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Astroworld Complex—Site of 1971 NCAA Convention. 1) Astroworld Hotel, NCAA Headquarters and housing for U. S. Track Coaches Association, 2) Ballroom, site of the NCAA, Business Managers and Track Coaches Associations meetings, Honors Luncheon and NCAA Reception, 3) Holiday Inn, housing for College Athletic Business Managers, and 4) Houston's famous Astrodome.

Astroworld: Hotels Assigned For 1971 NCAA Convention

The 65th Annual Convention of the National Collegiate Athletic Association returns to Houston January 11-13, 1971, this time in the Astroworld complex located next to Houston's famous Astrodome.

The 1972 Convention will be held in Hollywood, Fla., under a different format—Thursday through Saturday instead of the usual Monday through Wednesday program.

Eugene R. Duffy, NCAA director of events, visited the Houston site September 9-11, and completed the scheduling of hotels and meeting rooms for

Convention Dates

U. S. Track Coaches Association	January 8-9
American Association of College Baseball Coaches	January 8-10
NCAA Convention	January 11-13
College Athletic Business Managers Association	January 11-13
American Football Coaches Association	January 12-14

the 1971 NCAA American Football Coaches Association, College Athletic Business Managers Association, American Association of College Baseball Coaches and U.S. Track Coaches Association conventions.

The NCAA Convention was last held in Houston in 1967.

"We are looking forward to returning to Houston," Duffy said. "The main ballroom will be one of the largest with which we've ever worked."

NCAA Purchases Land, Begins Plans For New Kansas Office Building

Purchase of 3.4 acres of land for \$219,000 in Johnson County, Kansas, and the drafting of plans for a new NCAA office building to be constructed there have been authorized by the NCAA Executive Committee.

Creation of the plans is expected to be completed by the end of this year, at which point the NCAA will be able to call for construction bids for the building, assuming the Executive Committee decides to proceed with construction.

The property was purchased by the NCAA with reserve funds and

current cash allocations without obtaining a commercial loan. It is located on the east corner of U.S. 50 and Nall Ave. in Mission, a close-in suburb of Kansas City, Mo.

Two-Story Building

Tentative plans call for the erection of a two-story building, which would house not only the present 23-member staff of the Kansas City Office, but also the College Athletics Publishing Service, now located in Phoenix, Ariz.

The seven-member CAPS staff currently is headed by Homer F.

Cooke, Jr., who oversees the publishing of the NCAA Guides, rules books and scorebooks. He will retire at the time of the move after serving intercollegiate athletics for 34 years.

The Kansas City NCAA offices are currently housed at the Midland Building in downtown Kansas City, Mo., where the Association has been paying rent for almost six years. The Executive Office has been in Kansas City since 1951.

The architectural firm retained is Folger and Pearson of Kansas City.

The NCAA membership will receive reservation cards for the Convention and a composite meeting schedule about October 20, he said.

The NCAA and USTCA Conventions will be housed in the Astroworld Hotel, while CABMA will meet in the Holiday Inn. The AACBC will be housed in the Marriott Motor Hotel, one and one-half miles from the Astroworld complex, while the AFCA also will be housed away from the complex—in the Shamrock Hotel.

The Business Managers' meetings, the track coaches' clinics and meetings, the business session of the Association, and the Honors Luncheon all will be held in the main ballroom between the Holiday Inn and Astroworld Hotel.

Change in 1972 Format

The 1972 Convention in Hollywood, Fla., will be held January 6-8, Thursday through Saturday, instead of the usual Monday through Wednesday dates.

The Convention originally was scheduled for the traditional days, but the selected hotel for the event was turned into a condominium, thus making the NCAA look for new headquarters.

"We wanted to keep the Convention in the same city," Duffy said, "so, we decided to move into the Diplomat. We couldn't hold it January 10-12, on Monday through Wednesday, because the football coaches already were scheduled to meet there.

"Therefore, the best solution seemed to be to move the Association's dates forward.

"We picked the Diplomat because that was the only area hotel where we could get the good rates which we wanted for our members' delegates."



NSYSP "student-athlete" at Temple University

NSYSP Successful But Waits on Gov't.

Two years ago, the Federal Government—through the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports—and the National Collegiate Athletic Association first brought to 40,000 of the nation's poverty-area youth the National Summer Youth Sports Program.

This Program, conducted by approximately 100 colleges and universities in nearly 60 cities within 30 states, now has completed its second year, has served a total of some 85,000 youngsters and has proved to be a highly successful venture.

