

Over 300 Review Reorganization Plan

More than 300 representatives from 209 Division I member institutions and allied conferences met to discuss the proposed Division I reorganization plan at the special November 15 meeting of that group in Chicago.

The proposal, calling for Division I membership to be based upon an institutional commitment to a broad-based program, is to be presented at the Association's 71st annual Convention in January at Miami Beach, Fla.

There were 294 representatives registered for the meeting, which also included the Division II and III Steering Committee chairmen and several other representatives from those two legislative bodies, who monitored the discussion. Others arrived after the informal registration process closed.

The special meeting centered around the Division I Steering

Committee's proposed reorganization plan, which would require an institution to qualify for Division I membership based upon its sponsorship of a minimum eight-sport athletic program, instead of the current criteria based on strength of football and basketball schedules.

Positive Feeling

"We feel the majority of representatives at the meeting left with quite a good feeling about the overall proposed reorganization plan," said J. Neils Thompson, Division I Steering Committee chairman and District 6 vice-president.

"The Division I Steering Committee will offer modifications to the proposed plan to reflect the general feelings expressed by a number of representatives in Chicago," Thompson continued.

"The Committee believes that as a result of the meeting these changes will improve the plan to be presented at the Convention in January.

"There still seems to be discord among the present Division I membership over the effects of the rules and regulations
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Group Theory

Three Division I athletic directors share a casual moment during a break in the discussion at the Chicago reorganization meeting. (l to r): J. D. Morgan, UCLA; Bob Woodruff, University of Tennessee; and Cecil Coleman, University of Illinois.



Jim McKay to Preside Over Honors Luncheon

Emmy Award winner Jim McKay will serve as master of ceremonies for the NCAA Honors Luncheon, Tuesday, January 11, in Miami Beach, Fla.

This prestigious event will be held in conjunction with the Association's 71st annual Conven-

tion and presentation of the Theodore Roosevelt Award, the Association's highest honor, to Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, will highlight the Luncheon.

College Athletics' Top Ten also will be featured at the Honors Luncheon. This includes presentation of Today's Top Five Award recipients, honoring five outstanding senior student-athletes, and five former student-athletes who will receive Silver Anniversary Awards for distinguishing themselves through careers 25 years after college graduation.

In 1968, McKay became the first sports commentator ever to win an Emmy Award. Since then, the ABC Sports personality has won six additional Emmys.

Olympic Anchorman

American television viewers have grown to associate the name Jim McKay with the grueling assignment of anchoring ABC's telecasts of the Olympic Games, and as host of the network's popular "Wide World of Sports."

For his performance at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, McKay was awarded two Emmys, one for his news reporting of the tragic events which resulted in the massacre of members of the Israeli Olympic team, and another for his overall sports coverage.

McKay was further distinguished among television sports announcers when he received the George Polk Memorial Award for Journalism for his excellent coverage in Munich. This award is especially coveted by McKay since only one is given annually for television.

The West German Federal Republic awarded him the Officer's Cross of the Legion of Merit for his reporting from Munich in

1972. McKay covered the Olympics for the seventh time at the XXI Olympiad in Montreal last summer.

Over 100 different sports in 40 countries have been covered by the "Wide World of Sports" series. In April, ABC will celebrate the 15th anniversary of one of the most successful year-long sports series on television today. McKay, who has traveled approximately 3,750,000 miles to cover events for the series, started at ABC in 1961 and has hosted the show since its beginning.

Initially interested in news reporting, McKay realized there could be many opportunities for him in sports and pursued a career which has taken him to the top as one of the most respected veterans in the business.

After beginning his career as a television broadcaster, writer and producer at WMAR-TV in Baltimore, Md., in 1947, McKay advanced to New York to host a variety show in 1950. Soon after, he began presenting sports commentary on a CBS news program.

Network Sports

In the late 1950s, McKay began working with network sports. He first covered college football and the Orange Bowl Regatta, and was anchorman for the Masters and Professional Golfers Association championships for CBS.

McKay now appears frequently as a reporter on ABC's golf telecasts and other network sports programs.

Born in Philadelphia, September 24, 1921, McKay moved to Baltimore when he was 13. He graduated from Loyola College and served in the United States Navy from 1943-46 as an officer aboard a minesweeper.

McKay and his wife, Margaret, reside in Westport, Conn., and they have a son and a daughter.

Honors Luncheon MC

Jim McKay, popular Emmy Award winner for ABC Sports, will serve as master of ceremonies for the NCAA Honors Luncheon in January.

175 Amendments on Docket

Classification, Financial Aid Head Convention Agenda

Proposals regarding membership classification and financial aid head the agenda of 175 amendments for consideration at the 71st NCAA Convention January 10-12, in Miami Beach, Fla.

The proposals are contained in the Official Notice of the Convention, mailed November 22 to all member institutions and organizations.

Included with that mailing was the appointment of delegate form, which went to all chief executive officers. Under the Association's refined Convention procedures, the chief executive

officer must appoint the delegates for each member. All of the pertinent Convention procedures are outlined in the introductory section of the Official Notice.

Consent Packages

Unless the order of business is altered by action of the delegates, the Convention will begin the final business session by considering two "consent packages." A new approach this year, the consent packages—one for constitutional issues (9 amendments) and one for bylaw and other amendments (18)—contain amendments thought to be non-controversial

and generally "housekeeping" in nature.

An objection from any active or voting allied member would extract any item from the packages for a separate vote. The remainder of the items then would be approved by a single vote for each package.

With those 27 proposals out of the way, the delegates will turn to 17 amendments dealing with membership classification. That grouping includes eight proposals designed to implement the proposed restructuring of Division I.
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The Editor's View

Bradley Fits "Teddy" Mold

Each year the Theodore Roosevelt Award Jury faces the difficult task of selecting one prominent American among many outstanding nominations to receive the Association's highest honor.

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley is the 1977 recipient. He represents another distinguished individual who fits the mold of an elite group which has been selected since the award's inception 11 years ago.

From very humble beginnings, Tom Bradley overcame the adversities and prejudices of his early days as a young Black man in American society, and climbed to seemingly improbable heights as chief executive of the nation's third largest city.

Just as athletics has played such a significant and important role in the incredible careers of each former "Teddy" recipient, Tom Bradley ascended the ladder of success in his life through enthusiastic participation and enjoyment of athletics.

More importantly, Tom Bradley not only is a credit to athletics (where at UCLA

he was a star track performer) and to his race, but he symbolizes the American ideal of character and leadership.

Tom Bradley's dedicated and unselfish concern for other people, as a veteran police officer helped establish better community relations, youth athletic leagues and, through other activities helped bring people closer together. As an attorney, a city councilman, and now as the progressive and popular Mayor of Los Angeles, he serves as an example for our nation's youth to follow.

"For whom competitive athletics in college and attention to a physical well-being thereafter have been important factors in a distinguished career of a national significance and achievement," represents the dignity of the "Teddy" Award recipient.

This statement has symbolized the outstanding list of citizens who have been honored with the "Teddy." Tom Bradley is one of those rare individuals who stands out in our society and was cast from this very mold.

Spirit of Chicago

An interesting spirit seemed to prevail at the Chicago meeting of Division I members November 15.

Perhaps it was the lack of pressure at the meeting. No votes were taken. It may have been enhanced by the oncoming conclusion of the 1976 football season. For the winners, the rewards of championships and bowl invitations were at hand. For the losers, the end happily was near.

