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Oklahoma City Times

# NCAA to Challenge

The sun won't set on '72 without war re-erupting between the NCAA and AAU over control of international competition.

The NCAA won't mount its attack until after the summer Olympics because of the adverse effect it might have on some athletes' chances to compete.

But the NCAA has tried peaceful negotiations and has had it with the AAU's taking advantage of same to entrench itself. So this autumn you can expect to see the NCAA take its case to court, to congress and to the citizenry.

One witness for the NCAA might well be Joe GiECK, U of Virginia trainer who interned under Oklahoma's Ken Rawlinson. GiECK served with the U.S. team in the Pan-American Games and was so impressed with AAU inefficiency he made it the subject of a paper as part of work toward a doctorate.

"I had read about all the trouble our international teams have had in the past with AAU officials," GiECK wrote, "but you really don't appreciate how bad the problem is until you are directly involved."



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Pointing out he wasn't out to get anybody but simply enlighten a complacent public, GiECK said, "Maybe by people reading what I saw, they might do something about it. I know they've read the same thing before but you have to keep tring to get the point across."

GiECK's point: U.S. athletes are giving up summer jobs to compete for their country and, in return, are being treated "like seventh graders."

# AAU After Olympics

GiECK said, "There is no question that the NCAA should be in charge of the international games. The AAU people, who by and large make up the Olympic committee, have no comprehension of how to operate athletic events.

"Secondary school athletic programs are better run and organized. If anyone operated a college athletic program like they do the Olympic program, that man would be fired before the year was over . . .

"Having heard of the Olympic and Pan-American Games all my life, I expected to meet some class individuals . . . I never thought much about all the news stories of how incompetent, senile, jealous and childish these official were.

"Not only were they all these things, but I could go on for pages with other adjectives . . . I shall continue to look for an AAU-USOC official who varies from the mold but fear it will be like Diogenes looking for the truly honest man . . ."

GiECK said at the Pan-Am basketball tryouts in Colorado, the chairman was a millionaire who "had a mania for trivia." He also had his son-in-

law and a cousin on the committee and his grandson on one of the teams, which angered bona fide candidates.

In Columbia, GiECK said, "The combined efforts of the Olympic Committee and Pan-Am officials was something to behold. No one knew when they were to work out or compete or where they did so.

"The entire committee decided such trivia as how many cokes to pass out, what type soap to buy, how much toilet paper to buy, etc. They are just like children, afraid to give anyone any responsibility for fear they won't get credit for the act.

"Three of the 'officials' worked while the rest were housed in the Grank Hotel in luxury. They never set foot in our squalor (at the dorms, which hadn't been completed and had 12 to 14 crammed into a room)."

Of serving as Pan-Am trainer, GiECK declared, "It was an interesting experience but there is no way I would ever do it again, not with the AAU having its 1890s' attitude toward sports."



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April 10, 1972

Mr. Tom Wilson  
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Dear Tom:

I've had somewhat of a problem on my mind since last fall, and felt that you should be made aware of a problem which I feel concerns all the trainers in the country.

As you know, I was fortunate enough to be selected to accompany our Pan American team to Cali. As you would expect in a venture of this magnitude there were some situations which arose that were less than desirable, but on a whole, I felt there were no more than one might normally expect to happen.

After we returned home, there appeared in a Virginia newspaper an article written by one of the trainers, Joe Gieck. In my opinion, Joe was somewhat out of line in his article and was not fair to the U. S. O. C. in some of his comments. What it really boiled down too was that Joe had placed many of us in the middle of the NCAA-AAU conflict. The NCAA is using Joe's article in their battle with the AAU and their power struggle, and I personally can't see how this can do anything but hurt the trainers as a whole if the N. A. T. A. is drawn into this type of controversy.

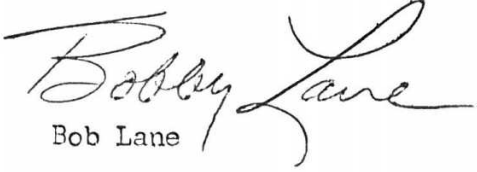
Evidently it has taken a number of years of long hard work on the part of people like Dr. Dan Hanley to get us to the point where qualified trainers are selected to go on these trips, rather than just getting someone off the streets. I'm sure that some are still selected who should perhaps not be, but with perhaps one exception, our group was excellent.

