COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 27.-- --John T. Mount, vice president for student affairs at Ohio State University, Friday (2/27) announced that the Athletic Council has approved plans for a spring pre-sale of athletic activity cards to students.

The procedural change will guarantee the students reserved seats at Buckeye home football games.

The pre-sale will implement the university's policy that students have first priority in the allocation of football tickets and also will provide students with priority seating locations based upon class ranks -- seniors will have the best location, juniors next best, and so on.

Since the entire transaction can be handled by mail, students eligible to participate won't have to stand in line at ticket windows during the pre-sale nor in September to obtain their tickets, Mr. Mount said. Students will be able to receive their tickets by mail in September upon payment of autumn quarter university fees for seven or more credit hours.

The pre-sale program will be open to all students enrolled at Ohio State during the spring quarter. Students entering the university for the first time summer or autumn (MORE)
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quarters or those enrolled students who did not participate in the pre-sale will be able to purchase tickets without any priority of seating during the September sale of student activity cards.

Only the unsold student activity cards remaining after the student pre-sale demand has been met will be available to students during September.

Complete information on how the program works will be mailed to students March 14 with spring quarter fee cards.

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Oct. 7th; Prof. Kellicott, "On certain Crustaceous Parasites of Some of Our Fresh Water Fishes."

Oct. 20th; Prof. Kellerman, "Germanation Tests in Connection with the use of Fungicides on Grain."

Nov. 3d; Election of Officers; Annual Address by the President, Prof. Lazenby, Nov. 17th; Dr. Orton, "The Geological History of the Black Shales of Columbus."

Dec. 1st; Prof. Webster, "Relation between the Increase of Certain Insects and the Overflow of Rivers."

Dec. 15th; Prof. Selby, "Ohio Oaks."

During the remainder of the school year the following subjects will be discussed:
- "Methods of Propagation or Multiplication in the Lower Forms of Animal Life," Prof. Kellicott;
- "Methods of Reproduction or Multiplication in the Lower Forms of Vegetable Life," Prof. Kellerman;
- "Protective Mimicry in Insects," by Prof. Webster;
- "Palaeozoic Mollusca with Stages of Mol luscan Development," by H. A. Surface;
- "The Botanical Order of Violaceae," by E. E. Bogue;

Other professors and advanced students will deliver addresses or read papers the subjects of which have not yet been given.

Besides the regular paper at each meeting there are notes on personal work, recent discoveries, investigations, etc., by the various members, and reports on current scientific literature.

At the meeting last week the President, Prof. Lazenby, recommended that immediate action be taken toward the formation of an Ohio State Academy of Science. The suggestion was acted upon at once and a committee consisting of Prof. W. R. Lazenby, Prof. D. S. Kellicott, and Prof. W. A. Kellerman was appointed to make further arrangements in this important direction, and to correspond with scientific workers throughout the state with a view to securing their cooperation. Correspondence from all persons interested is earnestly solicited.

Arrangements have recently been made by the committee for a meeting here during the holidays of all the interested scientific workers of Ohio, when the Academy no doubt will be organized.

It should be a feature in the college work of every student to attend all the club meetings; especially can the students in the scientific course ill afford to miss the benefits to be derived from them, as there is a kind of training and teaching here given that can be obtained at no other place and in no other way in college.

H. A. Surface, Secretary.

**Atheletic Association.**

**Board of Directors.**

I believe that the new system of athletic management but recently introduced by the athletic association is full of great possibilities. A new athletic spirit—better, stronger, more democratic—will spring from it and give zest to a college interest in such matters. Since every student of the University is now supposed to be a member of the association, every student will feel a personal interest in the purposes of the organization. The new system, therefore, should be thoroughly understood by all students. The following is the amendment to the constitution of the association:

Sec. 1—There shall be a Board of Directors, composed of seven members of the association; one representing the Preparatory Department; one the Freshman class; one the Sophomore class; one the Junior class; one the Senior class; one the Law School; and one chosen at large.

Sec. 2—The Directors shall be elected annually by the Association on the second Friday of the college year.

Sec. 3—The chairman of this board shall be the Director representing the Senior class. In all other matters the Board shall make such rules for its own organization as it may think best.

Sec. 4—The powers of this Board shall be:

1. To select the players and managers of the base ball, foot ball and tennis clubs.

2. To remove any players or managers whenever, in their judgment, it would be for the best interest of said clubs.

3. To provide ways and means for the raising of funds for the promotion of general athletics.

4. To have general supervision of all college athletics and to make such laws as
are necessary for their proper regulation and execution.

Sec. 5—Any Director may be removed for neglect in the faithful performance of his duty by a majority vote of the board.

Sec. 6—Any action of the board of Directors shall be subject to reversal by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the association.

The board has already proven the wisdom of the organization. Through its efforts, and particularly through those of Prof. Lazenby, the Director-at-large, the faculty has advised the Board of Trustees to excuse the foot ball players, both the First and Second Elevens, from drill and let them practise at that hour. Thus a splendid advantage has been gained for our foot ball club. But more than this, the Directors are pushing plans for enclosing our base ball grounds and building a grand stand. They are all confident of success.

Horton

Horton’s meeting last Friday night was marked by the enthusiasm and loyalty of the greater part of its members. In spite of the Republican jollification held on the same evening the meeting was well attended and a good program was rendered.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Dun- gan, who, in his usual able manner, considered the result of the recent state elections in New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Massachusetts, and Ohio, and the effect that they will have on the coming Presidential election. The speech was highly interesting, and showed a clear understanding of the political outlook. The declamation by Mr. Richardson and the reading by Mr. Mundhenk were excellent productions, and the essay on the “origin of the Mechanic arts” by Mr. Robinson was very interesting and instructive. The invective against the ‘College Fraternities’ by Mr. Moody presented many new ideas to the society. The principal point made was that the fraternities should not flourish at the expense of the literary societies.

The debate, Resolved that “every one entitled to vote should be compelled to vote” was very ably discussed. Baker and Finley on the affirmative, showed in a clear and forcible manner, the vital connection between this and the question of “Bounty on Sugar,” and won the debate over Woodborne and Stump who were inclined to wander somewhat from the subject.

In the business meeting Mr. Radcliffe, Mr. Linn, and Mr. Stull were initiated and Mr. Moody was elected on the LANTERN Board.

BROWNING.

The discovery on a blackboard in Browning hall of the poetry which appeared in the LANTERN last week suggested the propriety of leaving some memorial of the present time and circumstance. Poetical talent not being so abundant as it seems to have been seven years ago, the girls contented themselves with recording the roll of the society, a notice of the recent oyster supper, the committee on repairs, and the program of the open meeting to be held Friday, Nov. 20. These historical items will no doubt prove interesting when they come to light before the eyes of some future generation of Browning girls, who, after the traditional social, shall have money enough to redecorate the hall.

All are cordially invited to the open meeting of Browning. Music by the Orchestra sextette under the direction of Mr. Scheuler. Violin Solo by Miss Cockins. Come and see our new hall.

Program of Open Meeting of Browning.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20.

Music, Sextette.

History of Browning, Miss Merrill.

Declamation, Miss Maris.

Essay, Miss Herrick.

Violin Solo, Miss Cockins.

Reading, Miss Morhart.

Paper, Miss Howard.

Lecture, Miss Bell.

Music, Sextette.

Uncertain—Our Bequest.

A copy of the will of the late Henry F. Page has been received by Captain Cope. It leaves his entire estate valued at $150,000 to his wife and daughter during their life time, the whole to pass to the Ohio State University as a perpetual endowment upon their deaths. But this bequest was made less than a year ago, and
Went out of bounds

Ed Weaver, director of athletics, once said that athletics at Ohio State is big business. He is right, and that is all the more reason why the $4.8 million a year business should be carefully monitored.

Within the organization of the University, the Athletic Council, made of six faculty and three students, is supposed to monitor the activities of the Department of Athletics.

But if the coaches' slush fund for "incidental" Rose Bowl expenses is any indication of monitoring by the Athletic Council, the job is not being handled well. Apparently, no one on the council

The purpose of the Department of Athletics is to raise money for grant-in-aid for athletes and raise money for facilities and equipment.

What is wrong with the slush fund is that it was never brought before the Athletic Council for approval. But the letter requesting the funds was sent on

Ohio State stationery. The purpose was to provide a bonus for University employees with a year's contract—this also is contrary to established policy.

Fortunately, Richard H. Armitage, vice president for student services, caught wind of the fund and put a halt to it, ordering that the donations be refunded or channeled into official University accounts.

The main question yet to be resolved is what the Athletic Council has been doing for the past three years while the slush fund has been in existence.

Another question is why the University's Office of Finance did not know anything.

Besides taking action on the current situation, the Athletic Council should get off its collective behonkus and do a thorough investigation of the Department of Athletics to see if there are any other shenanigans.

Council won't study fund

By Charles Durfee

The Athletic Council Personnel Subcommittee does not plan to investigate or consider the 1974 Rose Bowl coaches' fund, leaving no one to investigate the matter, the Lantern has learned.

Richard H. Bohning, chairman of the subcommittee charged with examining the question of extra compensation for coaches, said the subcommittee would be "looking to the future."

