

## SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

April 22, 1958

#### I. GENERAL STATEMENT

Football officials for the 1958 season have been assigned. As soon as game contracts with the officials have been completed the athletic departments of the various Conference schools will be notified as to specific assignments.

All Scholarship and Historical Reports have been received, inspected, and filed. A few irregularities occurred and were properly corrected. I wish to express my appreciation to all concerned for the promptness and efficiency in which these reports were submitted.

Statistical service for football, basketball, baseball, and other spring sports has been continued during the present school year, and has been well received by members of the press.

The Conference office is pleased to report that it has not been necessary to utilize the services of Mr. Pampell in investigative work since our December, 1957 Meeting. Again this year during the month of May, Mr. Curtis and I plan to visit all of the Southwest Conference schools and confer with the coaching staffs at our institutions regarding their recruiting problems.

Crowd behavior at Conference basketball games was somewhat improved over previous years. An incident did occur during and immediately after one of our games which will be discussed in greater detail later in this report. As I have pointed out in my reports many times, the game of basketball by its very nature demands the constant attention of our school administrators and athletic staff members to reduce the possibility of undesirable events occurring both during and immediately following our games.

The Radio-Television Committee of the Southwest Conference met on March 30, 1958, and compiled a regional television schedule and selected a committee from their members to negotiate for the sale of the 1958 football radio and television rights. This sub-committee subsequently accepted a bid from the Humble Oil & Refining Company for these rights in the States of Texas and New Mexico. They authorized the Executive Secretary to enter into a contract for these rights with the above named company, calling for the payment of \$20,000.00 per game for regional television privileges, and a total of \$65,100.00 for radio privileges for the 1958 football season. For regional televised games which become sell-outs, the television fee will be increased to \$22,000.00 because "black-outs" in some markets will not be necessary.



Radio rights for the State of Arkansas will be handled by the University of Arkansas as in former years, and negotiations are now under way to secure sponsorship for the regional televised games in the State of Arkansas.

## II. SUGGESTED AGENDA

1. Reading, correction, and adoption of the minutes of the December 13-14, 1957 and January 7, 1958 Meetings.

NOTE: There is a typographical error in Paragraph 7 of the December 13-14, 1957 Minutes. The budget as outlined in this paragraph is for the 1957-58 fiscal year instead of the 1958-59 fiscal year.

2. Report of the President.
3. Report of the Executive Secretary.
4. Consideration of rulings of the Executive Secretary.

Since December, 1957, the Executive Secretary has received no requests for official rulings from member institutions. However, a significant interpretation was made regarding the furnishing of bed clothing to student athletes. Two letters involving this interpretation are quoted for the records.

March 25, 1958

To Southwest Conference Athletic Directors:

"It has come to the attention of this office that at least one Conference institution has indicated to prospective athletes that their bed clothing, such as sheets, blankets, pillow cases, etc., will be furnished them while attending that school. Since in so far as I know and have been able to determine it is not the established practice for our member institutions to furnish bed clothing for all students, the promise of this assistance for athletes as a part of their board and room is definitely in violation of Article XXX of the Southwest Conference By-Laws.

"In cases where promise of this assistance has been made to prospective athletes, it is requested that the institution or institutions involved immediately contact these individuals and correctly inform them of the rules of the Southwest Conference as they pertain to this matter."

Sincerely yours,

Howard Grubbs,  
Executive Secretary

c.c. All Faculty Representatives and Head Football Coaches.



April 4, 1958

To Southwest Conference Athletic Directors:

"Reference is made to my letter of March 25, 1958, relative to the furnishing of sheets, blankets, pillow cases, etc., to athletes while attending Southwest Conference institutions.

"Since that time, it has come to my attention that at least one of our Southwest Conference institutions has a policy of furnishing bed clothing to all dormitory students, both men and women. Under these conditions it is not, in my judgment, a violation of Southwest Conference regulations to furnish athletes living in school dormitories their bed clothing, since they are receiving the same service as every other dormitory student at the institution."

Sincerely yours,

Howard Grubbs,  
Executive Secretary

c.c. All Faculty Representatives and Head Football Coaches.

5. Mail votes.

On February 17, 1958, the case of Mr. Bobby Bozman was submitted to the Conference for a mail vote:

"Mr. Bozman attended Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas on a track scholarship during the 1956-57 school year. While in attendance at A.C.C., Mr. Bozman participated on the freshman track team. Mr. Bozman states: "My major at Abilene Christian College was Business Administration and I finished my freshman course there. Then I decided to major in Public Relations and Radio-TV and I found that S.M.U. offered a much better course than A.C.C. Too, I reasoned that since Dallas was my home it would be an advantage to me to return and finish my education at S.M.U. where I can meet new friends and make business contacts that will be of help to me in the future, for I hope to remain in Dallas. It was then that I decided to transfer."

The office of the Executive Secretary has on file a letter of release from Mr. Oliver Jackson, Track Coach at Abilene Christian College, regarding Mr. Bozman, and a letter from Mr. Keaton, Track Coach at S.M.U. stating that he did not influence Mr. Bozman to enroll at S.M.U.

RESULTS:

For eligibility - A&M, Baylor, Rice, SMU, TCU, Texas Tech, Arkansas, Texas.

Against eligibility - None.



6. Consideration of change in scholarship requirements for athletic eligibility.

In this connection reference is made to the circular letter addressed to the Faculty Representatives, dated March 17, 1958, which states as follows:

"As per the instructions contained in Paragraph 4 of the minutes of the Southwest Conference Meeting dated December 13-14, 1957, Dr. Mouzon and I have compiled 'a suggested column of cumulative C average hours to be placed in the table of quantitative requirements under Article XXII of the By-Laws.'

"Since beginning in September of 1958 Baylor University will be on a semester system, it will not be necessary to carry the quarter hour column in our By-Laws after that time. It is pointed out that the qualitative requirements are simply suggested requirements, and the Conference could eliminate the qualitative requirements entirely from the table, or could raise or lower them as desired. The suggested table follows:

	Semester	Semester Hours	Semester Hours with C Average or equivalent
At the end of:	1	9	3
	2	20	9
	3	32	20
	4	44	32
	5	57	44
	6	72	57
	7	84	72
	8	96	84
	9	108	96

7. Discussion of Cotton Bowl affairs.

At the May Meeting, representatives of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association will be present to discuss problems relating to the Cotton Bowl. At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, held in Dallas on March 28, 1958, Mr. Robert B. Cullum was elected Chairman of the Board, Mr. John B. Lowe, President, Mr. Roland Bond, First Vice President, Mr. Jay Dickey, Second Vice President, and Mr. Howard Grubbs, Secretary-Treasurer for the next biennium. Also at this meeting, it was voted that \$12,000.00 from the Cotton Bowl surplus be presented to the Conference.



8. Selection of a site for the 1958 Cross Country Meet.

Cross Country Meets have been held for the past several years as follows:

1951	The University of Arkansas
1952	The University of Texas
1953	Southern Methodist University
1954	Texas A&M College
1955	The University of Texas
1956	Texas A&M College
1957	Baylor University

We suggest that the Faculty Representatives discuss with their respective athletic departments the possibility of having the Cross Country Meet at their institution, and be prepared to make a selection of the site for the 1958 Cross Country Meet at the Conference Meeting in May.

9. Selection of a site for the 1959 Track, Golf and Tennis Meets.

According to the rotation plan followed by the Conference, these meets should be held at Texas A&M in 1959.

10. Consideration of dates for the 1958 Pre-Season Basketball Tournament.

You will recall that the Conference at its meeting in Philadelphia on January 7, 1958 voted unanimously to hold the Pre-Season Basketball Tournament in Houston on dates to be selected. It is recommended that this tournament be held on December 26, 27 and 29, 1958.

11. Consideration of reducing the number of games permitted Conference freshman football teams.

The Conference at its meeting on December 13-14, 1957, instructed the Executive Secretary to place the following item on the agenda for May, 1958:

"That the number of games permitted Conference freshman football teams be changed from five to three."

12. Review of factors involved in "freshman transfer" cases.

Article XXVII, Section 3, of the By-Laws provides that a student transferring to a Conference institution from another institution located in a state in which a Conference institution is located, having participated only in freshman athletics, may be permitted a maximum of two years of varsity competition by unanimous vote of the Conference. This section also provides that it should be established that the transfer was made for good and sufficient reasons. In submitting students' names for a Conference vote under this section, Conference members have in the past furnished:



- (1) A letter of release from the school from which the transfer was made,
- (2) A statement from the student as to why he made the transfer, and
- (3) A statement from the Conference institution involved to the effect that this student was not encouraged by the athletic department to make such transfer.

