

# The Interpreter

## Camp Brochures

Effective August 1, 2003, aside from pictures of current student-athletes, camp brochures are no longer restricted by content or design.

Camp brochures ARE restricted in size. They are limited to a single, two-sided sheet of paper, *not to exceed 17" X 22"* when opened in full. This includes all portions of a camp brochure, including waiver statements, applications, maps, etc. Everything must be included on the single sheet of paper. Inserts are not permitted.

### Pictures

If the names or pictures of current student-athletes appear in the camp brochure, they can be there only for the purpose of identifying them as staff members of the camp. Effective April 17, 2002, pictures and names of student-athletes may be located **ONLY** in a designated camp counselor section. Please remember that it is permissible to use current student-athletes' names and pictures only in the camp brochure.

If current student-athletes are pictured in the camp counselor section, then **ALL** pictures of staff members must be included in the same camp counselor section.

If **NO** current student-athletes are pictured in the brochure, then there are no regulations governing pictures of other individuals.

### Other Permissible Items

Other items that can be included in the camp brochure are:

- ❖ Program accomplishments
- ❖ Camp staff accomplishments, including coaching records
- ❖ General information about Florida State University
- ❖ Information about Tallahassee
- ❖ Pictures of on- or off-campus sites that are not specifically related to camp activities.

**All camp brochures must be approved by the Compliance Office.**

## Holiday Employment

For all of you wondering whether student-athletes are allowed to work over winter break, NCAA 15.2.7 addresses the issue.

NCAA Bylaw 15.2.7 states that a student-athlete may obtain a job as long as the student-athlete is compensated for work actually performed, is paid the going rate and is not compensated for publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of his or her athletic ability.

At Florida State University, student-athletes who are in their first year of residence are not able to work during the academic year. During vacation times, such as the holiday break, the first-time students at Florida State may obtain a job.

The NCAA has recently relaxed the rules regarding employment for student-athletes. There is no limit to the amount a student-athlete can earn from legitimate employment during the year.

Student-athletes who work during the vacation periods are **NOT** required to complete the employment forms mandated for employment during the academic year.

John Lata in the Student Services Office is available to aid any student-athlete who is looking for a job. He can be reached at 644-3281.

December 2004

## December Recruiting Calendar

### Football (All Prospects)

Nov 28-Dec 18	Contact
Dec 19	Quiet
Dec 20-Jan 1	Dead

### Football (Junior College)

Nov 28-Dec 11	Contact
Dec 12	Quiet
Dec 13-16	Dead
Dec 17	Quiet
Dec 18	Contact
Dec 19	Quiet
Dec 20-Jan 1	Dead

### Men's Basketball

Dec 1-31	Quiet
Except 40 evaluation days from Nov 18-Mar 15	

### Women's Basketball

Dec 1-31	Quiet
Except 40 evaluation days from Oct 8-Feb 28	

### Baseball

Dec 1-31	Quiet
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### Softball

Dec 1-2	Quiet
Dec 3-6	Dead
Dec 7-Jan 1	Quiet

### Volleyball

Dec 1-5	Cont/Eval
Dec 6-14	Quiet
Dec 15-31	Dead



# Athletic Scholarships Could Last a Lifetime

## Football Moves Toward Early Signing Period

Robert Hemenway, the chancellor at Kansas and chairman of a top NCAA committee, suggested the idea of lifetime scholarships for athletes to address "inequities" in college sports.

Speaking before the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, Hemenway said the scholarships would be available for athletes to finish an undergraduate degree or earn an advanced degree.

Hemenway stressed that his ideas were not part of any NCAA policy discussion.

Wally Renfro, senior advisor to the NCAA president, who was in the audience, said the association is considering ways to increase the value of scholarships.

"In concept, everybody will nod their heads and say, 'Great idea,'" Renfro said. "In practice, when you apply the numbers to specific budgets, people will say, 'I don't know how it's going to work here.'"

Few college sports programs are financially self-sufficient. A large part of the Knight Commission's meeting was about the need for consistent accounting methods to determine how much schools really pay for their sports programs.

The Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics was formed in October 1989 to analyze the problems facing college sports and propose a "new model for intercollegiate athletics." Several reports have been published since the first Knight Commission Report in 1991, all suggesting methods of reform for collegiate athletics.

The Knight Commission's next meeting is in February. The group hasn't announced plans other than to continue exploring issues in athletics and high education.



An early signing period for football has been discussed for several years and is gaining more support among coaches. Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association indicated it could be in place in a few years.

"We're probably closer to it now than at any time in the last 10 years, but we're not there yet," Teaff said.

Supporters say that an early signing period would streamline recruiting efforts so coaches could focus on other positions. Colleges can save money by reducing the number of official visits.

Those who favor the current system fear the gap between college football's haves and have-nots would increase, the Bowl Championship Series schools would lock up their recruiting classes early and concentrate on pursuing juniors and walk-ons.

The AFCA will meet in January, and if coaches recommend an early signing period, it would be in place for the class of 2007. Teaff said the period would most certainly be in mid-December to parallel the signing date for junior college players.