"Our subcommittee will not be involved in any way in funds solicited in the past," Bohning said.

However, Richard H. Armitage, vice president for student services, said he expected the subcommittee to investigate past actions involving money raised for coaches.

The charge of the committee, as approved at the Athletic Council meeting Wednesday, was to draft a policy statement to 'determine which activities such as the Rose Bowl fall under the area of extraordinary assignments and should be reimbursed by the Department of Athletics.'

Bohning offered the resolution. The subcommittee will hold hearings and is expected to submit its recommendations at the council's February meeting.

The requests for money for the coaches was made in a letter printed on University stationery and sent to alumni and members of the Buckeye Boosters, Inc. The letters were signed, "Your grateful friend, Woody."

The money was necessary, the letter said, because "although the University takes the coaches' families to the Rose Bowl, there are still many incidental expenses in the way of clothing, entertainment and other various things the coaches must bear."

When Armitage learned of the slush fund, he contacted J. Edward Weaver, director of athletics, and told him to "put a halt to the participation of his staff in the solicitation and to bring the whole matter before the Athletic Council."

Both Armitage and Bohning said they had no details about the money raised for the assistant coaches.

Weaver said he did not know how much money was raised and who controlled the money, although he admitted he did give his approval to the fund.

Bohning said that although a decision about the subcommittee meeting format had not been made, he would "assume no attempt would be made to keep the meetings closed."

Bohning said he would meet with Weaver and Hayes before any hearings were held.

Hayes was expected to attend the Athletic Council meeting, but did not.

Both Hayes and Weaver are expected to speak in favor of extra compensation.
No smell of roses

Wednesday's decision of the Athletic Council not to investigate past activities of the coaches' slush fund certainly doesn't smell like roses.

Maybe it's the lingering air of Watergate, but several things are suspicious and ought to be investigated.

Unanswered questions include: Who is in charge of the fund? Exactly how long has it been in operation? Why didn't J. Edward Weaver, athletic director, know the answers to these questions after admitting he had given approval to the fund?

The Personnel Subcommittee should seek permission to broaden its charge, which, at the moment, is only to look at policy in the future. The subcommittee should look into past activities to see if there have been any illegal acts.

To top it all off, there is a serious legal question about the University's authority in the whole affair: Although it was against University policy to send a letter requesting funds, the University might not be able to do anything if the coaches do receive money.

The money already collected will not be used for the coaches as far as we know. This is all well and good, but it does not tell us how much has been raised in the past, who raised it or how it was distributed.

It is important that the University community know who was responsible. It is equally important that those responsible be punished.

When the subcommittee meets during January to determine policy for the extraordinary expenses of coaches, we hope the meeting will be open. It would be good if everyone could see why it is important to have a coaches' fund.

Beyond that, Athletic Council must bear its responsibility, doing what it is supposed to do — monitoring athletics at Ohio State. If it refuses to do this, perhaps University Senate should.

If the Athletic Council does not do its job, it would be wise to remember that University Senate has the final say in anything that happens. And a lot of senate members may not be as kind as the Buckeye Boosters.

Subcommittee to investigate coaches' fund

By Charles R. Parisey

The athletic Council Personnel Subcommittee will meet Tuesday morning to decide how to conduct its investigation of extra assignment compensation for athletic coaches.

Richard H. Bohning, dean of the College of Biological Sciences and chairman of the subcommittee, said he believes the subcommittee will not be involved with funds solicited in the past.

Past funds involve the solicitation of donations to a coaches' fund covering expenses incurred by coaches and their families on the recent Rose Bowl trip.

Richard H. Armitage, vice president for student services, said he thinks the subcommittee will examine "anything relevant to the charge of the subcommittee," which would include the coaches' fund, if the subcommittee considers it relevant."

At the Athletic Council's Jan. 16 meeting, the subcommittee was asked to "determine which activities such as the Rose Bowl fall under the area of extraordinary assignments and should be reimbursed by the Department of Athletics."

Bohnig said the subcommittee will "look at the job description of the coaches to determine if post-season games should be considered extra assignments."

In the years Ohio State teams play in post-season games, the coaches have extra work related to their jobs, Bohnig said.

The subcommittee will determine if compensation is due or if such trips are a part of the job, Bohning said.

The subcommittee is expected to submit its recommendations at the council's February meeting.
Athletic Department personnel who might be affected by post-season activities to give their views on what they think their job should involve.

"The Athletic Council Personnel Subcommittee will in "no way" investigate the solicitation of donations for a coaches' fund for the recent Rose Bowl trip, according to chairman Richard Bohning.

The subcommittee, which met Tuesday, decided to have J. Edward Weaver, athletic director, investigate procedures used by other universities to compensate personnel involved in post-season activities, such as the Rose Bowl.

Bohning, dean of Department of Biological Sciences, said the subcommittee will have to decide if post-season games are extra assignments or part of the usual duties of an employee.

The subcommittee decided to ask
Subcommittee to review compensation

By Ed McGranaghan

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The Athletic Council Personnel subcommittee will soon begin hearing the views of different Athletic Department employees on the subject of post-season compensation, but the meetings will be closed to the public.

The subcommittee will draft a policy on post-season compensation, and present it to the full athletic council "within a month," according to Richard H. Bohning, chairman of the subcommittee.

Need for council policy

Concern over a need for council policy on post-season compensation stems from the 1974 Rose Bowl coaches fund, in which a request for money to meet the expenses of assistant coaches was made in a letter printed on university stationery and sent to alumni and members of the Buckeye Boosters, Inc.

The letters were signed, "Your Grateful Friend, Woody."

"We will give people in the Athletic Department an opportunity to speak on the subject," Bohning said.

Working session

He said the meetings would be "working sessions," and for that reason would be closed to the public.

The assistant coaches of the football team referred to in the letters may present their views on post-season work load and compensation, according to Bohning.

Bohning again stressed that the subcommittee will "look only to the future," and said any investigation of past practices is "an administrative matter" as far as he is concerned.
Slush fund handling still big secret

By Charles Durfee and Ed McGranaghan

Two months after the Buckeyes soared to victory in the Rose Bowl, one big question remains up in the air: "Will the public be told the details of the 1974 Rose Bowl coaches' slush fund that was halted because it violated University policy?"

If the administration has a game plan on how to handle the matter of the coaches' fund, it remains, like most game plans, a carefully-guarded secret somewhere in the locker rooms.

Nevertheless, a Lantern investigation into the slush fund has revealed:

- A member of the Athletic Council says that several trustees were main contributors.
- The chairman of the Athletic Council tried to get information about the fund in December but did not receive any details from Athletic Director J. Edward Weaver.
- Weaver says he knows nothing about the status of funds that were solicited.
- Some members of the Athletic Council predict they will approve a policy of extra compensation for coaches of any sport.
- Armitage is reluctant to discuss the coaches' fund because of the suspected change in policy, a source said.
- William H. Riffes, a member of the Athletic Council told the Council of Graduate Students Thursday night that several trustees were main contributors to the so-called slush fund and they were not about to back their contributions.

Officials of the Athletic Department, administration, and Athletic Council this week were all either unable or unwilling to tell the Lantern what has happened to the money collected — even though a Dec. 29 directive from the head of the Office of Student Services ordered Athletic Director J. Edward Weaver to either return the money to donors or transfer the contributions into athletic student grant-in-aid.

The scrambling started when Richard H. Armitage, vice president for student services, learned of a letter printed on University stationery over the signature of football coach Woody Hayes, soliciting funds to cover the "many incidental expenses in the way of clothing, entertainment, and other various things the coaches (assistant football coaches) must bear."

The fund was to have been a supplement to the Rose Bowl "full ride" provided by the University to assistant coaches' families, for their travel, hotels, meals and some tour packages on the West Coast, Armitage said.

The letter, sent to alumni and members of the Buckeye Booster, Inc., was signed, "Your grateful friend, Woody,"

"I'm turning to the true friends of our football program," the letter said, "those people who believe in what we are trying to do...I am going to kick in $1,000."

Armitage, who learned of the letters when confronted with one by a Columbus Citizen-Journal reporter on Dec. 19, ordered a halt put to the fund in his letter to Weaver the next day.

"Frankly, Armitage wrote, "I find such action in violation of University policy..."

Armitage's letter further stated: "My own view is that you and your staff have an obligation to adhere to University policy in the same manner as other public employees."

When Armitage blew the whistle on the slush fund solicitation, he said it "doesn't fit into the University's game plan — and I use that phrase intentionally."

Hayes was "obviously agitated" when he was told of Armitage's order, the Columbus Dispatch reported.

Weaver recently told the Lantern, "I don't know what has happened to the collected money. He said he did not know who could tell the Lantern about what has happened with the funds, and said he knows of no records on the slush fund.

An enclosure with Hayes' letter directed the tax-deductible contributions be sent to John Mummy, assistant football coach, at the Athletic
Department headquarters in St. John Arena, Mummey's office is listed in the Faculty and Staff Directory. As 224 St. John Arena, Weaver's is 225 St. John Arena.

Weaver this week denied having earlier told two Lantern reporters he approved the fund. Mummey was quoted in the Dec. 20 Dispatch saying, "I got an okay from the top (Weaver) for this and it's perfectly legal." The Dispatch reported the fund, had been started in 1970.