In recent months, the question has arisen as to whether or not a student should receive a favorable vote of the Conference if in his statement he says that he made the transfer primarily for athletic reasons. I think it desirable that this question should be answered at a regular meeting of the Conference, so that all concerned would know under what conditions a favorable vote could be expected.

NOTE: It is suggested that all schools submitting students' names for a vote under the Freshman Transfer Rule at the May Meeting have available the material outlined in (1), (2), and (3) above.

13. Review of Southwest Conference policy regarding athletes who receive pay for participating in post-season contests.

Last May the Conference adopted the following regulation in regard to athletes who receive pay for athletic participation:

"That any student who accepts pay for athletic participation or who signs a contract with a professional team may no longer receive a scholarship from a member institution. Exception: A student may retain his scholarship until the end of a given school year, who in that school year signs a contract (with or without a bonus) with a professional team in a sport in which he has completed his college eligibility, and for which he was given the athletic scholarship."

This policy of canceling an athlete's scholarship was first adopted by the Conference several years ago in connection with the Senior Bowl. In the past few years it has become common practice for a football player who receives pay for participation in the Senior Bowl to be given a position as assistant football coach on the athletic staff of his institution in lieu of the scholarship which was canceled.

In recent years there have developed barnstorming tours for basketball players in which senior players can make an appreciable amount of money for two or three weeks of their time. The basketball players do not have the opportunity of being placed on the coaching staff at their institutions because spring practice in basketball has been eliminated. This situation obviously creates an inequity so far as the football and basketball players are concerned. However, I would like to point out that most of the football participation in All-Star contests occurs during the Christmas holidays, while the basketball barnstorming tours occur while classes are in session.



I would also like to point out that Article XXXIII, Section 3, of the By-Laws provides that: "No member institution may employ individuals outside its regular coaching staff for the purpose of scouting prospective athletes." This regulation does not prohibit senior football players from recruiting prospective athletes if they have been placed on the football coaching staff. I do not know whether or not the Conference will desire to change the established practices regarding athletes who receive pay for athletic participation. However, it seemed desirable that a complete summary of the situation should be submitted to the Conference at this time.

14. Review of events associated with the SMU-Texas A&M Basketball Game.

As pointed out in the General Statement of this report, the crowd behavior, and the conduct of coaches, players and students at our basketball games were, in general, somewhat improved over previous years. There occurred, however, beginning with the last few seconds of the SMU-A&M basketball game and lasting for several days thereafter, a series of events which were very detrimental in this section to intercollegiate athletics as a whole, and to basketball as a sport.

Since all members of the Conference are familiar with the events which took place at the end of this game, it is sufficient to say here that "goal tending" was called on SMU on the last play of the game, which gave A&M a one point victory. It is not my purpose in this report to try to establish whether the official was correct or incorrect in his decision. However, Mr. Curtis was a spectator at the game and he thought at the time that the official called the play correctly, and subsequent examination by Mr. Curtis and me of the excerpts from movies of the game, published in the Dallas papers has not altered this opinion.

In December, 1949, the Conference adopted the following resolution:

"All criticism of officiating in Southwest Conference athletic events should be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary, and not be communicated to the press by coaches or other representatives of member schools."

The above resolution is quoted in the "Digest of Southwest Athletic Conference Eligibility, Participation, and Operational Rules", dated January 17, 1958 and distributed to all Conference personnel as of that date.

On Sunday morning following the game on Saturday night, statements attributed to SMU officials, criticizing the game official appeared in the Dallas papers. Such remarks as "I never say anything like it, you've robbed us of a championship". "It's the biggest mistake that's ever been made. There is no way to protest. I'd like to know how the Aggies can dribble across the floor and shoot the ball in only two seconds", "This is one of the greatest injustices I've ever seen wrought. This was the case of poor judgment by an official. It's just something you have to live with", were reported to have been made by the Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach of SMU. It is pointed



out that both Mr. Bell and Mr. Hayes stated to members of the press that they did not question the official's honesty, but did question his judgment. Obviously, such remarks regarding the judgment of the official were contrary to the resolution adopted by the Conference in 1949. All of us recognize that the Conference, the schools, or the coaching staffs have no control over what the newspapers might say about an official, or one of his decisions, but it is just as obvious that remarks made by athletic staff members will have more influence on the members of the press and on public opinion than any other one factor.

It is my considered judgment that the Conference must take whatever action is necessary to insure that coaches will not outwardly criticize officials during or after games. This applies equally to football as well as basketball. Continued public criticism of officials will cause us to lose the best men we have now officiating in our various sports. Your attention is called to the fact that these men are purposely selected because they do not necessarily have to have the added income which they obtain from officiating, and when criticism becomes too great on them they will simply stop officiating altogether, or refuse to officiate for some teams. If this were to happen, it would necessitate the assigning of inferior officials to games, and the game of basketball might well end in a contest in which the home team would win each and every game.

From the crowd management standpoint, such occurrences as happened at the SMU-A&M game might well build up into a situation in which a riot would follow the end of a closely contested ball game. If this were to occur, there would absolutely be no way to control the situation as the crowd in most of our gyms is virtually on the floor with the officials and players. I would like to call your attention to the fact that people in one place are no different from the people anywhere else, and this situation can arise at any locale when least expected. All coaches and players must be made to realize that their actions in front of the basketball crowds, particularly when they are playing at home, may be the cause of a situation arising which they would long regret. That portion of the public which is the most vociferous in criticising the judgment of the officials would be the first to criticize the home management in case of serious trouble at one of our athletic contests.

As has been pointed out, the Conference should take whatever action it deems necessary to insure that coaches will not outwardly criticize officials during or after games in all Conference sports. In order to improve the over-all situation at basketball games the following suggestions are offered. These suggestions can be divided into three headings - Sportsmanship, Conduct, and Education.



### Sportsmanship

- (1) Coaches and all athletic personnel should avail themselves of the opportunity to talk to fraternities, clubs, and other organizations asking for their assistance and leadership in keeping sportsmanship on a high plane at the games.
- (2) It is recommended that the Director and Coach invite the cheer leaders to the Director's office and together outline a definite procedure for the cheer leaders. (Give cheers for visiting team when arriving on floor. Give cheers for visiting players when leaving game when the occasion permits).
- (3) The announcer on public address system should in his opening remarks call attention to the fact that the visiting team and officials are the guests of the home school, and should be treated accordingly. He should be cautioned never to make remarks during the game which would reflect on the judgment or integrity of the officials.
- (4) Lettermen should be organized and placed in the crowd to assist in controlling situations.
- (5) A few words at start of season by the home Coach, or Athletic Director, to the students and spectators regarding the officials and their jobs would be helpful.

### Conduct

- (1) It is recommended that the players' bench be reserved for the team, the coaches, trainer, and others officially associated with the team.
- (2) Players, coaches, and others on the players bench during the game shall not commit acts which will prejudice the spectators toward the officials. This is by far the most important influence in crowd behavior at basketball games.
- (3) Coaches will not outwardly criticize officials during or after the games, but will report promptly to the Conference office all comments or criticisms which they might have regarding the officiating.

### Education

- (1) Develop good sportsmanship on the part of the student body through talks to student leaders, and through student publications.
- (2) Use newspaper, radio, and television where possible to develop good sportsmanship on the part of the public. Radio and television programs offer a wonderful opportunity to develop basketball interest, and a better understanding of the rules and of the game.
- (3) Print rule changes in basketball programs.



15. Consideration of the adoption of N.C.A.A. baseball rules.

Article II of our By-Laws provides that Conference baseball games be played under the National League rules. Contests in other sports are played under N.C.A.A. rules. In the spring of 1958, the N.C.A.A. for the first time published a set of rules for baseball. It is suggested that the Conference give consideration to the adoption of the N.C.A.A. baseball rules, and amend Article II of the By-Laws accordingly. It is pointed out that a definite decision on this matter does not necessarily have to be made prior to the December, 1958, Meeting, and the Conference may desire to postpone its decision until that time, so that the Conference baseball coaches will have an adequate opportunity to compare the N.C.A.A. baseball rules with those of the National League.

16. Consideration of request received from Mr. H. C. Heldenfels.

The Conference office is in receipt of a copy of a letter from Mr. Heldenfels to Dr. Chris Groneman, dated April 14, 1958. This letter states as follows:

"With reference to a letter you wrote me dated December 16, 1955 restricting me from contacting prospective athletes for Texas A&M College.

"I request that you seek to have this restriction removed at the next meeting of the conference.

"I have always felt the action by the conference was uncalled for and taken without the proper investigation, but nevertheless I carried out your instructions in the above mentioned letter.

