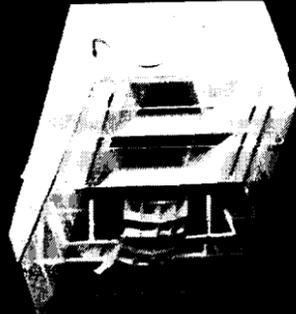
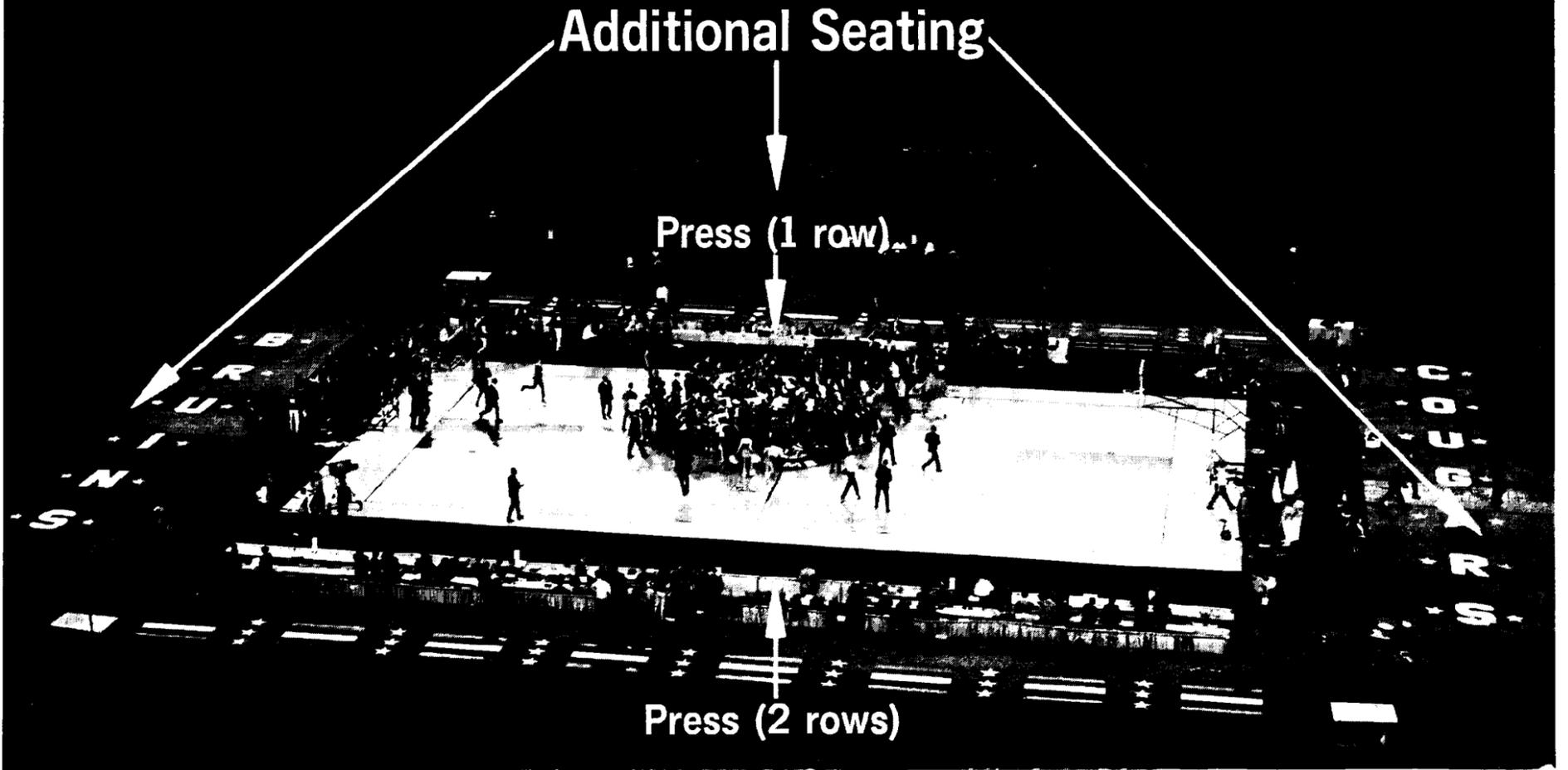


# Return to Astrodome:



# 1971 NCAA Basketball



The nation's biggest basketball spectacle was held January 20, 1968, when 52,963 fans filled Houston's Astrodome for the Houston-UCLA game. Collegiate Basketball returns to Houston March 25-27, with better seating (arrows above) and press accommodations for the 1971 National Collegiate Basketball Championship.

