

News Digest

By The Associated Press

Cracking down NCAA wages war against drug use by college athletes

NEW ORLEANS — Drugs are out, but boosters are still in.

The NCAA voted Tuesday to slap penalties on athletes who test positive for drugs before or after postseason games, but failed to slam the door on boosters making on-campus contacts.

The anti-drug program, which failed a year ago to reach the floor for a vote, partly because it didn't include cocaine and other "street drugs," was overwhelmingly passed this time around despite scattered complaints that its cost will be prohibitive and the NCAA has no business getting involved.

And "the potential for abuse" was cited several times as the reason for not extending the off-campus ban on booster contacts to the campus as well.

As the second day of its annual convention, the NCAA also voted:

- To reduce from eight to seven the number of sports needed to remain a Division I-A member.

- To delay for at least one year a proposal to allow five years of athletic eligibility instead of four.

- To keep the Division I and Division II men's and women's indoor track championships.

- To permit, "when circumstances clearly warrant," the restoration of

eligibility of an athlete involved in "major" or "secondary" rules violations.

- To limit to one game or tournament per year what a basketball team may play without it counting toward the maximum games allowed.

- To approve a resolution calling for stronger federal legislation against gambling on college sports.

Walter Byers, executive director of the NCAA, said the convention drew to a close that he felt its three major achievements were the anti-gambling resolution, the drug testing and Monday's approval of eligibility standards based on high school grade-point averages and SAT or ACT scores.

"In the domestic arena, the NCAA has taken a leadership role in dealing with a problem that is greater than most of us recognize," Byers said of drugs.

And in a specific reference to the use of steroids, Byers said, "Somebody had to step in and break the chain in high school to get scholarships to college and in the college area to get a professional contract."

The list of 79 banned substances is divided into seven groups — psychomotor stimulants, sympathomimetic amines, miscellaneous central nervous

system stimulants, anabolic steroids, substances banned for specific sports (such as alcohol for riflery), diuretics and street drugs (amphetamine, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine, THC and "others").

Among the other drugs mentioned, the NCAA places limits on the amount of testosterone (a steroid) and caffeine which can legally show up in urine samples.

For football bowl games, according to Jim Brock, executive vice president of the Cotton Bowl, 72 players will be tested, 36 from each team. Of those 36, 22 will be notified beforehand that they will be tested while the remaining 14 will be selected at random.

The price tag for pre-bowl testing: \$200 per player. That comes to \$14,000 worth of testing, the cost to be shared by the NCAA (50 percent) the bowl (25 percent) and the competing teams (12 1/2 percent apiece).

In track and field and other individual sports, medal winners and a few other random competitors will be targeted for testing, similar to the U.S. Olympic Committee's screening procedures.

The NCAA, with its \$44 million annual budget, estimates that the total cost during 1986-87 will be \$620,000.

Daub predicts Mideast negotiation

OMAHA — Rep. Hal Daub said Wednesday he found officials in Israel and Jordan "more moderate than I expected" during a six-day visit and predicted the two Mideast nations will try to negotiate a peace settlement.

Daub said Jordan's King Hussein and the Israeli government are more determined to negotiate because of recent actions by Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy. The Reagan administration has charged Khadafy with supporting terrorism, including recent attacks on airports in Vienna and Rome.

"He's made Hussein more committed and he's made the coalition government in Israel more committed," Daub said. The Nebraska Republican said

Jordan and Israel know that if support spreads for Khadafy's religious fundamentalism, "there's less of a chance" of peace in the region.

The grip last week to Israel and Jordan by Daub, his wife and Rep. Ron Marlenee, R-Mont., was sponsored by the Washington-based National Association of Arab Americans. Among the officials with whom Daub met were the prime minister, commander in chief and foreign minister of Jordan and, in Israel, a foreign policy adviser and former ambassador to Canada.

Diplomatic relations between Israel and Jordan ended in the 1967 Mideast war. Negotiations between the two nations are "an opportunity to settle

the area down," Daub said.