"I believe the intent of the conference was for this restriction to be for the same period of time as the probation of Texas A&M College which has been lifted."

NOTE: At the time Mr. Heldenfels was placed on "abatement" by the Conference, similar action was taken in regard to the following individuals: (See Paragraph 34, Confidential Southwest Conference Minutes, dated December 9-10, 1955) -

Tom Lyles, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Charlie Meyers, Beaumont, Texas  
Pat Stanford, Midland, Texas



17. Consideration of eligibility problems arising because of Baylor's change from quarter to semester system.

As you know, Baylor University plans to change from the quarter to the semester system beginning in September, 1958. As a result of this change it is anticipated that several problems will arise regarding the scholastic eligibility of individual athletes. For example: A student who has been in attendance at Baylor for 9 quarters and completed 107 quarter hours would be eligible under our Cumulative Hour Rule if Baylor were to remain on the quarter system. In transposing 107 quarter hours and 9 quarters to semester hours and semesters, it amounts to  $71\frac{1}{3}$  semester hours and 6 semesters, which would make the same student ineligible under our Cumulative Hour Rule. No doubt other problems of this nature will arise in regard to the change at Baylor. It is suggested that the Conference adopt some general policy for the handling of these border line cases.

18. Consideration of the cases of Marion Altus Fallwell and Sam Carmelo DeGelia, transfer students to Baylor University from SMU and Texas A&M respectively.

Your attention is called to letters regarding these two individuals addressed to all members of the Conference from Mr. Abner V. McCall, dated March 12, 1958.

19. Consideration of the case of Mr. E. H. Davis, Jr., a transfer student at Texas Tech from Texas Lutheran College and Cisco Junior College.

Mr. Davis attended Texas Lutheran College during the school year of 1954-55, and participated in football and baseball at that institution as a freshman. He attended Cisco Junior College during the school year of 1955-56, and participated in football, track, and baseball. He enrolled in Texas Tech on a track scholarship in September of 1956. He states that "Since I am planning to coach football I would like to play football for Texas Tech". Since Mr. Davis is a double transfer, and had participated for two years in the same sport before entering Texas Tech, he only has one year of competition remaining in all sports at Texas Tech. As he participated in football at Texas Lutheran, in order that he might participate at Texas Tech in that sport, a unanimous vote of the Conference is necessary. Dr. J. William Davis has requested Mr. E. H. Davis, Jr. to obtain a release from Texas Lutheran, and such release should be available at our Conference meeting in May.



20. Consideration of the case of Mr. Wayne Paschal McCollum, a transfer student at the University of Arkansas from the University of Idaho.

In this connection your attention is called to the circular letter to all members of the Conference from Dr. Charles H. Cross, dated April 7, 1958.

21. Other business.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Grubbs,  
Executive Secretary

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SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONDENSED MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING

Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas  
May 9-10, 1958

The Conference was called to order by President Williams at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, May 9. The following representatives were present:

President - The University of Texas - O. B. Williams  
Texas A&M College - C. H. Groneman  
Baylor University - Abner McCall  
The Rice Institute - H. E. Bray  
Southern Methodist University - E. D. Mouzon, Jr.  
Texas Christian University - H. B. Hardt  
Texas Tech - J. William Davis  
University of Arkansas - Charlie Cross

Visiting were:

Texas A&M College - Phillip Goode  
Baylor University - Ed Horner  
The Rice Institute - G. L. Hermance  
Southern Methodist University - Truxton Shaw  
Texas Christian University - Willis Hewatt  
University of Arkansas - Delbert Swartz  
The University of Texas - M. L. Begeman

1. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the figures '1958-59' contained in the first line of Paragraph 7 of the minutes of the December 13-14, 1957 Meeting be changed to read '1957-58'."
2. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the minutes of the December 13-14, 1957 Meeting be approved as corrected."
3. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the Executive Secretary's report be received."
4. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the interpretation regarding the furnishing of bed clothing to student-athletes as outlined in Paragraph 4 of the Secretary's Report, dated April 22, 1958, be approved."
5. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the mail vote as listed in Paragraph 5 of the Secretary's Report dated April 22, 1958, be received for the record."



6. It was moved and seconded:  
"That the following suggested column of C average hours be placed in the table of quantitative requirements under Article XXII of the By-Laws:

	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>	<u>Semester Hours with C average or equivalent</u>
At the end of:	1	9	6
	2	20	15
	3	32	30
	4	44	42
	5	57	54
	6	72	66
	7	84	84
	8	96	96
	9	108	108

It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the above motion be tabled until the December 1958 Meeting of the Conference."

7. It was moved and seconded:  
"That the C average column as suggested in Paragraph 6 of the Secretary's Report, dated April 22, 1958, be placed in the table of quantitative requirements under Article XXII of the By-Laws."

It was moved and seconded:  
"That the above motion be tabled until the December 1958 Meeting of the Conference."

The original motion also failed.

8. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That all Conference schools submit a report to the Conference office by September 1, 1958, for all athletes declared eligible for varsity competition in the various sports during the 1957-58 school year, showing:

- A. Total semesters in attendance
- B. Number of hours passed
- C. Number of hours with C average or better
- D. Major programs."

It was agreed that the Conference office would distribute forms for use in these compilations, and that each school would furnish nine copies of its report for distribution to all Conference schools.

9. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the 1958 Conference Cross Country Meet be held at T.C.U."
10. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the 1959 Conference Track, Tennis and Golf Meets be held at Texas A&M College."
11. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the 1958 Conference Pre-Season Basketball Tournament be held on December 26, 27, and 29."



12. It was moved and seconded:

"That there be no change in Conference regulations regarding the maximum number of freshman football games permitted."

The following substituted motion failed for lack of a second:

"That Conference freshman football games be limited to a maximum of three."

The original motion was adopted.

13. It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That the Conference office secure from the N.C.A.A. its interpretation of that body's regulations as they pertain to student-athletes retaining their 'grants in aid' after they have signed with professional teams (with or without a bonus), or have participated in athletics for pay, it being understood that the matter of Conference regulations on these items would be reconsidered at the December Meeting."

14. A general discussion was held regarding Conference votes on eligibility in "freshman transfer" cases. It was agreed that member institutions would continue to furnish data as outlined in Paragraph 12, (1), (2), (3), of the Secretary's Report, dated April 22, 1958, and that each case would be decided on its individual merit.

15. It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That suggestions made in Paragraph 14 of the Secretary's Report, dated April 22, 1958, regarding Sportsmanship, Conduct and Education in connection with basketball games be approved and distributed to all athletic directors prior to the 1958-59 Conference basketball season."

16. It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That the decision as to whether or not the Conference would adopt the NCAA baseball playing rules be postponed until the December 1958 Meeting of the Conference."

17. There was a discussion regarding the scholastic eligibility of Baylor athletes during the transition from the quarter system to the semester system at that institution. It was agreed that for the 1958-59 school year an athlete who would have been eligible under the quarter system, had Baylor remained on that system, would be allowed to participate, but that beginning in September, 1959, no exceptions to regular semester requirements would be made for Baylor athletes. It was further agreed that the Executive Secretary and Ed Horner of Baylor should confer on all questionable cases.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 P.M.

Second Session  
May 9, 1958

The Conference was re-convened at 7:00 P.M. by President Williams with the same representatives and visitors present. Business was resumed in the order indicated.



18. Mr. Robert B. Cullum and Mr. J. B. Lowe, Chairman of the Board and President, respectively, of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association appeared before the Conference. Mr. Lowe presented the Conference with a check for \$12,000.00 from the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association.
19. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That Marion Altus Fallwell and Sam Carmela DeGelia be eligible at Baylor University under the Freshman Transfer Rule."
20. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That Mr. E. H. Davis, Jr. be eligible at Texas Tech under the Freshman Transfer Rule."
21. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the reported participation of Mr. Wayne Paschal McCollum in freshman athletics at the University of Idaho be disregarded in calculating his eligibility at the University of Arkansas."
22. O. B. Williams offered the apologies of The University of Texas concerning the participation of Mr. Jay Arnette in track without first having been certified as eligible in that sport. Mr. Arnette was eligible under Southwest Conference rules, but was not included in the track eligibility list sent to the Conference office.
- It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the apology of The University of Texas be accepted."
23. E. D. Mouzon, Jr., offered the apologies of Southern Methodist University for the utilizing by that institution of a form for the "signing" of prospective athletes which erroneously implied that the students signing these forms would be ineligible at other Conference schools. Mr. Mouzon pointed out that four prospective students had signed these forms prior to the matter coming to his attention. These four completed forms were delivered to the Executive Secretary, and Mr. Mouzon stated that the students involved had been informed that the signing of these forms in no way affected their eligibility at other Conference schools.
- It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the apology of Southern Methodist University be accepted."
24. The Conference considered the recommendation of the athletic directors to the effect that Conference representatives visit all members of the Texas Interscholastic League's Advisory Committee in an effort to gain support for the changing of that organization's attitude in connection with loss of high school eligibility by a student-athlete who signs a Southwest Conference "Application for Financial Aid". No action was taken.
25. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That Messrs. Matty Bell and "Doc" Hayes be invited to appear before the Conference at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 10."