"It has opened the door of the protective facade that the league of 'hard knocks' gives the inner-city child. It has been proved that four hours a day of working and caring about our kids does make a difference," said Warren Jackson, assistant coordinator of the Fordham University Program.

The NSYSP has attained its goals: To provide sports training and athletic competition for the nation's youth on an unprecedented scale, making available expert instruction, competent supervision and superior facilities to many needy, underprivileged young people who are unable to secure such an experience through their own means.

The NSYSP has been shown to be far superior to any other summer sports program conducted on a national scale.

"It's more than just recreation," said Reid Gunnell, associate director of athletics at Cal State, Los Angeles, "For most, it is their first public recognition of their own accomplishments. They are being honored and this is important."

An editorial in the Pepperdine College (Calif.) Graphic also praised the Program:

"The youth program's uniqueness is evident in the fact that the kids not only get competitive experience, but also receive a wealth of knowledge. The opportunity also is available for the youngsters to improve in the fundamentals of the sports which may be the backbone of their success later in life."

Builds and Satisfies

For the youngsters, the Program seeks to build good habits, directs the competitive urge towards new goals and satisfies the human desire to belong and participate. It builds respect for discipline, and presents the participants with the opportunity to work to lift themselves out of their present environment. At the same time, it makes them more capable of taking advantage of that opportunity.

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Tom Hamilton Receives NFFHF Gold Medal

Thomas J. Hamilton, 65, retiring executive director of the Pacific-8 Conference, is the 1970 recipient of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame's Gold Medal, the Foundation's highest honor.

The medal goes each year to "a truly distinguished American who has been closely associated with college football at some time during his life . . . who has an unblemished reputation for honesty, integrity and concern for others . . . and who has made notable contributions in public service to the welfare of America and its citizens."

Hamilton's qualifications for the award are high. His close association with college football spans nearly 50 years, beginning in 1923 when he became a student-athlete at the U.S. Naval Academy.

In four years at the Academy, he earned nine varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He was an All-America halfback for Navy in 1926, and won the Academy's two top awards: The Naval Academy Athletic Association Sword and the Thompson Trophy Cup.

Coached Middies

Hamilton coached the U.S. Fleet football team in San Pedro in 1930. Later, from 1934 to 1937, he was head football coach at the Naval Academy.

Now a retired rear admiral, Hamilton set up the Navy's World War II V-5 program, a pre-flight training program, then was executive officer and skipper of the famed carrier, Enterprise, through much of the Pacific campaign.

Returning from the war in 1946, Hamilton resumed coaching at Navy. In 1948, he became director of athletics.



Thomas J. Hamilton
Pac-8 Exec.

In 1949, he took over as AD at the University of Pittsburgh, a position which he held until assuming the executive directorship of the Pacific-8, then known as the Athletic Association of Western Universities, in 1959.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee for 18 years. He is a former chairman and member of the NCAA Television Committee, a vice-president of the NFFHF, and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1965.

Hamilton will step down from his Pacific-8 position in June, after serving as the conference commissioner for 12 years.



Homa Thomas
Northeastern Oklahoma A & M



Ray Ball
Colorado High School Assn.



Ralph Horton
Rawlings Sporting Goods

Three members of the National Operating Committee on Standards and Athletic Equipment are pictured at a recent meeting in Kansas City, Mo. The Committee is attempting to raise \$100,000 to finance its first research project.

NOCSAE Wants New Head and Neck Grid Injury Studies for Evaluation

Research on football head and neck injuries which has been conducted or is being conducted at NCAA member institutions is being sought by the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment.

The Committee, chaired by David Arnold of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, currently is assembling, studying and evaluating research in order to determine minimum testing standards for protective head gear.

