

Athletics goes big time — violations of up to \$20 alleged

In a bizarre press conference on Monday, the Department of Athletics at the U of A announced that it had committed several recruiting violations over the past year and was turning itself in to the CIAU.

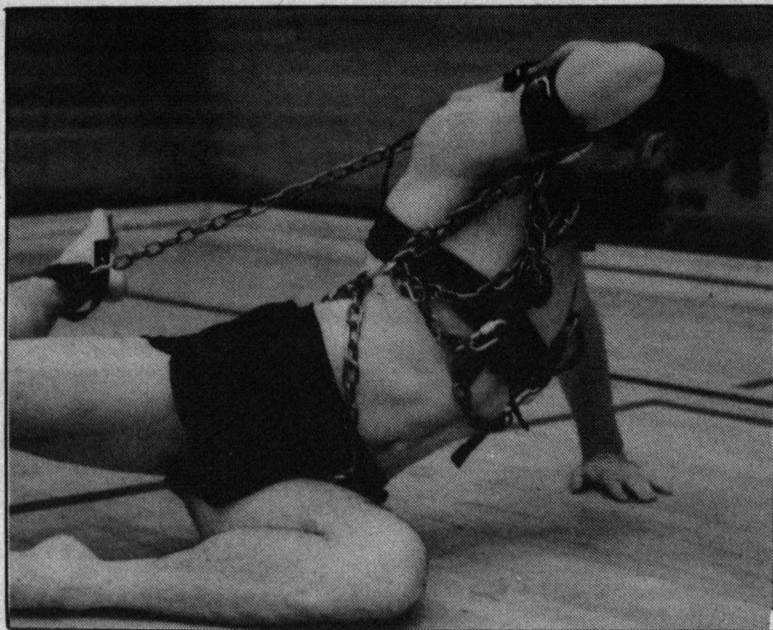
"We feel it's important to come clean on this issue before our alumni and booster clubs really get out of hand," said Athletic Director Bob Steadward. "We've had reports of some payments of up to \$20.00 that have been given to our athletes to play here, and I just couldn't live with myself if I let that kind of practice continue."

"It's true," said Rocco Mozzarella, star lineman of the football Bears. "When I was in high school last year, some guy came up to me and said that he would make it worth my while to come here, and right there he slipped me five bucks. Since then I've been receiving \$1.00 a month. Sure, I'm ashamed, but now I've been able to buy my mother all the things she's never been able to afford, like spoons and soap."

Upon further investigation, Steadward revealed that half of the football team and all of the men's basketball and hockey teams were receiving illegal payments of at least 50¢ a month.

"A black day for college athletics indeed," he concluded.

An even stranger twist occurred when Steadward actually produced one of the violating boosters for interview. He could only be seen by his silhouette and refused



U of A may be tied up in court for years

to use his real name, preferring to go by "Tex."

"Hell, yes, I paid for a few ath-a-letes," said Tex. "Felt I owed it to my ol' alma mater."

Although most reporters wrote this off as another desperate bid for attention by the Athletic Department, Steadward was quick to put those doubts to rest.

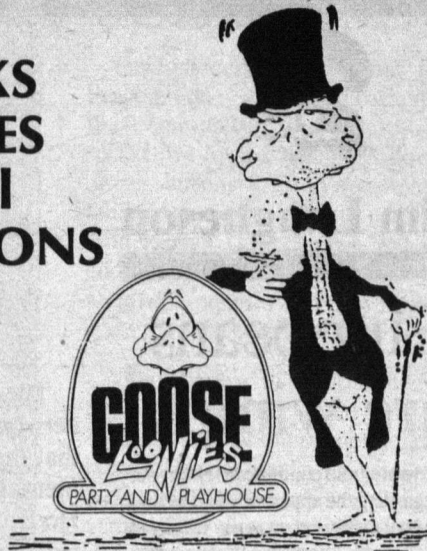
"That's an outright lie, and I'd be happy to give you an exclusive interview

on that subject," he retorted.

The last word in this so-called "scandal" belongs to the now infamous Tex, who was overheard while relieving himself in the washroom after the press conference, saying, "Course I couldn't have done it if Steddy hadn't given me all that cash... oops, maybe I shouldn't have said that here... Aw, hell. Hey big guy, where's my check!"

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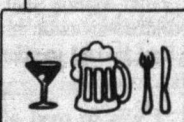
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