The Athletic Council officially entered the game on Jan. 16 when it assigned its personnel subcommittee to draft a policy on the subject of post-season compensation. The draft statement is expected to be brought before the full council meeting in March.

"Our subcommittee will not be involved in any way in funds solicited in the past," subcommittee chairman Richard H. Bohning said, adding that members would only be "looking to the future."

One who tried to find out about the past (the slush fund) is the Athletic Council's chairman, Thomas R. Williams, professor of anthropology. Williams told the Lantern he has not been told what has happened to the money, reported to be about $5,700.

The Lantern learned that Williams sent a letter on Dec. 24 to Weaver asking about the Athletic Department's involvement in the slush fund. He wrote:

"It will be helpful to the Athletic Council in its deliberations regarding policy, concerning the solicitation and use of non-University funds by Athletic Department employees to have a report from you concerning the following questions:

1. Does the Athletic Department, or any of its employees, have any University accounts, or sums of money, to be used outside of the regular University budgetary and fiscal procedures?

2. If there are such accounts, could you please report to the Athletic Council in as much detail as possible on the following questions:

   a. What is the purpose of each such fund?
   b. When was each fund initiated and by whom?
   c. How long has each fund been in operation?
   d. Who has held, or now holds, such funds?
   e. What amounts are involved in each fund?

Who has received payments from such funds and for what purposes?

"I think it is important to the integrity of the University athletic program that the Athletic Council be fully informed on these questions, if there are any non-University accounts solicited and used by Athletic Department employees," Williams' letter stated.

When Weaver appeared before the Jan. 16 meeting he answered "no" to the first question. This, Williams pointed out, ruled out a need for Weaver to answer the questions asking for details about any fund.

Williams told the Lantern any investigation into the matter is "a proper function of the administration or University Senate" and that the Athletic Council is only a policy-making body which oversees the Athletic Department.

"I can't issue a subpoena," Williams said. "We're asking for information and if it's refused we have no way of compelling it."

Awaits decision

Armitage, since blowing the whistle on the coaches' fund operation, has refused to comment on the issue.

"I'll make a comment when the Athletic Council acts upon the subcommittee report," he said. Armitage said he did not want to influence the committee's report by his actions.

He did say, however, that he knew the whereabouts of the collected money.

An administration source said, however, there may be a deeper reason why Armitage does not want to comment about where the funds are or what action, if any, he will take after the Athletic Council comes out with its policy statement.

The administration source and an displeasure with the coaches' fund "petty jealousy."

"I realize this is a State-run University and a lot of people get jealous and upset. But we're a big business, any time you take in $4 million through the gates and turnstiles, that's what you are. You don't have 87,000 people at a spelling bee," Mummey said.

Mummey said the extra compensation coaches get from the fund helps keep qualified coaches at Ohio State.

"Any time you lose a couple of coaches, you detract from the quality of the program. Sometimes I wonder why they all don't leave."

The assistant football coaches earn between $14,000 and $18,000 per year. Armitage disagreed with Mummey's statements.

"That stuff about jealousy is wrong. It's not jealousy, it's a matter of priorities. We desperately need money, from contributors, but something like this (the rose fund) only confuses our friends rather than enlightening them to our true needs," he was quoted.

"Sometimes these people think they are running the University," Armitage said Weaver told him Ohio State got the idea of the coaches' fund from West Coast teams.

Coaches aware

"The coaches on the teams out there apparently get some extra money to compensate for the fact that they don't get to go on a big trip out of town for their Bowl games," the vice president said.

In his letter to Weaver, Armitage said Ohio State expects its full-time staff to provide service for 11 months no matter how many games are played and that the coaches are aware of this when they sign their contracts.

"Both the University and the department have generous policies regarding extra compensation for off-campus consulting, commercial endorsements, radio-television programs, lecturing at 'clinics' etc. I see no reason, therefore, to accept extra compensation from well-meaning fans nor to solicit funds openly for such purposes in the name of the department (e.g. by using official departmental stationery)."

And so the game goes. The Ohio State student, meanwhile, sits in the bleachers guessing at the outcome of a game in which the rules seem to change with each play.
Athletic Council source said they both suspect that the Athletic Council will adopt a policy approving of such solicitations from extra compensation.

Riffe said he has talked to members of the personnel subcommittee who told him they suspect there will be a proposal to give coaches of any sport extra compensation.

Armitage 'on spot'.

Both Weaver and Armitage told the Lantern following the Jan. 16 meeting that if the council developed a policy that was consistent with the slush fund solicitations of the past, the coaches would probably get the money collected this year.

If that happens, the administration source told the Lantern, Armitage would look "foolish" if he was taking any action against the Athletic Department.

Edward Q. Moulton, vice-president for business and administration, who has been on the sidelines, told the Lantern there would be "complications" involved in Athletic Council approval of a policy that would authorize solicitation of funds for coaches.

Moulton did not elaborate on what such complications might be.

President Harold L. Enarson told the Lantern he believed "the Athletic Council has moved in on it," and would give no further comment.

Regardless of the current mood, something of an atmosphere of confrontation fell over the issue in December.

Mumney, a former Ohio State football star, squared off to face Armitage on the line of scrimmage.

The Columbus Dispatch quoted Mumney as calling the University's
Council adopts new proposals

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By Greg Kirstein

The Ohio State Athletic Council passed two motions Wednesday night temporarily eliminating the current council rule in regard to participation in NCAA championship competition.

The first motion, passed by an 8 to 2 margin, reads: "Athletes who meet minimum NCAA qualification standards shall be allowed to participate in NCAA championship events as a representative of the Ohio State University."

"THIS RULE will be re-evaluated in October 1975 or at such earlier date that the Big Ten conference presents a policy for qualification to NCAA championship events."

The second motion, passed 10 to 0, reads: "It is understood that the phrase 'a representative of the Ohio State University' implies that expenses will be paid by the Department of Athletics of the Ohio State University."

These motions replace the former council rule which allowed only individuals placing first or second in the conference championship to advance to NCAA championship competition.

NCAA STANDARDS allow the top 10 teams in each district plus the top 10 individuals not on those 10 teams, to advance to championship competition.

The motions came to the floor for a vote after nearly two hours of discussion. Both motions were proposed by Richard H. Bohning, dean of biological sciences.

Seconds came from James Roseboro, alumni member of the council, and Edward C. McDonagh, chairman of sociology, respectively.

OPPOSITION to the first motion came from Harold Shechter, professor of chemistry, who was concerned with the "minimal standards of the NCAA." Shechter told the council he felt certain NCAA standards were not rigid enough. The other opposition vote to the first motion came from McDonagh.

Last Autumn Quarter, the former council rule prevented cross country runners Tom Bryant, a senior from Worthington, and Tom Byers, a sophomore from Columbus, from participating in the NCAA cross country championships in Bloomington, Indiana.

Both would have qualified under the new rules.
Athletic Council holds Key to OSU basketball futures

Paul Simoff

THE ATHLETIC Council would simplify its task if they would search for a man encompassing all those traits in one. The way to find that man is to look for a winner.

The ingredients of good recruiting and good public relations are synonymous with a product of winning basketball. It is extremely difficult to have one without the other. Good recruiting leads to a winning basketball team which is always good public relations for the University.

Campus intellectuals do not like to admit that successful athletic programs bring the most notoriety to a school. Yet, with the fame and fortune come increased enrollments of all types of students. Diversity in enrollments provides a healthy social and learning environment.

HOWEVER, there are more subtle aspects congruent with a winning basketball (or any athletic) program. The intrinsic value of college athletics is unique. More often than not, a winning program will instill a sense of pride, not only in athletes but in student fans as well.

A student must enjoy the surroundings of an academic institution in order for the learning experience to be beneficial and satisfying. He must be in harmony with his fellow students as well as the school. This essential "esprit de corps" can, and often is, generated by a winning tradition in sports.

Before the Athletic Council scrambles to compare characteristics of individual coaching candidates, let's hope they consider the all important winning column. A first-rate school needs a first-rate winner. Pick a first-rate coach.
Ohio State University's athletic program is on the brink of going in the red for the first time in recent history, according to a report from the school's Athletic Council.

The budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 shows an estimated $7.1 million of expenses compared with $6.9 million of income for all men's and women's athletics.

William Protheroe, chairman of the council, said the department probably will make up the deficit, thanks to a football ticket price increase, but won't be able to replace its $800,000 reserve fund.

Most of the reserve money is to be spent to replace artificial turf in Ohio Stadium at an estimated cost of $485,850 and to build more locker rooms in St. John Arena at an estimated cost of $250,000.

OSU is one of the few schools in the country whose athletic program is self-supporting, taking neither student fees nor tax dollars.

At the request of the council, the university raised football ticket prices for the upcoming fall season: 50 cents a game for students to $4.50; $1 for faculty and staff to $6.50, and $1.50 to $10.50 a game for all other ticket purchasers.

The council also wants to raise the ceiling for contributions the department can accept through the Buckeye Club from $250,000 to $800,000.

Contributions are used to pay tuition, books, fees and room and board for athletes. Each contribution of $500 entitles the donor to buy two season football tickets.

