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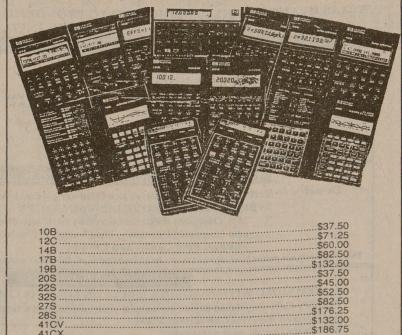
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New Austin athletic director hopes to improve local sports

AUSTIN (AP) — Wally Freytag has spent 28 years in the Austin In-dependent School District, the last 15 as the popular head coach of a consistently successful football program at Austin Reagan High School.

But the challenge he now faces as the new athletic director for Austin's 10 senior high school and 13 junior high schools might be tougher than winning a state football championship.

He was chosen earlier this month from 30 applicants to supervise a program with an annual budget approaching \$1 million.

During a recent interview, Freytag, 51, talked about his agenda for the coming year as athletic director.

He has three key goals, he said.

— to improve attendance at the city's high school football games to raise the athletic department's reve-

- to increase from six to 10 the number of full-time athletic trainers in the school district, one at each high school;

to improve the junior high feeder system so athletes will receive more consistent coaching.

Improving the gate at football needs of nearby junior highs games is an uphill battle, he said. He "Again, we're talking blamed much of the problem on

"The problem is we've got people scattered, and when kids go across town to a school there's no loyalty to that school, because it isn't really a part of the community the kids and

their parents live in.

"Back in the old days when there were fewer schools, the kids all knew each other and the parents all knew each other. They went to the same barber shop and they were involved in community activities. It's not that way anymore...Our attendance last fall was the lowest it's ever been, partly because of low enrollment."

With only three playing fields available for high school football games, scheduling is limited. But Freytag said he'll see if it's possible to schedule more neighborhood games to help increase attendance.

Although the salaries of six athletic trainers who serve the 23 high schools and junior highs are not under his supervision, Freytag said one

money," Freytag said. "It ma e get the trainers, that we will to phase them in. But I'm goi do everything I can because strongly about it.

Freytag said he would like a from a junior high move on same high school wherever pos

At Austin Reagan, he no got athletes from five differ nior high schools. Every other school in the city got players two or more junior highs, hesai "What I'm hoping we can do

these schools on a sort of track system, get a little cohesive going so kids aren't basically say all over on fundamentals when get to high school.'

Communities with one school have continuity, Freytage because seventh and eighth graare usually developed in systidentical to those used in the

Freytag coached a 5A for semifinalist at Reagan in 1986. of his goals will be to have a full-time trainer for each high school.

He said they also could serve the basketball and Anderson in bask

Sports agents get prison terms over illegal signing of athletes Lar

judge on Monday sentenced sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom to prison terms, saying he hopes their punishment helps bring "the rule of law" to big-money col-

lege sports.

Walters and Bloom were convicted in April of signing athletes before their college eligibility had expired, and of threatening some of the athletes with harm to if they sought to break the agreements.

.S. District Judge George Marovich said the involvement of the agents, particularly Walters, with an organized-crime figure weighed heavily in his decision to sentence Walters to five years in prison and Bloom to three years.

"I wouldn't dream of breaking the law. That's not who I am," an almost inaudible Walters told the judge before sentencing, at times choking back tears. 'I am deeply sorry for what I've

done. If I can be given a second chance, I'd like it," Bloom said. Marovich said that although

"there were no heroes" among the athletes and universities involved in recognized the trial, Walters and Bloom still rule of law.

Palmer, a running back with the Kansas City Chiefs who had sought to invest the money with Bloom. Walters was ordered to forfeit \$250,000 to the government.

Walters, 57, and Bloom, 29, were convicted April 13 of racketeering, conspiracy and mail fraud after a five-week trial. Each had faced up to 55 years in prison. After the sentencing, Walters and

Bloom were released on bond for 30 days, pending appeals. Lawyers for both agents said they would appeal the convictions and sentences They were convicted of all counts except two of four mail-fraud

charges, which concerned the defrauding of the universities.

Marovich said the case was notable for "the absence of any easily

identifiable good guys. "I do want to give fair warning" to athletes, sports agents, university administrators and others involved in

college athletics, the judge said. "You may be playing in a different ball game and it might be called hardball. ... There is a previously unrecognized player on the field — the

Attorney Dan Webb, representing

The judge ordered each to serve Bloom, said after the sentencing he five years' probation after leaving was gratified that the judge appar-prison. Bloom also was ordered to ently agreed that "these universities

are a cesspool of corruption they have destroyed amateur ics in America.

Marovich said he was particular concerned about the link between Walters and Michael Franzes jailed member of a New Yorko nized crime family who testified he helped finance the sports resentation business started by ters and Bloom.

"The infiltration of organic crime in this activity was an infi part of determining the sent U.S. Attorney Anton Valukass

after the hearing.
Walters raised his voice a pounded the lecturn Monday's speaking of Franzese, whom called a "bum" and a "liar."

Walters represented entertain for more than 30 years, and so to represent athletes with Bi

only during the 1980s.
Walters said Monday he had every penny" of the nearly \$1 lion he invested in the sports

Webb said neither Walten Bloom had "the slightest idea" they were doing," when they gu sports agentry, but both a learned it was usual to make vance, under-the-table agreementh college athletes, despite N

Maryland man pleads guilty to distributing steroids in Gamecock athletic department

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A Maryland man pleaded guilty Monday in a plea arrangement to charges stemming from the alleged use and distribution of steroids within the University of South Carolina's athletic department.

Meanwhile, ex-South Carolina assistant football coach Jim Washburn testified he became worried in the mid-1980s that the use of steroids by players "had gotten out of hand. Washburn also said he and ex-assistant coach Tom Gadd, whose trial began Monday, arranged for a Gamecock player to obtain steroids.

In a surprise move, John L. Carter, 25, of Bethesda, Md., pleaded guilty to giving steroids to former Gamecock football player Tommy Chaikin. Three other counts were dropped, including charges Carter gave steroids to three other ex-

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A story co-written by Chaikin in Sports Illustrated led to the indictments of Carter, Gadd and three other ex-Gamecock coaches. In the magazine's Oct. 24 issue, Chaikin said he and other players, including about half the 1986 team, used steroids. Chaikin played for the school from 1983 to 1987.

Carter, who will be sentenced in four to six weeks, faces a maximum of two years in prison and \$200,000 in fines under the plea bargain. Carter had faced 17 years in prison and \$1.3 million in fines.

The plea arrangement was reached Monday after a jury had been selected for Carter's impend- isfied with the conclusion.'

ing trial at the federal courb that was to start after Gadd's trial

"Overall, I think this is a good to end the case," said John H way, one of two lawyers represen Carter. "I think a plea to a m meanor . . . accurately reflects hopefully the jury's verdict shave been and also what her

Assistant U.S. Attorney John ton said he felt the plea was fi both sides.

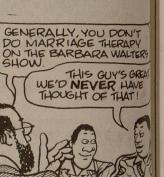
"I didn't really feel like hesh be hit harder than the coaches He's a young man that got in in this kind of thing, distribution his friends," Barton said. "We

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