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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI (FLORIDA) PLACED ON NCAA PROBATION

MISSION, KANSAS--The University of Miami (Florida) has been placed on probation for two years by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions as a result of violations occurring in the conduct of the university is intercollegiate football program.

The penalty includes sanctions during the first year of the probationary period that prohibit the university's football team from participating in a postseason bowl game following the 1981 football season. In addition, the university will be permitted to award only 20 initial grants-in-aid (rather than the normal limit of 30) to new student-athletes in the sport of football during the 1982-83 academic year.

In accordance with the "showcause" provision of the NCAA penalty structure, the university also was required to reprimand an assistant football coach for his lack of candor in reporting the facts related to one finding of violation.

The university will be permitted to appear on NCAA football telecasts during the probationary period.

"The majority of the findings in this case," said Charles Alan Wright, chair, NCAA Committee on Infractions, "involved NCAA legislation governing recruiting. Accordingly, the committee believed a severe limit on new grants-in-aid would be appropriate in this case to offset any recruiting advantage that may have been gained improperly by the university."

Wright also noted, "The committee believes that this case is the result of a lack of attention to NCAA recruiting requirements, rather than a pattern of unethical inducements to prospective student-athletes. The committee believes the penalty in this case is meaningful and appropriate in that it relates to the responsibility of the institution and directly affects the institution's recruitment of future student-athletes."

The university did not appeal the Committee on Infractions' findings or penalty in this case. The committee found violations of NCAA legislation related to the principles governing extra benefits to student-athletes, financial aid, practice seasons, various recruiting regulations and certification of compliance with NCAA legislation.

The following is a complete text of the penalty imposed upon the University of Miami and a summary of the violations in the case.

Penalty To Be Imposed Upon Institution

- 1. The University of Miami shall be publicly reprimanded and censured, and placed on probation for a period of two years effective November 2, 1981, it being understood that prior to the expiration of the period of probation, the NCAA shall review the athletic policies and practices of the university.
- 2. The university's intercollegiate football team shall end its 1981 season with the playing of its last, regularly scheduled in-season contest and the university shall not be eligible to participate in any postseason football competition.
- 3. During the 1982-83 academic year, no more than 20 student-athletes in the sport of football shall be recipients of initial, athletically related financial aid (as set forth in 0.1. 600) which has been arranged for or awarded by the University of Miami.
- 4. In accordance with the "show cause" provision of the NCAA penalty structure, the university shall reprimand an assistant football coach for his lack of candor in determining the facts related to a finding of violation.

Summary of Violations of NCAA Legislation

NCAA Bylaws 1-8-(j) and 1-8-(l) [transportation and entertainment] (a) 1. During the 1979-80 academic year, during his official paid visit to the university's campus, a prospective student-athlete was transported approximately 30 miles where he was entertained for several drinks; (b) On at least two occasions during the 1979-80 academic year, a former assistant football coach provided two prospective student-athletes round-trip automobile transportation at no cost to them between their high school and a restaurant in another city where they were entertained for a meal at no cost to the young men; (c) On at least two occasions during the 1979-80 academic year, a former assistant football coach provided a prospective student-athlete round-trip automobile transportation at no cost to him between his high school and a local restaurant where the prospective studentathlete was entertained for meals at no cost to him; (d) During the 1978-79 academic year, an assistant football coach provided one-way automobile transportation to a prospective student-athlete's stepfather at no cost to him from the Miami International Airport to a hotel near the university's campus; further, the assistant football coach entertained the individual for a meal at no cost to him

at a local restaurant during this visit, and finally, this transportation and entertainment was not provided in conjunction with an official paid visit to the university by the prospective student-athlete; (e) During the 1977-78 academic year, a former head football coach provided two prospective student-athletes round-trip automobile transportation at no cost to them between their homes and a local restaurant where they were entertained for a meal at no cost to them, and (f) On at least two occasions during the 1977-78 academic year, an assistant football coach entertained two prospective student-athletes for meals at no cost to them at a restaurant in another city.

