

Graham Plan Reviewed By Press and Campus Comment

President Graham Is Not Sole Author of Rulings Adopted By Southern Conference Colleges

Plan Originally Drawn Up By Committee Of Presidents Plans Changed

Contrary to prevailing popular opinion, President Graham was not the sole author of the Graham plan nor did he introduce it to the Southern conference only on his own initiative.

In November, 1935, Dr. Graham and other presidents who constitute the National Association of State Universities met in Washington.

President Lindley of Kansas addressed the meeting and pointed a finger of warning at what he termed the "serious damage to American youth resulting from certain developments in intercollegiate football."

The association's committee on the investigation of intercollegiate athletics met with President Graham as a member. During the session Dr. Graham, who had previously been appointed to investigate the matter, presented a plan for the improvement of existing conditions.

Accepted

The committee revised this plan and then submitted it to the association which, after several minor changes, accepted it.

The plan owes its name to an Associated Press reporter who inquired as to its original author. Next day the "Graham plan" appeared in newspapers throughout the country.

On the recommendation of six eminent southern university presidents, the Graham Plan was considered by the Southern conference which convened in January of this year. Through the affirmative vote of the University of Virginia, the University of Maryland, Washington and Lee University, North Carolina State College, Virginia Polytechnical Institute, and the University of North Carolina, the plan was adopted into the by-laws of the Southern conference.

The plan and its acceptance by the conference met with approval from leading educators throughout the country. Said L. D. Coffman, President of the University of Minnesota: "The regulations which six of the ten presidents in the Southern conference agree to are the most constructive regulations in athletics adopted by any group in this country. It is heartening to find actions of this sort being taken."

This same stand was taken by James B. Conant, president of Harvard, E. H. Lindley, chancellor of the University of Kansas, J. R. Angell, president of Yale University, and a host of others.

League Association To Sponsor Speeches To Campus Societies

Executive Committee Decides on Year's Work at Meeting

At a meeting of the executive committee of the League of Nations association Thursday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A., plans were made for the coming year's work.

Since the organization here is comparatively new, plans were made for representatives of the league to speak before various campus organizations and explain the purpose of its existence.

The committee urges all students who are interested in peace and would like to join the

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Palmetto Assembly Torn By Arguments On Athletic Plans

Senators Attack Graham Plan Opposition from South Carolina Colleges

During the session of the South Carolina State Legislature in April, 1936, the Southern conference plan to eliminate all forms of "professionalism" from college athletics met with considerable controversy.

Opposition of Clemson and the University of South Carolina drew criticism from Senator Stokes of Clarendon, S. C. "We are crowding out our own boys by imported athletes," he asserted. "Our own boys have no opportunity to make the teams. Now is our opportunity to lift our college athletics to a higher plane."

"I hung my head in shame when the schools of my state led the opposition to Dr. Graham's plan for better enforcement of rules already adopted."

Senator Harvey of Beaufort came to the defense of the state colleges with a declaration that the Graham plan barred worthy students from receiving educational assistance because of their athletic ability.

He termed the issue "a question of the conscience of these college officials," and said he favored the Southeastern conference system of putting athletic aid "above board" if it was to be given.

HUNK ANDERSON CONDEMNS PLAN

State Coach Prophesies Death Of Football

In an interview with a United Press staff correspondent in February of this year, Hunk Anderson, head coach of football at N. C. State college, stated that the Graham plan would not affect football in the Southern conference for at least two years.

"Three seasons from now it will be hard to fill the middle section of Southern conference stadiums," Anderson said. "We won't be able to get football material under the Graham plan, and that means the teams won't be the best or halfway the best in the South."

Effect on East

Anderson stated he believed the Graham plan not only will affect football in the Southern conference but will put a damper on eastern football. "It will put the South and the East further apart and just when inter-sectional games were being scheduled too," he said.