Even if the increase is approved, "it's probably too late to do anything about it" this season, Protheroe said. Football tickets for more donors probably aren't available since the pre-season sale to faculty, staff and students is nearly over, he explained. "You have to start taking things off the top."

Without extra money from the Buckeye Club, "we would not be putting any money in reserve," Protheroe, a professor of astronomy, said.

The reserve is needed for such things as upkeep on Ohio Stadium which costs about $250,000 a year, he said.

"The continued, gradual upgrading of the stadium though an ongoing maintenance program was discontinued for this year. This must be reestablished as quickly as possible," Protheroe says in a report he is to present Saturday to OSU's University Senate.

The report cites inflation, cost of maintaining expanding facilities and the increase of the women's program from $70,000 in 1972 to about $1 million this fiscal year as reasons for the money problems.

The additional locker rooms in St. John Arena are needed, for example, because "the women have not had the space" they need, Protheroe said.

His report also says OSU is on target with 92 full grants-in-aid budgeted at $399,204 for women next academic year compared with 188 at $893,156 in men's sports.

The number of grants is based on the ratio of women to men in intercollegiate sports and the number of grants-in-aid to be awarded. OSU predicts 517 male and 250 female athletes next year.

Based on 188 grants-in-aid for men — a figure set by rules of the Big Ten and the National Collegiate Athletic Association — OSU should give 90.9 grants to women to achieve parity on head count, the report says.

Athletic department income estimates for the year starting July 1, according to the report, include $3.6 million from football and $589,500 from basketball.

Estimated expenses include $3.1 million for salaries, wages and benefits and $3.9 million for operating and equipment expenses.
Teaming up
OSU athletes resist cutback plans

By MATT HARVEY
Columbus Dispatch Staff Writer

Winds of change and, in some cases, discontent might be blowing over the Ohio State campus this winter.

When Athletic Director Rick Bay recently suggested that Ohio State investigate the possibility of cutting eight varsity sports, more than a slight breeze of protest began to kick up among the athletes and coaches affected.

That breeze may turn into a full-fledged gale soon for the approximately 175 players and the 70 coaches involved. For them, as they await results of a recent evaluation of university athletics expected to be released next spring, the early months of 1986 seem certain to be a winter of discontent.

"The hardest part is not knowing what's going on," said Pete Hansen, men's volleyaball coach.

The issue surfaced in September when it was suggested as a cost-cutting measure that eight varsity sports be dropped — men's volleyball, lacrosse, men's and women's fencing, soccer, pistol, rifle and synchronized swimming.

Last night, the Athletic Council met at the University Golf Courses and officially announced that all sports teams at Ohio State would be evaluated — including personnel, budgets and other operational matters.

This is one game the players don't plan to lose. Some chose Ohio State largely because it offered their sport at a varsity level. As many of them see it, years of practice time would be washed down the drain if the sports are dropped to club status or eliminated altogether.

They have started petitions and spent time informing fellow students of their plight. Their game plan goes beyond talking.

Most, if not all, want to let their actions on the field speak for them. Most, if not all, want to make this a special season since it might be their last.

Mike Pickard is one such player. Pickard, a junior, comes from Cen-
tertville, a town where soccer means a great deal.

"I'm not too happy about it, really," Pickard said. "It just doesn't seem to make sense that they want to cut soccer. It's one of the fastest growing sports in Ohio and the others know very much about this sport... I think these sports are something that he doesn't know that much about, so he doesn't care."

Jim Ketter came to Ohio State to play volleyball. Part of the lure was Ohio State's volleyball tradition.

The Buckeyes went to the NCAA final four eight times between 1975 and 1983. In that time, Ohio State finished fourth twice, third five times and second once.

Ohio State also helped the development of Doug Beal, who played and coached at the university. Beal left Ohio State and went on to coach a gold medal-winning 1984 U.S. Olympic volleyball squad that included former Buckeyes Marc Wal-
die, Aldis Berzins and Rich Duwel-
us.

"I played for a club team at Wisconsin for two years," said Ketter, a senior. "The No. 1 reason I came down to Ohio State was to play varsity volleyball."

Some funding for club sports is provided from the university. It does not, however, come close to matching the funding varsity sports receive from Ohio State.

Gene Harper, director of sports clubs at Ohio State, said the university has about $20,000 to spend on 52 clubs. Most clubs end up paying their own expenses when they travel.

Csaga Hovany, a junior fencer for Ohio State who is a scholarship student, also is upset.

"It sounds so strange," said Hov-
any, the Big Ten foil champion and an All-American. "Club competition wouldn't be the same... Pacing isn't a very cheap sport. It's very hard to do on your own."

Al Rosebrock is a senior volleyball player who wouldn't lose playing time should his sport be cut.

Of course I'm very disappoint-
ed," Rosebrock said. "I'd like to come back and see volleyball as an al-

I'm very disappointed that Ohio State is thinking about cut-
ting volleyball when they're always trying to say that they are a pioneer. They're always talking about how they're in the forefront, and now they're talking about cutting back.

The coaches, whose futures at Ohio State are at least as up in the air as those of the players involved, are also in a limbo of sorts.

"We're just hoping things work out for the best," Hanson said. "I think people know (volleyball) is a good game."
Not surprisingly, soccer Coach Al Bianco said the same thing about his game.

"The thing that really flabbergasts me is that we've been at Ohio State for 33 years," Bianco said. "We kept soccer when it wasn't even justifiable, and now, when soccer is more popular, we're thinking of dropping it."

Mary Jo Ruggieri, synchronized swimming coach for Ohio State, said it has been difficult since Bay proposed possible cuts.

"The way in the past month this whole situation has been handled has been detrimental to me as a teacher and a coach and to my athletes as students," Ruggieri said. "I've never in my life, never in 16 years (of coaching), been so ineffectual."
'It's a good time to...

What began as an evaluation of eight varsity sports has evolved into a complete evaluation of athletics at Ohio State.

Athletic Director Rick Bay started the process last month when he suggested the possible cutting of the eight sports to the Athletic Council.

That grew into the evaluation of all varsity sports and other facets of the athletic structure at the university.

The heart of the issue, however, remains the future of the eight sports — men's volleyball, men's and women's fencing, lacrosse, soccer, rifle, pistol and synchronized swimming.

The decision to evaluate the sports was not an overnight idea for Bay, who spent much of his own college time at Michigan participating in wrestling, a non-revenue sport.

Bay, 12, came to Ohio State in 1984 from the University of Oregon, where he was athletic director for three years.

He lists a number of reasons for his proposal. Among them:

- the number of other majors colleges that carry the sport on a varsity level.
- the number of high schools that carry the sport.

"We're not saying it is necessary to cut those sports. We're just saying it's a good time to review the program," Bay said. "It's not purely a financial problem. Part of it is philosophical."

The Department of Athletics spends about $420,000 total on the eight sports in question and receives only a fraction back in gate receipts. Should they be cut, the money would be used for other teams and possibly for facilities. All told, Ohio State's athletic department operates on a budget of approximately $14 million.

While cutbacks are being investigated in some arenas, the athletic department and the university are looking toward raising funds as well.

Bay and the athletic department have set out on a fund-raising campaign that has a five-year goal of $350 million, while the university is looking to raise $350 million.

"What I am trying to do is sensitize people to the fact that we are losing kids because we don't have the facilities," Bay said. "I'm hoping we can fix it before we
review,' Bay says

fall on our face and have a down period."

Bay stresses, however, that money, used for scholarships, equipment and other operating expenses for teams is not related to money used for building multimillion dollar facilities.

Most of the money donated in larger sums has stipulations attached, Bay said. For example, a donor might give $10 million to Ohio State with the condition it be used to build a new arena for ice hockey. The donor might also stipulate the building be named after him. Such a donation only could be used as stipulated.

Smaller donations, meanwhile, are more likely to be channeled into the operating budget.

Currently, Bay and the athletic department are working toward building new facilities. High on the list for Bay is a multi-purpose indoor practice facility that would house football and several other sports.

When the football team practices indoors, it uses the French Field House. Its outdoor training facilities are at the Biggs Athletic Facility off of Olentangy River Road. Biggs was built in the mid-1960s.

### How the Bucks stack up

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(NCAA requires eight men's and eight women's sports for Division I status)

Source: Big Ten schools.

Bay would like to break ground on a new facility in the spring.

Also under consideration is a practice facility that would take many of the teams out of Larkins Hall, including the volleyball teams and the wrestling team, and a new complex to house athletic department offices.

— MATT HARVEY
Committee to scrutinize Buckeye sports programs

By Bill Eichenberger
For The Dispatch

Ohio State University's 31 varsity sports will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee, the university's Athletic Council said Tuesday night in announcing formation of the committee.

OSU Athletic Director Rick Bay had asked the council to review men's soccer, lacrosse and volleyball, as well as men's and women's fencing, pistol and rifle shooting, and women's synchronized swimming.

Lena Bailey, Athletic Council chairman, said the ad hoc committee will establish broader criteria than had been outlined by Bay originally and will evaluate and examine every sport in the athletic program.

BAY EXPRESSED concern about the size and quality of the program and urged the committee to begin immediately: "to determine what sports we are able to retain with dignity."