- 2. NCAA Bylaw I-8-(j) [transportation and entertainment] -- (a) During the 1978-79 academic year, a representative of the university's athletic interests gave a prospective student-athlete tickets to professional basketball and hockey games at no cost to the young man; (b) During the 1978-79 academic year, a representative of the university's athletic interests provided a prospective studentathlete round-trip automobile transportation at no cost to the young man between his home and another city where the representative gave the young man a ticket to watch a professional football game; (c) On two occasions during the 1978-79 academic year, members of the university's football coaching staff provided a prospective student-athlete one-way automobile transportation from his high school to the young man¹ 5 home; (d) On one occasion during the 1977-78 academic year, the university entertained numerous prospective student-athletes aboard a yacht harbored at a local marina at no cost to the young men; further, snacks and soft drinks were served on this occasion, and finally, this entertainment was not provided in conjunction with the young men's official paid visits to the university's campus; (e) During the spring of the 1977-78 academic year, a representative of the university's athletic interests entertained three prospective student-athletes for two meals and provided them overnight lodging at no cost to them at his home; (f) During the spring of the 1977-78 academic year, a representative of the university's athletic interests provided a prospective studentathlete round-trip automobile transportation at no cost to him between his home and the home of another representative of the university's athletic interests; (g) On at least four occasions during the spring of the 1976-77 academic year, an assistant football coach provided two prospective student-athletes local automobile transportation at no cost to them between their high school and their homes, and (h) During the summer following the 1976-77 academic year, an assistant football coach provided two prospective student-athletes one-way automobile transportation at no cost to them from a local bus station to the university's campus.
- 3. NCAA Bylaw l-l-(b) [improper recruiting inducement] -- In November 1978, during the official paid visit to the university's campus of a prospective student-athlete, a representative of the university's athletic interests offered to provide: (i) the young man's parents round-trip airline transportation at no cost to them between their home and the university's campus for each home football

game during the prospective student-athlete's attendance, and (ii) spending money for the young man during his attendance at the university.

- 4. NCAA Bylaw 1-1-(b)-(1) [improper recruiting inducement] -- (a) On numerous occasions during the 1979-80 academic year, an assistant football coach loaned a prospective student-athlete an automobile for his personal use and on one of these occasions, the coach gave the young man cash for gasoline; (b) During a period beginning with the 1977-78 academic year and continuing through at least the 1979-80 academic year, the university's football coaching staff and representatives of the university's athletic interests provided numerous prospective student-athletes with T-shirts, football jerseys and hats at no cost to them during their official paid campus visits or during off-campus recruiting contacts; (c) During the summer following the 1977-78 academic year, members of the university's football coaching staff provided four prospective studentathletes use of university football equipment at no cost to them to participate in the 1978 state all-star football game, and (d) For an approximate five- to six-week period during the summer following the 1976-77 academic year, an assistant football coach arranged for two prospective student-athletes to reside in university housing at no cost to them.
- 5. NCAA Bylaw l-8-(h) [transportation] -- During a period of approximately five to six weeks in the summer following the 1976-77 academic year, an assistant football coach paid the gasoline expenses of a former student-athlete to provide two prospective student-athletes local automobile transportation to and from the site of their summer jobs.
- 6. NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(b)-(l), 1-8-(j) and 1-8-(l) [improper recruiting inducements, entertainment] -- During February 1977, while recruiting two prospective student-athletes, an assistant football coach provided the young men round-trip automobile transportation at no cost to them between their homes and a nearby city where the young men were provided improper entertainment, lodging, souvenirs and a meal.
- 7. NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(b)-(2), 1-8-(j) and 1-8-(l) [improper recruiting inducement and entertainment] -- (a) On approximately six occasions during the 1979-80 academic year, a representative of the university's athletic interests employed a prospective student-athlete prior to the completion of his senior year in high school; further, on two of these occasions, the representative entertained the young man for a meal at no cost to him at a local restaurant, and (b) On three occasions during the 1979-80 academic year, a representative of the university's athletic interests employed a prospective student-athlete prior to the completion of his senior year in high school; further, on each of these occasions, the representative entertained the young man for meals at no cost to him at restaurants.

