Where Does CoSIDA Go From Here?

By PHIL LANGAN
Secretary-Treasurer CoSIDA

(Editor's Note: The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) will hold its annual convention in Denver, Colo., this month. Secretary-Treasurer Phil Langan has written a brief history of the organization and has included some analyses of the problems of the profession as well as some future goals.)

Until 1957 the college sports information directories were an ignored wing of the American College Public Relations Association, with no voice, no influence worthy of the name and no status.

A few hardy souls headed by John Cox, Willies Hallock, Bob Paul, Ted Mann, Eric Wilson and Ernie Goodman decided that new horizons beckoned and left the SID's away from ACPR that year. After months of writing a constitution and tabling to SID's all over the country, they founded CoSIDA—the College Sports Information Directors of America.

The first of the annual workshops was held in Chicago in July of 1957. Chicago was the site of the workshop until 1972 when the proceedings were moved to New Orleans. This summer, Denver will be the host city.

The purpose of CoSIDA is well stated in the first two paragraphs of its constitution:

Section 1. The purpose for which this Association is formed is to bring together persons of like professional interests who are desirous of furthering their professional standing, of acquainting themselves with the growth, development and friendly competition of being helpful, of knowing and comparing the standards and complying with the desires and requirements of their respective members, and of creating their opportunities for friendship and professional contact.

Section 2. In addition, CoSIDA shall have the purpose of promoting and encouraging a high standard of ethics and professional conduct on behalf of the profession and of encouraging the preservation and promotion of the concepts of intercollegiate athletics as they relate to the principles, organization, and philosophy of membership of CoSIDA.

In addition to its annual workshop, CoSIDA publishes a monthly newsletter and, in conjunction with the American Heritage Life Insurance Company, sponsors Awards of Merit in football, basketball, and baseball.

Growing slowly but surely, the CoSIDA membership has reached some 800 members, but thousands of college sports information directors are not members of CoSIDA. Through the cooperation and efforts of its membership, CoSIDA is working to bring together all individuals involved in intercollegiate athletics.

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The Fiesta Bowl Committee presented Dr. Robert R. Prichard, NCAA Drug Education Committee Chairman and a member of the NCAA Council, with a $10,000 check at a banquet held in Phoenix, Ariz.

The original commitment of the Fiesta Bowl was to have been spread out over two years. The $30,000 was paid in the span of one year in three different $10,000 installments.

The Fiesta Bowl doesn't plan to stop because the commitment has been met.

"We have decided to continue our support of the NCAA Drug Education committee," said Fiesta Bowl Executive Director John Raid. "We haven't put a dollar figure on our next commitment. Hopefully, it will match or exceed this past commitment."

Prichard extended his thanks to the Fiesta Bowl at the banquet. "It is greatly appreciated and I reassure you that the combination of the NCAA and the Fiesta Bowl assures us opportunities to reach tens of thousands of young people who otherwise wouldn't be reached and couldn't be reached in the education and the combating of this terrible social problem," he said.

The Fiesta Bowl's contributions will be used in the NCAA Drug Education programs, including literature, publications and posters.

NCAA Will Appeal 1.6 Injunction

A Federal District Court's decision against the application of the 1.6 rule will be appealed by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and Pacific States Football Coaches Association.

A Harriman, California, Federal District Court has entered a preliminary injunction against application of NCAA Official Interpretation 418 to two students at California State College at Hayward.

The students achieved a 1.600 rule average during their freshman year while still eligible under the 1.600 rule.

The NCAA reported it was advised by counsel to the court that did not render the basic requirements of the 1.6 rule unconstitutional. Rather, it required the principal-athlete to forego eligibility which they gained immediately while ineligible under the 1.6 rule was judged unreasonable.

"The NCAA believes it is an inconceivable action to hold a reasonable and valid rule cannot be enforced in a reasonable manner," NCAA's Executive Director Walter Byers stated.

"Accordingly, the bills currently written, would grant the 22-24 hearings of the Senate Subcommittee on Television Matters, Sports Safety, and Copyright Revisions to school-college programs according to James.

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Proposed Sports Legislation Concerns College Athletics

A college of proposed sports legislation, some proposing broad Federal control of amateur athletics, has been introduced in Congress during the past several months, challenging college administrators to be continuously alert to safeguard school-college interests.

The 93rd Congress has quickly moved into action in January on the same level of interest in sports legislation that now has some 80 pieces of legislation introduced in the 93rd Congress.

The ever-increasing popular- ity of sports, plus the emotion often involved in their administration and the publicity attendant, has attracted the attention of the Congress.

"While we welcome this interest, school-college representatives must convey to their legislators the complexity of athletic matter, the intense competitiveness of college sports and the care with which the existing regulations and programs have been developed over the years," he said.

James cited several bills which would—to a degree—dissuade the management of intercollegiate athletics.

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Committee Position - Favorable, though commission expressed that Commission recommendations might not receive prompt follow-through. Representatives testified in favor of S. 1018 on May 24.

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Columbia Craft

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In wrestling, the total number of qualifiers per weight classification for the University Division was increased to 36.

Also, individual regional qualifiers for the U.D. meet were re-aligned. The Western Athletic Conference and Mid-American Conference were increased from two to four qualifiers in each classification and the West Regional was decreased from two to one. The Big 8, Big Ten, ECAC and Pacific-8 will remain at four each; the East Regional and College Division have their regional cut-off at 16. Cal State and Eastern Illinois will each receive one bid and the others (Atlantic Coast, Big Sky, Middle Atlantic, Pacific Coast, Southeastern, Southern, and Western) will receive at most one each.

The Executive Committee also agreed that the eight-team field to qualify for the College Division Championships, he must have won at least one-half of his matches or have placed third or better in his conference meet.

The Executive Committee approved a fall meeting for the Ice Hockey Rules and Tournament Committee for the purpose of considering bids for the 1975 and subsequent National Collegiate Championship. Also, the period for the official traveling party of 25 for the Ice Hockey Championship was increased from 15 to 20.

The Executive Committee referred back to the Ice Hockey Rules and Tournament Committee for further review a plan for a North American Championship, which would match the NCAA champion against a Canadian team.

The automatic qualification into the University Division gymnastics championships was reinstated for 1974. The Pacific Coast Athletic Conference was eliminated, pacing the field of automatic qualifiers from nine to eight. The Pacific-8, Big 8, Big Ten, Western Athletic, ECAC, Southern, and East and West Regional winners retain their automatic qualification.

The Executive Committee also noted that no protest of a judge's decision would be allowed and that protests of meet procedures must be filed with the chairman of the tournament committee.

Other decisions involving gymnastics included the approval of including compulsory exercises in team scoring at the College Division; the exclusion of concurrency during the College Division meet and deciding that the 13 judges at the College Division meet shall be selected from the host institution's region.

The Executive Committee authorized the establishment of a committee to review the possibility of establishing a National Collegiate Round Robin Championship as proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee.

Indiana University has been awarded the 1974 University Division Cross Country Championships. The meet will be held on Nov. 25.

The College Division Wrestling Championships have been awarded to California State University at Fullerton for 1974. The dates will be March 1-2. The 1975 C.D. meet was awarded to East Stroudsburg State on March 7-8. The 1976 C.D. meet was awarded to Cleveland State University on March 5-6.

The 1973 College Division Soccer Championship will be played at Springfield (Mass.) College March 28-30.

The University of Southern California will host the 1974 University Division Tennis Championships from June 1-7. The College Division Tennis Championships will be played at the University of California at Irvine, June 11-15, 1974.

Portland State University will host the University Division West Regional Gymnastics meet, March 28-30, 1974. The College Division West meet will be held by the University of California at Irvine, June 11-15, 1974.

The 1973 U.D. Soccer Championship will be played Jan. 2 and 4, 1974, in the Orange Bowl in Miami.
We believe that in those international sports in which America is not well represented, our members are the principal source of support. In this regard, we have 690 sponsoring institutions and the NCAA has been carrying on this fight for so many years. President Chapman has had a bill in the last Congress to advance the U. S. Olympic basketball operation. It is an ongoing way of giving young people — we're talking now about 12- to 17-year-old youngsters — the opportunity to go to the best facilities and to play under college athletes who are successful.

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Two tours, one to Korea and the Philippines and one to Europe, will be sponsored by the Department of Defense, while the other two, both to the Far East, will be co-sponsored by the Pacific Air Forces.

A total of 19 players and coaches will participate, beginning the first week in June.

