

Sports

Colleges May Defend Alleged Violations

New York, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Seven colleges charged with violations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's "sanity code" were given a last chance today to plead their cases before facing expulsion proceedings on the NCAA convention floor Saturday.

At least one and possibly four of the seven were expected to send a representative before a joint session of the NCAA's executive committee, general council and compliance committee with arguments to show why the code governing aid to athletes is unworkable in their respective schools.

Vote Due Saturday
If their pleas fail, the convention will vote Saturday on whether to expel them from the NCAA. A two-thirds majority is required.

Baugh May Quit Pro Grid Racket

Washington, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—The Washington Redskins indicated today they will give Slingin' Sammy Baugh a release from his professional player contract if he wants to become head football coach at Baylor university. There was nothing definite yet. Baylor had not offered Baugh the job and the Redskins announced no official decision on releasing him.

But the famed passing star said he is "interested" in the Baylor position, and sources close to the Waco, Tex., school say the school's athletic committee seems to want him—if he can get loose from the 1950 contract he already has signed with the Redskins.

Basketball

Columbia 58, Fordham 51
Army 61, Harvard 58
Colgate 68, Clarkson 52
Carnegie Tech 62, Pittsburgh 42
Villanova 64, Rutgers 57
Princeton 72, Penn 53
Dartmouth 60, Maryland 58
Rhode Island State 70, Brown 59
Trinity (Conn.) 60, Yale 56
Navy 54, Johns Hopkins 40
Wake Forest 50, Furman 41
Georgia 64, Mercer 57
Houston U. 63, Hardin 38
Loyola (Chicago) 59, Marquette 56
Notre Dame 58, St. 52
Arizona 60, Texas Western 58
Occidental 57, Chapman 52
St. Mary's 48, College of Pacific 47

President Colgate Darden of the University of Virginia was expected to lead the defense. It was believed that three southern conference schools involved—Virginia Tech, Virginia Military Academy and The Citadel—also would be represented.

Names of the three other colleges have not been revealed. A sampling of delegates with voting power indicated considerable difference of opinion on whether the seven would be kicked out or given another chance to comply with the code.

Other Investigations
The NCAA compliance committee, meanwhile, went ahead with its investigations of at least three other colleges for actions next year. Seven more were said to be likely candidates for further investigations.

In one of the several major side meetings, the American Football Coaches association was scheduled to hear its rules committee's report on a decision to recommend retention of two-platoon football.

The rules committee voted unanimously yesterday to leave the mass substitution rule "as is" but further recommended that one substitution be allowed after each down while the clock is running.

Ben Hogan Heads North for Golf

Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Ben Hogan, confident but not cocky, headed northward today for the Bing Crosby pro-amateur tournament at Pebble Beach, Calif., in the second stride of his magnificent return to the top of golfdom.

The final chapter in Hogan's courageous performance in the \$15,000 Los Angeles open became anti-climatic yesterday when rains forced postponement until next Wednesday of his playoff with Sam Snead for \$2,600 first-place money.

By then Battlin' Ben will have had another tourney to strengthen his battered legs, which are still wobbly after the automobile crash which almost cost him his life last winter.

Minor Leagues Retain Bonus Rule Regulation

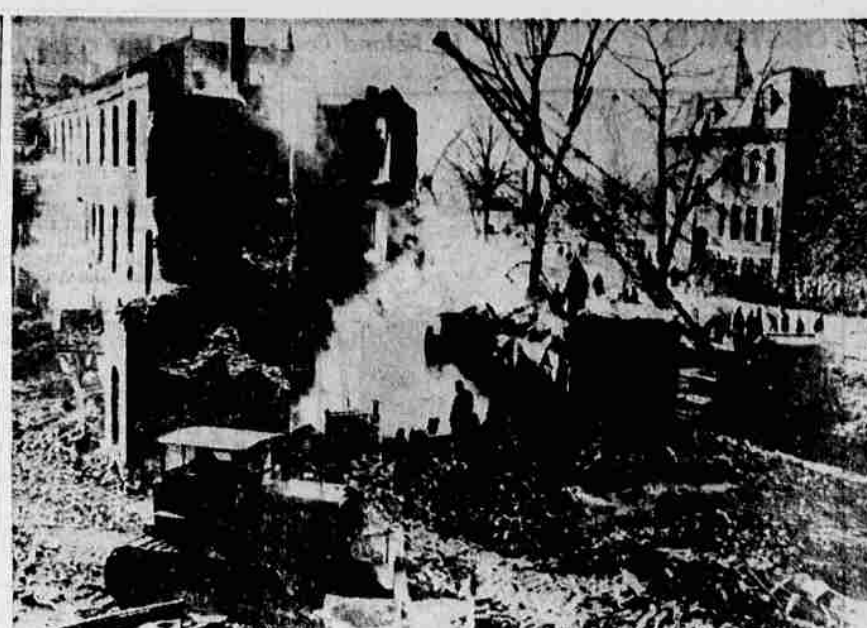
Columbus, O., Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—The minor leagues have voted to retain the controversial bonus rule, it was learned reliably today.