Perhaps, and hopefully this was the true wellspring for the pleasant mood, there was a feeling that the Division I Steering Committee had indeed developed a reasonable solution to the difficulties Division I has had with the reorganization of the Association begun in 1973. Indicative of this is the fact that Division I now is larger than the former University Division when there was only two NCAA divisions.

Nothing is perfect, and the 300 persons

in attendance had some astute questions and suggestions for improving the proposals.

It seems clear from past trials the Association cannot adopt a system of classification by committee. Neither does a subjective evaluation of programs work.

Now a multi-faceted test of commitment to a broad-based program is offered as the basis for Division I membership, yet with a high degree of self-determination. The current scheduling criteria, which is arbitrary and may be unfair and discriminatory in some cases, would be discarded.

To judge the mood in Chicago, the Steering Committee approach is being judged as the most democratic and equitable which has been offered. Nobody with whom we have conversed disputes the fact that something needs to be done. Whereas the Steering Committee's plan may not satisfy everyone, it clearly seems to be a step in the right direction. Who has a better proposal?

Opinions Out Loud

—Mike White, head football coach,
University of California, Berkeley
1976 NCAA Media Seminar

"We have a good product in college athletics and I think we should jump up on the table and wave a flag for what we are doing for young people."

—Joe Falls, sports editor
Detroit Free Press

"I have no argument with any coach who says he needs privacy to prepare his players for an important game. It is a very competitive business they are in and concentration is a very important factor in getting their jobs done.

"It is just going too far when they issue a blanket rule against their players talking to the media. The coaches claim this is a distraction. I say they are thinking only of themselves, their precious jobs and their precious reputations."

—Frank Broyles, director of athletics,
Head football coach, University of Arkansas
1976 NCAA-ABC Football Promotion Tour

"The thing that disturbs many coaches is that the person who is interested in keeping college athletes clean is the victim and the school has the sentiment on its side.

"Until the public accepts that if someone does something wrong they should be penalized, players are going to be scared to turn someone in and coaches are going to be scared to turn someone in,

because they become the victim.

"Until the public accepts this, coaches won't turn in violations and recruiting violations are going to kill college football if we don't do something about it."

—Joe McGuff, sports editor
Kansas City Star

"The truth is that illegal recruiting is one of the great athletic scandals of our time. It can be corrected only if university presidents and other officials are open with the public and make it clear to coaches that cheating means dismissal.

"Winning football games should not be a primary function of a University."

—Terry Donahue, head football coach
UCLA
Los Angeles Times

"I don't think the image of the dumb jock exists anymore, but I will continue to assume that the adjustment from high school to college is a difficult one.

"We are trying to make it easier for the freshmen and also show the entire team that the staff is genuinely interested in them as people as well as players.

"From that standpoint, I think we're helping to improve morale. I also feel there is a real correlation between academics and character. A player who doesn't experience academic problems is also generally a person with strong character.

"I'm still very high on ability, but character is essential, too."

Columnary Craft

Reprinted below is an excerpt from the writing of a news columnist commenting pertinently about intercollegiate athletics. It is selected because the NCAA News feels it makes a point and discusses a topic which will interest News readers.

NCAA — Blasted Ho - Hum

By REGIS McAULEY

Sports Editor, Tucson Daily Citizen
President, Football Writers Association of America

Hold onto your helmets, kids, here we go again. Now Tommy Harmon, former great football star at Michigan and lately turned editor, publisher and columnist, has attacked the National Collegiate Athletic Association in a column that carries the headline, "Time to Blow Whistle on NCAA."

His complaint is that the NCAA forbids ticket scalping. Well if "old 98" wants to wind up in the slammer, just let him stand on the street corner in any major city and try to peddle sports event tickets above the price printed on the ticket. He'll discover cops take a dim view of scalping, too.

Harmon goes to bat for the University of Oklahoma football players who were accused in an Oklahoma newspaper of selling their tickets for as much as \$1,500 a season.

He says, "I find no fault with a youngster who sells his tickets over price . . ." Then he hurriedly adds that he himself never did when he was at Michigan.

Now look, Tommy, if it's okay for kids to scalp tickets, what's your stand on stealing hub caps or tires?

It seems to me that even in the twilight of moral standards in which we live, it is a dangerous thing for a former football hero to be telling kids that it's okay to break the law.

Barks Up Wrong Tree

Common sense indicates that if he scalps these tickets he is not only breaking the law but he is receiving financial aid over and above the allowances permitted by the NCAA rules which were set by its members.

Harmon rants on, "If the newspapers really want a logical crusade, they can get off the ticket scalping and get after the rules governing the colleges as set forth by the NCAA and AAU."

You're barking up the wrong tree, Tommy. If you want to "get after the rules," then get after the universities that sit down in democratic fashion at the annual NCAA Convention and make those rules. Once they're made, the NCAA has some honorable men who are going to see that they are enforced.

And when people's toes get stepped on that's when the yelping will come from the uninformed and the culprits.

Tommy, if you are going to compare the NCAA with "Hitler's Gestapo," as you did, then maybe you'd better have a talk with the great Olympic runner, Jesse Owens.

You can get in touch with him easily. He's a member of the NCAA Top Ten Selection Committee.

Easy to Point Finger

And to point the finger at the NCAA as the cause of it all is to exhibit a gross ignorance of what the NCAA is all about.

Harmon says, "As in most instances of college irregularities, the NCAA forces schools and players to cheat simply because it harbors ridiculous rules."

Who makes those rules, Tommy? Obviously, you are like so many ill-informed fans and neophyte writers who have never taken the time to investigate what the NCAA is all about.

Why don't you do yourself a big favor and write to the NCAA asking that very cooperative organization to send you the NCAA Manual which will give you the constitution, bylaws, interpretations, executive regulations, recommended policies, enforcement procedure, committees and roll of members.

A companion book, which is published each year along with the Manual, is the NCAA Convention Proceedings. That's where the rules are made, by the member organizations of the NCAA, and not by the officers, who merely are instructed to enforce the rules.

The only rule on tickets in the NCAA manual states: "The following practices shall constitute 'pay' for participation in intercollegiate athletics and are expressly prohibited: (4) Awarding complimentary tickets in excess of four per student-athlete per contest . . ."

It is assumed these tickets are for family use but they belong to the student-athlete and he can do whatever he wants with them providing it's legal.

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Chicago Reorganization Meeting Candid

Continued from page 1 which emanate from the present legislative body," Thompson added. "Those who attended the Chicago meeting, in the Committee's judgment, reflected the recognition by NCAA members that the task of restructuring the Association has not been completed and that pressing problems in this connection need to be resolved.

"Perhaps this is the most important aspect of the proposed plan, that regardless of the number of institutions which would qualify for Division I, there would be greater similarity in its membership, there would exist a better climate for consid-

ering legislation in the best interest of its members and the results of the legislative process would be better received by the institutions affected."

Thompson indicated there was a general feeling on the part of the representatives in Chicago that additional flexibility in the proposed reorganization plan would be desirable.

