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Oregon faces the loss of TV money and more

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Because of that, Oregon's response to the NCAA's charges will be similar to the report sent long ago.

"We're putting it into the format that they have requested," explained Hawk. "We'll be sending back to them essentially the things we've given them before, but organized a little differently and in some cases embellished a little more."

At least two weeks after Oregon's response is received, a five-member "compliance committee" will meet for three days to review Oregon's case. During that time the University will be asked to give an oral presentation, Hawk says.

"We really aren't that sure of how the review will take place," Hawk admitted. "I don't know whether we go in and repeat verbally what we've given them in writing or whether they ask a lot of questions and we respond to their inquiries."

Once that step is taken, the Duck's fate will be in the hands of the NCAA.

"I'm told that they will actually make their decision the day of the presentation on what our penalties might be," Hawk said, "but we won't know it for another week to ten days."

The big question, of course, is what will the NCAA decide?

"It's hard to tell," said Oregon football coach Rich Brooks. "Whenever they decide on the meeting, which could be in December, or January, or March, whenever we can get on the docket, we'll have a better idea what's going to happen."

"I feel confident we won't get off scot-free," said Hawk. "But whether they'll take into consideration the fact that we've already suffered certain punishments is just guesswork."

Those punishments include actions taken by the Pac-10 in Aug. 1980 that made Oregon ineligible for any post-season games that year. The Pac-10 also

Bay will predict whether the Pac-10 sanctions will be taken into consideration by the NCAA.

"They may or may not," Bay said. "They're certainly not under any obligation to do so."

David Berst, NCAA director of enforcement, admitted that "actions taken by a conference would have some effect on any decisions we would make." Berst declined to comment specifically, however, on the Oregon case.

Another plus factor for Oregon, Hawk feels, is that an internal house-cleaning was held, resulting in the firing of Brooks and five other coaches by former University president William Boyd.

"We didn't wait for somebody to come in and investigate us, we conducted our own investigation and then shared the results with people," Hawk said. "We took action against the coaches involved. We did a whole series of things, and I think that's kind of unprecedented."

Oregon also declared seven football players ineligible in July, 1980. The NCAA later reduced the penalties for six of the players and dismissed the other altogether.

Predicting what the NCAA will decide is a tricky business at best. The most likely penalties, however, include:

- A ban on television appearances
- A ban on post-season competition
- A reduction in scholarships
- Probation



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Ray Hawk

The combination and length of the penalties, if indeed there are any penalties, is open to speculation, but Hawk says that, "it's probably in that range of combinations. I think most of the schools that have major violations wind up with television money and bowl appearances as being the major way to get at them."

A loss of potential television or bowl appearances would be a blow to an Oregon athletic department that is already searching for new ways to cut costs. Television money means windfalls ranging into the six-figure bracket.

"If those (penalties) were implemented they would of course have an effect on us financially, and I think it would be severe," Bay said. "We need the possibility

of appearing on television simply because of the budget."

A loss in scholarships would present a different problem.

"That affects us in a competitive sense," Bay said. "When you have to recruit fewer people than you're doing battle with each week, there's no question about that."

Probation would probably mean little more than an occasional check on procedure at the athletic department, but it would still present an undesired situation.

"From the standpoint of institutional image, it doesn't help to be on probation," Bay continued. "Any sort of reprimand is damaging, regardless of what degree that may be. But certainly if we had our choice, we'd rather be on probation than be denied appearing on television."

No matter what the NCAA decides, the strongest feeling among Oregon officials will probably be relief when the whole affair is finished.

But what effect has the scandal had on the University and the people involved? What, if anything, has been learned since those first reports began surfacing nearly two years ago?

"I think that the constant public exposure that both athletes and coaches have had, in a negative sense, has caused a lot of heartache and anguish for them," Hawk said. "Individuals have certainly suffered."

"I don't really think there's been that much of an effect on the rest of the University," said University Pres. Paul Olum. "I think that when all of this broke out the faculty and students were certainly distressed, but other than that..."

"There were obviously some serious problems and some things that happened that shouldn't have happened," Brooks said. "I think that it was played-up to a greater degree than it should have been, but there's no question that some action needed to be taken. Whether there will be further action taken and how severe it would be, I'd have to wait and see to make a final judgment on that."

One positive change that appears to have been made within the athletic department is an effort to prevent a similar scandal from happening again.

"Now, when summer school time comes around, if an athlete needs to go to summer school, there's



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a very thorough process to check out," Brooks said. "Most of the courses must be taken here on campus. If they're not, they are checked out through the faculty athletic representative and approved prior to the student even enrolling in the class."

In addition, other potential trouble spots have been cleared up.

"We now have a system where every telephone call is logged," Hawk said. "Athletes have been screened off from using the various services for personal calls."

"We've also established a system on the fiscal side so it's impossible now for anyone to travel and we not know who's got tickets out and if they're not used and get turned in for credit," Hawk added. "These are things where there should have been controls before, and now there are."

According to Hawk, the athletic department is showing no scars from the past.

"We're finding the department functioning with the strongest cohesiveness and the best morale that I've seen for a long time," Hawk said. "Maybe this is profiting over adversity, I'd like to think that it is."

If there is a moral to this story, Hawk has one. "I like to believe that what we've been through has been a lesson for a lot of people," Hawk concluded. "It's something that people now recognize as not the way to play the game."

Boyd took matters into his hands



Emerald photo
President William Boyd resigned from the University presidency only a few weeks after announcing fines totaling \$9,000 against six Oregon coaches

The Oregon athletic scandal came to a head on February 14, 1980.

William Boyd, then-University Pres. called a news conference to make an announcement to the media regarding the still-growing credit scam.

An article that appeared in the Emerald the following day tells the story:

Penalties totaling \$9,000 have been levied by University Pres. William Boyd against six coaches, including head football coach Rich Brooks, for violations relating to the bogus credit scandal at the University.

Included along with Brooks were four assistant football coaches and a swim coach, all of whom Boyd refused to name at a morning press conference at the Collier House.

The latest twist in the continuing investigation into the bogus credit scandal was the disclosure by Boyd that an unauthorized football account

totaling \$6,011 existed at a local business that supplied services to the athletic department.

Boyd said written reprimands will also be entered in each of the personal records of the six coaches in addition to the monetary fines.

"The severest fine is on coach Brooks, and they (the fines) descend downward from there," said Boyd, who appeared at the press conference with Prof. Peter Swan, who coordinated the University's internal investigation, and Athletic Director John Caine.

Boyd, defending his refusal to name the coaches that were fined, declared that "the release of those names would be an unnecessary invasion of their privacy."

The six-page public statement Boyd presented was the latest product of an internal investigation into the athletic department directed by Swan over the past few months, which Boyd labeled "substantially complete."



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Athletic Director John Caine, for years the head of an embattled athletic department, also left soon afterwards, giving up the reins to Rick Bay.

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