The 455 minor league clubs affiliated with the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues, in a mail vote just completed, voted to keep the bonus rule despite the major league repealing of the rule last December.

It was not learned immediately, however, by what margin the minor league clubs voted to keep the rule in effect.

SEATTLE PLAYER SIGNS

Seattle, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Frank Colman, Seattle Rainier first baseman and outfielder, has returned his signed contract for the 1950 Pacific Coast league baseball season.



31 PERISH IN HOSPITAL BLAZE—Heavy-duty equipment moves in to probe and clear the ruins of the women's mental building of Mercy Hospital at Davenport, Ia., after a flash fire turned the 60-year-old building into a raging death trap. At least 31 persons perished in the blaze.

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

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Washington, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—The wets and the dries squared off today in the historic caucus room of the marble-halled senate office building.

The question: Shall we pass the Langer bill which would prohibit "the transportation in interstate commerce of advertising of alcoholic beverages?" The same sort of thing came up in congress a year or so ago.

The dries contend that such ads, which often show a man looking bright-eyed and bushy-tailed of a morn after a night of sipping Old Aunt Hetty gin, lead to excessive drinking. The youth of the land, the dries cry, is encouraged to bow to the demon rum.

R. E. Joyce, the president of Distilled Spirits Institute, Inc., has different ideas—and let it be said without delay that I am trying hard to take no sides and am presenting both sides as they show up.

Anyhow, Joyce says that pre-

Hockey

By United Press
The northern and southern divisions of the Pacific Coast Hockey league stood each other off last night.

The contending Tacoma Rockets from the north and the leading San Francisco Shamrocks from the south fought for 60 minutes and each came out with four goals.

In an exclusively southern division game the Los Angeles Monarchs swept past Fresno's Falcons 8-5 while Portland was humbling Seattle 7-3 to clamber out of the northern division basement.

The Portland win over Seattle gave the Penguins eight out of the last 10 games.

Ashland Riding Group Elects 1950 Officers

Ashland, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Walter P. Hamby was elected president of the Ashland Riding association at a meeting here this week. Other new officers include William M. Briggs, vice-president, and J. P. Daugherty, secretary.

The ten members of the association's board of directors include Hamby, Briggs, Daugherty, H. G. Enders, Clyde Caton, Dan Campbell, C. B. Harrison, Verne Thomas, Dave Kerr and Andy Anderson.

Plans were made at the meeting for activities for the year, including present repair work on the Valley View rodeo grounds and early spring shows.

The group will join with the Medford Trail riders for a covered dish supper and square dancing at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Phoenix school. The get-together is an annual event.

DITCH EXPANDS FAST

Macon, Ga. (U.P.)—Workmen wanted only to dig a three-foot-wide slit trench, but before they were done they thought they were shovelling a short cut to China. Every time a shovel cut the dirt, the ditch would cave in. The "three-foot ditch" finally stopped at 30 by 35 feet.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

Souvenirs Recall Bygone Splendor For White House

Washington (U.P.)—A woman whose mother was a bridesmaid in a White House wedding in 1874 has closed a gap in White House files.

Because of a fire in the state department some years ago, there are almost no records of past White House social functions. Mrs. Arthur Doig, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., now living in Washington, permitted the White House staff to copy some of her mother's souvenirs of several formal White House dinners.

Mrs. Edith Helm, White House social secretary, said one was significant because it shows the earliest recorded use of the President's seal on a formal dinner invitation.

Mrs. Doig's mother was Anna Barnes, daughter of the Army's surgeon general in the Grant administration. She was one of eight bridesmaids attending Nellie Grant at her marriage in 1874 to Algernon Sartoris, an Englishman.

