Jim Bates, Tom Wilson, Richard Ritchie and Rodney Allison left before 1985.

Among other charges, Chris Pryor of Converse Judson High School allegedly was offered a pair of ostrich-skin boots and a trip to Las Vegas, and he and high school teammate Norman Lambert allegedly were given cash after signing letters of intent with Texas Tech.

Pryor said last October he also was provided rental cars and hotel lodging.

Neither Pryor nor Lambert ever enrolled at Texas Tech. Pryor, who was regarded Texas' top high school running back in his senior season, failed to graduate with his high school class.

An NCAA report also alleged that money was given to Ronald Morris, who ended up playing for Southern Methodist, and Morris' mother. It alleges Morris received \$250 in cash on one occasion and as much as \$40 on Tech visits to Morris' home.

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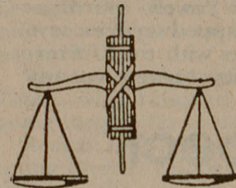
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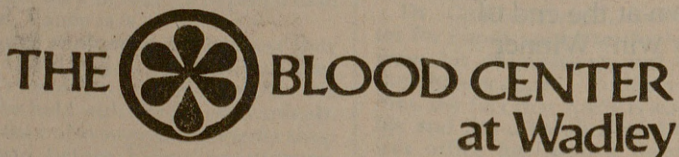
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