The Meeting was recessed at 10:30 P.M.



Third Session  
May 10, 1958

The Conference was re-convened at 9:00 A.M. by President Williams with the same representatives and visitors present, except that Willis Hewatt was representing Texas Christian University during the first part of the meeting. Business was resumed in the order indicated.

26. Mr. "Doc" Hayes, Basketball Coach of Southern Methodist University, appeared before the Conference in connection with the events which occurred at the close of and following the SMU-A&M basketball game in Dallas, on March 1, 1958.
27. Mr. Matty Bell, Athletic Director of Southern Methodist University, appeared before the Conference in connection with the events which occurred at the close of and following the SMU-A&M basketball game in Dallas, on March 1, 1958.
28. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That Southern Methodist University be put on probation in basketball for one year, and that its basketball team not be allowed to participate in any post-season basketball games during that time."

It was agreed that President Williams would notify President Willis Tate of S.M.U. of this action by telephone or telegraph immediately following the adjournment of this meeting, and confirm such notification by letter addressed to President Tate, with carbon copies to the Faculty Representative and Athletic Director of S.M.U.

29. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That in view of additional information received by the Conference it concurs in the action taken by the NCAA on April 21, 1958, in placing S.M.U. on probation for one year."

It was agreed that President Williams would notify President Willis Tate of S.M.U. of this action by telephone or telegraph immediately following the adjournment of this meeting, and would confirm such notification by letter addressed to President Tate, with carbon copies to the Faculty Representative and Athletic Director of S.M.U.

30. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the swimming relays be held at Lubbock on December 20, 1958, and the swimming meet be held at Austin on March 12, 13, and 14, 1958."
31. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the President appoint a committee to compile a set of graduated penalties for Conference rules infractions. The President appointed the following Committee:

Chairman - Abner McCall  
J. William Davis  
C. H. Groneman

32. The Executive Secretary called the attention of the Conference to the fact that in certain instances prospective student-athletes are making repeated visits to the same campuses. He stated that in his judgment the Conference should consider at its December 1958 Meeting regulations which would limit the number of expense-paid visits an individual prospective student-athlete could make to the same campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.



SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING

Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas  
May 9-10, 1958

The Conference was called to order by President Williams at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, May 9. The following representatives were present:

President - The University of Texas - O. B. Williams  
Texas A&M College - C. H. Groneman  
Baylor University - Abner McCall  
The Rice Institute - H. E. Bray  
Southern Methodist University - E. D. Mouzon, Jr.  
Texas Christian University - H. B. Hardt  
Texas Tech - J. William Davis  
University of Arkansas - Charlie Cross

Visiting were:

Texas A&M College - Phillip Goode  
Baylor University - Ed Horner  
The Rice Institute - G. L. Hermance  
Southern Methodist University - Truxton Shaw  
Texas Christian University - Willis Hewatt  
University of Arkansas - Delbert Swartz  
The University of Texas - M. L. Begeman

(Unless otherwise noted, all motions were adopted unanimously).

1. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the figures '1958-59' contained in the first line of Paragraph 7 of the minutes of the December 13-14, 1957 Meeting be changed to read '1957-58'."
2. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the minutes of the December 13-14, 1957 Meeting be approved as corrected."
3. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the Executive Secretary's report be received."
4. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the interpretation regarding the furnishing of bed clothing to student-athletes as outlined in Paragraph 4 of the Secretary's Report, dated April 22, 1958, be approved."
5. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the mail vote as listed in Paragraph 5 of the Secretary's Report dated April 22, 1958, be received for the record."



6. It was moved and seconded:  
"That the following suggested column of C average hours be placed in the table of quantitative requirements under Article XXII of the By-Laws:

	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>	<u>Semester Hours with C average or equivalent</u>
At the end of:	1	9	6
	2	20	15
	3	32	30
	4	44	42
	5	57	54
	6	72	66
	7	84	84
	8	96	96
	9	108	108

It was moved, seconded and voted - 4 for, 3 against, 1 abstaining:  
"That the above motion be tabled until the December 1958 Meeting of the Conference."

7. It was moved and seconded:  
"That the C average column as suggested in Paragraph 6 of the Secretary's Report, dated April 22, 1958, be placed in the table of quantitative requirements under Article XXII of the By-Laws."

It was moved and seconded:  
"That the above motion be tabled until the December 1958 Meeting of the Conference." Motion failed - 4 for, 4 against.

The original motion failed to carry by a vote of 4 for, 4 against.

8. It was moved, seconded and voted - 6 for, 2 against:  
"That all Conference schools submit a report to the Conference office by September 1, 1958, for all athletes declared eligible for varsity competition in the various sports during the 1957-58 school year, showing:

- A. Total semesters in attendance
- B. Number of hours passed
- C. Number of hours with C average or better
- D. Major programs."

It was agreed that the Conference office would distribute forms for use in these compilations, and that each school would furnish nine copies of its report for distribution to all Conference schools.

9. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the 1958 Conference Cross Country Meet be held at T.C.U."
10. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the 1959 Conference Track, Tennis and Golf Meets be held at Texas A&M College."
11. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the 1958 Conference Pre-Season Basketball Tournament be held on December 26, 27, and 29."



12. It was moved and seconded:

"That there be no change in Conference regulations regarding the maximum number of freshman football games permitted."

The following substituted motion failed for lack of a second:

"That Conference freshman football games be limited to a maximum of three."

The original motion was adopted by a vote of 7 for, 1 against.

13. Mr. E. M. Smith appeared before the Conference in regard to a proposed post-season football game, sponsored by a group of civic minded Houston businessmen, to be held in that city on the Saturday before New Year's Day.

Mr. Smith pointed out that in the opinion of his group this game would not be in competition with the Cotton Bowl Game, since it would not be played on the same day, and asked that the Conference not oppose the establishment of the game and give its cooperation by permitting its teams, if invited, to participate in this proposed game on the same basis as Conference teams have played in the Sugar, Gator, and other bowls in the past. Mr. Smith requested that no publicity be given by the Conference regarding the proposed game.

14. It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That the Conference office secure from the N.C.A.A. its interpretation of that body's regulations as they pertain to student-athletes retaining their 'grants in aid' after they have signed with professional teams (with or without a bonus), or have participated in athletics for pay, it being understood that the matter of Conference regulations on these items would be reconsidered at the December Meeting."

15. A general discussion was held regarding Conference votes on eligibility in "freshman transfer" cases. It was agreed that member institutions would continue to furnish data as outlined in Paragraph 12, (1), (2), (3), of the Secretary's Report, dated April 22, 1958, and that each case would be decided on its individual merit.

16. It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That suggestions made in Paragraph 14 of the Secretary's Report, dated April 22, 1958, regarding Sportsmanship, Conduct and Education in connection with basketball games be approved and distributed to all athletic directors prior to the 1958-59 Conference basketball season."

17. It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That the decision as to whether or not the Conference would adopt the NCAA baseball playing rules be postponed until the December 1958 Meeting of the Conference."

18. There was a discussion regarding the scholastic eligibility of Baylor athletes during the transition from the quarter system to the semester system at that institution. It was agreed that for the 1958-59 school year an athlete who would have been eligible under the quarter system, had Baylor remained on that system, would be allowed to participate, but that beginning in September, 1959, no exceptions to regular semester requirements would be made for Baylor athletes. It was further agreed that the Executive Secretary and Ed Horner of Baylor should confer on all questionable cases.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 P.M.



Second Session  
May 9, 1958

The Conference was re-convened at 7:00 P.M. by President Williams with the same representatives and visitors present. Business was resumed in the order indicated.