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## Basketball Practice Begins Oct. 15

### Plans Well Underway For '71 NCAA Tourney

The UCLA Bruins and the Jacksonville Dolphins each started four juniors for the finals of the 1970 College Basketball Championship March 21 at Cole Field House in College Park, Md.

UCLA's Sidney Wicks, Curtis Rowe, Steve Patterson and Henry Bibby, and Jacksonville's Artis Gilmore, Pembroke Burrows, Vaughn Wedeking and Mike Blevins return this year to once again make their respective teams strong contenders for the NCAA Basketball Championship.

Other juniors of a year ago—such as Notre Dame's Austin Carr and Western Kentucky's Jim Daniels—also return, making the 1971 NCAA basketball parade of talent one of the strongest in years.

As brilliant as the basketball personnel may be, the Tournament itself and the facility which will house it will be just as brilliant, indicating that the 1971 Tournament may well be the greatest spectacle in the tournament history, if not in all basketball.

The site is the Houston Astrodome, where 20,000 seats already have been delegated to customers for the Dome finale. Because of the seats sold or committed to advance purchasers, the competing teams and the members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, the tournament attendance record of 19,153 has been "broken." That was set in 1963, when Loyola of Chicago met Cincinnati in the finals in Freedom Hall in Louisville.

#### Practice Opens October 15

With Collegiate basketball teams around the country beginning practice October 15, plans are well underway for the 1971 event, scheduled for March 25 and 27, with NCAA and Astrodome administrative personnel even now working hard to make the 1971 Tournament a great one for the spectator.

In the past the finals have been difficult to get into—the arenas only have been able to seat a "mere" 15 to 20 thousand persons.

This year over 50,000 fans will be able to pack the Dome. Tickets are available from:

**NCAA Basketball Finals  
Astrodome  
P. O. Box 1691  
Houston, Texas 77001**

### In Memoriam

## Nation Mourns Wichita Deaths

The NCAA NEWS joins with the rest of the nation in mourning the deaths of 30 Wichita State University football players, athletic personnel and friends of the University, who died when an airplane carrying the team traveling party went down 55 miles west of Denver October 2.

Ten persons survived the crash. The plane had taken off from Wichita, refueled at Denver, and crashed near the mountain town of Silver Plume in rugged and forested country.

A second plane carrying 23 other players and the rest of the staff and boosters landed safely in Logan, Utah, where Wichita State was to have played Utah State.

It was the third crash involving a plane carrying collegiate athletes. Ten years ago California Poly at San Luis Obispo lost 16 members of its football team in a crash at Toledo, Ohio, after they had played Bowling Green.

In the spring of 1968, the coach and five members of the Lamar Tech (Beaumont, Texas) track team perished in a crash returning from the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.