Cards Elaborate

In connection with the wedding festivities Miss Barnes was invited to several dinners at the White House. She saved her invitations as well as her place cards.

Mrs. Helm observed that the place cards of 1874 were far more elaborate than those used in the White House now. Miss Barnes' card was four-by-five inches with an engraving of the White House over the guest's name. Now, Mrs. Helm said, the place cards carry the President's seal and the guests' name.

Mrs. Doig's souvenirs revealed that the White House dining hour has been pushed up considerably. The usual formal dinner there is billed for eight o'clock. Miss Barnes received one from the Grants for seven o'clock and one from President and Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes for six o'clock.

FIRE CHIEF'S FLAME

Albany, Ga. (U.P.)—The reputation of Fire Chief D. W. Brosnan must be getting around. He received a greeting card addressed to "the outfightin'est fire chief U.S.A." The card was postmarked from Clquitt, Ga., 50 miles away.

Roanoke, Va. (U.P.)—Roanoke city councilmen, who are paid \$3.29 a day, emerged from an eight hour and 20 minute session figuring they really had earned their day's wages.

Californian Plans To Fight State's Fair Trade Act

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—Grocer Charles Hawkins, who was forcibly carried off to jail for selling a bottle of wine for 6 cents less than the state fair trade act, was fighting mad today.

Hawkins said he planned to take two steps to get around the price law. He conferred with his lawyer about using his case as a test to overthrow the act. He also announced he would run for the powerful board of equalization, which is charged with enforcing it.

Feuding With Board

Hawkins has been feuding with the board for two years. The fight started when he persisted in selling beer and wine for less than the law said he should. He claimed he could sell his merchandise at any price he wanted to. The board then suspended his liquor license.

On Tuesday, a board agent bought a bottle of wine from Hawkins for 39 cents instead of the "legal" price of 45 cents. Then seven agents went to Hawkins' store to arrest him.

Carried To Jail

Warned of their coming, Hawkins barricaded his store and defied the agents to remove him. They broke down the door and carried him off to jail, kicking and screaming.

He and his clerk, Byron Norton, were arrested for disturbing the peace and for selling liquor without a license. Both will appear for a preliminary hearing January 19.

A Los Angeles court already has upheld California's price-fixing statute in a case that was not appealed. However, two other cases are pending in the state appellate court.

Music League Will Present Two Plaques

Hollywood, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—British composer Benjamin Britten and Movie Producer Arthur Freed will receive plaques February 10 from the Inter-American Music league for "the greatest contributions to music in 1949."

Britten's operas "Peter Grimes" and "Albert Herring" gave him the classical music award, the league said.

Freed won honors for the second consecutive year because of his work in the movies, "On The Town," "The Barkleys of Broadway" and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Dead line on Classified Ads: 8:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

LOANS

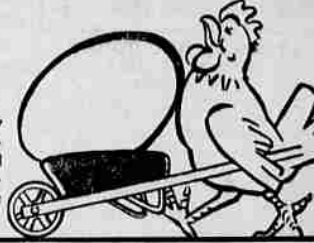
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Naming Of Negro First Citizen Under Attack

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—The title of "Negro First Citizen" just bestowed on Oliver E. Smith, Portland, was criticized today by the executive secretary of the Portland Urban league as "infamous, stupid and dishonest."

Secretary Edwin C. Berry blasted the method of selecting the Negro first citizen after Smith was given the honor by the Negro Democratic society.

Smith was supervising foreman at a night club until state liquor commission agents raided and closed it last month.

Berry said Smith was not a board member of the Urban league as listed in his "first citizen" qualifications, nor was he a board member of the National Association for the Advancement of colored people, NCAAP Vice-President Mrs. J. W. Ingersoll said Smith's board membership in the organization dated back several years.

MYSTERY EXPLAINED

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (U.P.)—Frank Breen, assistant city engineer, was amazed when the rain gauge registered three inches, for it hadn't rained the night before. A park department employee finally admitted sloshing an excess of water on the lawn near the gauge.

WAS IN DOGHOUSE!

Hillsdale, Mich. (U.P.)—Under-sheriff Estel Pifer said goodbye to his wife, locked the basement door, and went to work at the county jail. When he arrived home for dinner that night, he found his wife still locked in the basement.

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