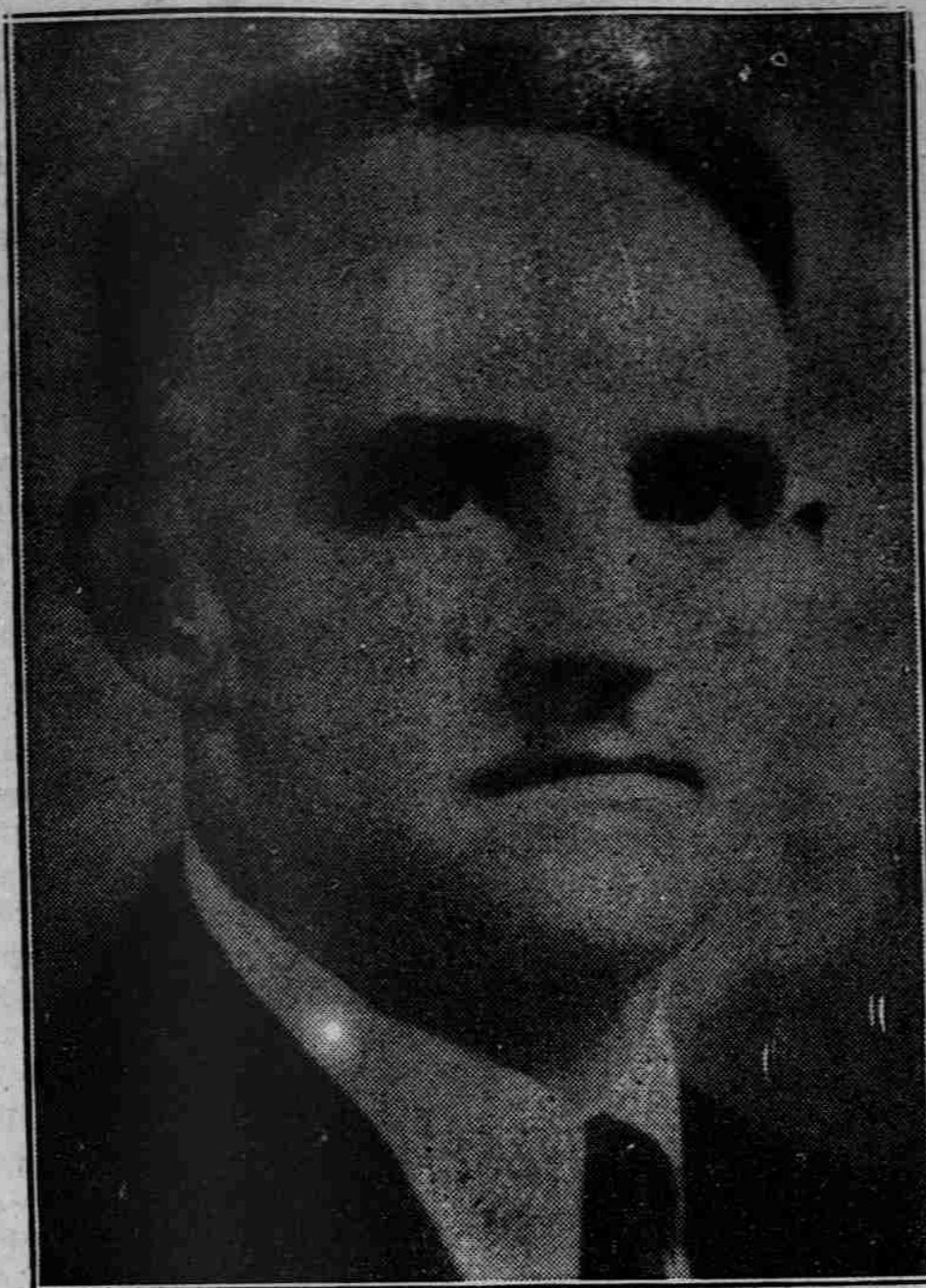
"It's going to be hard to get football material from now on," the N. C. State mentor said. "We members of the Southern conference now have nothing to offer the boy who wants to go to college and can't because he doesn't have the money. What will he do? He'll go to some college where there are no restrictions on giving aid to athletes."

State O. K.

The former Notre Dame coach optimistically said that "we are all right here at State for two years. We have enough material to compete on an even basis with any of the other conference teams. But after two years—I don't know. One guess is as good as another."

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Author Of Graham Plan



Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University, who wrote the plan aimed at de-emphasis of college athletics. Dr. Graham, as author, was a member of the committee of intercollegiate athletics of the National Association of State Universities, which met in Washington in 1935, and adopted the Graham plan with minor changes.

Armstrong Reports No Change In Awards Of Scholarships

Charlotte Observer Says Pro Athletics "Are Not So Sweet"

Claims Fans Prefer Amateur to Professional Athletics

In an editorial last February, the Charlotte Observer stated that "professionalism in athletics is not so sweet in North Carolina as you might suppose when it competes with mere amateurism."

"Subsidization of young men to enter college for their athletic prowess easily drifts off eventually into a species of professionalism," the editorial stated.

The Observer went on to say that "the Boston Red Sox have given up a local baseball franchise here because folks wouldn't go to the games in profitable droves."

"But often when the team of these professionals was playing here to an audience mostly composed of peanut and soft drink vendors, three or four thousand were watching teams of amateurs play in other parts of the city," the editorial added.

Director of Pre-College Guidance Says All Students are Aided Upon Merits

Speaking as director of pre-college guidance, Roy Armstrong stated that "there has been no change in the awarding of jobs, scholarships, or loans to students since the adoption of the Graham plan."

"All forms of aid are available to students alike, with need and merit being the deciding factors in the minds of the members of the committees making the assignments," continued Mr. Armstrong.

"I haven't the statistics at present, but I can't see any increase or decrease in the number of athletes holding jobs here. Every student who receives any aid from the University, needs the help, and his record has convinced the various committees that he merits the assistance given him whether he is an athlete or a piano tuner."

Four forms of pecuniary aid exist in the University: the self-help jobs, the National Youth administration assignments,

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Students Of Last Year Express Disapproval Of Graham Program

Only Eight Per Cent of Student Body Vote Sentiments in Daily Tar Heel Poll

Students at the University last December voted their disapproval of recommendations regarding athletes adopted at the Washington meeting of the National Association of State Universities shortly before Dr. Frank Graham presented his subsidization plan for athletes to the Southern conference.