Coaches of the eight varsity teams singled out by Bay for review were invited by the council to speak on behalf of their respective sports. Speaking were soccer coach Al Bianco, synchronized swimming coach Mary Jo Ruggieri, fencing coach Charlotte Remenyik and lacrosse coach Fred Koval.

Remenyik suggested that Ohio State offered its students a rare opportunity to participate in sports such as fencing that aren't normally offered in high school.

Dismayed by how the situation was handled by the athletic department, Bianco requested that a decision be made as quickly as possible concerning soccer's status so that he could advise players whether to transfer to another school, and so he could recruit quality players fairly.

BAILEY SAID a final report by the ad hoc committee would not be made until April.

"It's a bit disappointing that I should be fighting for the very existence of soccer," Bianco told the council, "when I should be here discussing the underfunding of the sport."

"There are as many soccer teams in the Big Ten as ice hockey," he said, "and the national participation of 150 schools (colleges) speaks for itself.

"Soccer happens to be a new trend sport; many of your children will be playing soccer in the future. We can not put our heads in the sand and pretend it will go away."

Ruggieri urged the Athletic Council to "share my concern that the process used so far in these matters has not reflected sensitivity to the feelings and needs of the coaches and student-athletes of the teams in question."

AFTER THE meeting adjourned, Ruggieri elaborated on the question of procedure. The process was handled in a novice manner. Something this important should have been thought through and kept in the department until we all had time to define our goals," she said.

Council member William Protheroe motioned that the eight teams be removed from specific scrutiny in lieu of the comprehensive examination of all 31 varsity teams.

"These sports are no longer under the gun," Protheroe said. "There has been damage done, but I don't know how you correct that."

Bay said the motion did not change the athletic department's view of the sports in question. "They were the catalysts for the review," he said. Bay termed the idea of taking the teams off the "hit list" a "moot point."
Council postpones decision on evaluation of eight sports

By Joyce A. Stern
Lantern staff writer

The OSU Athletic Council has postponed the decision concerning the evaluation of the future of Ohio State sports until May 13.

The Program Review Committee completed a set of criteria to judge and evaluate sports March 20 and applied it to the entire 31-sport program.

The committee was to announce the results at its meeting today, said Howard Gauthier, committee chairman and professor of geography.

Lena Bailey, athletic council chairwoman and dean of home economics, said Friday that the lengthy 100-page report would "have to be pondered by the committee and therefore would not be discussed."

Coaches of the eight sports that might be dropped, (soccer, men's and women's fencing, men's volleyball, rifle, lacrosse, synchronized swimming and pistol), have awaited a decision since Sept. 24, when athletic director Richard M. Bay recommended the sports be evaluated.

Coaches and players were surprised by the postponement but said they were willing to wait. "At this point we've waited so long it's worth the wait for a just evaluation," said soccer coach Al Blanco.

Several coaches of sports that might be recommended for discontinuation said they have still been able to recruit athletes, but it has made recruiting more difficult.
Jennings: Sport cuts tough choice

By Laura J. Hayden and Suzette Beigel
Lantern staff writers

President Edward H. Jennings said the ultimate decision to drop eight OSU sports is his, although he will consider the Athletic Council's recommendation to be made Tuesday.

"I have a very difficult time cutting a program that's the best in the country whether it's synchronized swimming or physics," Jennings said, speaking of the proposal to drop synchronized swimming. "You don't wipe out a top program. I can do anything I want to, as long as the board approves it."

Synchronized swimming coach Mary Jo Ruggieri, said Athletic Director Richard M. Bay is recommending that her sport, one of eight under consideration, become a club sport.

"Ohio State is not only the No. 1 team on the collegiate level," Ruggieri said, "but we're also at the top of U.S. national and international competition as well.

"In terms of (public relations) and scholar-athletes at Ohio State, synchronized swimming has produced more of that than there is rice in China. How can they justify cutting us out?" she asked. Twenty-one team members would be affected by the proposed cut.

The council, composed of 14 faculty, student and alumni members, will announce its decision based on an evaluation compiled by a five-member committee appointed to look at all 31 varsity programs at Ohio State.

The committee evaluated the sports based on a set of criteria established by the council.

An Athletic Department report has suggested eliminating eight sports based on the criteria, making more than $400,000 available each year to reinforce the 23 remaining sports.

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SUBTOTAL WITHOUT BENEFITS: 122,780 394,581
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Athletic Council Chairwoman Lena Bailey said she felt it was too premature for the public to know of the discussion of regional varsity status.

The criteria by which the sports were evaluated were national and Big Ten Conference participation, the availability of the sports and their ranking within the conference, and the overall quality of the athletes. Other factors considered included the number of athletes, the number of varsity teams, and the success of the teams.

The Big Ten Conference schools are divided into two categories: those offering varsity sports and those offering non-varsity sports. Under this system, all athletes would be evaluated on a regional basis, with the best athletes representing the region.

The decision to move to a varsity-only conference was made to improve the quality of competition and to attract more students to the university. It is hoped that this change will also increase interest in the university's athletic programs.
Council says keep synchro varsity

By Joyce A. Stern
Lantern staff writer

The women's synchronized swimming team should remain a national varsity sport at Ohio State, the Program Review Committee recommended Tuesday night at an Athletic Council meeting.

The men's fencing, lacrosse, rifle, soccer, and volleyball teams and women's fencing team should gain regional varsity status, and the pistol team should be continued as a university sports club, under the recommendations.

The committee concluded that "there exists a two-tiered organizational structure in the OSU varsity program ... a national and regional (status)."

Varsity regional and national teams both have paid coaches, are financially supported by the Athletic Department, have full medical benefits and health insurance through the department, have fully-paid trainers, offer sports information services, have home staffing by the department and have Big Ten-NCAA eligibility.

Recruiting for varsity regional teams is on a regional basis, and travel is restricted to the Midwest. Only part of the sports equipment is funded by the Athletic Department.

"I am concerned about establishing a formal, two-tiered and geographically based differentiation between "national" and "regional" sports at Ohio State," President Edward H. Jennings said.

"While the concept is creative, clear lines should not be drawn which are based on geographic areas of competition. Such a categorization, however well-intended, could seriously inhibit our flexibility," he said.

The women's synchronized swim team was recommended to be made a sports club in the original report to the Athletic Council.

However, council member Don Christenson motioned to retain synchronized swimming as a national varsity sport. This amendment passed after an extensive debate by committee members, among whom woman Lena Bailey made the tie-breaking decision.

The 11-member committee established the following criteria for reviewing sports in the future:

* contribution to the educational mission of Ohio State
* amount and quality of competition at the conference and national level
* community support
* affordability of the program

"Recommendations have not been based on fiscal concerns, but on evaluations of individual program strengths and weaknesses, which is appropriate," Jennings said.

The committee contacted offices on campus, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Big Ten Conference and other sources to get information to make the recommendations. It also gave a questionnaire to the coaching staff and team captains.

The recommendation was in response to an Athletic Department report suggesting the elimination of eight sports, making more than $400,000 available each year to reinforce the 23 remaining sports.

Coaches, athletes voice mixed reactions to Athletic Council's recommendations

By Tracy Coburn and Laura J. Hayden
Lantern staff writer

Coaches and athletes had mixed reactions about the Athletic Council's recommendations to cut one varsity sport and reduce six others to regional status.

After the council's agonizing debate over two amendments to the original recommendation to drop synchronized swimming, coach Mary Jo Ruggieri and four of her swimmers sat back in relief.

"We feel that what happened is the result of team unity," Ruggieri said.

"The students and the university as a whole were behind us, and I feel we have a commitment to live up to the university and to synchronized swimming," Alan Walker, a student representative on the Athletic Council, voted against the amendment to continue funding synchronized swimming as a varsity sport.

"It's unfair to spend the amount of money on synchronized swimming when it could be used to give other sports a chance to excel on a national level," Walker said.

Fencing coach Charlotte Remenjic said she was not surprised by the council's decision but did express concern over the division of the grants-in-aid.

The council, however, opted not to include scholarships in its guidelines for regional status.

"I cannot see the justification in taking scholarships away from the teams that produce scholar athletes in order to give them to teams who need tutors," Remenjic said.

Remenjic was not concerned about the possibility of her team being restricted to regional status. "This is the toughest region (for fencing competition)," Remenjic said.

Soccer coach Al Bianco said he felt encouraged by the council's recommendation to provide scholarships for soccer players for the first time.

The council said that soccer is an integral sport in the state of Ohio and at Ohio State.

Two assistant lacrosse coaches were satisfied by the council's decisions.

"We're already on a regional budget, but in the future, with the team improving every year, we hope to compete on a national level," said assistant coach Mike Martin.

"We're not looking for immediate support," Martin added. "We're just happy we're still here."

Athletic Director Richard M. Bay said the council's decision concerning the two-tiered hierarchy of sports meant nothing new for the athletic department.

"In reality, we already have a two-tiered system, since we can't possibly expect to fund each sport at the maximum level," Bay said. "But the council's actions tonight were not intended to remove flexibility."