- 8. NCAA Bylaws 1-8-(i)-(5) and 1-8-(j) [transportation and entertainment] -(a) In February 1979, during the official paid visit to the university's campus of two prospective student-athletes, the young men were transported approximately 30 miles by their dates for entertainment purposes; (b) During the 1979-80 academic year, during the official paid visit to the university's campus of a prospective student-athlete, a student host entertained the young man and their dates for a meal at a local restaurant at the expense of the university, and (c) During the 1976-77 academic year, on the official paid visits to the university's campus of two prospective student-athletes, the university paid the meal expenses of their student host, the two prospective student-athletes and their dates.
- 9. NCAA Bylaw 1-8-(j)-(2)-(i) [entertainment] -- During a period beginning in the fall of the 1976-77 academic year and continuing through at least the spring of the 1979-80 academic year, members of the university's football coaching staff provided cash in excess of \$10 per day for student-athletes to entertain prospective student-athletes during their official paid visits to the university's campus.
- 10. NCAA Bylaw l-8-(j)-(4) [entertainment] -- During a period beginning with the 1976-77 academic year and continuing through at least the spring of the 1979-80 academic year, the university's football coaching staff provided student-athletes the use of automobiles to provide local transportation for prospective student-athletes making their official visits to the university's campus.
- 11. NCAA Bylaws 1-8-(j)-(3) and 1-8-(j)-(4) [entertainment] -- During a period beginning in the fall of the 1978-79 academic year and continuing through at least the spring of the 1979-80 academic year, the university's football coaching staff provided the use of automobiles to members of a student athletic support organization to provide local transportation for prospective student-athletes making their official paid visits to the university's campus.
- 12. NCAA Bylaw 1-8-(j)-(3) [entertainment] -- During the spring of the 1978-79 academic year, on the official paid visit to the university's campus of a prospective student-athlete, the young man was provided excessive entertainment (meal and beverages) at a local restaurant.
- 13. NCAA Bylaw l-6-(a) [tryouts] -- (a; On various occasions during the spring of the 1976-77 academic year, while recruiting a prospective student-athlete, an assistant football coach arranged for the young man to participate in the university's football practice sessions and weight training sessions; (b) In February 1979, during the official paid visit to the university's campus of a prospective student-athlete, the young man was permitted to participate in a university football practice session; (c) On numerous occasions during the spring of the 1977-78 academic year while recruiting four prospective student-athletes, an assistant football coach arranged for the young men to participate in workout sessions on the university's campus where they demonstrated their athletic ability

in the sport of football; (d) During the spring of the 1978-79 academic year, on the official paid visit to the university' 5 campus of a prospective student-athlete, an assistant football coach arranged for the young man to participate in a workout session in which he demonstrated his athletic ability in the sport of football, and (e) During the summer of 1979, during a visit to the university' 5 campus 0£ a prospective student-athlete, a former assistant football coach conducted a workout session in which the young man demonstrated his athletic ability in the sport of football.