19. Mr. Robert B. Cullum and Mr. J. B. Lowe, Chairman of the Board and President, respectively, of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association appeared before the Conference. Mr. Lowe presented the Conference with a check for \$12,000.00 from the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association. In regard to another bowl game being played in Texas, Mr. Cullum and Mr. Lowe stated that in their opinion such a game would materially affect the Cotton Bowl Game, since it would offer competition for the available teams, the potential audience and the television advertising dollar even though it was played a few days prior to New Year's Day.
20. It was moved, seconded and voted, 6 for, 2 abstaining:  
"That the Conference is convinced that another major bowl game in Texas would be harmful to the Cotton Bowl Game. Since the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association is an agency of the Southwest Conference, the Conference cannot support the proposal for another major bowl game in the Conference area."
21. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"A. That restrictions concerning the recruiting activity of the following alumni of Texas A&M College, adopted in December, 1955, be removed: H. C. Heldenfels, Corpus Christi, Texas, Tom Lyles, New Orleans, Louisiana, Charlie Meyers, Beaumont, Texas, and Pat Stanford, Midland, Texas.  
  
"B. Further, that Texas A&M notify these individuals of the above action and inform them that any repeated violations of Conference rules will lead to the placing of permanent restrictions on their recruiting activities for Texas A&M by the Conference."
22. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That Marion Altus Fallwell and Sam Carmela DeGelia be eligible at Baylor University under the Freshman Transfer Rule."
23. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That Mr. E. H. Davis, Jr. be eligible at Texas Tech under the Freshman Transfer Rule."
24. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the reported participation of Mr. Wayne Paschal McCollum in freshman athletics at the University of Idaho be disregarded in calculating his eligibility at the University of Arkansas."
25. O. B. Williams offered the apologies of The University of Texas concerning the participation of Mr. Jay Arnette in track without first having been certified as eligible in that sport. Mr. Arnette was eligible under Southwest Conference rules, but was not included in the track eligibility list sent to the Conference office.

It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the apology of The University of Texas be accepted."



26. E. D. Mouzon, Jr. offered the apologies of Southern Methodist University for the utilizing by that institution of a form for the "signing" of prospective athletes which erroneously implied that the students signing these forms would be ineligible at other Conference schools. Mr. Mouzon pointed out that four prospective students had signed these forms prior to the matter coming to his attention. These four completed forms were delivered to the Executive Secretary, and Mr. Mouzon stated that the students involved had been informed that the signing of these forms in no way affected their eligibility at other Conference schools.

It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That the apology of Southern Methodist University be accepted."

27. The Conference considered the recommendation of the athletic directors to the effect that Conference representatives visit all members of the Texas Interscholastic League's Advisory Committee in an effort to gain support for the changing of that organization's attitude in connection with loss of high school eligibility by a student-athlete who signs a Southwest Conference "Application for Financial Aid". No action was taken.

28. It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That Messrs. Matty Bell and "Doc" Hayes be invited to appear before the Conference at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 10."

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 P.M.

Third Session  
May 10, 1958

The Conference was re-convened at 9:00 A.M. by President Williams with the same representatives and visitors present, except that Willis Hewatt was representing Texas Christian University during the first part of the meeting. Business was resumed in the order indicated.

29. Mr. "Doc" Hayes, Basketball Coach of Southern Methodist University, appeared before the Conference in connection with the events which occurred at the close of and following the SMU-A&M basketball game in Dallas, on March 1, 1958.
30. Mr. Matty Bell, Athletic Director of Southern Methodist University, appeared before the Conference in connection with the events which occurred at the close of and following the SMU-A&M basketball game in Dallas, on March 1, 1958.
31. It was moved, seconded and voted, 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining:  
"That Southern Methodist University be put on probation in basketball for one year, and that its basketball team not be allowed to participate in any post-season basketball games during that time."

It was agreed that President Williams would notify President Willis Tate of S.M.U. of this action by telephone or telegraph immediately following the adjournment of this meeting, and confirm such notification by letter addressed to President Tate, with carbon copies to the Faculty Representative and Athletic Director of S.M.U.



32. It was moved, seconded and voted, 7 for, 1 abstaining:  
"That in view of additional information received by the Conference it concurs in the action taken by the NCAA on April 21, 1958, in placing S.M.U. on probation for one year."

It was agreed that President Williams would notify President Willis Tate of S.M.U. of this action by telephone or telegraph immediately following the adjournment of this meeting, and would confirm such notification by letter addressed to President Tate, with carbon copies to the Faculty Representative and Athletic Director of S.M.U.

33. It was moved, seconded and voted - 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining:  
"That the following letter be addressed to the Faculty Representative of Southern Methodist University with copies to the President and Athletic Director of that institution:

"From information furnished the Southwest Conference during the past several months, the Conference finds that Mr. Harlan Ray, an alumnus of Southern Methodist University, violated the rules of the Southwest Conference regulating the recruiting of prospective athletes.

"You are advised that any prospective athlete contacted in the future by Mr. Harlan Ray for the purpose of persuading him to attend S.M.U. will be declared ineligible at S.M.U. for intercollegiate participation. This action will be taken upon proof of such contact, whether members of the athletic staff had prior knowledge of such proposed contact or not.

"It is the hope of the Conference that S.M.U. will take every practical step to induce Mr. Ray to refrain from all recruiting activities."

34. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the swimming relays be held at Lubbock on December 20, 1958, and the swimming meet be held at Austin on March 12, 13, and 14, 1958."
35. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the President appoint a committee to compile a set of graduated penalties for Conference rules infractions. The President appointed the following Committee:

Chairman - Abner McCall  
J. William Davis  
C. H. Groneman

36. The Executive Secretary called the attention of the Conference to the fact that in certain instances prospective student-athletes are making repeated visits to the same campuses. He stated that in his judgment the Conference should consider at its December 1958 Meeting regulations which would limit the number of expense-paid visits an individual prospective student-athlete could make to the same campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.



SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 21, 1958

I. GENERAL STATEMENT.

During the 1958 football season, Mr. Curtis and I have seen or will see twenty-eight football games in which Southwest Conference teams participated. In so doing we have had an opportunity to observe each of the football officials assigned by this office work at least one time. It is our opinion that their work has been, up to this time, reasonably satisfactory.

Basketball officials for all Conference games have been assigned for the 1958-59 season. Mr. Curtis attended the National Basketball Clinic held in New York City on October 27-28. One of the objectives of this clinic is to gain uniform officiating and rules interpretations in basketball in the various sections of the country.

Your attention is called to Paragraph 2 of the Conference Minutes of May, 1957, in which the Conference adopted the following resolution:

"That all Conference schools be requested to adopt a positive and continuing program to control crowd behavior at basketball games."

It is suggested that a program for crowd behavior be inaugurated at each of our institutions prior to the Christmas holidays. Our Conference basketball season opens on January 6. Consequently, there is very little time to do any effective work in regard to crowd behavior after school re-convenes following the Christmas holidays. The first Conference games are particularly important, not only because they will set a pattern for crowd behavior for future games, but also because our faculty representatives, athletic directors, and many of our coaches will be away from the campuses during the early part of January attending the NCAA convention. Reference is made to the last portion of Paragraph 14 of the report of the Executive Secretary dated April 22, 1958, in which various suggestions are outlined for the implementation of a program for the improvement of crowd behavior at our basketball contests.

The Conference Scholarship and Historical Reports for the fall sports were received, inspected, and filed.

The football and basketball roster books were published again this year, and were received enthusiastically by members of the press and radio.



## II. SUGGESTED AGENDA.

1. Reading, correction, and adoption of the minutes of the May 9-10, 1958 Meeting.
2. Consideration of the rulings of the Executive Secretary.
  - A. Case of Marion Fallwell.

SCHOOL REQUESTING RULING: Baylor University

STUDENT'S NAME: Marion Fallwell

DATE: June 5, 1958

FACTS PRESENTED: On May 9, 1958, the Conference voted Marion Fallwell, a freshman transfer from Southern Methodist University to Baylor University, athletic eligibility at Baylor University under the Freshman Transfer Rule. (Paragraph 19, Southwest Conference Condensed Minutes, May 9 and 10, 1958). On June 20, 1956, Mr. Fallwell signed an "Application for Financial Aid" with S.M.U. in football, and this application was duly filed with the Conference office. As neither the Baylor representatives nor the Executive Secretary were familiar with the fact that Mr. Fallwell had signed this application with S.M.U. at the time of the Conference Meeting in May, 1958, it was not called to the attention of the Conference at the time the vote was taken on Mr. Fallwell's eligibility.

QUESTION: Will Mr. Fallwell have one or two years of athletic eligibility at Baylor University?

RULING: Mr. Fallwell will have only one year of eligibility at Baylor University. The application which he signed and which was processed and approved stated in part as follows: "Both my parents (or guardian) and I understand that if this application is approved, filed with the Executive Secretary of the Southwest Conference, and notice given me by the Conference office of such filing within three weeks, it will eliminate the possibility of my participating in athletics at any other Southwest Conference institution during my freshman year and/or my first varsity year in which I would otherwise be eligible at such other Southwest Conference institution." Since Mr. Fallwell by virtue of the Conference vote in May, 1958, would "otherwise" be eligible for two years at Baylor beginning in September, 1958, such eligibility is reduced to one year and begins in September, 1959, in accordance with the penalty clause of the 1956 Application as quoted above.