I would hate to see the N. A. T. A. take a stand with either the NCAA or the AAU in determining the control of the U. S. O. C. It is my personal opinion that we, as trainers, would be the ones who come out on the short end of the stick.

I feel that the NCAA and the AAU are really going to go after each other after the summer games in Munich, and I feel that we need to see that our association remains on neutral ground in this conflict. I'm not sure that I know the best way to bring this about, but I do hope that you and Eddie will give this some thought and perhaps bring it up during the National Directors meeting in June. I realize it might be a touchy situation, but I feel, also that it is important enough to merit our consideration and our thoughts.

Tom, I hope thses ramblings make some sense to you, and I appreciate your considering this problem. Hope things are going well with you, and I shall be looking forward to seeing you sometime in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby Lane". The signature is fluid and connected, with a large initial "B" and "L".

Bob Lane

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Dear Otho:

In response to your letter concerning Bobby Lane's letter to Tom Wilson, I would like to restate a couple of things again.

The newspaper articles were from interviews and from a paper I wrote for completion of a course I took toward my doctorate. There were several inaccuracies in the news article. The article puts forth my views as an individual. In no place is the NATA mentioned.

One point I made clear to those who interviewed me was that I spoke only for myself. I have had reams of correspondence from AAU, NCAA, USOC and other people and in each response I emphasized that my views were my own.

The NATA has no place in an AAU-NCAA struggle. We should be concerned only toward strengthening our position where we can control all trainer appointments. The welfare of the athlete should be our prime interest. We are a profession not a union which besets itself with strikes and political strife.

Sincerely,



Joe Gieck, R.P.T.  
Head Athletic Trainer

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cc - Mr. Tom Wilson  
Mr. Bobby Gunn  
Mr. Bobby Lane

February 14, 1973

Mr. Roland (Duke) LaFue  
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Dear Duke,

Something has been bothering me since the last N.A.T.A. meeting in St. Louis last June. At that time, a revised Code of Ethics was presented to the membership. If you remember, I was one of two to vote against its adoption.

If you were to read Section 7, Paragraph 2, and take it literally, you would realize that this clause is too open-ended, as it now is stated:

"Any trainer, who by his conduct or his comments discredits or lowers the dignity of members of his profession is guilty of a breach of ethics. Any report of unethical conduct of this nature, would go through the proper channels and be considered objectively and without comment outside the association."

If, as I have stated before, this was taken literally, any member of the Code of Ethics Committee would be guilty of a breach of ethics. Concurrently, the member questioning another trainer's ethics would also be guilty of breach of ethics.

Therefore, I would like to offer the following amendment to Section 7 of the Revised Code of Ethics. Be it resolved that Section 7, Paragraph 2, be revised to read:

"Any trainer, who by his public conduct or his public comments, discredits or lowers the dignity of members of his profession, is guilty of a breach of ethics."

If I am misreading or misinterpreting this clause, please inform me as to its meaning.

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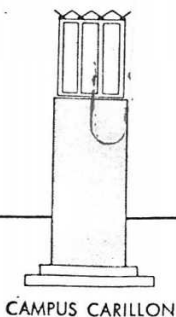
I would like to thank you very much for your time. Best of luck; see you in St. Paul.

Sincerely,

Karl R. Klinksiek  
Head Trainer

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Dear Otho,

As per your request I am putting my ideas in writing, I hope that they will be of some help to you.

If I am not mistaken we are athletic trainers and not physical therapist. If the physical therapists in the association want to be physical therapists let them be, but they should get out of the training profession. Let us as trainers advance as trainers and not as unqualified physical therapist, which they seem to think we are. This is to say they seem to think that those who are not physical therapists are unqualified to be trainers.