- 14. NCAA Constitution 3-l-(g)-(5) and 3-4-(a) [extra benefits and financial aid] -- During the fall of the 1978-79 academic year, a representative of the university's athletic interests gave a former student-athlete cash for his personal achievements during the football season.
- 15. NCAA Constitution 3-l-(g)-(5) and 3-4-(a) [extra benefits and financial aid] -- During the summer following the 1978-79 academic year, a representative of the university's athletic interests loaned a student-athlete cash, which the student-athlete used as a down payment on an automobile.
- 16. NCAA Constitution 3-l-(g)-(5) [financial aid] -- (a) During the summer following the 1978-79 academic year, an assistant football coach loaned a student-athlete a gasoline credit card for a personal trip home; further, the associated costs were later repaid; (b) In December 1979, an assistant football coach loaned a former student-athlete cash for a two-week period; (c) During the 1979-80 academic year, an assistant football coach loaned a student-athlete cash for his personal use, which was repaid a short time later, and (d) During the summer following the 1979-80 academic year, the head football coach arranged for a student-athlete to be provided cash to pay personal expenses.
- 17. NCAA Bylaw 3-l-(a) [out-of-season practice] -- During the winter of the 1978-79 academic year, members of the university's intercollegiate football team participated in organized, out-of-season football practice activities conducted under the direction and supervision of the university's football coaching staff.
- 18. NCAA Bylaw l-2-(a)-(l) [recruiting contacts] -- (a) During the 1979-80 academic year, three prospective student-athletes were contacted in person, off campus for recruiting purposes on more than three occasions by members of the university's football coaching staff; (b) During the 1978-79 academic year, four prospective student-athletes were contacted in person, off campus for recruiting purposes on more than three occasions by members of the university's football coaching staff; (c) During the 1977-78 academic year, three prospective student-athletes were contacted in person, off campus for recruiting purposes on more than three occasions by members of the university's football coaching staff, and (d) During the 1976-77 academic year, two prospective student-athletes were contacted in person, off campus for recruiting purposes on more than three occasions by members of the university's football coaching staff.

- 19. NCAA Bylaws l-8-(j) and 7-l-(e) [entertainment and coaching staff limitations] -- During the spring of the 1977-78 and 1979-80 academic years, numerous prospective student-athletes were entertained for meals at the home of a representative of the university's athletic interests at the expense of the university; further, on at least one of these occasions, members of the football coaching staff were present at this gathering.
- 20. NCAA Bylaw l-l-(b)-(2) [improper recruiting inducements] -- (a) During the summer following the 1978-79 academic year, a representative of the university's athletic interests arranged employment for a prospective student-athlete prior to the completion of the young man's senior year in high school, and (b) During the 1979-80 academic year, a former assistant football coach employed a prospective student-athlete prior to the completion of his senior year in high school.
- 21. NCAA Bylaws 1-2-(a)-(3) and 1-8-(j) [recruiting contacts and entertainment] -- During the spring of the 1977-78 academic year, a prospective student-athlete was contacted in person, off campus for recruiting purposes by a representative of the university's athletic interests prior to the completion of his junior year in high school; further, this contact occurred at a local restaurant where the representative also entertained the young man for a meal at no cost to him.
- 22. NCAA Bylaw 1-8-(i)-(5) [entertainment] -- In December 1979, while accompanying a prospective student-athlete on his official paid visit to the university's campus, the prospective student-athlete's brother was provided lodging and a meal by the university at no cost to him.
- 23. NCAA Bylaw 1-4-(a)-(2) [improper publicity] -- In February 1979, a former assistant football coach had personal contact with a media representative at the time a prospective student-athlete signed a National Letter of Intent with the university.
- 24. NCAA Constitution 3-4-(g) [financial aid] -- (a) During the summer following the 1979-80 academic year, the university failed to notify two student-athletes of their opportunity for a hearing before the institution' 5 financial aid authority at the time the university determined that the student-athlete's athletic grants-in-aid would not be renewed for the 1980-81 academic year, and (b) During the summer following the 1978-79 academic year, the university failed to notify a student-athlete of his opportunity for a hearing before the institution's financial aid authority at the time the university determined that his athletic grantin-aid would not be renewed for the 1979-80 academic year.
- 25. NCAA Bylaw 5-6-(d)-(4) [certification of compliance with NCAA legislation] -- With full knowledge at the time that certain practices were not in compliance with NCAA legislation, certain individuals attested on statements

filed with the chief executive officer of the university from the summer of 1977 through the summer of 1980, that they had reported to the chief executive officer their knowledge of and involvement in any violation of NCAA legislation involving the university.

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