BY-LAWS AND PRECEDENT REFERENCES: In December, 1952, the Conference adopted for the first time the so-called "Letter of Intent Plan". At that time, the penalty clause of this letter eliminated the possibility of the athlete participating in athletics, at any Southwest Conference school, except at the institution with which he signed, during his freshman and sophomore years. After the plan had been in operation for one year, it became evident that the original penalty should be changed since in certain transfer cases no penalty would actually be assessed, as the student would not be eligible under the regular transfer rules until the beginning of his junior year. These cases were:



1. A student signs an application and attends a junior college for two years, and enters a Southwest Conference school as a junior college graduate.
2. A student signs an application and attends the school with which he signs, does not participate in athletics, and transfers to a second Southwest Conference school at the beginning of his sophomore year.
3. A student signs an application with a Conference school, attends a non-conference school for one year, does not participate in athletics, and at the beginning of his sophomore year transfers to a second Conference institution.

It is noted that in December, 1953, the date on which the Conference adopted the new penalty clause for its "Application for Financial Aid", as quoted in the preceding paragraph headed "Ruling", the Conference did not discuss or, so far as known, even envision a case like the one under consideration. It is also pointed out that due to an oversight, Section 10 of Article XXIX of the By-Laws was not changed to coincide with the new penalty provision of the "Application for Financial Aid".

The Conference office has, since December, 1953, made several interpretations regarding the penalty provisions of the "Application for Financial Aid". In all cases it was ruled that the students involved would be penalized one year of competition after they "otherwise" became eligible. These interpretations cannot, however, be considered as direct precedents for the case of Mr. Fallwell as in all instances they fell into one of the three classes listed above.

The principal question involved in this case seems to be "When does a student fulfill his obligation as regards his signing of the 'Application for Financial Aid'?" The Conference's attitude, regarding all possible answers to this question, is impossible to determine as a case identical with Mr. Fallwell's was not discussed at the time the "new penalty" clause was adopted, nor has such a case been considered subsequently. In the absence of any direct information on a specific case of this nature, it is necessary that this ruling be based solely upon the wording of the penalty provision of the "Application for Financial Aid". There seems little doubt that this wording superimposes a penalty of one year's loss of eligibility in all cases of this type, after all other rules of the Conference have been satisfied.

At the request of Dean Abner McCall, this ruling was submitted to the Conference Appeals Committee for their consideration, and the committee by a majority vote upheld the ruling of the Executive Secretary. Dean McCall's letter to the members of the Appeals Committee relative to this case is quoted below:



June 23, 1958

Dr. Henry B. Hardt, Texas Christian University  
Dr. Delbert Swartz, University of Arkansas  
Dr. C. H. Groneman, Texas A&M College

Re: Marion Fallwell

Gentlemen:

This is an appeal by Baylor University from a ruling by Mr. Grubbs on the eligibility of Marion Fallwell. The appeal is made in accordance with Article VII of the Conference By-Laws.

The facts as stated by Mr. Grubbs are correct. The question was not presented for conference decision at the May meeting because we did not know that Fallwell had signed a letter of intent. The question was raised with Mr. Grubbs by another school after the meeting. Since Mr. Grubbs' ruling seems to us unduly harsh and contrary to the spirit of the By-Laws, we are appealing therefrom.

It is our position that the rule providing for loss of two years of eligibility for failure to honor the letter of intent becomes inapplicable once the student enrolls and participates in athletics at the school with which he signed. The purpose of the rule is to penalize the refusal of the student to honor the letter of intent. If he enrolls in the school and participates in athletics, the purpose of the rule has been fulfilled and it is no longer applicable. Thereafter his eligibility to participate in athletics at some other Conference school is governed solely by Article XXVII of the By-Laws which regulates the eligibility of transfer students. Section 3 of Article XXVII provides Fallwell is not eligible to participate in athletics at any school other than S.M.U. unless he obtains unanimous consent of all Conference schools, and then he must comply with the one-year residence rule and his eligibility is limited to two years of varsity competition.

Mr. Grubbs' interpretation of the By-Laws subjects the student to double punishment. He loses one year of varsity eligibility for failure to honor the letter of intent by transferring. He loses a second year of varsity eligibility by transferring. In no other situation that we can find does the Conference provide for a cumulative penalty in this manner. We have examined the Constitution, By-Laws, and Approved Rulings and can find no parallel to this double punishment. In fact, in Approved Ruling No. 17, it was specifically held as to a double-transfer that "The loss of one year of eligibility, as outlined in each of Sections 2 and 4 of Article XXVII is not cumulative." Under the above ruling the double transfer has two years of eligibility, but by making the penalties cumulative as to Fallwell he has only one year of eligibility. It seems to us that Approved Ruling 17 correctly states the spirit of the By-Laws.



As we all know the letter of intent was adopted as a method of terminating the recruiting pressure upon the high school athlete at a point sometime before he participated in his first freshman game. You will recall that prior to the letter of intent the recruiting contest lasted until school started in September. To make the letter of intent effective to terminate this contest Article XXIX, Section 10, of the By-Laws provides: "Should a boy change his indicated preference, the penalty will be the loss of both freshman competition and the first of his three years of varsity competition."

It will be noted that the penalties are prospective and are aimed at the boy who signs a letter of intent but does not attend the school of his first preference. This obviously is the reason for including forfeiture of his freshman year of eligibility. He attends another school and loses his freshman year of eligibility. In addition, he is treated as a transfer and loses a year of varsity eligibility. In our opinion this rule incorporates and provides for the fact that the student is a transfer and he is penalized as such. To apply both the letter of intent rule and the transfer rule in Article XXVII penalizes the student twice for the act of transferring.

The rule is not phrased to be applicable to a student who enrolls in the school with which he signed a letter of intent and participates in his freshman year, such as did Fallwell. In such case he cannot lose his freshman year. He has fulfilled the letter of intent and thenceforth falls under Article XXVII if he transfers.

The Conference has experienced some difficulty in providing for a penalty for the boy who does not enroll at the school with which he signed a letter of intent.

In the original letter as first adopted it was provided that if the boy did not attend the school of his indicated preference, he would then lose his freshman and sophomore years. Shortly thereafter it became apparent that a student after having signed a letter with X School could then enroll in Y School, lose his freshman year, be kept out or "red-shirted" during his sophomore year, and still have three years of varsity eligibility. It was felt that the forfeiture of the freshman year only was not sufficient to achieve a compliance by the boy with the letter, and the rule was then changed as it now reads in the By-Laws-- to forfeit his freshman year and his first year of his three years of varsity competition.

Then it became apparent that this penalty was not properly worded to meet the following situation. A boy signs with X School but enrolls at a Junior College instead. Suppose he plays two years of Junior College ball, graduates, and then goes to Y School. Under other transfer rules, he would be eligible immediately and be entitled to two years of varsity competition at Y School. This would give him a total of 4 years competition. This situation gave rise to the new and present wording of the letter of intent that if he attended another school other than School X, he would lose the first varsity year "he would otherwise be eligible." Thus, the student who signs with X School, then plays two years at Junior College, would have only one year of varsity competition at Y School. Even this boy is given three years of competition.



*Letter of Intent*

Since the letter of intent was first adopted on December 12, 1952, we have experienced difficulty in phrasing the penalty for the boy who signs a letter and then goes elsewhere, but in all of these discussions, as is stated by Mr. Grubbs in the ruling, the exact situation presented here has not come up before. We submit that the infrequent problem is adequately cared for by our rule requiring unanimous consent of the transferring student. There is no need to apply the penalty of both rules in this case.

The requirement of unanimous consent for transfer is certainly adequate control - all eligibility can be denied in our discretion if deemed proper. However, in the case of the good faith transfer loss of one year of varsity eligibility is certainly adequate penalty in any case.

Fallwell signed a letter of intent for football. In addition to football he played two minutes in a freshman basketball game. Under the ruling he has only one year of basketball eligibility left. He did not participate in track, baseball, or any minor sport. Yet under the ruling he now has only one year of eligibility in these sports.

In no instance before has the Conference applied such a penalty. There is no reason for singling out this situation for such a harsh double penalty.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Abner V. McCall  
Chairman, Baylor Athletic  
Council

3. Mail vote.

A. On August 29, 1958, the following proposal was submitted to the Conference for a mail vote:

"That the dates of the 1959 Track, Golf, and Tennis Meets be changed from the week of May 8-9 to the week of May 15-16."