Basic Terms

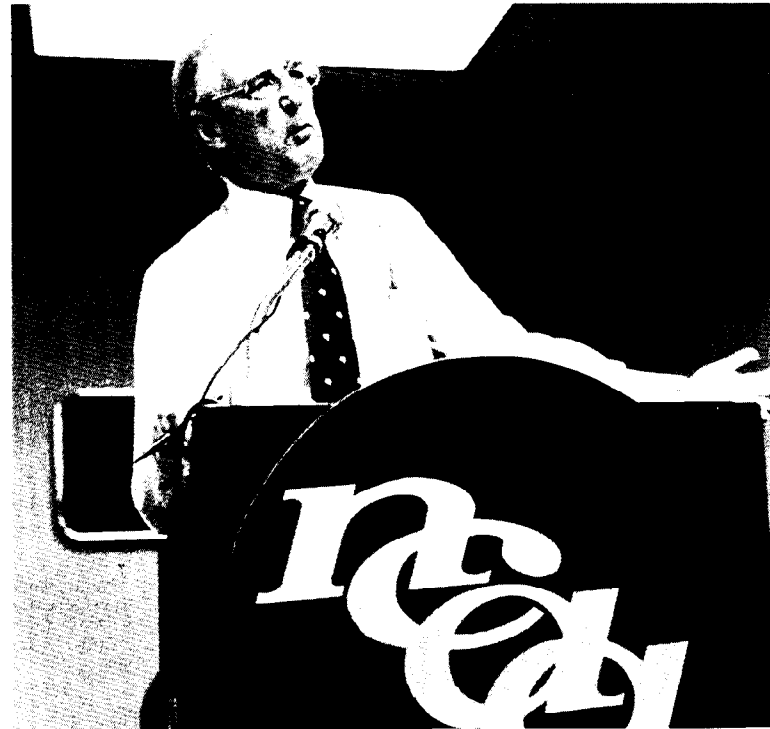
The basic terms of the reorganization plan would require sponsorship of at least eight varsity intercollegiate sports, including football and basketball, plus meeting a minimum performance standard throughout the program.

That performance standard



Big Ten Talk

Big Ten Conference Commissioner Wayne Duke (l) discusses the Division I reorganization plan with Ed Weaver (c), Ohio State University director of athletics, and Don Canham (r), University of Michigan director of athletics, at the special meeting in Chicago.



Mr. Chairman

Division I Steering Committee Chairman J. Neils Thompson, District 6 vice-president, University of Texas, Austin, directed discussion at the reorganization meeting in Chicago.

would be measured by a table which would weigh an institution's travel squad size, financial aid commitment, intercollegiate schedules and success in NCAA competition on a sport-by-sport basis.

An institution would select eight sports to determine, whether, over a moving three-year period, it had earned 80 points under a performance table evaluating the criteria listed above. It could select different sports, except in football and basketball, from year to year.

If an institution were unable to meet the proposed requirements at the close of any three-year segment it would be placed in a "tentative" Division I membership category for a period of not to exceed two years. If, at the end of two years, it had failed to earn 80 points over the most recent three-year period, it would be reclassified into another division for which it met the membership criteria or to associate membership.

In a November 19 memorandum to representatives who attended the Chicago meeting, the Division I Steering Committee outlined its modifications to the basic plan which will be presented at the Convention.

The performance table is a Council instrument which did not have to meet the November 1 deadline for submission of legislation for consideration at the January Convention.

Comparing Thoughts

Father Edmund Joyce (l), faculty representative at the University of Notre Dame, exchanges views on the proposed reorganization plan with Pacific-8 Conference Executive Director Wiles Hallock.



From the Floor

Many of the representatives to the Division I reorganization meeting expressed opinions before several microphones located on the floor. William & Mary

Athletic Director Ben Carnevale takes his turn during discussion.



Accordingly, the Steering Committee plans to continue refinement and revisions based on suggestions from the membership until the table is submitted to the Convention delegates for their information while considering the legislation which would accomplish reorganization.

One of the changes resulting from the November 15 meeting is that instead of limiting an institution strictly to minimum requirements for eight varsity intercollegiate sports, the performance table would provide that an additional point each year would be accorded under the participation formula for each varsity intercollegiate sport sponsored in excess of 10.

Threshold

In another action, the Committee is recommending the threshold requirements for conferences seeking automatic qualification for NCAA championships would provide the conference must be an allied member which sponsors regular, inseason competition and determines a conference champion in at least six sports, including football or basketball.

Whereas members of such a

conference may reside in both Divisions I and II, there must be at least six institutions competing in each of the six conference-sponsored sports. At least six of the members must be in Division I in the sport being considered for the conference to be eligible for consideration for automatic qualification.

The Official Notice for the 1977 Convention was mailed to the membership November 22 and contains the amendments necessary to implement the restructuring plan discussed at Chicago.

Shortly thereafter, The Steering Committee and Council distributed a special mailing to all member institutions of the Association outlining the suggested restructuring plan for Division I, including the revised performance table. Accompanying that mailing was another question-and-answer sheet, revised in light of the suggestions and discussions which occurred at the November 15 meeting.

"We were very pleased with the excellent turnout in Chicago," said NCAA President John A. Fuzak, Michigan State University. "The comments and suggestions were constructive."

Steering Committee

Members of the Division I Steering Committee and the Council answered questions from representatives who attended the special reorganization meeting in Chicago. Pictured (l to r) are: Ernie Casale, vice-president-at-large, Temple University; Edward Betz, District 8 vice-president, University of the Pacific; Harry Troxell, District 7 vice-president, Colorado State University; Division III Steering Committee Chairman Ross H. Smith, District 1 vice-president, MIT, and Division II Steering Committee Chairman Frank Lindeburg, vice-president-at-large, University of California, Riverside.



Stressing a Point

Louisiana State Athletic Director Carl Maddox (l) listens to Leo Miles, Howard University director of athletics, make a point about the proposed reorganization plan.

Cal-Irvine, Serna Defend Division II Cross Country Titles

University of California-Irvine sophomore sensation Ralph Serna successfully defended his individual title as the Anteaters repeated their team crown at the 1976 National Collegiate Division II Cross Country Championships, only this time Serna had company at the finish line.

Serna and Anteater teammates, freshman Eric Hulst and junior Steve Scott ran Springfield, Missouri's 10,000-meter Grandview Municipal Golf Course together and crossed the finish stripe with identical 29:42 times.

Official results declared Serna individual winner of the 19th annual meet, while Hulst claimed second and Scott placed third. Whatever the results, it was all Anteaters at the finish.

Cal-Irvine's effort received additional support from a 17th team-place finish by John Koningh (30:34) and a 27th from Ed Ahlmeyer (30:57) for its 50 team points. The Anteaters recorded 59 points last year in winning the title on their home course in Newport Beach, Calif.

Strong Host

Southwest Missouri State pleased the hometown folks with its strong second-place finish, headed by John Prasuhn, who placed fourth individually in 29:57, the only other competitor under 30 minutes.

Rick Callison supported the Bears' effort with a team sixth-place (30:10) and Howie Orndoff was eighth (30:19).

Eastern Illinois finished third for the fourth straight year with 102 points behind Joseph Sheeran's team-seventh (30:14), John Christy's 10th (30:26) and John McInerney's 14th (30:29).

The difference in team individual places and actual individual place-winners was the fact that



Second Straight

Members of California-Irvine's cross country squad pose with their second straight NCAA Division II Championship trophy. Front row (l to r): Eric Hulst, Ralph Serna and Steve Scott. Back Row (l to r): Don Moses, John Koningh, Ed Ahlmeyer, Robert Slick and Coach Len Miller.

of the 217 competitors, 27 institutions competed for the team title, and 22 other institutions sent only partial squads and did not challenge for the crown.

