

Sports: An educational experience?

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Many college athletes go through their college careers seeking compensation, said Allen L. Sack, director of the Center for Athlete's Rights and Education (CARE).

They play their sports, drawing money into the college, and receive no real compensation for it other than grants-in-aid.

At the Penn State Student Athlete League, Sack said, grants-in-aid are not received in some cases, these grants may actually be compensation.

If such a college player is drafted by a professional team, or she has contributed to the welfare of the college without being paid, Sack said,

Student athletes are being compensated by the colleges and universities that use their services to generate revenue, Sack said during a program titled "Professionalism in Intercollegiate Sports," presented by CARE.

Sack said he played football for the University of Notre Dame and was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams; he got a degree from Notre Dame but was not sure he really got an education. The tremendous stresses placed on college athletes were pointed out.

Student athletes who play "big time" sports are, in effect, employees of the college and students at the same time. They perform a service and receive a form of pay — a scholarship. There are many more like this, Sack said.

CARE sees the scholarship as a type of contract between the college and the student athlete and the college should live up to its end of the deal to provide an opportunity for education, Sack said.

This may mean recognizing athletes' requests for time off during the season, he said.

As a graduate teaching assistant at the University when he was doing graduate work in sociology, Sack was not permitted to take more than one class a term. Since then he has asked for exceptions for athletes. They could make up the credits in the summer or after they finish

playing professional sports.

Also, players have access to professional sports other than through college programs, so college athletes should have a "minor league" for professional basketball and football, Sack said. Many players are forced to go to college when they actually have either no real desire or qualification to attend.

Sack said 65 percent of the players in the Penn State Student Athlete League did not receive college degrees. The percentage is even higher in the National Basketball Association, he said.

Those athletes who play big time sports that draw a lot of revenue should be compensated for their services, Sack said.

Many college athletes receive "under the table" money, but it is frowned upon, and the student is the one who usually looks bad, Sack said.

"I think that it is the athletes are the ones who feel guilty ... when they are actually getting what they deserve," Sack said.

He would rather see payments made "above board," but direct payments to players are something CARE is not ready to accept, he said.

Lawyers for CARE are working on a proposal that colleges set up trust funds for student athletes to be drawn upon after graduation to further their education, Sack said. The college should pay for the full education to make up for what was missed while playing big time sports.

CARE has a branch that works on the special problems of women athletes. Sack said CARE takes the position that women's sports are still in their incunabula stage, is still one of the most progressive things to happen to women's sports.

According to Title IX: Men and female athletes should receive equal treatment, benefits and opportunities in generally-funded programs and institutions.

Also, although women are not exploited quite as much as men, they will



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Bellefonte route not to be X'd

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Bellefonte residents and the Municipal Council and Centre Area Transportation Authority have reversed their decisions to discontinue the Centre Line X-route and have agreed to maintain the service through 1982.

The Bellefonte council had voted 5-3 on Nov. 2 to stop funding CATA for the buses. However, on Nov. 16 the council unanimously voted to continue the funding.

The council also passed three motions in connection with the buses.

The first motion accepts CATA's proposed 1-year contract. The contract is for nine trips daily during 1981 with the fare set at \$1.25. The X-route runs 10 trips a day at a cost of \$1.10.

CATA General Manager Paul Oviers said a decision is expected soon about which trip to cut.

The price of annual passes on the X-route is well above the bus fare, said Sack, who also increased the fare.

The increase should reflect the 13.5 percent increase of the individual fares.

Bellefonte's share for the service will be \$9,300, Oviers said.

The second motion calls for a referendum in April on whether Bellefonte should use tax money to fund bus service.

Council member Joseph Masullo

said the contract will result in a tax

increase of 1.25 or 1.5 mills for the municipality in 1982.

The council also approved the formation of a committee in January to study the possibility of forming a transit authority in Bellefonte.

Masullo, who proposed the motions, was opposed to funding the service through 1982.

"We shouldn't use any local money," he said, "but I realize we have to have bus service."

"We should form our own authority and lease the service from CATA and then apply for state and federal funds."

Confusion reigned in the most recent budget.

President Reagan used his first presidential veto shortly before Congress's Thanksgiving recess — a veto that left part of the federal government dismantling itself, and raised questions about the integrity of the budget process.

The budget resolution of \$22.8 billion emergency funding measure, forced the unprecedented move of the government

"going out of business."

Congress had quickly passed a 25-day bill with funding at the 1980 level. The budget battle resumes Dec. 15.

Clinger had voted earlier for deeper cuts, especially in defense, and warned that if no deeper cuts were not enacted,

"the same thing happened again next fall when the contract comes up for approval," she said.

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