## From the Interpretation File



### Institution Providing Cash in Lieu of Additional Meals during a Vacation Period within the Academic Year

It is permissible for an institution to provide cash in lieu of the additional meal that may be provided during each day of any vacation period within the academic year when student-athletes are required to remain on campus to be involved in practice or competition. The cash allowance may not exceed the amount provided for the particular meal (e.g., breakfast, lunch, dinner) by the institution to staff members on away-from-campus trips. (Staff, 9/1/04)



### Travel During Vacation Period

An institution traveling to a regular season competition during the institution's official vacation period may depart for the competition either 48 hours prior to the start of the competition or at the beginning of the institution's official vacation period. Further, an institution shall return to campus at the end of the institution's official vacation period or depart from the competition site not more than 36 hours following the conclusion of the event. (Staff, 9/30/97)

### Required Day Off Not Mandatory During Vacation Period

An institution is not required to

provide student-athletes with one day off per week during a vacation period, provided classes are not in session during any portion of that week. (Staff, 12/18/92)

### Participating on Outside Team During the Weekend Before or After an Official Vacation Period

In sports other than basketball, a student-athlete may compete outside his or her institution's declared playing or practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition on a weekend (not included in the institution's catalog as a vacation period) that immediately precedes or follows an institution's official vacation period (e.g., Memorial Day), provided the student-athlete does not miss class or exams. (Staff, 8/9/95)



# In the News....

## Bulldogs Placed on Probation

The Division I Committee on Infractions has placed Mississippi State University on probation for four years and instituted several other penalties for numerous violations in the institution's football program.

These violations centered on recruiting infractions by two former assistant coaches and several boosters.

The violations included impermissible in-person recruiting contacts on numerous occasions with two recruits, and arranging for impermissible employment.

Other penalties include a ban on postseason play for the 2004 season and reductions in scholarships and official visits.



## UCF Resolves NCAA Infractions

The University of Central Florida closed six NCAA infraction cases from the 2003-04 academic year,

Violations in the football program included academic graduate assistants making recruiting telephone calls, players not receiving their days off in consecutive weeks and an employee in the football office gambling at work.

The other three violations occurred in women's soccer when a player received one more ticket to a game than the NCAA allows, in women's rowing when a rower participated in fall practice prior to being a full-time student and in men's basketball when the team left 12 hours too early for the Atlantic Sun Tournament.

All violations have been deemed secondary and have been self-corrected.

## Neuheisel won't face NCAA Penalties

Former Washington football coach Rick Neuheisel, fired for gambling on basketball games, will not face NCAA penalties.

Neuheisel was charged with gambling violations based on his participating in a high-stakes pool on the NCAA basketball tournament. He has defended himself with two memos from Washington's compliance department that appeared to sanction his behavior.

Neuheisel has pending lawsuits against both the NCAA and UW, and the ruling figures to provide him significant momentum for both cases.

The NCAA charged UW with a lack of institutional control because of a wide-spread failure to understand or apply NCAA rules.

Small-stakes betting pools among other coaches and other athletics department staff members were ruled secondary violations, but the NCAA deemed that the sum of all the offenses demonstrated a lack of institutional control.

## AFCA Files Lawsuit against Ex-Player

The American Football Coaches Association and the NCAA filed a lawsuit in March against a former Tennessee football player and his mother after they threatened to sue Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer over statements he made to NCAA investigators about them.

According to NCAA documents leaked from a federal criminal case involving a former Alabama booster, Fulmer told an NCAA investigator in 2000 that there were rumors that the former player's mother was involved with an Alabama assistant coach.

Attorneys for the former player and his mother withdrew their request to dismiss the lawsuit.

## Georgia Appeals Sanctions

The University of Georgia has appealed the NCAA's findings regarding violations that occurred in the men's basketball program under former coach Jim Harrick.

In the appeal, the University asked the NCAA to reduce the number of scholarships taken from the program from three to two and reduce the length of the University's probation from four years to no more than three years.

Included in the nine self-imposed penalties was the withdrawal from the 2003 postseason and the firing of the entire coaching staff.

The appeal states that the loss of two scholarships would be adequate punishment because the program lost four of Harrick's signees who were released from their letters of intent and caused the University trouble in its last two recruiting classes.



## UW Hoopsters Suspended

Four Washington men's basketball players have been suspended for the first game of the season for participation in unsanctioned summer basketball leagues in Seattle.

The NCAA requires that any participation in summer leagues requires the league to be certified with the association. Part of the certification process involves the league to submit a certification application form to the NCAA to ensure that all summer practice rules are met.

## December Dead Periods



Football (Junior College Prospects)

**December 13-16**

Football (All Prospects)

**December 20-January 1**

Softball

**December 3-6**

Volleyball

**December 15-31**

## Interpreter On-Line

The Interpreter can be found on-line at [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com) by clicking onto "NCAA Compliance", in the left column. The Interpreter icon is under the "What's New??" section. Past issues are archived here and contain more detailed information than space prohibits in the newsletter form.

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