Out of the top 20 runners, five individuals represented institutions that did not compete for the team title. They included East Stroudsburg State's Pete Heesen (fifth, 30:03), Bloomsburg State's Steve Eachus (eighth, 30:13), Pittsburgh-Johnstown's Mark Littleton (11th, 30:20), Buffalo State's John Pfeil (18th, 30:30) and Cal State-Sacramento's Jim Birnbaum (20th, 30:31).

Cal-Irvine became only the

third institution in history to repeat as team champion. Coach Len Miller's squad was the first team since Eastern Illinois to win back-to-back championships, after the Panthers' twin titles in 1968 and 1969. San Diego State is the only team ever to win three titles. The Aztecs did it consecutively between 1965-67.

Serna became just the fifth individual ever to win back-to-back titles or win two individual crowns.

This year's Championship recorded the most competitors and institutions represented since the Division II meet separated from



Photo Finish

California-Irvine was led by three Anteaters crossing the finish line together. Defending champion Ralph Serna (r) was first, Eric Hulst (l) finished second and Steve Scott (behind Hulst) came in third. All three recorded 29:42 times.

Division III in 1973. However, two more institutions competed for the team title in 1974 than did this year.

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Ralph Serna (California-Irvine) 29:42 2. Eric Hulst (California-Irvine) 29:42 3. Steve Scott (California-Irvine) 29:42 4. John Prasuhn (Southwest Missouri State) 29:57 5. Pete Heesen (East Stroudsburg State) 30:03 6. Ron Tabb (Central Missouri State)

30:07 7. Rick Callison (Southwest Missouri State) 30:10 8. Steve Eachus (Bloomsburg State) 30:13 9. Joseph Sheeran (Eastern Illinois) 30:14 10. Howie Orndoff (Southwest Missouri State) 30:19.

TEAM RESULTS

1. California-Irvine 50. 2. Southwest Missouri State 73. 3. Eastern Illinois 102. 4. Illinois-Chicago Circle 141. 5. South Dakota State 227. 6. Indiana-Pennsylvania 231. 7. Wright State 280. 8. Central Missouri State 286. 8. Valdosta State 286. 10. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 363.

Carleton's Kramer Wins

North Central Again in Division III

In weather more suited for building a snowman than running, North Central College relied on a consistent team effort to defend its National Collegiate Division III Cross Country Championship in Beachwood, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb.

Shrugging off sub-freezing temperatures, all five North Central runners crossed the finish

line within 48 seconds of each other for 109 team points over the five-mile Highland Golf Course.

Humboldt State University gave the defending champs a strong challenge by finishing runnerup with 132 points, followed by third-place Brandeis University's 192 points and Carleton College's fourth-place 203 points. Mount Union College finished a distant fifth with 253 points at the Championships, hosted by Case Western Reserve University.

Carleton College's Dale Kramer won individual honors by crossing the finish stripe in 24:56. Kramer was 12th at last year's meet. The University of Lowell's Robert Hodge placed second in 25:04, Augustana (Ill.) College's Dan Copper was third in 25:16 and MIT's Frank Richardson was fourth in 25:18.

But it was North Central's consistency that paid off for Coach Al Carius. Ron Piro led the Car-

dinal effort for their second consecutive crown with a 10th-place finish in 25:33. But the rest of the Cardinal pack wasn't far behind.

Kramer Helps

Dave Bashaw finished 19th in 25:42, Bruce Fischer was 21st in 25:44, Jim Mitchell placed 22nd in 25:47 and Scott Rich was 66th in 26:21.

Humboldt State's effort was spurred by Kenneth Hammer's 25:38 for 15th-place and Scott Peters' 25:43 for 20th-place.

Dennis Donoghue paced Brandeis by taking eighth-place in 25:29, while Roger Johnston aided Kramer's winning effort for Carleton's fourth-place finish by taking 30th in 25:59, along with Fred Hicks' 32nd-place 26:03.

Lowell's Vincent Fleming, defending individual champion, dropped to 13th-place with a 25:36 time. Fleming tied the Division III five-mile record en route to his title last year with a 24:27 time.

North Central traditionally has been a Division III harrier power ever since the Championships were separated from Division II in 1973. The Cardinals tied Albany State for second in 1973, and finished third in 1974 before their back-to-back titles.

This year's Championships saw 42 teams compete for the team title and 35 institutions with partial team representations. Of the 347 individuals who started the race, 341 completed the course.



Familiar Feeling

There's nothing like experiencing the "thrill of victory" again as members of the North Central cross country team agree after winning their second straight Division III title.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Dale Kramer (Carleton) 24:56. 2. Robert Hodge (Lowell) 25:04. 3. Dan Copper (Augustana, Ill.) 25:16. 4. Frank Richardson (MIT) 25:18. 5. Larry Coy (Baldwin Wallace) 25:25. 6. Daniel Henderson (Wheaton) 25:27. 7. Peter Kummant (Case Western Reserve) 25:28. 8. Dennis Donoghue

(Brandeis) 25:29. 9. Kurt Schultz (Keene State) 25:30. 10. Ron Piro (North Central) 25:33.

TEAM RESULTS

1. North Central 109. 2. Humboldt State 132. 3. Brandeis 192. 4. Carleton 203. 5. Mount Union 253. 6. Occidental 263. 7. Ferris State 285. 8. Lowell 292. 9. St. Olaf 310. Gettysburg 338.



Cold Winner

Carleton's Dale Kramer nears the finish line to win the individual Division III Cross Country title. Kramer was well-equipped for the chilly weather by wearing socks on his hands and a stocking cap during his 24:56 effort.

Division II and III Basketball Titles Toss-ups

If there ever was a year when the Division III basketball scoring championship was really up for grabs, 1977 could be it. No less than 17 of last season's top 18 scorers are back and it's anybody's guess who will finish on top.

Defending champion is Lyndon State's Ricky Sutton, who won the title as a freshman with a 16.2 average.

Sutton took over the scoring leadership the third week of the season and never relinquished it, aided in no small way by a five-game outburst in which he scored 220 points, an average of 44.0 a game.

Despite his 6-0 height, Sutton spent much of the '76 season at forward. "Ninety per cent of Rickey's points are scored on jump shots," says his coach, Skip Pound. "And we felt with his excellent speed and jumping ability he would be a bigger offensive threat playing against an opponent's slower front court man.

"He's a fantastic offensive machine," says Pound. "We didn't think he would score like this so early in his career. As he matures, there may be no stopping him."

Calvin's 6-8 center, Mark Veenstra, is an outstanding scorer (28.0) and is also the number-four returning rebounder with a 15.5 average. Besides being an excellent student (3.5 out of a possible 4.0), Veenstra is a discus thrower on the track squad, a golfer and an excellent fast-pitch softball player. He has been voted Most Valuable Player in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association his freshman, sophomore and junior years.

Son of Justice

Jim Rehnquist, Amherst's senior forward, is the son of Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist, and his 27.8 average in '76 makes him a definite contender this season. During the academic year, Rehnquist helps

support himself by getting up each morning at 6:30 to inspect garbage disposals and throw out old coffee grounds at the College Dining Commons.

"Jim's one of the great shooters, a beautiful touch from everywhere," says the Lord Jeffs' coach Rich Wilson. "He's a pleasure to watch. Somebody really did a job teaching him to shoot."

That someone was Rehnquist's high school coach, Bob Pence. The 5-8 Pence would stand on a chair and hold a broomstick over the 6-3 Rehnquist's head to teach him the proper flicking release.

