

Recruiting topic of NCAA meeting

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A proposal to limit Division I and II athlete recruiting and evaluation to a four-month period will probably receive much attention at the next National Collegiate Athletic Association convention in January, a NCAA council member from the University said.

"The recruiting season (issue) will be a big thing... I feel there will be a great deal of discussion," said Della Durant, assistant athletic director.

The proposal is based upon recommendations made by the Special NCAA Council's Subcommittee to Review Recruiting Processes at a recent council session Durant attended.

Durant is a division I-at large representative to the council, a 44-member group which plans legislation.

Al Whitte, chairman of the subcommittee, said the recommendation follows the successful implementation of a four-month recruiting calendar for football and basketball by the NCAA last year.

"We wanted to get some more balance into the recruiting process... we wanted to reduce pressure on the recruited student-athletes, reduce pressure on the (recruiting) coaches and reduce costs," Whitte said.

He said he anticipates opposition to the legislation because recruiting time periods for sports other than football and basketball are not regulated by the NCAA.

Durant said, "I think some of the legislation (concerning recruiting and evaluating periods) will pass, because the basic concept is very sound."

Whitte said the subcommittee determined the

recruiting calendars after contacting each NCAA sports committee.

A clause may be added to allow exceptions to the rule for extenuating circumstances, Whitte said. For example, five states have girls' high school basketball games in the spring rather than in the fall.

Durant said recruiting is not the only legislation submitted by the council that will be considered by the NCAA at its next convention. Legislation concerning satisfactory progress rules, clarification of eligibility requirements, enforcement regulations, appropriate awards for competition and the types of promotional charitable activities a student-athlete may participate in will also be considered.

Proposals from other sources, such as conferences and the Executive Committee, will also be submitted for vote to the NCAA convention, Durant said.

The council is the NCAA administrative body responsible for determining policies of interest to the three NCAA divisions. One of the council's specific functions is proposing legislation based on committee reports to the NCAA convention held every January.

The council is refining about 90 proposals and compiling them into a booklet to be mailed to the NCAA member institutions of the NCAA on Nov. 25, Durant said.

After Penn State receives the booklet of proposals, athletic officials relay the information to coaches for their input, Durant said. Then University athletic administrators — including John Coyle, NCAA representative, and Jim Tarman, director of athletics — meet annually with University President Bryce Jordan to determine the University's stance on each proposal.

Council candidates debate aesthetics

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The six candidates running for borough council disagreed on the need to improve the appearance of the borough of State College at a Candidates' Night program last night.

Democrat Jean McManis said State College has become "visually and architecturally duller."

She suggested council allow "building the benefits of upgrading within existing zoning."

Within the last few months, owners have been prohibited from altering building structures because of space limitations in zoning ordinances.

McManis suggested the council re-examine zoning in areas that adjoin residential and business complexes.

Daniel J. Wallace, Democrat, said council members, architects and developers should cooperate to ensure the ambience of State College continues. The three groups should reach an

agreement on the structure and appearance of proposed dwellings, he said.

Peter Lang, Jolene West, and Gary Wisner, all Republicans, said State College is not losing its charm and attractive appearance.

West said she is encouraged to see old houses being renovated on Pugh and Burrows Streets and is confident the process will continue.

Wiser said the only major problem in State College is trash collection. Wiser said trash and garbage are not being collected promptly enough.

R. Thomas Berner, Republican, said council should encourage incentive zoning, in which council zones an area in hopes of attracting a specific type of building.

Berner said the borough should concentrate on "preserving buildings rather than tearing them down."

Berner's said the aesthetics of State College could be improved by encouraging architects and devel-

opers to provide on-site parking.

Berner said he is against in-lieu parking, which permits developers to contribute to a parking fund for a future parking garage instead of providing on-site parking.

West and McManis both said they were against the in-lieu parking program.

"Eventually we're going to have our streets backed off and (parking) is going to move into the next township," West said.

McManis said she was disturbed at how many developers have already been included in the plan.

Wallace said the plan has "bugs that need to be worked out."

The law applies to the commercial area on College and Beaver avenue except an area northwest of the intersection of North Atherton Street and West College Avenue, where the Post House Tavern is, and east of the 400 block of East College Avenue, where Hetzel Plaza is.

Fire set in Rizzo's campaign headquarters

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An arsonist set a small fire early yesterday in a west Philadelphia campaign office of Republican mayoral candidate Frank Rizzo, but firefighters quickly extinguished it and little damage occurred, authorities said.

The fire, in the unoccupied Overbrook office, was reported at 12:11 a.m. and was extinguished six minutes later, said Capt. Angelo Saggiomo, a spokesman for the fire commissioner. A smoke detector alerted tenants in the second and third stories of the brick building.

"It looks like a rear window was broken and somebody used an open flame to light some papers or other combustibles," he said.

Rizzo, who faces incumbent W. Wilson Goode in the Nov. 3 election, responded to the event in a prepared statement.

"I am shocked at this outrageous act of apparent arson and think it a very unfortunate incident," he said. "It is an obvious attempt to interfere with the greatest freedom we enjoy in this country."



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