Daub said officials in Israel and Jordan told him that the U.S. government should "become less involved" in the effort to arrange peace talks.

Daily Nebraskan

34 Nebraska Union
1400 R St., Lincoln, Neb. 68588-0448

The Daily Nebraskan (USPS 144-080) is published by the UNL Publications Board Monday through Friday in the fall and spring semesters and Tuesdays and Fridays in the summer sessions, except during vacations.

Subscription price is \$35 for one year.
Postmaster: Send address changes to the Daily Nebraskan, Nebraska Union 34, 1400 R St., Lincoln, Neb. 68588-0448. Second-class postage paid at Lincoln, NE 68510.
ALL MATERIAL COPYRIGHT 1986 DAILY NEBRASKAN

Newsmakers

President Reagan hailed Martin Luther King Jr. on Wednesday as a brave and passionate "drum major for justice," and a gutsy civil rights leader whose sacrifices make America "different, and better." The president celebrated King's birthday with a visit to a Washington, D.C., grade school named for the slain minister.

Sen. Edward Kennedy had to be flown out of the Santiago, Chile, airport by helicopter after 200 supporters of Chile's military government blocked roads from the airport. Later protesters stoned the senator's car with rocks and eggs and carried signs that said "Death to Kennedy."

In a speech at a Conference on Low-Intensity Warfare, Secretary of State George Shultz said the United States must have "the stomach" to strike back at terrorists and to take covert military action to further U.S. interests abroad.

Rep. Virginia Smith, R-Neb., officially opened her campaign for a seventh term in Congress. "I have the fire and desire to do it," she said. Smith is 74.

A Reagan administration official complained to U.S. publishers that their textbooks are "hyper-critical of American institutions" while "glossing over" the faults of the Soviet Union and other totalitarian governments. The books should not read as if they were "written by neutrals in the struggle between freedom and slavery," the education officials said.

Forty-thousand pounds of pinto beans grown in the Panhandle were sent to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where they will be distributed to a home for the elderly, a clinic and a school — providing nearly 500,000 meals. The Share the Harvest Project has sent more than a half million pounds of beans to hungry people in Haiti and in the Panhandle.

Statehouse Roundup

LINCOLN — A bill that would establish a state lottery was introduced Wednesday in the Legislature, setting the stage for another sharp debate on the volatile issue. Introducing LB1021 were Sens. Bernice Labedz, Tim Hall, Marge Higgins and Dan Lynch, all of Omaha, Rex Haberman of Imperial, John DeCamp of Neligh and James Pappas of North Platte. The bill would create a five-member Lottery Commission, which would determine what form of lottery would be established in Nebraska.

Nebraskans who were adopted could obtain information about their biological mothers and their medical histories. "What greater right can an individual have than to know their roots," Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh said in touting his LB1031, known as the Adoption Information Act.

Nebraskans who adopt foreign-born people would have an easier time getting state birth certificates. Sen. Shirley Marsh of Lincoln sponsored LB1024. She said current law is "unclear" regarding foreign adoptions and delays occur as a result. Under the senator's bill, Nebraska courts would recognize a legal adoption by state residents of a foreign-born person when a court of another country issued the adoption decree.

Lawmakers gave initial approval to a bill designed to protect consumers by requiring that money involved in pre-burial agreements with the cemetery industry be placed in trusts. "We believe that this proposal will ensure Nebraska's consumers of a dependable marketplace while at the same time encouraging private enterprise to engage in a positive consumer sales program relating to pre-need sales," said Sen. Lowell Johnson of North Bend. Johnson and Sen. James Pappas of North Platte are co-sponsoring LB643, which was advanced 27-0 to the second-stage of floor action. An accompanying appropriations bill also was advanced.

In Brief

Soviets announce new arms plan

MOSCOW — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced in a statement read on national television Wednesday that the Soviet Union is proposing a plan for "ridding the earth of nuclear weapons within 15 years."

The statement, on the eye of the fourth round of Geneva arms control talks between the Soviet Union and the United States, said the Soviets also will extend a unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing for another three months.