There is also room for change in the area of the active membership clause of the present constitution. As I assume it now reads a person cannot apply for active membership until he or she has completed their undergraduate work. Then they must work for five years before he or she can apply for certification. To me this is wrong, if a person attends a school like Wilmington, or any other college or university that does not offer an approved curriculum, they are placed in an awkward position upon graduation to find a job. As the educational community is becoming aware of the athletic training profession they are requiring certification as a prerequisite for employment. So where is the active member supposed to work? There definitely are not enough assistantships open to cover all of the active members who soon will be entering the field.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter I sent to "Duke" LaRue concerning section seven (7) of the Code of Ethics which I feel warrants yours and the associations consideration.

Sincerely,

Karl R. Klinksiek  
Head Athletic Trainer

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Dear "Tow":

Recently I sent you a copy of a letter from Karl R. Klinsky of Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, in regard to Section 7 of the Revised Code of Ethics, in regard to Paragraph 2.

This morning Mr. Klinsky called me in regard to being released from his position. I have sympathy for him, just as I did Eddie Lane. Therefore, I am reporting this to you, as I don't know whether you plan to investigate these cases.

Nevertheless, these are the comments that he forwarded to me, as follows:

1. He was released by President Robert Hinshaw, the head of the of the Quaker school, who also had a hand in hiring him.
2. He said that the President stated that he was too professional for the job at Wilmington.
3. He said that he had reported it to the campus A.A.U.P. group.
4. He said that he would not recommend the job through the N.A.T.A. placement.
5. He felt that he had been doing a good job of teaching and providing athletic training.
6. He indicated that he did not have any warning about his release.
7. He also stated that the head football coach, Bill Ramfeyer, had been hard to get along with. The new coach is in his first year and is an Ohio man with a high school coaching background and two years as an assistant at the University of Missouri.



Mr. D. F. "Tow" Diehm

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17 April 1973

Mr. Klinksiek's background is as follows:

Graduate of Emporia Kansas with an M.A. degree  
Assistant at Harvard  
Trainer at George Washington University then Wilmington College  
Has worked eight summers for Wayne Rudy for the Kansas City Chiefs

Tow, if you have any advice or recommendations for the man,  
please advise him and/or yours truly.

Sincerely,

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Dear Otho:

After much delay, I have finally received answers to my correspondence with the members of the Ethics Committee. In regards to the San Diego Charger drug situation, we all feel that it is a mess and not good for the sport or the individuals involved. We don't feel this is really in our jurisdiction to make any judgement on since our code does not have anything in it to cover the situation.

We would like to submit to the Board of Directors for their consideration the following recommendations for changing the Code of Ethics.

Once again, I am sorry for the long delay in this overdue correspondence.

Sincerely,

*"Tow"*

L. F. "TOW" DIEHM  
Chairman, Ethics Committee

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Bruce Vogelsong- Dickinson College  
Bill Chambers - Fullerton Calif. Jr. College  
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We have no request for a budget at this time.

We would like to meet sometime during the time of the convention.

It is recommended that the Code of Ethics be revised as follows:

Article I. Section 1. - Athletics in General

An Athletic Trainer should do all in his power and ability to further develop and improve all branches of athletics and show no discrimination in his interests or efforts.

Article 1. Section 7. - Fellow Trainers

Change Paragraph 2 to read:

Any trainer who by his conduct or comments publicly discredits or lowers the dignity of members of his profession is guilty of a breach of ethics.

Section 8. Drugs - Add to Code

The entire membership of the National Athletic Trainers Association takes a strong stand against the unauthorized use and non-therapeutic use of drugs. The National Athletic Trainers Association recognizes that the best and safest program is still comprised of good conditioning and athletic training principles. Furthermore, the National Athletic Trainers Association feels that it is important to keep in mind that the real feeling of worth and a person's true image of himself comes only when he accepts and works within reality.

Any trainer who violates this stand of unauthorized and non-therapeutic use of drugs for himself or others is guilty of a breach of ethics.

Article II. Section 7. Sportsmanship

The athletic trainer is in a position to aid coaches in instilling fair play and good sportsmanship in the players and fans. The harassment of the game officials is not considered good sportsmanship. Any athletic trainer who condones or defends unsportsmanlike practices shall be considered to have violated this CODE.