Justice Rehnquist sees his son play most of his home games and missed just one of his varsity high school contests "the day I was sworn in. By 8 o'clock that night, I could barely stand on my feet."

Bone to Pick

Bobby Bone of Missouri-St. Louis, Division II's top returning scorer (28.1), lost a tight battle with Southern U's Ron Barrow for the championship, but it took a 101-point explosion by Barrow in his last two games (55 in the season finale) to wrest the title from Bone.

In addition to his exploits on the basketball court, Bone has been the starting second baseman for the Rivermen baseball team the past three seasons (he hit .333 last spring) and is a two-time academic all-America.

Seniors Glenn Kolonics of Catholic (27.7), Robert Lewis of J. C. Smith (26.6) and Alonzo Bradley of Texas Southern (26.4) are among the other outstanding returnees for the '77 scoring race.

Defending field goal percentage champion Thomas Blue of Elizabeth City also is a 26.2 scorer, fifth-best mark among returnees and has spent part of the last few summers working construction on the Vikings' new 4,000-seat gymnasium.

Blue's .696 percentage barely edged runnerup Gerald Cunn-

ham of Kentucky State, who posted a .692 mark. In 1975, the same two men also placed one-two in field goal shooting with Cunningham emerging the winner.

This season shapes up as a three-man race with Wisconsin-Green Bay's Ron Ripley coming off a spectacular freshman campaign that saw him hit .671 from the field. An avid bow hunter, Ripley got his first deer last year while sitting in a tree—a tough position for anyone 6-9. During the summer he works as a groundskeeper at the cemetery in his hometown—Pulaski, Wis.

Field Goal Per Cent

Division III's top returning field goal shooter, Earl Keith of Stony Brook, became the first freshman in school history to be named "Outstanding Male Athlete" and picked right up where he left off as a sophomore leading the Patriots from a 2-22 season to 15-11. Keith, whose .653 percentage was second to Yeshiva's Paul Merlis (.668), led the team in scoring and rebounding and considers New York sports announcer Marv Albert the man most influential in his life. He wants to become an announcer himself and has been doing live play-by-play of various summer basketball leagues and tournaments the past few years.

The other four top returning field goal shooters were all freshmen a year ago—Hamilton's Cedric Oliver, Clifford Johnson of Miles, Irv Johnson of Scranton and Wooster's Preston Burroughs.

Hamline's Tim Mieure, who spends his summers umpiring baseball, is Division III's defending free throw champion (.926). A real student of the game, he watches training films so often that coach Fred Litzenger finally gave him a key to the basketball office.

John Klauberg of Hamilton finished second (.909) to Mieure and was the only other man to hit over 90 per cent of his attempts. He's called a "free throw hustler" by his coach and teammates who provide him an unending supply of soft drinks and milkshakes. He made his first 45 free throws last season and once made 47 of 50 in practice—while blindfolded.

Blindfold

Foes of Merrimack College would have needed more than one blindfold to hinder the Warriors' accuracy. Junior Pete Dufour, whose .908 free throw percentage was third best in '76 (Billy Newton of Morgan State and Thomas Tolbert of Alabama State, both graduated, were one-two), is just one of eight Merrimack players who hit at least 70 per cent of their charity tosses.

"We work at our free throw shooting throughout our practices," says Coach Frank Monahan. "Sometimes we shoot them early, sometimes we do it in the middle and other times we do it at the end when the team is really tired."

Dufour is considered the floor leader and is a "real perfectionist," according to Monahan. "One

game last season he hit 13 of 14 free throws and was upset about the one miss for days."

Larry Johnson, a 6-7 junior forward from Arkansas-Little Rock, and the top returning rebounder (19.8) in Division II (Major Jones of Albany State, Ga., won the title for the second straight year), was playing service ball for the Air Force in Germany when Little Rock coach, Happy Mahfouz, heard about him.

"I never would have played college ball directly out of high school. In the service I sort of found my own way," says Johnson. "It wasn't hard adjusting to college life—everything worked out fine after I fulfilled my military duties."

While in Germany, Johnson developed an interest in skiing and even placed first in a novice cross country match. His ambition is to own a men's clothing store and since his arrival in Little Rock he has spent many

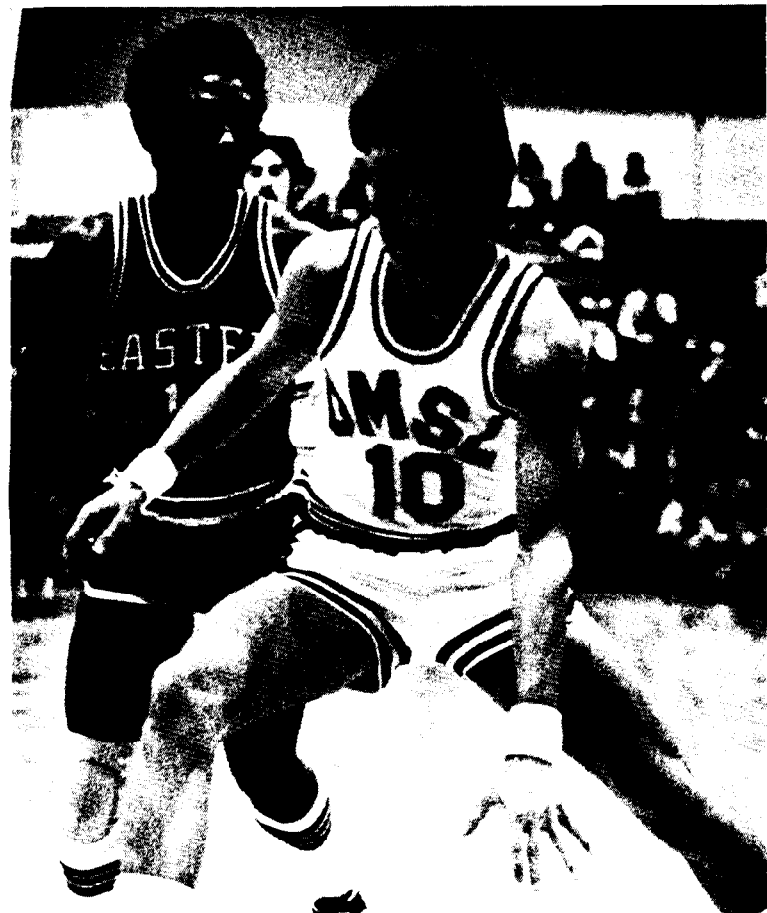
extra hours aiding the Arkansas Sickle Cell Foundation.

Other rebound returnees in Division II include Salisbury State's Howard Shockley, Kentucky State's Roy Smith and Clemon Johnson of Florida A&M.

As a senior in high school, Division III's top returning rebounder, Carlo DeTommaso (15.7) of Rhode Island College, stood "just" 6-7. His freshman year at RIC he grew to 6-9, he was 6-11 as a sophomore and last year made it to 7-0.

He led the nation in rebounding the early part of last season, but eventually placed third to Bowie State's Joe Manley and Husson's Walt Edwards.

"Carlo gets better every time out," says Coach William Baird. "He has good hands, runs well and has tremendous agility." That agility was never in better form than in a Division III regional game when he blocked an incredible 15 shots.



Versatile Performer

Division II's top returning scorer is Missouri-St. Louis' versatile Bobby Bone. Bone posted a 28.1 average last season. The 1976 CoSIDA Academic All-America, also is a star second baseman for the Rivermen.

Championship Corner...