"I'll still exercise my administrative prerogative when I feel it necessary," Bay said.
Athletic panel recommends 2-tier system

By Steve Sterrett

The Athletic Council adopted recommendations on May 13 from its Program Review Committee to establish a two-tier system of national and regional varsity sports.

By a 7-6 vote, however, the council amended the committee's recommendation that synchronized swimming and pistol be made sports clubs under University Recreation and Intramural Sports. Instead the council proposed that synchronized swimming be continued as a national-level varsity sport, and that pistol become a club sport.

The committee proposed that the men's teams to compete nationally should be football, basketball, baseball, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, swimming, tennis, track and field, cross country and wrestling.

The regional men's teams should be fencing, lacrosse, rifle, soccer and volleyball.

The women's teams to compete nationally should be basketball, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, cross country and volleyball.

The regional women's team should be fencing.
Athletic Council recommends new 2-tier system

Continued from page 1.
The committee also recommended that the athletics department consider phasing in additional financial support for men's soccer as soon as doing so is financially possible. The committee cited growing interest in the sport, particularly among Ohio high school athletes.

The council established the Program Review Committee last fall following a proposal by Rick Bay, director of athletics, that eight varsity sports be discontinued in an economy move.

Howard Gauthier, professor of geography and chairperson of the Program Review Committee, emphasized that his committee did not limit its work to the eight sports singled out by Bay. It undertook a program review, similar to that conducted by the University for academic programs, of the whole varsity sports program.

"We soon discovered that a program review of a non-academic program had never been done (at Ohio State)," Gauthier said, adding that no such comprehensive review of an athletic program had been conducted at any Big Ten university.

In its report to the Athletic Council, the committee noted that Ohio State with 31 varsity sports supports the largest intercollegiate sports program in the nation, a fact that "should be a matter of pride to all Ohioans."

"The athletic program should not be viewed exclusively as a business enterprise in which the bottom line is the net income generated by a sport," the report said. "Rather, intercollegiate athletics, similar to an academic program, should be measured by its contribution to the overall mission of the University."

Relying on the mission and goals statements of the athletic department, the committee developed criteria for the review; then gathered data from University offices, the Big Ten conference, NCAA and other sources; surveyed coaches and team captains; and offered recommendations in four general areas and on teams.

Adopted unanimously by the Athletic Council members were the recommendations in the four general areas:

- **Athletics and academics.** The counseling staff in the athletics department is among the smallest in the Big Ten. The size of the counseling staff should be increased and "the University should support the counseling program through general fund resources rather than from the earnings of the athletics department."

- **Athletic competition.** Being responsive to students' interest in sports, the composition of varsity sports should not be viewed as permanent. "Varsity sport status must provide a competitive schedule involving Division I schools" and should include Big Ten competition. To permit varsity teams to be highly competitive, the athletics department should provide "the maximum number of grants-in-aid allowed under NCAA guidelines to every team for which a Big Ten championship is determined," high quality facilities and excellent coaching.

- **Community support.** "Varsity athletic programs should meet the needs of Ohio student-athletes and complement the programs of the Ohio High School Athletic Association." A varsity sport's educational and athletic opportunities for students is a more important consideration than spectator attendance in evaluating the varsity status of a sport.

- **Program affordability.** The athletics department's fund-raising programs are commendable and should be strengthened. "At a minimum, the goal should be to assure sufficient monies are available to provide the maximum number of grants-in-aid permitted by the NCAA," increases in ticket prices for football and basketball, however, should be kept to a minimum because "the financial pressures placed on these two sports are already extreme and contribute to unrealistic expectations for athletic performance that is more appropriate for professional teams than for collegiate athletic programs."

The team recommendations generated debate and divided votes.

The report notes that "there exists de facto a tiered organizational structure in the OSU varsity program" in which some teams receive few or no grants-in-aid and compete on a regional basis.

The committee recommended that these differences among sports be formally recognized with a two-tiered structure of national and regional varsity sports which would permit "the coaching staffs to plan their programs with fuller knowledge of the resources they will have."

Council members William Prothrooe and Richard Lanese strongly objected to formally recognizing the two-tiered structure because it would limit administrative flexibility. On a 5-7 vote, the council rejected an amendment to drop the designation of national and regional sports.

Prothrooe and Lanese joined Council member Donald Christenson in an amendment to continue synchronized swimming as a national-level sport. They argued that even though the team did not meet all the criteria proposed for a varsity sport, the team is the best such collegiate program in the nation and had brought national recognition to Ohio State.

Council Chairperson Lena Bailey voted in favor of the amendment to break a 6-6 tie on the motion. The council then voted to accept the full report and recommendations, as amended on synchronized swimming.

The committee report and the council's recommendations will go to Russell Spillman, vice provost for student affairs, and then on to President Jennings.
Jennings reacts to

Editor's note: In a letter May 13 to Lena Bailey, dean of the College of Home Economics and chair of the Athletic Council, President Jennings outlined his reaction to proposed criteria for evaluating intercollegiate sports at the University. The following is a copy of the letter.

Dear Lena:

I have reviewed the draft report of the Program Review Committee of the Athletic Council, and want to commend the members for providing us with criteria by which the University can evaluate intercollegiate athletics. I also want to express my appreciation for the time and effort dedicated to making the process as thorough and impartial as possible.

The parallels to the academic procedures of program review are an encouraging first step for the Department of Athletics. Recommendations have been based not on fiscal concerns, but on evaluations of individual program strengths and weaknesses, which is appropriate. While any decision naturally has fiscal consequences, these cannot be the determining factor in our judgments throughout the University.

Still to be determined are the processes for implementing change and for appropriate guidance to the athletic department on using both the new criteria and its existing budget flexibility to encourage excellence. The decline in television revenues, the increasing need to rely on private giving, progress on cost containment and other budgetary changes need to be addressed as part of an overall fiscal strategy. As we work with the department on the Memorandum of Understanding that typically results from program review, I am confident these areas will be clarified. However, as the committee submits its draft report to the athletic council for action, there also are some concerns I would hope to see addressed.

Fundamentally, the recommended criteria are good ones. I concur fully that the education and academic performance of team members rank high in importance, just as they do in evaluation of coaching performance; and that Ohio-based interest in a sport be a strong determinant, measured by such factors as high school programs and availability of good recruits among Ohioans. I also agree that relative affordability of the program ranks last.

The criteria on levels of competition also are fundamentally appropriate. This includes recognition of an existing reality of intercollegiate athletics — that of differential funding for individual sports. However, I am concerned about establishing a formal, two-tiered and geographically based differentiation between "national" and "regional" sports at Ohio State. While the concept is creative, clear lines probably should not be drawn which are based on geographic areas of competition. Such a categorization, however well-intended, could seriously inhibit our flexibility. Rather than facilitating change over time, its effect may well be to keep worthy sports from developing into nationally competitive programs.

Let me present a hypothetical example. Let us assume that after a number of years of full support, "Sport X" has not improved. At that point, what may be needed is a scaling back to a level of competition that relieves pressure while the team rebuilds. We may want to schedule more non-conference or Division II or III teams and may choose to move a few scholarships from Sport X to areas where they will be more productive during the transition period. Under a tiered structure, rather than making these supportive moves to preserve the sport, we might need to formally change its status — surely damaging morale, if not the long-term viability of the program.

Similarly, we have the example of a developing program—"Sport Y." Today we may play non-conference games and Division II and III teams. But if interest builds, Sport Y could become a truly national sport. We would need to seize every opportunity to excel by seeking increasingly strong competition. The restriction of a formal designation of regional status might unnecessarily limit our ability to respond to change and prevent a natural and gradual growth process. These are two examples of how rigid lines could hamper our flexibility.

I also would question the recommendation on scholarships. While it may seem reasonable to enable a
athletic review proposals

I should add that the criteria established by the committee serve another extremely important function. The most valuable use of the criteria is not in determinations of which sports to eliminate or retain, but rather to more clearly focus the pursuit of excellence for our varsity teams. Ice hockey, for example, is a sport which the report recognizes as not meeting many of the criteria. Nonetheless, it is appropriate that it be continued as a varsity sport — but with the understanding that it will be more directed toward meeting the criteria outlined in the report. Providing such a focus offers invaluable assistance to the department, the administration, the coaches and players and the Athletic Council as program review continues in the future.

Despite the reservations I have outlined, I want to reiterate that the report represents substantial progress in enabling the University to conduct program review of intercollegiate sports. Some areas, such as academic oversight, funding and relative pay levels of the department’s tutors, already have been addressed. But it is clear from the report that there is much more for us to do to achieve comprehensive excellence.

Although we face the ever-present difficulties of making decisions about funding priorities, I believe this report offers good guidance in focusing on program qualities rather than fiscal constraints. But it is important that we leave specific decisions up to future policy makers. The faculty must have a strong role in governance. However, policies should not be implemented or structures created that would limit faculty discretion in future years.

Again, I want to compliment the committee. The members have undertaken a difficult and complex task, where public attention and emotions have run high, and handled it sensitively and productively. I believe that both the content and the precedent set in the report are solid contributions to excellence in intercollegiate athletics at all levels at Ohio State.

Sincerely,

Edward H. Jennings
The 14-member OSU Athletic Council is comprised of eight faculty members, four students and two alumni representatives. The Council establishes policy for the Athletic Department. Pictured are the members of this year’s Council.