**A. C. Katzenmeyer**

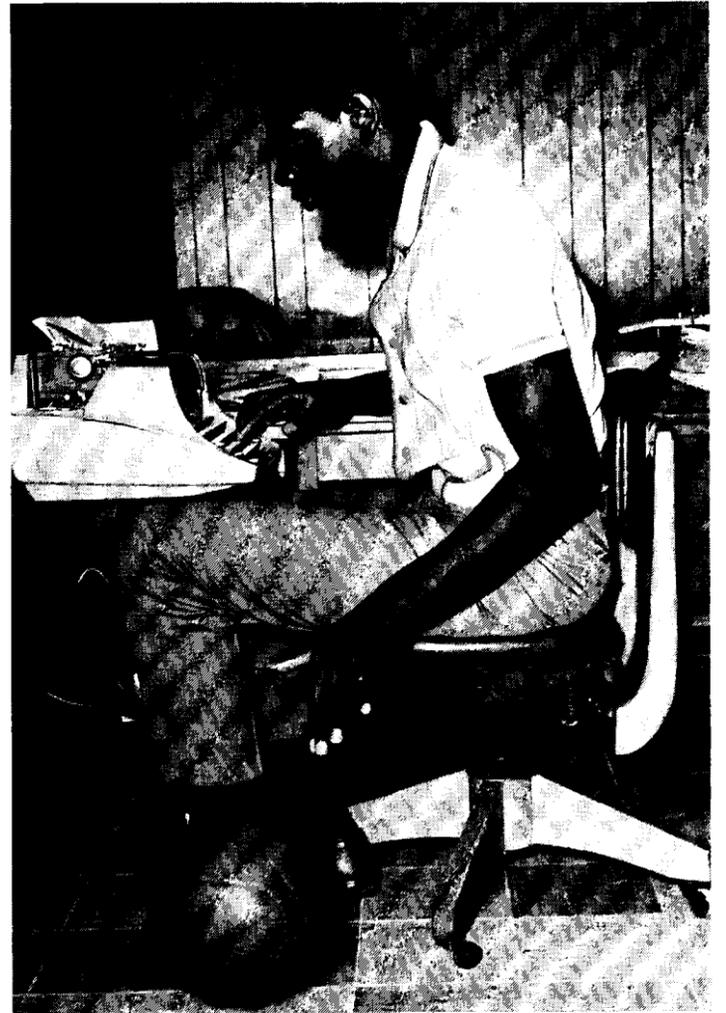
The Wichita State crash victims included: A. C. (Bert) Katzenmeyer, athletic director, and his wife. Lloyd Farmer, associate athletic director. Dr. Carl Fahrback, director of admissions and records at Wichita State.

- Ben Wilson, head football coach, and his wife.
- Marty Harrison, Argonia, Kansas, student equipment manager.
- Tom Reeves, trainer.
- And players:
- Randy Kiesau, 20, Clinton, Okla.
- Don Christian, 20, Duncan, Okla.
- Ron Johnson, 21, Platte City, Mo.
- Carl Krueger, 19, Chicago, Ill.
- Jack Vetter, 21, McPherson, Kansas.
- Steve Moore, 21, Derby, Kansas.
- Marvin Brown, 19, Solomon, Kansas.
- John Duren, 19, Oklahoma City.
- Tom Owen, 20, Temple Terrace, Fla.
- Rick Stines, 19, Kansas City, Kansas.
- Mal Kimmel, 21, Ste. Genevieve, Mo.
- Tom Shadden, 20, Oklahoma City.
- Gene Robinson, 21, Dayton, Ohio.

Also dead were pilot Dan Crocker, Stewardesses Judy Lane and Judy Dunne, Kansas

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## Cager at Work



Jerry Christian, sophomore basketball player at West Texas State University, spent the summer working in the university sports information office. The 6-6 cager from East Liverpool, Ohio, helped compile information for the basketball press book. He wrote all the player sketches except one and then turned to sports information director Tommy Bryant and said, "I'll write all of these sketches except my own. The fellows on the team would never let me live down any compliment."



College World Series Chairman John D. Diesing (right) presents award to Ben R. Morris.

### At College World Series Meeting

## Morris Presented With 1st Award

The Board of Directors of the Omaha College World Series Committee began making plans for the 25th anniversary of the event in June, and recognized one of its promoters for his services at its annual meeting October 1 in Omaha, Nebr.

Ben R. Morris was honored at a luncheon for his leadership which resulted in College World Series ticket sales of 74,683 this year, an all-time record.

Morris, vice chairman of the Series in charge of ticket sales, was presented the first "College

World Series Distinguished Service Award" by General Chairman John D. Diesing.

The award, a bronze plaque mounted on walnut, cites Morris for his "unrelenting energies and enthusiasm as Ticket Chairman, which resulted in the banner year."

A total of 3,516 books of ten general admission tickets was sold this year.

The College World Series Committee also went over financial records of the 1970 tournament, which confirmed reports of the best year at the gate for the World Series.

## Mother Nature:

## Surprise Opponent Causes Two Preseason Upsets

Judging from the preseason experiences of at least two teams, Mother Nature is getting in on college football action this year.

