

# Sports

## NCAA blasts DH sports staff

By Jimmy Olsen  
Staff Infection

The Daily Halfaskan sports department was informed Thursday by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Student Newspaper Infractions Committee (NCAA-SNIC) that it has been placed on three-year, full-sanction probation.

The announcement ended a five-month investigation by the NCAA-SNIC.

Members of the DH sports staff were cited for 198 separate violations, most for improper use of complimentary media passes provided to them by various college sports information departments for the coverage of sporting events. However, some of the violations were more severe.

Six members of the DH sports department — including sports editor Chuck Green — were apprehended by Lincoln police officers Thursday morning and late Thursday night for some of the major violations.

"They were doing some pretty bad stuff," said Lester K. Hardass, NCAA-SNIC director. "There was a lot of under-the-table money involved, and Green and some of his higher-up staffers were involved in some very unorthodox recruiting methods."

According to the report released by the NCAA-SNIC, Green was cited for 41 violations, ranging from misuse of complimentary media passes to the allocation of payments from a secret DH sports slush fund that was used for the recruitment of sports writers.

Green also admitted to receiving more than \$100,000 in August 1985 to sign with the DH.

"I have pretty expensive tastes," Green said from his jail cell Thursday night.

The payments approved by Green were used to buy cars, meals, clothes, jewelry and other gifts for recruits. There is also strong evidence that Green had sold several of his complimentary media passes for as much as \$1,000 each.

"That's ridiculous," Green said. "I never got more than \$800 for them. Hey, wait a minute! Don't write that down!"

NCAA-SNIC bylaw 8,345,878, subsection C-4, paragraph 11 states: "... College newspaper sports editors may not, under any circumstances, allocate payments in cash or property form, to potential writers who are not yet employed by the respective publication. After that, who cares?"

The other five staff members arrested include:

- Jeff Apel, next fall's DH sports editor. Apel was cited for three counts of improper use of media passes and four counts of improper contact with female athletes.

- Rich Cooper, a third-year member of the DH. Cooper allegedly made three trips to his home in San Jose, Calif. between October 1985 and December 1986, and was improperly reimbursed by Green. The amount paid to Cooper was more than four times what the original airline tickets cost.

- Mark Derowitsch, a new member of the DH staff this spring. Derowitsch, who admitted taking gifts and cash payments to join the DH, offered new recruits up to \$5,000 cash to sign on at

least three occasions. Derowitsch also arranged for a \$400 check to be turned over to a prospective writer for the purchase of a set of automotive snow tires.

- Tim Hartmann, DH sports senior reporter. Hartmann was cited on 23 counts of improper use of media passes — including the sale of 11 media passes — and 13 counts of improper cash payments to DH sports-department recruits.

"Green made me do it," Hartmann said. "Yeah, he made me do it. He... he told me that... that it was OK. Yeah! That's the ticket!"

Hartmann also admitted to receiving cash payments to sign with the DH last fall.

- Steve Sipple, a sophomore reporter on the staff. Sipple was cited on three counts of misuse of media passes and is still under investigation in connection with a 1986 Greenwood Corvette being driven by another unnamed sports writer. Sipple allegedly gave the writer a ride to a convenience store in which he contacted a loan shark to finance the payments for the Corvette. NCAA-SNIC bylaw 13,445,720, sub-section A-4, paragraph four states: "... No writer can provide transportation for another staff member to meet a loan shark at a convenience store unless the ride occurs between the hours of 3 p.m. and midnight, and can occur only on a Tuesday."

The ride Sipple provided was on a Friday. An unidentified source close to the situation said that the unnamed reporter "could already have an agent."

The six staff members face penalties that could place them in prison for up to 25 years and ban them from ever writing for a news publication again.

The DH sports department as a whole also will suffer a series of severe penalties handed down by the NCAA-SNIC. They include:

- Only one media pass for the next three academic years for any sporting event.

- No free food will be allowed to DH sports writers in the press box or designated press area.

- DH sports writers will be required to sit in the back rows of sports press conferences for the next three academic years.

- No media passes will be provided by opposing schools for road games.

- Administrative changes must be made throughout the DH sports department.

Daily Halfaskan administrators are planning to appeal the penalties, according to Dan Shattil, DH general manager.

Jeff Korbek, DH editor, said he was very unhappy about the ruling.

"I'm very unhappy about the ruling," Korbek said. "We're very, very angry. This is a travesty."

The NCAA-SNIC will meet for an emergency session Sunday to discuss further sanctions that may be imposed on the DH.

Nebraska Chancellor Martian Coffinail said he was very unoptimistic about the fate of the six DH staffers.

"I'm very unoptimistic about the fate of the six DH staffers," he said. "I really don't know what to say. Personally, I hope they get what they deserve... but don't write that down."



Andrea Hoy-Vay/Daily Halfaskan

Chuck Green, DH sports editor, is approached Thursday by Lincoln police officers about major violations cited by the NCAA-SNIC.



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After a brief struggle to escape, Green is apprehended by the officers and handcuffed to prevent further attempts at getting away.



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Green is then whisked away to jail by the police officers. Green faces charges of misuse of complimentary media passes and forwarding money to DH sports-writer recruits.

### Students', coaches' emotions mixed over NCAA-SNIC ruling on DH

By Lou Grant  
Staff Writer

NJ students' emotions varied Thursday night on the NCAA-SNIC's decision to punish the Daily Halfaskan sports department for improper practices.

The NCAA-SNIC imposed sanctions after an investigation uncovered six DH sports writers' involvement in misdeeds in violation of the organization's bylaws.

Senior Josh Grodzemuller, a member of the student body, was interviewed about the decision. He said the ruling was "a pretty tough one" and "I guess those

guys at the Halfaskan deserved what they got. They did so much."

Some students felt that the NCAA-SNIC was picking on the newspaper.

"They're just being jerks about it," Walter Ho said. "That those guys (the NCAA-SNIC) want after the football team — God knows they wouldn't cheat — and now they're going after our campus newspaper. What's next? Quarterback Hall's wind tunnel?"

Others weren't as compassionate toward the DH.

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