Seated (L-R): Deborah Katz (Professional Student), David Frantz (English), Chair Carol Kennedy (Nursing), Charles MacMurray (Alumni), Athena Yiamouyiannis (Undergraduate Student). Standing (L-R): Ralph Waldo (Alumni), Rhonda Dakelman (Graduate Student), Julian Markels (English), Lloyd Horrocks (Chemistry), Scott Mounts (Undergraduate Student), Gregory Travaglio (Law), LeRoy Pernell (Law), C.J. Slanicka (Faculty Representative). Not pictured: Richard Lanese (Preventive Medicine), Williamson Murray (History).
WLAF gets nod from OSU panel

By Peter D. Franklin
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The fate of a World League of American Football franchise for Columbus appears to rest with Big Ten officials after Ohio State authorities moved toward approving professional football in Ohio Stadium.

After a meeting of the university's athletic council yesterday, OSU athletic director Jim Jones forwarded to president Gordon Gee the council's unanimous recommendation in favor of using the stadium for WLAF games — should Columbus be awarded a franchise.

Madison H. Scott, executive assistant to Gee and secretary to the board of trustees, said he believed Gee would react "affirmatively and positively" to the council's action. Gee is expected to take the recommendation to the next meeting of the trustees July 12.

Trustee chairman Hamilton Joel Teaford said yesterday that "if the (athletic) council's in favor of using the stadium for the WLAF, then I would be in favor, too."

He and Scott both noted, however, that the "$64 question" is whether the Big Ten will grant OSU a waiver to a conference rule that forbids the use of member facilities by professional teams. Scott said Jones already has approached Big Ten officials on an informal basis.

A Big Ten spokesman said he wasn't aware OSU has contacted the conference to seek a waiver from the Big Ten Joint Group (athletic directors, faculty representatives and women's athletic administrators).

The Joint Group next meets Oct. 7-8. The spokesman would not speculate on a special meeting or teleconference among members to consider the WLAF bid to play in Ohio Stadium.

"There is precedent for this, but not for a whole professional season," he said.

Ohio State facilities have been the sites for pro football and basketball exhibitions only.

The promoters of a WLAF franchise in Columbus, Jerry Saperstein and Jack D. Donaldson, are eager to enter a bid to the international league's New York headquarters on or shortly after July 13. At that time the WLAF will weigh expansion from 10 teams to as many as 16 teams for the 1992 spring season.
WLAF backers say OSU could rake it in

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Nearly $750,000 in annual revenues for Ohio State is the carrot being used by local promoters of a World League of American Football franchise to get Ohio Stadium for its home games.

Only $175,000 would be for rental of the stadium. Most of OSU's money would come from its share of ticket sales, parking fees and concessions.

Earlier this week, the university's athletic council unanimously approved the plan in principle and forwarded it to President Gordon Gee. He is expected to recommend adoption of the promoters' proposal at the Friday meeting of OSU's trustees.

Jerry Saperstein, who along with Jack D. Donaldson is trying to secure a Columbus franchise, requested a two-year lease and options to stage seven Saturday night or Sunday afternoon games in March through June 1992 and 1993. He said the promoters were "under a very short time frame" because of their need to have their bid into the WLAF's New York headquarters in mid-July.

In addition, Saperstein said the league had told him "that other cities under consideration already submitted stadium leases as a part of their applications."

The 10-team international league is looking to expand by up to six teams next season. League officials have indicated one team would come from the Midwest. Chicago and Detroit are said to be making bids, too.

"They are our main competition," Saperstein said yesterday. The WLAF and the owners of NFL teams that support the WLAF are said to favor Chicago because of its large television market.

In making the bid for Ohio Stadium, Saperstein outlined revenues based on average paid attendance of 30,000 a game, which he termed "extremely conservative."

Stadium rental is proposed at $25,000 per game, plus expenses for security, field maintenance, cleanup, etc.

OSU also would realize a $1 "bonus" from every ticket sold, half the net revenues from parking fees, and 10 percent of gross revenues from concessions.

To play professional football in Ohio Stadium, a waiver is required from the Big Ten, which forbids members to use their facilities regularly for professional sports. OSU officials are expected to request the waiver.

If Columbus gets a WLAF franchise and use of the stadium is OK'd — two big hurdles — the franchise could face another one in 1994. The World Cup Ohio Committee has entered a bid to hold seven World Cup soccer games in Ohio Stadium in June 1994.

Saperstein said, "There is a chance we could get in a few home games before they need to renovate the field" for soccer. Remaining "home" games for the Columbus franchise would be played on the road that season, he said.
No plans for Smith investigation, Gee says

OSU coaching staff not being reviewed by Athletic Council

By Marc Harper
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OSU President E. Gordon Gee said he has no plans to formally investigate statements Robert Smith made upon quitting the OSU football team.

"If Smith was asked to miss class to practice, that would be unacceptable, but there is no evidence of that," Gee said.

"We have an ongoing process to monitor these types of issues," Gee said, speaking of the OSU Athletic Council. "I think they are satisfied with the internal integrity of the coaching staff."

"The integrity of the athletic program has not been breached as far as we know," adding any investigation would likely have to be launched by Smith himself, said James Blakeslee, council chairman.

"The Council) develop policy governing intercollegiate and intramural athletics," Blakeslee said. "We are not an investigative body for the (University) Senate.

The Council's responsibility in this instance is to make sure Smith has an avenue to file a grievance, Blakeslee said.

The Council has such an avenue in place for athletes, and that it is modeled on a section in the student handbook, Blakeslee added.

The "Grievances and Solving Problems" section of the handbook says "(a student) should seek to resolve a grievance concerning a grade or academic practice by speaking first with the instructor or professor, then if necessary, with the department chairperson, college dean, and provost, in that order."

Blakeslee said an athlete with a team-related grievance would first try to work the problem out by speaking with team captains, then with the coaching staff, and then the athletic director.

If the problem was still unresolved, he said, the Vice President for Student Affairs could appoint an ad-hoc committee to investigate.

Blakeslee said a member of the Council would be a member of such a committee.

For his part, Smith said in an interview last week, "Everyone should just get back to letting Ohio State play football and me concentrate on my studies."

Gee also said he thought a quote attributed in the Sept. 5-11 issue of the Other Paper to Athletic Director Jim Jones was probably made in jest.

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Athletic Council seeks solution to student hoops ticket demand

By Kelly Kuntz
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The OSU athletic council is examining alternative seating plans for next year's basketball season after giving split-season tickets this year and still having to refund 3,500 student ticket applications.

"Due to the success of the team last season and the popularity of Coach (Randy) Ayers, OSU basketball was the hot ticket this year," said Richelle Simonson, assistant ticket director. "There was a lot of interest and not enough tickets to go around."

The staff at the ticket office has been very busy this season answering phone calls and letters from angry students and faculty members. "Although there isn't anything that can be done this season, once the situation is explained to them, most of them were very good at understanding," Simonson said.

This year ticket applications were distributed differently; any student that came into the office, regardless of rank, could apply and had a week to return the application, Simonson said.

In the past, there was a set number of applications given out. These were gone the first day. The students were also given the option for full or split-season tickets. This year, neither the students nor the faculty were given full-season tickets, and there still weren't enough tickets to go around, Simonson said. "Some faculty didn't get tickets either, it wasn't just students."

The tickets are given out on a priority basis with seniors receiving tickets first, followed by juniors, sophomores, freshmen, graduate students and continuing education students. This year, all of the continuing education, graduate students and freshman applications were refunded, Simonson said. Only about 60 percent of the sophomores received tickets, she said.

Everyone who ordered option tickets will receive them, even if they did not get regular season tickets.

"It's a shame that students can't get tickets," said Keith Schlackman, a sophomore from Philadelphia. Schlackman's ticket was refunded. "Who wants to give money to the athletic department as alumni if they didn't get to see the games as students?"

The total capacity of St. John Arena is 13,276. When tickets are distributed, 8,800 go to students, 4,000 to faculty and 5,000 to the general public. The remainder of the tickets go to recruits, Simonson said.

Ticket subcommittees from the athletic council have been meeting every two weeks to discuss the ticket problem and its possible solutions, said Robert Tumney, USG representative on the athletic council. The committees are trying to develop a seating plan that will accommodate as many people as possible with the 11,400 tickets. So far they have come up with five possible solutions.

One idea being discussed is a rotation plan. With this option, the amount of student applicants determines the number of games in the student season ticket. There are 14 regular season games, multiply that by 3,000 the number of tickets allotted to students will make 53,200 single game tickets available to students. When this number is divided by the number of student applicants, the number of games per student ticket can be determined. Seating locations will vary from game to game.

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Council member defends vote

By Jo Crawford
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A member of the OSU Athletic Council attempted to clarify the university's position on stricter NCAA standards for college athletes, saying Ohio State's vote against the new standards was not an opposition to academic reform.

Carol Kennedy, who represented the OSU Athletic Council in the NCAA convention held in Anaheim, Calif. last week, said Thursday she cast Ohio State's vote against the new requirements because she thought the new standards could limit minority students' access to Ohio State.

