



Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

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In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the University of South Carolina Department of Athletics – Columbia Campus for the year ended June 30, 2000, we considered its internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we noted no material weaknesses in the Department's system of internal control.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and others within the organization.

Hough, Rowell & Short, P.A.

September 22, 2000
Charlotte, North Carolina