Reagan to return for colon checkup

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, who underwent surgery seven months ago for removal of a cancerous tumor from his colon, will return to Bethesda Naval Hospital on Friday for his first follow-up examination to check for any new growths in the bowels.

Spokesman Larry Speakes said Wednesday Reagan would undergo a colonoscopy, the same type of examination in which doctors discovered the tumor last July. Speakes said the president "feels great" and called the procedure routine.

Journalist-in-Space surge predicted

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The Journalist-in-Space program had received only 230 applications by Tuesday, but a program spokesman said he expects a flood of last-minute applications because a journalist is "a creature of deadline."

More than 4,000 applications had been sent out since early December, but as of Jan. 10, only 49 had been received.

Bass said the search is an attempt to find someone who can describe the experience in a way that scientists and astronauts cannot. The winner will be announced April 17 and will fly a space shuttle mission in the fall, Bass said.

Jackson plans midterm meeting

WASHINGTON — As part of the effort to modify its image, the Democratic Party dropped plans to hold a midterm conference this year, but now the Rev. Jesse Jackson is planning to hold a convention of his own.

While it will have no formal ties to the Democratic Party, the conclave sponsored by Jackson's Rainbow Coalition is likely to attract many of the activists who found party midterms a handy forum for expressing their discontent.

"It's something we need to do since they're not doing it," said Frank Watkins, spokesman for the Jackson group.

Study links cholesterol, artery damage

BOSTON — The earliest stages of hardening of the arteries can be seen in teen-agers who have high cholesterol levels in their blood, and efforts to control this lethal condition should begin during childhood, researchers say.

Hardening of the arteries — what doctors call atherosclerosis — is a major underlying cause of heart attacks, strokes and other diseases of the blood vessels. Cholesterol in the blood is a key culprit in this condition.

A new study found that youngsters who have relatively high blood cholesterol levels also are most likely to have fatty streaks of cholesterol in their blood vessels.

Single-family home boost expected

WASHINGTON — More abundant in income than offspring, the maturing Baby Boomers are likely to boost sales of single-family homes during the next decade, but the outlook isn't rosy for apartment builders, a private population study group reported Wednesday.

The first members of the Baby Boom generation, people born in the period just after World War II, are about to enter their 40s, years of increasing affluence when people traditionally are married and seeking to move from apartments and starter homes into more costly surroundings, according to the study by the Population Reference Bureau.

Nelson manager denies cocaine reports

Published reports Wednesday suggested that a fire ignited by "free-basing" cocaine caused the New Year's Eve plane crash that killed rock 'n' roll star Rick Nelson and six other people, but Nelson's manager and brother vehemently denied the possibility.

"That's pure nonsense," manager Greg McDonald said when contacted at his Palm Springs home about the stories in the Washington Post and Dallas Morning News.

The Post quoted unidentified sources as saying preliminary reports indicate Nelson's body contained a measurable level of unmetabolized cocaine, which means the drug had not been absorbed into his system at the time of death. But the sources said final laboratory reports are not available yet.

State's 'hunger counties' identified

OMAHA — Nebraska Social Services Director Gina Dunning says 10 Nebraska counties identified in a national report as having potential hunger problems also show up on a recent state report as being among Nebraska's most poverty-ridden counties.

Based on the state and national findings, Dunning said Tuesday, "There are people in Nebraska who are not getting enough to eat."

The 10 counties identified in a report by the Physicians Task Force on Hunger at the Harvard School of Public Health and by the state report are Nance, Sherman, Antelope, Greeley, Boyd, Knox, Morrill, Wheeler, Logan and Blaine.

Record deficit to hit \$220 billion

WASHINGTON — Congressional and administration budget officials said Wednesday federal deficit for fiscal 1986 will exceed a staggering \$220 billion and trigger the first round of government-wide spending cuts under the new Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law.

In separate projections required under the new law, the White House Office of Management and Budget predicted a deficit of \$220.1 billion, while the Congressional Budget Office said that this year's red ink would amount to \$220.9 billion.

Last fiscal year's deficit was \$212 billion.