According to the new rule, effective Aug. 1, 1995, college freshmen will need a 2.5 grade point average and a score of either 700 on the SAT or 17 on the ACT to be eligible for sports.

Students with a 2.0 grade point average, will need to score at least 900 on the SAT or 21 on the ACT to be eligible.

Kennedy compared the new rule to Proposition 48, which was introduced in 1986. Under that plan, student athletes with a 2.0 grade point and a 700 SAT score or a 17 ACT score are eligible to play.

"When Proposition 48 was introduced, there was a 20 percent drop of minority participation in athletics, but this gradually increased over the next four years and now there are more minority student participants," Kennedy said.

Students will eventually adjust to meet the new standards, although an initial dip may be seen in minority participation, she said.

Council members also discussed a freshman ineligibility rule as a possible alternative to the academic requirements.

James Blackshee, chairperson of the council, said the idea of freshman ineligibility should be raised by the faculty representative at the Big Ten spring meeting.
Athletes will get academic help

By Gemma Mcluckie

Students were the focus of two reports to the University Senate March 5. The Athletic Council reported its efforts on behalf of athletes, and the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress outlined several principles for recruitment and retention.

Improvements in the Department of Athletics’ study facilities are helping student-athletes make better progress toward completing their degrees, said Katherine Meyer, chair of the Athletic Council and associate professor of sociology.

Changes included adding a fourth academic counselor; monitoring plans of study; and notifying the director of athletics when teams have low grade-point averages, especially when low grades “correspond to five or more missed class days.”

In order to achieve equitable participation of men and women in intercollegiate athletics, the athletic council formed the ad hoc Committee on Gender Equity, Meyer said.

Federal law, Title IX of the Higher Education Act, prohibits sexual discrimination in educational institutions that receive federal support. Intercollegiate athletic programs are included under the law. In addition, the Big Ten is requiring a 60/40 participation ratio of men to women by 1997. With the addition of women’s varsity soccer in autumn 1994, Ohio State’s ratio is up to 70 percent to 30 percent.

The gender equity committee, chaired by Meyer and Deborah Ballam, associate professor of finance, rejected the idea that numbers were the most important consideration. The committee calls for the University to look at the size of squads while also addressing “environmental issues,” such as access to practice facilities, that influence women’s decisions to play.

Recommendations include determining feasible squad sizes to eliminate excessive numbers, and giving women’s teams financial incentives to add additional walk-on players. Another recommendation calls for using Ohio State sports psychology faculty to assist athletic department personnel and coaches in understanding how to be receptive and supportive of women athletes.

The Council on Enrollment and Student Progress presented the Senate with a plan to deal with both enrollment to the University and shifts within Ohio State.

“Today is not a plan designed to say, ‘OSU will have this many students, this quarter,’” said W. Randy Smith, chair of the council. “It is a description of principles, tied to the mission and vision statements of the University, that will help us make plans and set priorities.” The plan also should be considered a long-term one, with implementation “during the remainder of the decade.”

For undergraduates, college and central administrators should carefully manage enrollment levels in line with available resources. Planning should consider the complex interrelationships between the total number of students, the mix of freshmen and transfer students, the state subsidy, the level of funding for faculty and graduate students, and the impact on space and equipment that can vary from department to department.

Diversity continues to be a goal. Particular attention should be given to targeting under-represented minorities, particularly African Americans and Hispanics, the report recommends.

Smith reported that the council supports selective admissions, but suggests using ACT and SAT scores in determining acceptance. Recruiting high-quality students should include those who are academically outstanding, “not only National Merit Scholars but the next level down”; and those who have special talents. Ohio State is new to recruitment and needs to coordinate its efforts through the Office of Admissions, he added.

Retention efforts also should be coordinated. “The piecemeal approach needs to be replaced immediately with a more centralized approach,” the report recommends.

Suggestions include continued use of University College as the main portal for entering students, enhancing the honors program, and strengthening the advising system by involving academic units and their faculty.

Graduate enrollment, on the other hand, should continue to be decentralized, while the Graduate School’s Council on Research and Graduate Studies regularly assesses programs’ size, structural characteristics and state subsidies, the report recommends.

The professional schools have special enrollment needs and issues that should be identified and addressed by the Office of Academic Affairs, the report noted. These include their service to the community, and cyclical enrollment patterns because of changes in the labor market.

The Council on Enrollment and Student Progress suggested that Academic Affairs implement guidelines on monitoring and responding to changes in enrollment within the University. Response should include resources for short-term shifts so that classes are not closed or ceilings set on the number of majors.

The changes come as the demand for workers increase or decrease, such as increased numbers in business and engineering in the 1800s. Or changes in University policies cause students to shift, such as the College of Education’s transformation to a professional school with no undergraduates.
STATE of OSU's STUDENT-ATHLETES

- Of our nearly 1,100 student-athletes participate in 36 varsity sports of these student-athletes,
  - 42% are female
  - 53% are male
  - 19% are minorities
  - 43% are non Ohio residents
  - And 7% are international students.

- Approximately 52% of our student athletes have a 3.0 or higher GPA

- 23 / 36 teams average better than a 3.0 GPA

- Last year 226 student-athletes graduated, including 8 in the degree completion program

- Student-athletes are enrolled in 119 different majors/plans

- Top 5 majors/plans
  - Communication
  - Business Administration
  - Consumer and Family Financial Service
  - Psychology
  - Exercise Science

- Student-Athlete Support Services Office (SASSO) provides academic advising for SAs, provides counseling for teams, and vets, trains, and oversees tutors. Headquartered in the Younkin center, SASSO also maintains a presence in the Fawcett center and the Woody Hayes Athletic Center.
  - Run by Assistant Provost in Enrollment Services & Undergraduate Education
  - Accredited by NCAA
  - Audited by Athletic Council (AP&E) Annually (4-year cycle)
  - “Success Team” for those in need of ex

- SASSO's Counselors, the DoF's Sport Administrators, and the Faculty Athletics Representative work closely together with the faculty members of Athletic Council (AP&E committee) in order to minimize the impact of competition and practice schedules on student-athletes and to maximize their chances for academic success.

- Overall, when measured by GPA, Student-Athletes perform at rates that keep pace with the rest of the student body. While this record is welcome, Athletic Council, the Faculty Athletics Representative, and the DoF recognize that the final measure of academic progress is neither minimal eligibility standards nor GPA, but rather graduation rates and meaningful participation in all the academic possibilities OSU affords students. Thus, ACs conversations in recent years have been dominated by questions of creating the opportunity for good students to become even better and enhancing graduation rates.
**Athletic Council’s Purview**

- "Develop, subject to the general authority of the president and the board of trustees, policies governing intercollegiate athletics, as the agent of the senate. The senate may hold these policies in review." University Rules 3335-5-48.5 B1.
- "Under policies established by the athletic council, the director of athletics shall administer the intercollegiate athletics program." University Rules 3335-3-21 B
- Reports to the President through the Senate and the Athletic Director.

**Membership**

- 8 Faculty Members
  - 4 app’t by Faculty Leadership
  - 4 app’t by President
- 4 Students
  - 2 U-grad ; 1 Grad; 1 Professional
- 2 Alumni
- 1 Staff Member (U. Staff Advisory Committee)
- One of these members is elected Vice-Chair (Chair-elect) by AC membership

**Meetings**

- Open meetings monthly
- Attended by AC & Ex-Officio Members
  - DoA Leadership
  - Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR)
  - Vice-President for Student Life
  - SASSO Director
  - SAAAB Representative
  - President’s Representative
- Joined by President once / term

**Charges**

- Charge 1: “It will consider and establish policy on such matters as...”
  - Budget (Revenue generation, expenditures, etc.)
  - Scheduling in re wellbeing of S-A’s
  - Academic Standards and Eligibility
  - Scholarships / Financial Aid
  - Tickets
  - Public and Campus Relations
  - S-A Grievances
  - Awards
- Charge 2: Faculty Athletics Representative Selection
- Charge 3: Team Liaisons (AC Bylaws)

**Business of Charge 1 Conducted in Standing Committees**

- Academic Progress & Eligibility (AP&E)
  - All faculty members plus grad student member
  - Works closely with SASSO, Sport ADs
  - Prime Concerns => Missed-Class Time; awards; SASSO audit; hears compliance reports; eligibility issues; academic success
- Equity & Student-Athlete Wellbeing (ESAAN)
  - Faculty & 2 students // DoA staff & legal counsel
  - Prime Concerns => Safety; quality of life; Title IX report
- Finance & Facilities (Fifa)
  - Faculty, students, staff, Alumni // DoA financial officers
  - Prime Concerns => Revenue; Ticketing, Facilities [+ Greens]
- Athletic Council Executive Committee

**Faculty Athletics Representative**

- The faculty athletics representative shall provide advice and oversight for the intercollegiate athletics program at the Ohio state university and represent the university and its faculty to the NCAA. The faculty athletics representative also shall participate in the assurance of academic integrity of the athletics program; monitor the student-athlete experience; participate in the assurance of the institutional compliance with NCAA and conference regulations; and serve as the senior faculty advisor to the president and the director of athletics concerning the administration of the collegiate athletics program. (3335-5-48.5 B2)
- Four-Year Term; Renewable twice