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Situation: A student-athlete receives institutional financial aid for the regular academic year and then attends the summer term. (205)

Question: Is it necessary for the institution's regular financial aid authority to make a separate award to provide for such aid for the regular academic year and then attends the summer term? (205a)

Answer: Yes. A member institution which enters into a written agreement with a prospective student-athlete for the award of aid for more than one year prior to the date the rule becomes effective (August 1, 1973) may fulfill its obligation to the student-athlete, provided his enrollment is not later than the fall term, 1973-74 academic year. (C3-1-(b))

Multi-year Grants-in-aid

Situation: Effective August 1, 1973, a member institution is limited to awarding athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete for a period of not more than one academic year. It is the understanding that such aid may be renewed at the option of the period. (205a)

Question: Is it permissible for athletically related financial aid actually to be awarded prior to August 1 for a period longer than one academic year? (205)

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Financial Aid—Room and Board

Situation: A student-athlete is offered institutional financial aid which includes room and board. (206)

Question: Is it permissible for the institution to require that the grant-in-aid recipient obtain this room and board from a residence hall under the control of the institution? (206a)

Answer: No. The provision or payment of such expenses would be considered an extra benefit not available to the friends or relatives of student body members in general. (C3-1-(g)-(6))

Recruiting By Student-Athletes

Situation: An institution wants one of its student-athletes to visit the home town of the prospect or at some site other than the institution's campus. (207)

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Situation: The friends or relatives of a student-athlete plan to visit the young man at the institution in which he is enrolled. (208)

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South Dakota—Badger League, Pierre.

INDEPENDENT TEAMS

Alaska—Alaska Goldpanners, Fairbanks.

Colorado—Grand Junction Eagles, Grand Junction.

Illinois—Chicago Stars, Chicago.

Kentucky—I-Iedral clay Baseball Association, Liberal.

Pennsylvania—Octorara Soccer Club, Parkesburg.

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A pair of 0-11 undergraduate swimmers were selected under the rules for the 1973 CoSIDA-American Heritage Life Insurance Company Third Annual Academic All-America teams.

Wally Walton, junior, a member of the UCLA, winner of most major college basketball awards for the National Collegiate Champion Brutus, the highest, added another in leading the balloting for the second consecutive year in the Division.

Bruce Hammering, a sophomore forward from Augustana College, led the votes for the Division. As he complied a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the academic year.

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Former U. of Illinois Cage Star National Hero in Israel

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Brody, 29, an importer and distributor of sporting goods, doubles as a national hero. He brought basketball to Israel in much the same way that Johnny Appleseed gave Ohio the apple.

The name Tal Brody was famous in Illinois before it reaches Israel. The University of Illinois brought Brody west from New Jersey to play basketball in 1961. Before he graduated as the leading student of the College of Physical Education, he traveled around the country organizing sports programs, basketball in particular. At the university, Brody decided to stay a second year.

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He Goes Back

In October, 1966, Tal Brody returned to Israel. Working with the Ministry of Education and Culture, he traveled around the country organizing sports programs. Basketball in particular. At the same time he played for the Maccahiah Tel Aviv team, which the first year went to the European finals and lost to the Romanian team by a large score. When he returned to the United States in 1968 when the U. S. Army let him know it intended to draft him, he came back to Israel in 1970.

"Today one of the problems in sports is finding good competition," Brody said. "A lot of the countries refuse to play us because they're afraid the Arabs will cut off their oil. An English soccer team canceled because of the Libyan plane crash."

Basketball is Israel's primary sport, he said, partly because it is popular among Oriental Jews, who have not yet shown a keen interest in basketball.

"The whole country began playing a different kind of basketball. He gave the game a tremendous lift.

He received the Dov Hos award, established by the government of Israel.

Moshe Dayan is quoted to say a few things.

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Interest Spreads

The 1967-68 Maccahiah Tel Aviv team returned to the European finals before losing to Real Madrid and a Czechoslovakian team. Interest in basketball spread to the schools. A high school championship was established. The first championship game, the Wingate Institute of Physical Education and Sports, drew a crowd of 1,500. The next year's game was moved into the 5,000-seat stadium and filled it.

Now the high school finals, as well as the senior championships, are held in a new covered arena.

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When he came back things started to lift up, and now we're back."

In April of 1971, Brody married Ronit Barn, a then 25-year-old Sabra, in Tel Aviv. Moshe Dayan attended the wedding. They now have a 5-month-old daughter, Karan. Although Tal Brody has lived in Israel only five of his years, the first two as a visitor not even if he would stay, the Israeli government has presented Brody with the Dov Hos award, established in the memory of an Israeli pioneer.

This award will recognize Brody's contribution in developing sport throughout the country. The government is taking the anniversary as an opportunity to honor the principal architects of the state of Israel.