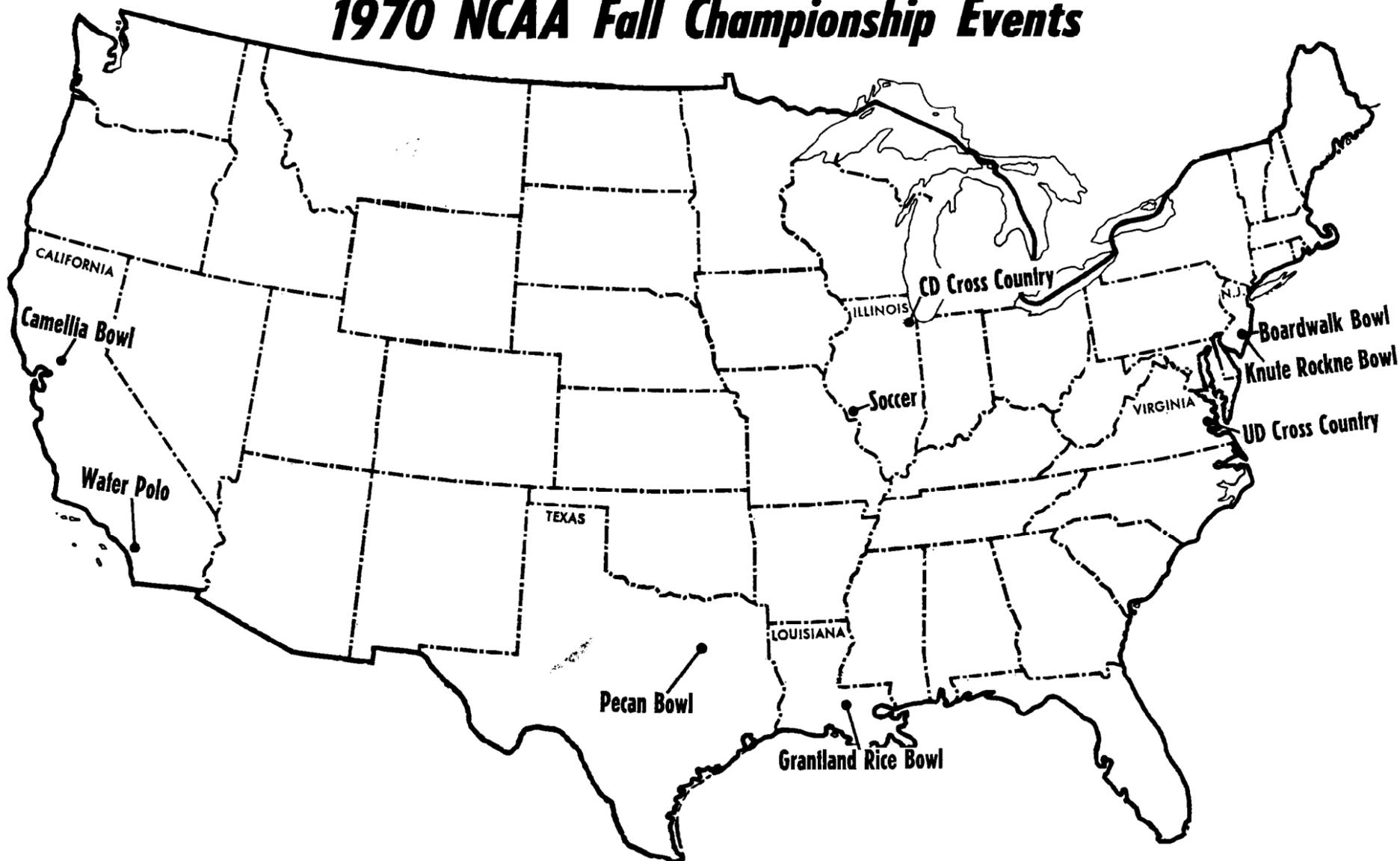
In addition, the Committee is prepared to

finance additional research in the area of its immediate interest.

Thus far, proposals have been received from Wayne State University of Detroit, U. Cal Davis and the University of Michigan. Before making decisions on research grants, the Committee wishes to have more research to consider and encourages submission of information on past or current projects.

Those interested in assisting with this project should contact James H. Wilkinson, NCAA, 1221 Baltimore, Kansas City, Mo. 64105. Phone is (816) 474-4600.

1970 NCAA Fall Championship Events



College Division Cross Country, November 14, Wheaton College, Ill.
University Division Cross Country, November 23, College of William & Mary
Water Polo, November 27-28, Long Beach State, Calif.
Knute Rockne Bowl, November 28, Atlantic City, N. J.

Soccer, December 3-5, Southern Illinois at Edwardsville, Ill.
Camellia Bowl, December 12, Sacramento, Calif.
Pecan Bowl, December 12, Arlington, Texas
Grantland Rice Bowl, December 12, Baton Rouge, La.
Boardwalk Bowl, December 12, Atlantic City, N. J.
Alonzo Stagg Bowl, site and date to be selected later