

Drugs & Sports: 'Unethical'

University Park---It's time to use the term "unethical" to describe the prescription and misuse of drugs to improve athletic performance, charges a Pennsylvania State University professor who is chairman of the NCAA's Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

Dr. Kenneth S. Clarke, professor of physical education, says that the use of drugs to allegedly better athletic prowess "is an ethical issue, not a clinical or physiological one. Fair play cannot rely on drug testing or whistle blowing--it is a matter of moral principle..."

"The consequent onus is on all sports personnel--team physicians, coaches, athletic trainers--to return to active, consistent support of ethical standards and censor any confirmed unethical practice."

What is ironic is the fact that research does not back up contentions that any drugs give athletes--"Russian or otherwise"--an advantage, points out Dr. Clarke, who adds that most drug-using athletes apparently consider the health risks of drug abuse as remote.

Dr. Clarke emphasizes that drug testing of athletes is "limited, costly, logistically difficult and very possibly counterproductive in effect. Drug controls must be put in perspective by differentiating

Strike!

Ten intramural bowling teams meet every Thursday night at the Bowling Arena in West Hazleton for fun and competition.

Each team consists of five regulars and two substitutes. Individual averages are computed weekly. The league has a handicap based on a scale of 130. Trophies will be awarded at the end of the ten week period.

BROADCASTING CLASS STARTED

WHCB is holding classes for persons interested in gaining their third class broadcasting license. Classes are held every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in C-117. If you can't make the class this time, see Robert Schoppe, room 204 dorm.

the issues involved...

"The athlete's intention should be the criterion, not the degree of any supposed benefits."

Calling for drug testing only on "a scientific basis... in which inquiry, not punishment is the objective," Dr. Clarke stresses that the findings of such research would have implications for education, ethical enforcement and clinical assistance.

The use of drugs to hopefully improve performance is only one of the reasons why athletes might have problems with drugs, explains Dr. Clarke.

He lists as other drug problems within sports:

---the attempt to cope with the grind, the "real drug problems, warranting sensitive and competent attention."

---the injudicious use of clinical drugs during treatment for disease or an injury.

---recreational use, either by will or peer pressure.

---possession of drugs for illegal sale or distribution.

"There is no drug problem in sports; there are drug problems," Dr. Clarke concludes.

Think Snow

Vermont skiing conditions are fantastic this season, and the Ski Club is going to sample them.

For the first week of March (term break) club members will be at Sugarbush Valley, Vt., which has one of the greatest vertical drops in Eastern skiing.

Sugarbush is billed as the "arpes ski capital of the East" and has a fully developed ski resort to support the claim. For the die-hard skiers, the world-famous resort complex of Stowe is within easy driving distance.

The club racing team, now in its second season, is currently practicing at Jack Frost Mountain. In the first event of the year, a Giant Slalom at Jack Frost on January 15, Tim Mueller placed 21st in a field of 51. The next event will be another Giant Slalom, also at Jack Frost, on January 25.

Worman Scores

Rick Worman continues his assault on the basketball career scoring record set by Jim Chapman, 1971-73.

Worman's 20 point performance at Mont Alto put him in third place with 425 points. Chapman's career total is 524 points. With ten games remaining and only 99 points away from the record, Worman is a sure bet to emerge as Highacres' all-time scoring champion.

Rick played his high school ball at Allentown Central Catholic.

HIGHACRES REBOUND LEADERS

	G	Rebounds	Ave.
Rick Worman	7	103	14.7
Bob Gabriel	7	83	11.8
Greg Slusser	7	48	7.0

HIGHACRES SCORING LEADERS

	Slusser	Worman	Gabriel
G	7	7	7
FG	69	45	47
FM.-FT.	24-31	39-53	14-22
Total	162	127	108
Ave.	23.1	18.1	15.4

COMMONWEALTH CAMPUS EASTERN CONFERENCE LEAGUE STANDINGS

York.....	3-0
Hazleton.....	3-1
Ogontz.....	2-1
Schuylkill.....	2-2
Mont Alto.....	1-2
Scranton.....	1-2
Delaware.....	0-4

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Paul: Have you ever tried don-key meat?
 Spud: Have you fallen off any rabbits lately?
 Mary Ann: This moment of silence is for your dear departed fish. -Last year 1st floor

King James: That was a decent cigar.

Trish, Janie, and Connie: Keep that stereo turned down!

-Bad Company

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