However, only eight per cent of the student body voted.

Results

Results of the student poll, conducted by the DAILY TAR HEEL, were:

1—Do you favor a policy of allowing athletes or prospective athletes to receive preferential

consideration in the matter of tuition, fees, board, rooms, clothes, jobs, etc.—Yes, 108; no, 50.

2—Do you favor a policy of requiring of each athlete a detailed statement in writing of the amounts of his financial earnings and income received during the college year, and their source?—Yes, 33; no, 125.

Alumni Gifts

3—Do you favor the practice of administering alumni gifts to athletes through the co-operative media of athletic associations of alumni agencies?—Yes, 129; no, 27.

4—Do you favor alumni subsidization in the form of direct aid by the alumni to members of athletic teams or prospective

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Plan Requires More Rigid Application Of Old Rules Along With Few Additions

"Football Is Racket" In Opinion Of Well Known Sportswriter

John Tunis Says it is Impossible to De-Emphasize College Athletics

John R. Tunis, internationally known as a sports authority and sports writer, doubts the success of the Graham plan or any plan whose purpose is to de-emphasize athletics.

"College football is a racket run for the sole purpose of making money," he says in a pamphlet announcement of his article appearing in the November American Mercury, "Which Are the Professional, Amateur, and Semi-pro College Football Teams?"

He demands an end to "hypocrisy," and asks that college players be paid what they are worth.

Duke and Tulane along with Southern Methodist, last year's Rose Bowl victim, Alabama, Georgia, Minnesota, and Ohio State were among those classified as professional.

North Carolina along with Cornell, Army, N. Y. U., Stanford, Yale and a host of others were rated as semi-professional, whereas Virginia was the only Southern conference team which merited an amateur classification.

ELIGIBILITY RULES LITTLE AFFECTED

New Regulations Differ In Few Respects

A comparison of the Southern conference new eligibility questionnaire for admitting athletes effective this fall, with the old certificate, showed only a few minor changes.

This certificate is furnished to each applicant for intercollegiate athletics upon matriculation. He is instructed to answer all questions on his honor and the athletic council forwards a copy to the president of the Southern conference.

New Form

The new application which was adopted upon the entrance of the Graham plan in February, proved to be slightly more detailed than the old form. Present in the new form was the question on whether the applicant had ever participated in any athletic contest or meet other than as the representative of an educational institution.

Further Changes

Another change or new point was a rule asking the applicant if he had had remunerative employment during the previous summer. A space is also provided in which the athletic record of the student may be recorded during his stay at the institution.

So slight are these changes, the University of North Carolina athlete possibly doesn't feel any change since the adoption of President Frank Graham's plan. But according to the officials of the Athletic council other southern college athletes probably have, because they were under a different sort of system when the new plan was introduced.

They that have grown in a single state are generally found to be morose, fretful and captious.—S. Johnson.

Regulations Supplement Faculty Rulings On Athletics

Adopted 6-4 Vote

Much comment was aroused last February when the Southern conference adopted, by a 6-4 vote, certain regulations drawn up by the president of our University. Combined, these rules bear the well-known title—the Graham plan.

Strengthening the former rules of the conference by more rigid application and by stronger methods of carrying them out, changes brought about by this plan deserve consideration. Briefly summarized they are as follows:

Changes

1. No person shall be allowed to participate in any intercollegiate contest who receives any compensation from his college for services rendered by way of regular instruction.

2. No person may participate who has ever used his knowledge of athletics or athletic skill for pecuniary gain.

Favoritism

3. No athlete may participate who is the beneficiary of any loan fund, scholarship, or fellowship, that may not be held by other students in that institution.

4. All scholarship and loan funds for which athletes are eligible must be administered by the officer or committee of the member institution administering such funds.

Special Rules

Following are certain extracts from "Special Rules of the University of North Carolina":

1. It is the duty of the Faculty Committee on athletics to inquire into the athletic record of the applicant and it is the duty of the applicant to answer such questions as the committee may see fit to ask.

2. The committee must require a pledge in writing of the applicant certifying on his honor that he has never accepted, directly or indirectly, remuneration, compensatory gift, valuable consideration, or promise thereof for his athletic services.

3. It is the duty of the director of athletics, the members of the coaching staff, the director of the gymnasium, the president and the treasurer of the Athletic association, the members of the Athletic council, and the captain of the team concerned to furnish the Faculty Committee on Athletics, on request, a statement to the effect that each member of an athletic team is above their suspicion as to his eligibility to represent the University as an amateur before such player shall be allowed to take part in any contest.

Mangum at Meeting

Dr. C. S. Mangum, dean of the medical school, stated yesterday that he would attend the meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges which will be held at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, today through Wednesday.

The association is composed of all approved Class A medical schools in the United States and Canada. There are approximately 79 of these schools, and they will be represented at the meeting by the deans of each school.