DIVISION III BASKETBALL

Site proposals for conducting the 1978 National Collegiate Division III Basketball Championship are being accepted by the NCAA Division III Basketball Committee.

Interested institutions and cities may submit a written proposal to Ralph McFillen, NCAA assistant director of events, at the Association's national office by March 1. The Committee will screen the proposals, and will consider the possibility of inviting finalists to make an in-person presentation at its annual summer meeting. Date and site of the meeting will be announced in the future.

Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., is host site for the 1977 Division III Basketball Championship.

FENCING

Acting for the Executive Committee, the NCAA Officers recently approved a recommendation from the Fencing Committee for a three-day format to be employed at the 1977 National Collegiate Fencing Championships, after receiving additional information from Committee Chairwoman Muriel Bower, California State University, Northridge.

Further, the Officers asked the Fencing Committee to provide information on steps being taken to limit the number of entries for future Championships.

The University of Notre Dame will host the 1977 Championships, March 24-26, in South Bend, Ind.

Veteran Leader

Arkansas-Little Rock's Larry Johnson displays the leaping ability he developed as a player in the U.S. Air Force. Johnson, a 6-7 junior, is the top returning Division II rebounder with a 19.8 average.



ABAUSA Governs U.S. Amateur Basketball

Association basketball-playing member institutions are reminded that prior to engaging in international competition or playing a team from a foreign country, a sanction is required by the Amateur Basketball Association of the United States of

America (ABAUSA).

ABAUSA was granted the international amateur basketball franchise for the United States in 1974 by the International Amateur Basketball Federation (FIBA), worldwide governing body for amateur basketball.

As franchise-holder, ABAUSA must approve all amateur basketball competition between USA and foreign teams, both abroad and domestically.

ABAUSA requires a \$25 sanction fee and 2% of gross receipts in any domestic contest involv-

ing foreign teams, according to NCAA Assistant Executive Director Thomas Jernstedt, recently elected ABAUSA vice-president for men as one of the Association's representatives to that organization.

"ABAUSA has the authority to impose sanctioning fees for scheduled games with foreign competition," Jernstedt stated. "Sanctioning not only is required against scheduled competition, but also must be obtained for member institutions that travel abroad."

Charter Member

The Association is a charter member of ABAUSA and has had voting delegates involved in establishing administrative procedures for the organization.

As U.S. member to FIBA, other ABAUSA functions besides serving as official governing body for the men's and women's U. S. Olympic Basketball Teams, include organization of the U. S. National Team for men, women, and juniors; conducting international coaching seminars; sponsoring a foreign summer camp exchange program; serving as member to the Pan American Confederation; and representing the U. S. on all World Basketball Committees.

ABAUSA members besides the NCAA include: National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA); National Federation of State High School Associations (NFSHSA); National Junior College Athletic Associa-

tion (NJCAA); U. S. Armed Forces; Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIW); Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA); and the National Amateur Basketball Association (NABA).

Others are the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC); Women's Basketball Association of America, Inc. (WBA); National Jewish Welfare Board (NJWB); Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA); and the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

Associate members are the People-to-People Sports Committee, Inc.; International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO); and Athletes in Action.

George Killian, NJCAA executive director, recently was elected to a two-year term as ABAUSA president at the organization's annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., replacing NFSHSA Executive Secretary Clifford Fagan.

Jean Moore, women's director of athletics, California State University, Fullerton, was elected ABAUSA vice-president for women, in addition to Jernstedt's appointment. Brice Durbin, NFSHSA assistant executive secretary, is ABAUSA's secretary-treasurer.

William Wall will remain ABAUSA's executive director. For additional information contact Jernstedt at the national office, or write ABAUSA, P. O. Box 297, Jacksonville, Ill. 62651.



Annual Meeting

Representatives who attended ABAUSA's annual meeting in Pittsburgh posed for this group picture. Seated (l to r): Lea Plarski (NJCAA), Stewart Paxton (IAABO), Claudia Dodson (NFSHSA), Dr. Clifford Fagan (NFSHSA), Dr. Mildred Barnes (IAIW), George Killian (NJCAA), Floyd Lay (NFSHSA) and Dr. Edward Steitz (NCAA). Standing (l to r): Bill Wall (ABAUSA), Dallas Shirley (NABA), Thomas Jernstedt (NCAA), Duane Woltzen (NAIA), Bill Vining (NAIA), Dr. Charles Morris (NAIA), Steve Senko (NAIA), Charles Neinas (CCA), Dr. Wil Rencken (NABC), Jim Fox (AAU) and Jerry Lace (USOC).

NCAA Publishing Job Open

Applications are being accepted for the position of production manager at the NCAA Publishing Service.

Responsibilities include production supervision of nine Official NCAA Guides, six separate rules books and four other publications produced by the guides/rules books operation of the Publishing Service.

Background should include knowledge of publications production and the capability to provide printers with expert guidance in producing the various titles. The candidate must be a capable typist, possess a wide athletic knowledge, and adequate experience in writing and editing.

Beginning work date is ne-

gotiable, but preferably no later than January 3, 1977.

The NCAA Publishing Service is located at the Association's national office building in Mission, Kansas. Persons interested should contact: Wally Renfro, Assistant Director, NCAA Publishing Service, P.O. Box 1906, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66222.

Convention Amendments

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Next will be the largest topical grouping at the Convention—a total of 37 amendments dealing with financial aid, leading off with seven proposals directly or indirectly related to basing financial aid on a showing of need.

Also in that grouping are numerous amendments to the Bylaw 5-5 financial aid limitations, including 10 directly affecting Division I football limitations.

Eligibility Rules

Following the financial aid grouping will be 25 amendments to eligibility rules. That collection features a proposal to reinstate the 1,600 rule in place of the present 2,000 legislation. Also included are 10 amendments to the transfer rules.

Recruiting is the next topical grouping, which includes 10 proposals. A series of 12 amendments to Bylaw 12 will come next including one to eliminate limitations on the size of coach-

ing staffs, four to alter the scouting limitations and a proposal to prohibit an institution from giving a coach extra compensation based on coaching success.

The legislative agenda will end with 32 miscellaneous amendments and 15 revisions of the Executive Regulations.

Amendments to the circularized amendments may be submitted in accordance with Constitution 7-3 and Bylaw 9-3. They must be submitted in writing prior to 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 10, at the Convention, or may be sent in advance of the Convention to the NCAA national office.

This year's number of proposals in the Official Notice is the second highest total of circularized amendments in the Association's history. The record for all proposals, including amendments to amendments, is the 258 recorded at the 70th Convention last January.

THE NCAA RECORD

A roundup of current membership activities, personnel changes and Directory information

DIRECTORS OF ATHLETICS

LOU SABAN resigned at Cincinnati. CARMEN COZZA resigned at Yale to devote full-time as University's football coach.

COACHES

BASEBALL—Robin Roberts replaced JACK BUTTERFIELD at South Florida.

FENCING—TOM DiCERBO named interim coach at William Paterson, replacing AL SULLY, who is spending a year's sabbatical in Italy.

FOOTBALL—JACK CHRISTIANSEN released at Stanford. DAVID URICK elevated to head coach at Hobart College, replacing resigned GEORGE DAVIS.

WILLIAM GORDEN replaced ROBERT HILL at Jackson State.

CLIVE RUSH released at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

GERRY HART resigned at Illinois State. GEORGE SEIFERT released at Cornell.

BOB BLACKMAN released at Illinois.

PETE RIEHIMAN, formerly at Cal State-Chico, named at Weber State, replacing resigned DICK GWINN.

BILL BATTLE resigned at Tennessee. JACK MURPHY resigned at Toledo.

ICE HOCKEY—ROBERT GUNDERSON appointed at Hamline University.

STAFF

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTORS—KENT JOLLIFF replaced FROSTY HANSEN at Wheaton College.

DEATHS

HARRY "HACK" APPLEQUIST,

86, one of the last survivors of the Washington State football team that played in the Rose Bowl game January 1, 1916, former Washington State baseball coach, and football and baseball coach at Sacramento Junior College, November 1, at Sacramento, Calif.

RUDY RUPPE, 52, former four-year football letterman at Oregon State from 1946-49, October 6, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly called "Lou Gehrig's disease," at Coos Bay, Ore.

WAYNE MILLNER, 65, former two-time Notre Dame all-America football receiver in the 1930's, at Falls Church, Va.

NCAA DIRECTORY

CHANGES

District 1
St. Francis College, Biddeford, Maine: Membership terminated.

District 2
Sarah Lawrence College: Membership terminated. Shippensburg State College: C. William Knerr (F).

District 3
Virginia Commonwealth University: Lewis Mills (AD).

District 4
New member: Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois 60605. Rolf A. Weil (P); Herbert L. Slutsky (F); Edwin W. Turner (AD)—312/341-3597 [Division III all sports].

New member: University of Wisconsin, River Falls, Wisconsin 54022. George Field (P); Marvin D. Thompson (F); Don Page (AD)—715/425-3900 [Division III all sports].

University of Cincinnati: (AD) to be appointed, MacMurray College: James R. Schurter (F).

District 5

University of Oklahoma: Daniel G. Gibbens (F).

Allied

Sun Belt Conference: Victor Bubas, Commissioner, 4231-A American Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27705.

Division Listing

Madison College: Probationary member in both Division I and Division III (football).

COMMITTEE LISTINGS

Basketball Rules

I (p) Dean Ehlers, Madison College (Madison College changed from Division II to Division I probationary).

Wrestling

James W. Morgan, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, appointed to Division II vacancy replacing Tom Robinson, Old Dominion, changed to Division I.

National Youth Sports Program
Herbert B. Thompson, Fisk University, replaces Howard Gentry, Tennessee State University, retired.

Promotion Committee

Charles J. Thornton, University of Alabama, replaces Bill Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia.

U. S. Gymnastics Federation

Don R. Robinson, Arizona State University, replaces Karl K. Schwenzfeier, Pennsylvania State University.

Skating
Committee vacancy remains open.

Council

Change mailing address of J. Neils Thompson to: 10,100 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas 78758.

CERTIFICATIONS

ALL-STAR FOOTBALL

The following is a review of all-star football games certified by the NCAA Extra Events Committee in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 2-3:

All-Ohio Shrine Bowl, December 4, 1976, Columbus, Ohio.

Memorial Bowl, December 4, 1976, Washington, D. C.

Shrine North-South Game, December 17, 1976, Pontiac, Mich.

Blue-Gray Classic, December 24, 1976, Montgomery, Ala.

All-American Lions Bowl Game, January 2, 1977, Tampa, Fla.

Shrine East-West Game, January 2, 1977, Palo Alto, Calif.

Freedom Football Classic, January 8, 1977, Los Angeles, Calif.

Hula Bowl, January 8, 1977, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Japan Bowl, January 16, 1977, National Stadium, Tokyo, Japan.

GYMNASTICS

The following meets have been certified by the NCAA Extra Events Committee in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 2-5:

Midwest Gymnastics Meet, November 26-27, 1976, Northfield, Ill.

Peach State Invitational, December 10-11, 1976, Atlanta, Ga.

National Gymnastics Clinic, December 27-30, Sarasota, Fla.

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

The following meets have been certified by the NCAA Extra Events Committee in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 2-4:

USTFF Southern Indoor Meet, January 21, 1977, Jackson, Miss.

Oregon Indoor Invitational, January 29, 1977, Portland, Ore.

USTFF National Indoor Meet, February 11-12, 1977, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Pulling Out

Leaders already begin to pull away from the pack at the one-mile mark during the National Collegiate Division I Cross Country Championships. Washington State's Joshua Kimeto (410) pulls two teammates and defending champion Craig Virgin (145) of Illinois to a 4:17 mile. Kenyan freshman Henry Rono (415) captured the individual title in 28:06.6. Samson Kimombwa (411) placed second (28:16.78), while Virgin was third (28:26.53). Kimeto faded to 12th in a field of 320 at North Texas State University.



Four Miners Place

Cross Country Title Remains at UTEP

Placing four of five runners in the top 15 finishers, the University of Texas-El Paso successfully defended its crown at the 1976 National Collegiate Division I Cross Country Championships at North Texas State University.

Wilson Waigwa paced the Miners in mild, sunny conditions at North Texas' six-mile University Golf Course for team fifth-place in 28:39. Teammates Sammy Maritim (28:46.37), James Munyala (28:52.79), Kip Surma (29:00.07) and Frank Munene (29:28.79) finished in team seventh-, ninth-, thirteenth- and 28th-place, respectively.

Munyala, two-time National Collegiate Division I Outdoor 3,000-meter steeplechase champion, finished sixth in last year's meet, and Surma placed 28th.

There were 34 of 92 institutions represented which participated for the team title. Only "team" individual places counted toward the team point totals, while competitors may have placed differently strictly on an individual basis.

Texas-El Paso scored 62 points, followed by second-place Oregon's 117, 1975 runnerup Washington State's 179, Brigham Young's 182 and Illinois' 227.

Oregon improved its 1975 11th-place finish, led by Rudy Chapa's team eighth-place in 28:49.58 and Terry Williams' team 14th-place in 29:01.53. Williams was fourth in last year's race.

Virgin Dethroned

Illinois' Craig Virgin was thwarted in his attempt to repeat as individual champion and had to settle for third in 28:26.53. Virgin ran a 28:23.3 pace last year at Penn State.

Washington State's effort was led by new champion Henry Rono, a freshman from Kenya, in 28:06.6 and second-place Samson

Kimombwa's 28:16.78.

Michigan State's Herb Lindsay placed fourth in 28:30.69 after a 12th-place finish last year, although the Spartans did not compete for the team title. Northeastern's Bruce Bickford placed 14th in 28:58.62 and was the only other competitor to finish among the top 20 individuals for an institution which did not compete for the team crown.

Providence's John Treacy was team fourth-place and fifth overall in 28:34.84, and Arkansas' Niall O'Shaughnessy was team sixth and seventh individually in 28:43.16.

Texas-El Paso is three-time defending National Collegiate Indoor Track champion, and placed second at this year's National Collegiate Outdoor Track Championships after winning the title in 1975.

The Miners moved into a four-way tie with Drake, Indiana, Oregon and Penn State for the all-time team championships won with three, behind Michigan State's eight and Villanova's four. UTEP's other crown came in 1969.

Of 320 individuals who started

the race in Denton, Texas, 304 completed the course.

This seems to be the year of success for defending cross country champions. Earlier last month, the University of California-Irvine successfully defended its National Collegiate Division II Cross Country crown, and North Central College repeated its title in Division III.