The appearance of this unexpected opponent certainly added an unexpected element to a practice session at Southern Colorado State College when four gridders were hit by lightning.

She popped up again at an Arizona State University football practice in Camp Tontozona, sending the worst flash flood in over 60 years through Tonto Creek to submerge the mountain football field under two feet of raging water, stranding the entire team for three hours.

### The Sun Was Shining

Coach Joe Prater of SCSC was asked why he didn't take his Indians and run for cover when the storm clouds moved in.

"There was no storm—in fact, the sun was shining," he said. "There was one cloud in the sky—not an ominous cloud, a white, fleecy cloud. At about 3 p.m., it floated over the field and great big rain drops started to fall.

"This brought cheers from the team because it was a very hot day—102 degrees, a record breaker."

In the distance, there was thunder, he recalled, "but we could still see the sun." At 3:45, it began

to rain in earnest and "the next thing we knew, the lightning had hit."

Apparently, the lightning followed a pass to Dennis Nausler (a junior letterman end from Omaha). He "caught" it as he caught the ball.

Nausler was then tackled by Mike Jefferson (junior defensive back from Fort Worth), Bob Goodhue (sophomore defensive back from Bear Creek, Colo.) and freshman halfback Dave Mingus of Widefield, Colo. All four were knocked out instantly.

Nausler's heart stopped twice in the moments following the freak accident. Coach Prater credits

trainer Fred Oglesby and assistant coach Don Stutters with saving Nausler's life by administering artificial heart massage and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation immediately.

Even though all four athletes are now out of the hospital, fully recovered, Prater is taking no more chances.

"Everytime it sprinkles, we're going to head for the locker room."

Asked if he felt this incident boded ill things to come, Prater optimistically replied, "We started off with a bang . . . we hope we can end the season with a bang."

### Unexpected Deluge

The Arizona State washout was one of the more spectacular shutouts of the year.

This upset, as the one at SCSC, started innocently enough with a little rain, although it did appear to be raining harder higher in the mountains.

At first, the slowly rising waters of Tonto Creek were viewed with curiosity. When the first footbridge was washed out, the players cheered it on its way downstream.

Laughter stopped and people started running for higher ground when the second footbridge, a Volkswagen, parts of a summer cabin, a station wagon and another cabin all tore loose and bounded down the creek. They scrambled not a minute too soon, for seconds later the whole field went under.

The team was stranded for three hours, all exits from the camp cut off. Finally, at sunrise, the Devils were able to back-pack all their belongings one mile out of camp and hitchhike rides into the valley.

Coach Frank Kush and his assistants had to rebuild a 50-yard section of road, all up hill, to get most of the heavy gear and vehicles out of the camp and back to Tempe.

## 'Spearing' Hit by Medical Group As "Dangerous"

"Spearing," the technique of blocking and tackling with the head, has been branded "a dangerous and unhealthy practice" by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

Dr. Donald L. Cooper, director of the student health service at Oklahoma State University and chairman of the Committee which was established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 1958, stated on behalf of the Committee:

"The head and neck were not constructed to be used as battering rams, and any coach who teaches butt blocking, spearing or 'putting the helmet on the numbers' is endangering the athletes under him, is putting himself in a morally dangerous situation and should be condemned."

Research done by Dr. Richard Schneider at the University of Michigan was cited by the Committee as evidence that spearing is a dangerous practice.

## Olga Connolly Joins Marymount College Faculty

Former Olympic gold medal winner Olga Connolly has joined the faculty of Marymount College as a supervisor of Study Skills and physical education instructor. Marymount is affiliated with Loyola University of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Connolly is the wife of former U. S. Olympic hammer throw champion Harold Connolly.

They were married in Prague, Czechoslovakia—Mrs. Connolly's birthplace—in 1957.



Atlantic City's Convention Hall, host of the NCAA Boardwalk Bowl, also will be the site of the 1970 Knute Rockne Bowl. The Rockne Bowl, which features two College Division II members, will be played at 8 p.m., Saturday, November 28. The Boardwalk Bowl, which will determine the College Division I East champion, will be held at Convention Hall December 12.