RESULTS:

For the above proposal: Texas A&M, Baylor, TCU, Arkansas, Texas.

Against the above proposal: Rice, SMU.

Not voting: Texas Tech.

Rice Institute and SMU voted against the proposed change because Rice's exams start on May 15, and SMU's exams begin the early part of the week following.

In accordance with Article XI, Section 3(f) of the By-Laws, the suggested change did not carry and the 1959 Track, Golf, and Tennis Meets will be held during the week ending May 8-9.



4. Report of the President.
5. Report of the Executive Secretary.
  - A. Financial report for the 1957-58 fiscal year.
  - B. Consideration of the purchase of government securities.

In 1944 the Conference invested \$5,000.00 in  $2\frac{1}{4}\%$  United States Treasury Bonds. These bonds matured on September 15, 1958. If the Conference desires to reinvest this amount, or to invest additional funds in government securities, it is suggested that  $2\frac{5}{8}\%$  Treasury Bonds maturing in 1965 be purchased. These bonds can be bought for considerably less than par value at this time.

- C. Adoption of a budget for the 1958-59 fiscal year.
6. Consideration of the amount to be paid to the Conference by Texas Tech as its pro rata share of the Conference office expense during the past fiscal year.
7. Report of the committee appointed to compile graduated penalties for Conference rules violations - Abner McCall, Chairman.
8. Consideration of tabled motion contained in Paragraph 6 of the Confidential Minutes of the May 9-10, 1958 Meeting.

In its meeting last May, the Conference voted that the following motion be tabled until the December 1958 Meeting:

"That the following column of C average hours be placed in the table of quantitative requirements under Article XXII of the By-Laws:

	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>	<u>Semester Hours with C average or equivalent</u>
At the end of:	1	9	6
	2	20	15
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	9	108	108



9. Consideration of Conference regulations pertaining to the retention of "Grants-in-aid" by athletes who have signed with professional teams (with or without a bonus), or have participated in athletics for pay.

In its meeting last May, the Conference instructed the Executive Secretary to secure from the NCAA its interpretation of that body's regulations regarding the above subject. The NCAA's interpretation of its rules on this subject, as outlined by Mr. Byers, provides that a member institution may or may not terminate the financial aid of a student athlete who professionalizes himself by the signing of a professional contract, or by receiving pay for athletic participation. Mr. Byers points out, however, that any pay for athletic participation, or pay from professional organizations in the form of a bonus for signing a contract received during the semester or term time must be considered as income from employment and deducted from the "grant-in-aid" if the student involved is receiving the maximum amount allowed under NCAA rules.

In May, 1957, the Conference adopted the following policy in regard to scholarship awards to students who had professionalized themselves:

"That any student who accepts pay for athletic participation, or who signs a contract with a professional team, may no longer receive a scholarship from a member institution. Exception: A student may retain his scholarship until the end of a given school year who in that school year signs a contract (with or without a bonus) with a professional team in a sport in which he has completed his college eligibility and for which he was given the athletic scholarship."

It is recommended that the Conference give consideration to adopting a new policy on cases of this type as follows:

"That any student who accepts pay for athletic participation, or who signs a contract with a professional team may no longer receive a scholarship from a member institution. Exception: A student may retain his scholarship until the end of a given school year who in that school year signs a contract with a professional team, or accepts pay for participation in a sport in which he has completed his college eligibility and for which he was given the athletic scholarship, it being understood that any bonus which he might receive during a school year for signing a professional contract, or any pay for participation while his school is in session must be included in the total aid permitted as outlined in Article XXX, Section 1, of our By-Laws.

10. Consideration of the adoption of NCAA playing rules in baseball.

In its meeting last May, the Conference postponed a decision regarding the adoption of NCAA baseball playing rules until the December 1958 Meeting. On September 17 the Conference office wrote all Conference baseball coaches informing them that this item would be on the December agenda and suggesting that they study the NCAA baseball rules and confer with their faculty representatives regarding the adoption of the NCAA rules for Conference baseball games.



11. Review of developments in the proposed bowl game at Houston.

It is our understanding that the bowl committee of Houston has officially requested approval from the NCAA for their bowl game. According to NCAA by-laws this request will go on record at the January 1959 Convention of the NCAA, and will be acted upon at the January 1960 Convention. If the Houston committee meets the requirements which the NCAA has formulated for bowl sponsors, there is little doubt that their bowl will be approved at the 1960 Convention.

12. Report of Mr. V. C. Pampell.

13. Consideration of reports regarding inquiries into rumors of Southwest Conference rule violations.

Copies of these reports have been sent to all Faculty Representatives.

14. Consideration of the division of Conference funds.

The Conference office recommends that as soon as collections are made of income derived from television of 1958 football games and for 1959 bowl games, all monies in the Conference checking account in excess of estimated Conference expenses for the ensuing twelve months period be divided evenly between the seven Conference institutions which contended for the 1958 football championship.

15. The awarding of championships for the 1958 calendar year.

Reports in the Conference office indicate that the following teams finished in first place in the sports as indicated:

(1) Basketball	Southern Methodist University and U. of Arkansas (Co-Champions)
(2) Swimming	Southern Methodist University
(3) Track	The University of Texas
(4) Baseball	The University of Texas
(5) Golf -	
A. Team	University of Arkansas
B. Individual	Texas Christian University
(6) Tennis -	
A. Team	The Rice Institute
B. Individual	
(a) Singles	The Rice Institute
(b) Doubles	The Rice Institute
(7) Cross Country	
(8) Football	



16. Consideration of the continuation of the Southwest Conference Pre-Season Basketball Tournament.

The Southwest Conference Pre-Season Basketball Tournament has been held at Houston in the Rice Field House for the past several years. The Conference can either make a decision at the December Meeting as to whether or not this tournament shall be continued, or can postpone a final decision on this matter until the NCAA Meeting in Cincinnati in early January.

17. Consideration of making a change in the travel expense allowance for football and basketball officials.

For the past several years the officials in Southwest Conference basketball and football games have been receiving an allowance of 16¢ per mile, one way, for their traveling expenses. Out of this they must pay their transportation costs, meals, hotel, and incidental expenses. An official traveling from Dallas to Houston under our present schedule receives \$39.04 as an expense allowance. Travel costs have risen considerably in the past two years. For example, airline passage, Dallas to Houston and return now costs \$36.74. Car expense, figured at 7¢ per mile, would cost \$34.16. Obviously, with the present travel cost our officials expense allowance is inadequate to take care of their transportation and other costs. It is recommended that the Conference adopt a new expense allowance for their officials beginning on January 1, 1959, as follows: 20¢ per mile for the first 250 miles (one way), plus 15¢ per mile for mileage in excess of 250 miles (one way).

18. Review of the television situation.

The 1958 NCAA Television Plan has proved reasonably satisfactory. The 1959 NCAA Television Plan will no doubt be somewhat similar to the one used in 1958. We recommend that the Conference continue its football television committee which consists of the eight athletic directors, with the Executive Secretary as a non-voting member, and that this committee be empowered to formulate and secure sponsorship for a 1959 Southwest Conference Football Television and Radio Program in conformity with the NCAA 1959 Television Plan.

19. Review of relationships between coaching staffs of member institutions.

For the past several years, the relationships between coaching staffs of member institutions have been deteriorating. This condition seems to be caused, not by the fact that members of one coaching staff feel that other coaching staffs might be violating Southwest Conference rules and regulations, but by alleged statements purported to have been made by members of coaching staffs which were critical of other institutions and their athletic personnel. In the judgment of the Executive Secretary this situation has reached a point where it is imperative that the Conference take definite remedial action. It is suggested that all Conference Faculty Representatives give careful consideration to this problem and that a positive program toward its improvement be adopted at our December Meeting.

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20. Review of rules interpretation regarding high school classes missed because of campus visits by prospective student athletes.

In this connection reference is made to Article XXIX, Section 4, of the By-Laws which states as follows:

"Section 4. 'Official visits' to the campuses of member institutions by prospective athletes are permitted only on non-school days (no high school classes missed). An official visit is one made by a prospective student-athlete to a college campus in which travel expenses and/or local entertainment are furnished by a member institution, or any other campus visit of which the coaching staff or other school representatives had prior knowledge."

The Conference office has interpreted the above section to mean that a student cannot make "official visits" to the campuses if he misses high school classes by so doing. Excuse from classes by the high school principal involved is not accepted as a reason for missing regularly scheduled high school classes. This rule becomes rather difficult to enforce, particularly when the student athlete is told to visit the campus on a week-end and, on his own initiative, leaves his high school prior to the end of his last scheduled class. The Conference should give consideration to the answer to the question: "Is it permissible under Conference regulations for an institution to pay traveling expenses and/or local entertainment for a student athlete for a campus visit if he is invited to visit on a week-end, and on his own initiative departs from his high school prior to the end of his classes on Friday?"