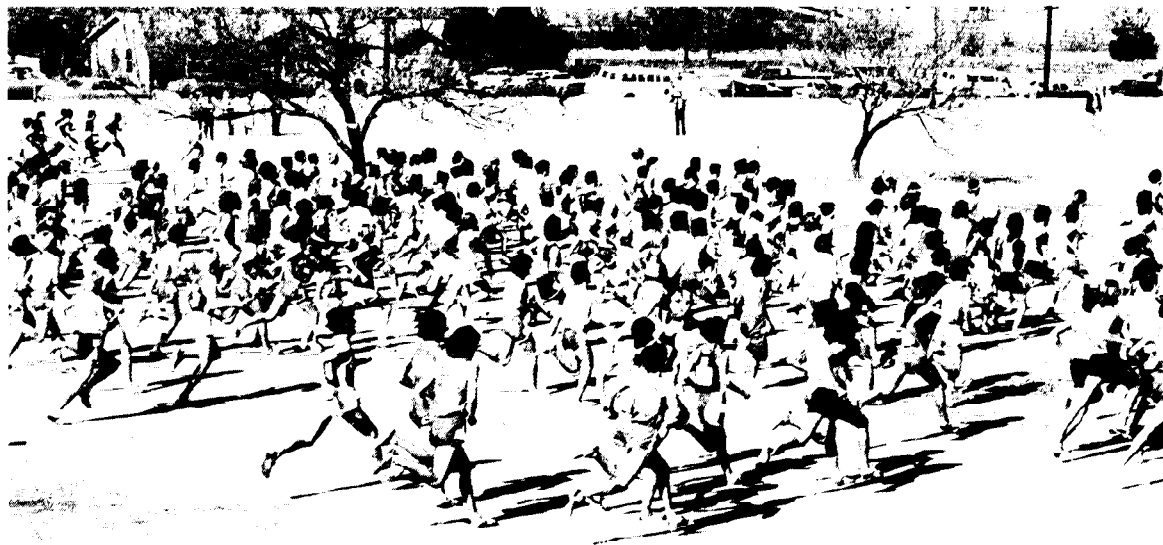
Since the Association split into a three-divisional format in 1973, this makes the first time defending champions in three separate divisions have won consecutive titles in the same sport.

★ ★ ★ INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. Henry Rono (Washington State) 28:06.60. 2. Samson Kimombwa (Washington State) 28:16.78. 3. Craig Virgin (Illinois) 28:26.53. 4. Herb Lindsay (Michigan State) 28:30.69. 5. John Treacy (Providence) 28:34.84. 6. Wilson Waigwa (Texas-El Paso) 28:39. 7. Niall O'Shaughnessy (Arkansas) 28:43.16. 8. Sammy Maritim (Texas-El Paso) 28:46.37. 9. Rudy Chapa (Oregon) 28:49.58. 10. James Munyala (Texas-El Paso) 28:52.79.

TEAM RESULTS

1. Texas-El Paso 62. 2. Oregon 117. 3. Washington State 179. 4. Brigham Young 182. 5. Illinois 227. 6. Tennessee 280. 7. Arizona 324. 8. San Diego State 361. 9. Providence 371. 10. Arkansas 373.



They're Off Part of the starting field of 320 runners at the Division I Cross Country Championships dashes for good positions in the first 100 yards after the gun.

NEWS Rates Going Up

The annual subscription rate for the NCAA News, the Association's official newspaper, will increase from \$6 to \$9 effective January 1, 1977.

Production costs and rising postal expenses are prompting

the increase, when the News begins its 14th year of publication.

Any new subscription orders or those expiring prior to January 1 will be charged the current \$6 rate.

Athletic Counselors Schedule January Meeting

The second national meeting of the newly-formed National Athletic Counselors Association (NACA) is scheduled for January 12-13, at the Hotel Fontainebleau, in Miami Beach, Fla.

To be held in conjunction with the 71st NCAA Convention, the two-day theme of the affair will be "Academics and Athletics—They Are Compatible."

NACA President Frank Downing, athletic counselor at the University of Kentucky, was the primary force behind implementation of the organization, which formulated at last year's NCAA Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

"The first day will center

around establishing a formal constitution, election procedure, and other basic groundwork activities," Downing said. "Our discussions surrounding the theme of the meeting will occupy most of the second session."

Ever since initiation of the 2.0 academic rule in intercollegiate athletics was established, academic athletic advisors, who daily are in contact with student-athletes, felt that there was a need to reconsider the mode of operation in dealing with these student-athletes, according to Downing.

Language in NACA's original Statement of Purpose says: "As

members of academic communities throughout the country, we are among those faculty and staff members who recognize the special needs of student-athletes in their unique roles as both student and athlete.

"The very philosophy of the National Athletic Counselors Association is to provide the student-athlete with a personal program that will demonstrate that success is planned, organized, and implemented and neither demanded nor assured from another source outside the individual."

"Basically, we try to deal with the needs of the student-athlete

by (a) establishing a type of academic athletic model to insure effective counseling, scheduling, etc., (b) establishing a type of developmental program that would operate in the summer before the freshman year as well as during the school year to bolster academic deficiencies, and (c) establishing a more comprehensive tutoring program," Downing said.

Additional purposes of NACA include a goal to work with the individual academic athletic advisor, who in turn works with the significant people at his university (i.e., coach, athletic director, faculty representative,

president) to help the student-athlete to help himself to achieve the following: (a) eligibility, (b) degree and (c) meaningful education.

NACA has approximately 35 members, and Downing anticipates around 50 athletic counselors will attend the session in Miami Beach. He also urged anyone who counsels with today's student-athlete to join the organization.

People interested in joining NACA should contact: William Munn, 206 AOB, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

Annual membership dues are \$10.

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Attendance Keeping Record Pace

Even if nobody showed up at the last five games of the 1976 season, national Division I college football attendance smashed last year's all-time records for per-game average and total attendance. The surge was led by the University of Michigan's incredible 103,159 per-game home average.

If the national per-game figure (29,933) was maintained, Division I attendance will be up more than 475,000 for the season, despite three fewer games involving major college teams, as compared to last season. After 791 games this season, total Division I attendance stood at 23,677,061, compared to 23,350,308 after 798 games in 1975's record-setting season.

Even with zero attendance on that last weekend

of the season, total Division I attendance will be up 286,168 and per-game average up 1.6 per cent to 29,745.

Last season, games involving the current 137 major teams provided nearly 23.4 million of the national total of 31.7 million. The other 8.3 million came from nearly 500 other colleges in NCAA Divisions II and III, and the NAIA—and final figures from these "grass roots" teams will not be available until mid-December, when the final NCAA Statistics Service survey is compiled. Needless to say, a deficit here could wipe out the Division I increase.

Michigan's Century Mark a First

With a record total of 722,113 spectators for seven home games in 1976, Michigan became the first team

in history, college or professional, to average over 100,000 for its home schedule.

The Rose Bowl-bound Wolverines broke their own home game average of 98,449 set for seven contests in last season's 689,146 total.

This year's largest single-game football attendance was 104,426 at Michigan Stadium October 30 when Minnesota lost, 45-0, to the Wolverines.

Other Michigan home crowds were 101,347 (Wisconsin), 103,741 (Stanford), 101,040 (Navy), 103,241 (Wake Forest), 104,211 (Michigan State) and 104,107 (Illinois).

It's obvious college football continues to rank as one of the major attractions in the nation today.



Full House

This was a familiar scene this season in Ann Arbor, Mich., where the University of Michigan average home attendance was a phenomenal 103,159, to lead the major college record-setting attendance figures in 1976. With a listed capacity of 101,701, Michigan had overflow crowds for seven home games.