

E. OTHER POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS REVIEWED

1. [Section deleted per FERPA]

2. Summer Conditioning

During the summers of 1998, 1999 and 2000, numerous prospects in the sport of football that signed National Letters of Intent and intended to enroll in the fall, lived at The Regent dormitory. While reviewing their possible Shoe Box purchases and their housing arrangements the university learned that they participated in the summer conditioning program. The football staff sent letters to the prospects in the spring encouraging them to participate in the conditioning program. This program was supervised by the overall strength and conditioning coach. The university interviewed several prospects and the strength and conditioning coach. This information was presented to Jennifer Hepple at the Big Ten Conference who indicated it was her belief that the prospects' participation in this strength and conditioning program was not contrary to NCAA legislation. It should be noted that, during the same period, men's basketball prospects also participated in similar summer conditioning activities. The university has no evidence that the men's basketball summer conditioning program was contrary to the applicable NCAA legislation.

3. [Section deleted per FERPA]

4. Free Meals

The owner of a local restaurant near the Kohl Center sent a letter dated September 25, 2000, to three of our coaches, in which he indicated that he had, on occasion, "picked up the tab" for meals for our athletes at the restaurant. Although his point was that he now understood that this was not permissible, the institution looked into this to ascertain whether there was a basis to determine whether any violations had occurred. The owner was interviewed on two occasions, and all current student-athletes on the teams that played at the Kohl Center completed questionnaires about meals at the restaurant. There is no evidence that suggests that any current student-athlete received a free meal. The one example the owner could recall involved a former football student-athlete, but at the time of the meal, that athlete had exhausted his eligibility and had been selected in the professional football draft. Based on the information available, the institution does not believe any reportable violations have occurred in this regard.

5. Free Drinks

An allegation was received that football players may have received free drinks at a local establishment from the owner/manager. The establishment is near the University and is frequented by student-athletes and non-athletes. Upon further inquiry, the institution confirmed that student-athletes likely received free drinks, but that it was the practice of the owner to provide occasional free drinks to customers whom he joined at a table or at the bar. The institution has concluded that, given this, an extra benefit violation has not occurred.

6. Scooters

An allegation was received that student-athletes were able to secure substantial discounts at a local dealer. The institution secured the 2000-2001 student-athlete vehicle registrations and noted that a number of student-athletes made purchases from that dealer. Representatives of the institution met with the sales manager for the dealer and reviewed the records related to those purchases and concluded that discounts were not received and no violation occurred.

7. Basketball Housing Issue

As part of the investigation into the arrangement of housing for prospects by the football coaching staff, the activities of the men's basketball coaching staff in this regard were also investigated. A review of the materials regarding summer housing provided to prospects by the men's basketball staff indicated that the men's basketball coaching staff merely informed prospects of possible summer housing opportunities, and did not improperly arrange summer housing for prospects.

8. Other Housing Issue

During the investigation, a rumor surfaced that a student-athlete was receiving a single-occupancy room at The Towers private residence hall for the price of a double-occupancy room. The university interviewed staff at The Towers who indicated that, during the period in question, the student-athlete actually had three roommates in his double-occupancy room (i.e., a suite with two separate two-person rooms), and that the student-athlete no longer resides in either The Tower or The Regent. Based on this information, the university concluded that the rumor of improper housing benefits in this situation was unfounded and no violation occurred.