21. Review of Conference interpretation regarding competition in sports at the end of the first semester, or the beginning of the second semester.

In a circular letter dated January 17, 1955, the Conference office took the position that the interim between the first and second semesters was to be considered as part of the first semester, and that students eligible for participation during the first semester could participate until the beginning of the second semester. In like manner, students becoming eligible at the beginning of the second semester could not participate in the interim period between semesters. In this letter, the beginning of the second semester was defined as that date on which activities for the new semester begin. In order to pinpoint this date more effectively it is recommended that the Conference recognize the beginning of the new semester as that date on which regular classes start.

22. Review of recruiting problems.

In discussing their recruiting problems with our various institutions, it is believed that there is unanimous agreement that if possible something should be done to reduce the intensity with which our various recruiting programs are now being conducted. We are listing below several suggestions which have been made by athletic staffs of member institutions:



- (1) Limit the number of scholarships which can be awarded to freshman athletes.
- (2) Require that each school certify to the Conference all "official visits" by prospective athletes, and that a tabulation be made on these visits.
- (3) Declare a moratorium on recruiting during the spring months. Suggested dates of moratorium -- mid-February to mid-May.
- (4) Limit the number of official visits which a prospective athlete can make to the campus prior to his signing an application for financial aid. The suggested limitation was one visit prior to signing, and any number of visits after signing.

It is pointed out that there is no unanimity of opinion among our coaching staffs regarding any of the above suggestions. It is recommended that the Conference give careful study and consideration to the above mentioned proposals, or any other suggestions which might be received which, if adopted, would improve our recruiting situation.

23. Consideration of the public relations problem created by the executive character of Conference meetings.
24. Consideration of amending Article XXIX, Section 12, of the By-Laws.

It is recommended that the second sentence of this section be changed to read as follows, so as to conform with the language in the present Southwest Conference Application for Financial Aid:

"Should a boy change his indicated preference the penalty will be the loss of athletic competition during his freshman year and his first varsity year in which he otherwise would be eligible."

25. Submission of apologies by Texas Christian University.

The Conference office has received notice that Douglas Hill participated in freshman tennis, and Billy Jim Simmons and Roy Lee Rambo participated in freshman track in the spring of 1958, prior to the time their eligibility report was submitted to the Conference office. These individuals were eligible for participation, but their names were not included on the original eligibility list.

26. Consideration of the case of Mr. Donald C. Waygood, a student at Texas Tech.

In this connection, your attention is called to the circular letter addressed to the Conference members from Dr. J. William Davis, of Texas Tech, dated October 21, 1958.

27. Other business.



SOUTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

MINUTES OF FALL MEETING  
Adolphus Hotel - Dallas, Texas  
December 12-13, 1958

The Conference was called to order by President Williams at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, December 12. The following representatives were present:

President, The University of Texas - O. B. Williams  
Texas A&M College - C. H. Groneman  
Baylor University - Abner McCall  
The Rice Institute - James S. Waters  
Southern Methodist University - Truxton Shaw  
Texas Christian University - H. B. Hardt  
Texas Tech - J. William Davis  
University of Arkansas - Delbert Swartz

Visiting were:

Baylor University - Ed Horner  
The Rice Institute - H. E. Bray and G. L. Hermance  
Southern Methodist University - A. Q. Sartain  
University of Arkansas - Charlie Cross  
The University of Texas - M. L. Begeman

(Unless otherwise noted, all motions were adopted unanimously).

1. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the minutes of the meeting of May 9-10, 1958 be approved.
2. The Secretary's ruling in the case of Marion Fallwell was considered.  
It was moved, seconded and voted - 5 for, 3 against:  
"That the Secretary's ruling in the case of Marion Fallwell be overruled."

As a result of this action, Mr. Fallwell will have two years of athletic eligibility at Baylor University in all sports, such eligibility to be completed within five years from the date on which he first registered in Southern Methodist University.

3. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the mail vote as outlined in Paragraph 3 of the Secretary's Report of November 21, 1958, be approved for the records."
4. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the President appoint a committee to study the entire problem of recruiting in cooperation with a similar committee from the Texas Inter-scholastic League, with instructions to make such recommendations as may seem appropriate to the Conference and to the League after they have completed their deliberation."



President Williams appointed the following committee:

J. William Davis, Chairman  
H. B. Hart  
D. X. Bible

The committee appointed by the League consists of:

Supts. H. A. Hefner, Graham, Chairman  
O. J. Baker, Dickinson  
G. M. Blackman, Banquete

It was agreed that no publicity would be released concerning the appointment of these two committees until such time as a joint release could be made by the Conference and the Interscholastic League.

5. The Executive Secretary was instructed to investigate the feasibility of placing the Conference records on micro-film and the purchase of a suitable fireproof cabinet for the storage of such film.
6. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the Executive Secretary be authorized to purchase fire and burglary insurance for the Conference office furnishings."
7. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the financial statement as presented by the Executive Secretary be accepted."
8. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the following budget for the 1958-59 fiscal year be adopted:

"Salaries -		
Howard Grubbs	\$12,500.00	
Abb Curtis	10,500.00	
Elizabeth Decherd	2,835.00	
Extra help	300.00	\$26,135.00

Travel -		
Conference office personnel	3,500.00	
Faculty Representatives	3,000.00	
Conference TV Committee	350.00	6,850.00

Trophies & Medals	1,150.00
Office Furniture & Fixtures	800.00
Printing & Office Supplies	2,000.00
Telegraph & Telephone	1,600.00
Annuity Premiums	1,803.25
Investigations	4,000.00
Office Rent	1,500.00



Printing Roster & Records Books (net cost)	\$ 900.00
Postage	450.00
Auditing	125.00
Repair & Maintenance - Fixtures	100.00
Surety Bond Premium	37.50
Entertainment	100.00
Meetings Expense	450.00
Dues	125.00
Social Security Tax	280.00
Insurance Premium - Officials	385.00
Contingency Fund	200.00
Miscellaneous Expense	200.00
Total	\$49,190.75

9. It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That the Executive Secretary be instructed to send a statement to Texas Tech for \$2,412.49. This amount represents 1/14th of the operational expenses of the Southwest Conference office for the past year (\$3,251.38), less 1/8th of the profit which was derived from the SMU - Arkansas Play-Off basketball game (\$838.89).

10. Abner McCall, Chairman of the committee appointed to compile graduated penalties for rules violations, stated that his committee was not ready to report at this time, and asked that the committee's report be postponed until the May, 1959 Meeting of the Conference.

It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That the above committee be continued and that a report be made at the May Meeting."

11. The Conference considered the motion regarding qualitative requirements for athletic eligibility which had been tabled in May 1959 until the December, 1959 Meeting. (See Paragraph 8, Secretary's Report dated November 21, 1958).

It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That the motion regarding qualitative requirements for eligibility be tabled."

12. It was moved, seconded and voted:

"That the following regulation be adopted regarding 'grants-in-aid' to athletes who have signed with professional teams, or who have participated in athletics for pay:

"That any student who accepts pay for athletic participation, or who signs a contract with a professional team may no longer receive a scholarship from a member institution. Exception: A student may retain his scholarship until the end of a given school year who in that school year signs a contract with a professional team, or accepts pay for participation in a sport in which he has completed his college eligibility and for which he was given the athletic scholarship, it being understood that any bonus which he might receive during a school year for signing a



professional contract, or any pay for participation while his school is in session must be included in the total aid permitted as outlined in Article XXX, Section 1, of our By-Laws."

13. It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the NCAA playing rules in baseball be adopted for Southwest Conference competition."
14. The Conference received reports on inquiries made into alleged rules violations, and took the indicated action in the following cases:
  - A. Hubert W. Adkins  
  
It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the report in this case be received and filed."
  - B. Ronnie Bull  
  
It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the report in this case be received and filed."
  - C. Kenneth Chancellor  
  
It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the report in this case be received and filed."
  - D. John Ed Clarke  
  
It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the report in this case be received and filed."
  - E. John Eskridge  
  
It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the report in this case be received and filed."
  - F. Sammy Fulcher, Dennis Todd, and Jerry Gunn  
  
It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the report in this case be received and filed."
  - G. Bob Nunis  
  
It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the report in this case be received and filed."
  - H. Dickie Polson  
  
It was moved, seconded and voted:  
"That the report in this case be received and filed."