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### UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI PLACED ON NCAA PROBATION

MISSION, KANSAS.--The University of Cincinnati has been placed on probation for two years by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions as a result of violations occurring in the conduct of the institution's intercollegiate basketball and football programs.

The two-year probation includes sanctions that will prohibit the university's basketball team from participating in any postseason competition or from appearing on any NCAA-controlled television program during the 1978-79 and 1979-80 academic years.

The sanctions do not affect the university's football program and the university remains eligible for postseason football competition.

"The Committee on Infractions found numerous, significant violations involving various individuals in a pattern of willful violations in the sport of basketball, requiring the severe penalty that has been imposed," said Charles Alan Wright, chairman of the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

"However," Wright emphasized, "the penalties in this case would have been more severe except that the university's conduct in investigating and processing this case has been exemplary, demonstrating that current university officials are committed to full compliance with NCAA legislation in the conduct of the institution's athletic program. Among the mitigating factors were complete disclosure of information to the committee, including disclosure of violations that had not been alleged by the NCAA staff, and corrective actions taken by the university prior to its appearance before the committee."

In considering the case, the Committee on Infractions found violations of NCAA legislation in varying degrees related to the principles governing extra benefits and financial aid to student-athletes, institutional control of athletic representatives and various recruiting regulations. The committee also found a questionable practice regarding the institution's certification of compliance with NCAA regulations.

In closing, Wright noted, "The committee believes the penalties imposed in this case are meaningful and appropriate in light of the seriousness of the case, the university's exemplary

conduct and the committee's responsibility to serve the interests of all other members of the Association."

Following is a complete text of the penalties imposed upon the University of Cincinnati and a summary of the violations by the university.

### Penalty To Be Imposed Upon Institution

1. The University of Cincinnati shall be publicly reprimanded and censured, and placed on probation for a period of two years, effective December 5, 1978, it being understood that should any of the penalties in this case be set aside for any reason other than by appropriate action of the Association, the penalties shall be reconsidered by the NCAA; further, prior to the expiration of this period of probation, the NCAA shall review the athletic policies and practices of the university.
2. During the probationary period (December 5, 1978 - December 5, 1980), the University of Cincinnati's intercollegiate basketball team shall end its seasons with the playing of its last, regularly scheduled, in-season contest and the university shall not be eligible to participate in any postseason basketball competition.
3. During the probationary period (December 5, 1978 - December 5, 1980), the University of Cincinnati's intercollegiate basketball team shall not be eligible to appear on any television program subject to the administration and control of this Association, and the institution shall not make any commitment of any kind, definite or tentative, for such appearances during that time.

### Summary of Violations of NCAA Legislation and

#### Questionable Practices in Light of NCAA Requirements

1. NCAA Constitution 3-1-(g)-(5) and 3-4-(a) [extra benefits and financial aid to student-athletes] -- (a) A representative of the university's athletic interests established a personal checking account in the name of a student-athlete for the young man's personal use by depositing a sum of money in the account; (b) A representative of the university's athletic interests made monthly cash payments to three student-athletes in addition to the full institutional grants-in-aid which they were receiving, and (c) A representative of the university's athletic interests arranged for a student-athlete to be provided two pairs of slacks from a Cincinnati clothing store at no cost to the young man.
2. NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(a) and 1-1-(b) [improper recruiting inducements] --

(a) A representative of the university's athletic interests promised a prospective student-athlete he would arrange for the young man to receive the following benefits during his attendance at the university: (1) periodic payments of cash; (2) payments of cash to his family, and (3) a new wardrobe; (b) A representative of the university's athletic interests promised a prospective student-athlete's mother that subsequent to her son's enrollment in the university, she would receive monthly cash payments for her own personal use; further, she actually received monthly payments as promised, and (c) A former assistant basketball coach promised a prospective student-athlete that, if he would attend the university, he would be provided monthly cash payments.

3. NCAA Constitution 3-1-(g)-(4), 3-1-(g)-(5) and 3-4-(a) [improper expenses, extra benefits and financial aid to student-athletes] -- A representative of the university's athletic interests gave a student-athlete cash on several occasions in order for the young man to pay the costs of transportation between the university and his home.

4. NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(a) and 1-1-(b)-(1) [improper recruiting inducements] (a) A representative of the university's athletic interests gave a prospective student-athlete cash; (b) A prospective student-athlete was given a small amount of cash in order to make purchases at the university bookstore during his official paid visit, and (c) A representative of the university's athletic interests arranged for a prospective student-athlete to be given a pair of slacks from a clothing store in Cincinnati at no cost to the young man.

5. NCAA Constitution 3-2 [institutional control] -- The involvement of several representatives of the university's athletic interests in numerous violations of NCAA legislation demonstrates that the University of Cincinnati did not exercise adequate institutional control and responsibility over those individuals.

6. NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(a), 1-1-(b), 1-4-(a) and 1-7-(i)-(3) [improper recruiting inducements and transportation]--A representative of the university's athletic interests paid the cost of round-trip commercial air transportation for the mother of a prospective student-athlete to travel to the university's campus to accompany her son on his official paid visit to the university.

7. NCAA Bylaws 1-1-(a), 1-1-(b), 1-7-(j) and 1-7-(l) [improper recruiting inducements, transportation and off-campus entertainment] -- (a) A former head basketball coach paid the cost of meals for a prospective student-athlete at restaurants in his home town; further, the former coach transported the prospective student-athlete in the coach's personal automobile from the young man's home to the location where each meal was purchased, and (b) A former assistant basketball coach purchased meals for a prospective student-athlete and his girlfriend at a restaurant in his home town.

8. Bylaws 1-1-(a), 1-1-(b), 1-7-(j), 1-7-(j)-(2) and 1-7-(l) [improper recruiting inducements, transportation and off-campus entertainment] -- (a) A former student assistant basketball coach provided a prospective student-athlete automobile transportation at no cost to the young man to Dayton, Ohio, where the young man was

provided cost-free admission and entertainment at a high school all-star basketball game; further, following the game in Dayton, the former coach transported the prospective student-athlete to Cincinnati, and (b) A representative of the university's athletic interests provided a prospective student-athlete round-trip automobile transportation at no cost to the young man between the university's campus and Dayton, Ohio; further, while in Dayton, the representative arranged for the prospective student-athlete to receive admission to a concert at no cost to the young man.

9. NCAA Bylaws 1-1(a) and 1-7(j) [improper recruiting inducements and transportation] -- A former head basketball coach transported a prospective student-athlete round trip by automobile at no cost to the young man between the young man's home and Chicago, Illinois, in order to visit another prospective student-athlete.

10. NCAA Bylaws 1-1(a) and 1-7(a) [improper recruiting inducements and paid visits] -- Two prospective student-athletes were provided more than one expense-paid visit to the university's campus.

11. NCAA Bylaws 1-1(a), 1-4(c), 1-4(e) and 1-7(d)-(3) [improper recruiting inducements and transportation] -- On two occasions, a former head basketball coach and a former assistant basketball coach in one of the cases arranged for a representative of the university's athletic interests to provide a prospective student-athlete with round-trip transportation between his home and Cincinnati for the young man's official paid visit to the university's campus in an aircraft owned by a corporation; further, the cost of this transportation was assumed by the corporation.

12. NCAA Bylaws 1-1(a), 1-1(b)-(1) and 1-7(l) [improper recruiting inducements] -- A representative of the university's athletic interests presented a prospective student-athlete a special order cake which was shaped like a pair of basketball shoes; further, a former head basketball coach and a former assistant basketball coach were present on this occasion.

13. NCAA Bylaw 1-5(a) [tryouts] -- A prospective student-athlete demonstrated his abilities in the sport of football in the presence of a former assistant football coach and a former graduate assistant football coach participated in this activity.

14. NCAA Bylaws 1-5(a) and 3-4(a) [tryouts and out-of-season football practice] -- A prospective student-athlete demonstrated his abilities in the sport of football in the presence of a former assistant football coach and with members of the university's intercollegiate football team.

15. NCAA Constitution 3-4(g) [financial aid renewal] -- In cases where a student-athlete's athletically related financial aid was not renewed, the written notification to the student-athlete was forwarded by the director of athletics rather than the institution's regular financial aid authority.

16. NCAA Bylaws 4-6-(d) and 4-6-(d)-(4) [questionable practice, certification of compliance with NCAA legislation] -- Based upon information provided by athletic department staff members, the university's 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1977 certifications of compliance with NCAA legislation were erroneous.

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