

University of Mississippi, Oxford

WHEREAS, the NCAA Committee on Infractions has investigated alleged violations of NCAA legislation by the University of Mississippi, Oxford, and reported its findings to the Council;

WHEREAS, the Council has found the University of Mississippi to have violated the provisions of Article VI, Section 1, of the Bylaws in that a representative of the University's athletic interests solicited the attendance at the University of Mississippi of a prospective student-athlete with the offer and gift of financial aid and equivalent inducements not permitted by this Association or the Southeastern Conference;

WHEREAS, the University's representative in this case, an alumnus, apparently did not provide any assistance to the prospective student-athlete until after he (the alumnus) had been legally established as the prospective student-athlete's guardian, the guardianship decree being granted December 24, 1957, following conclusion of the prospect's senior football season;

WHEREAS, the prospective student-athlete had applied for financial assistance at the University of Mississippi December 7, 1957, and the university had awarded the young man a grant-in-aid on December 18 of that year;

WHEREAS, the financial assistance awarded by the university subsequently was cancelled because the young man became married during the summer of 1958, thus violating one of the conditions of the university's award;

WHEREAS, it is the Council's conclusion that the principal reason that the alumnus decided to establish the guardianship was because his future ward was an outstanding football player and one whom he (the alumnus) earnestly hoped would attend the University of Mississippi;

WHEREAS, it appears clear that the University of Mississippi has made a serious effort to educate its alumni to conform to the governing legislation of intercollegiate athletics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that record be made of the action of the Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference in officially censuring the University of Mississippi and imposing a fine of \$1,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Mississippi be placed on probation for a period of one year from this date (October 27, 1959), it being understood that the Committee on Infractions shall review the athletic policies and practices of the university prior to the expiration of this probation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that record be made of the cooperation and assistance accorded the NCAA and its Committee on Infractions by the athletic and executive administrations of the University of Mississippi and the Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference.