

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT  
National Athletic Trainers' Association  
Twenty-Second Annual Meeting - June, 1971  
Baltimore, Maryland

The Report of the Executive Director

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:10 A.M., June 6, 1971 by President Bobby Gunn. Those in attendance were:

District 1 - Frank George  
District 2 - Francis J. Sheridan  
District 3 - Joseph Gieck  
District 4 - Roland E. LaRue  
District 5 - Byron J. Bird  
District 6 - Tom Wilson  
District 7 - Jack Aggers  
District 8 - Richard Vanderworst  
District 9 - Chris Patrick  
President - Bobby Gunn  
Executive Director - Otho Davis  
Parliamentarian - Bruce Melin

Absent:

District 10 - Mert Prophet

I. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mr. Gunn.

II. Mr. Warren Ariail, Exhibits Chairman, gave a report on exhibits for the convention. This report was incomplete and Mr. Ariail was requested to reappear at the Second Board of Directors Meeting.

ACTION: Tabled

III: Mr. Gary Delforge, Division Director, Professional Services presented reports on the Placement Committee and the Research and Injury Committee.

A. The Placement Committee is doing an excellent job in attempting to place persons in vacancies from the prospective employers. In the future the committee hopes to have better communication devices to let the employers know of this service and also let the students know of this service. It was suggested that secondary education counselors be informed of this service.

B. The Research Committee at the present is involved in two projects:  
1. National Operating Committee for Standards in Athletic Equipment.  
2. National Tackle Football Survey.

At the present time there is no research actively sponsored by N.A.T.A.

As a service division the Research and Injury Committee should disseminate information. Possible sources for funds to sponsor research could possibly be from friends and associates, government funds, and N.A.T.A. funds.

ACTION: Report Accepted

IV. Mr. William Newell, Division Director, Professional Advancement, presented reports for his division.

A. Certification Committee

Report of Committee on Certification

June 6, 1971

Meetings

No full committee meetings have been held since June, 1970. The committee has been polled on pertinent matters by mail on procedural policies (March, 1971) and the sub-committee for the oral-practical exam met in New York City, May 27, 1971. Members present were Joe Altott, Ed Pillings, and Lindsay McLean.

Winter Certification Exam-Regional

Four certification candidates were examined at Palo Alto, California; January 24, 1971. All four candidates were recommended for certification.

Summer Certification Exam-National

Approximately 22 candidates for certification from all parts of the country were scheduled for examination June 6, 1971, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Financial Aspects of the Program

It appears that the certification fee of \$35 is adequate to cover all expenses for processing applicants for certification independent from from other NATA sources. Examination revisions, when necessary, will require additional financial assistance from the NATA.

Recognition and Publicity

The procedures for certification will appear in some new textbooks. Bike Sports Trail published them in full recently. The Michigan State Medical Society officially recognized the NATA Procedures for Certification and suggested that Certified Athletic Trainers be employed wherever possible.

Areas Now Under Study

(1) Allowing each District their choice of dates in the administration of the regional examinations. (2) Minor revisions in the wording of the Procedures for Certification apparently will be necessary.

Recommendations

None at this time. It is anticipated that several recommendations will be made well in advance of the winter meetings which will allow adequate time for study by the Board of Directors.

ACTION: Accepted

B. Recruitment Committee

Report of The Recruitment Committee

June 6, 1971

Members

Mel Blickenstaff, Indiana State University (Chairman)

Jim Bryan, Columbia University

Jerry Kimbrough, Michigan State University

Jerry Shea, Atlanta Falcons

Jim Welsh, San Jose College

Logan W. Wood, Houston (Resigned January 29, 1971)

### Meetings

Business so far has been conducted by letter and telephone. No meetings are possible except at National Convention.

### Accomplishments

1. Letter sent to Committee Members with ideas and asking for suggestions.
2. By way of Indiana's State Department of Public Instruction, a list of addresses were compiled to contact the Guidance Director of each state.
3. Each committee member was given a list of states which corresponded to N.A.T.A. Districts. Many of these states have given us directories of their guidance counselors.
4. ANIPER was contacted to include the brochure in their list of publications.
5. Phone call from Jerry Rhea requesting brochures for a clinic.
6. Darby, Pennsylvania Guidance Department, requested information.
7. Audio-Visual Aids Committee requested ideas for film. Members were contacted asking for suggestions.
8. Jim Welsh reported Mr. Ray Busch of the San Jose School District would impart information to those in his area.
9. Tom Little requested brochures for Chico State.
10. California expressed interest in publishing an article in their Newsletter for us.
11. Ed Christman requested brochures for Miami's workshop.
12. Jim Welsh reported he will be unable to attend the National meeting due to lack of finances at his school.
13. Contacted Jim Cook in regard to Cramer's mailing service.
14. Received telephone call from John Cramer with the following information:
  - 1) Our brochure can not be inserted in the First Aider.
  - 2) Cramer's will reprint our brochure on 11"x17" paper which will make 4-sheets 8 1/2" x 11". This will require additional information.

Cramer's will provide the following service for us:

- 1) Do all of the art work.
- 2) Print 4-sheets of material.
- 3) Address each piece to be mailed.
- 4) Include cost of mailing which is now 4.8¢
- 5) Cramer's name will not be listed on the material.
- 6) Can be sent to 21,123 high schools and Jr. colleges at a cost of 10 cents each.
- 7) Provide a routing list for each school, such as: coach, trainer, guidance director, etc.
- 8) Can be sent to any fractional part of the country we desire.
- 9) Cost will be slightly more than 10 cents if we send less than the 21,123.
- 10) Will run a digested story for us in the First Aider.

### Recommendations

1. Have Cramer's produce the number of brochures we can afford each year until we cover the United States.

ACTION: Approved by the Board with orders to work within established budget and subject to investigation of most economic way.

2. Have each approved school's curriculum written up with facts about the school, costs, program, etc; to fill up the extra space we will have.

ACTION: Not Approved

3. Contact all trainer clinics, workshops, and camps to distribute the brochures.

ACTION: This recommendation was rewritten to read as follows:  
"Distribute brochures to all N.A.T.A. approved trainer clinics, workshops, and camps upon request of course sponsor."

Approved as rewritten.

4. Supply articles for publication to each State's Guidance Newsletters and to Cramer's First Aider.

ACTION: Not Approved

5. Answer all correspondence from those requesting information about "How to become an athletic trainer" or to forward to Mel Blickenstaff for answer.

ACTION: Approved

C. Professional Education Committee

ACTION: Tabled for Second Board Meeting

- D. The Division of Professional Advancement presented a resolution to amend the by-laws of the association as follows:

WHEREAS the association denies the right of an individual to vote on association business unless he is certified.

WHEREAS an individual may actively be engaged and support association activities but still not meet the criteria for certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the National Athletic Trainers Association as follows:

1. That the classes of membership be revised to include a new classification for those members actively engaged in association affairs but cannot meet the criteria for certification.
2. That this classification grants voting privileges after a determined probationary period and the individuals supplying evidence of graduation from an accredited college or university.

ACTION: Not Approved

- V. Mr. Clyde Stretch, Division Director, Information Services, presented reports for his division.

A. Audio-Visual Aids Committee

Discussion was presented by Mr. Dick Hoover, Chairman, Audio-Visual Aids Committee in reference to a film production for the purpose of athletic training as a career by Lord & King Associates and financed by Bike/Kendall Company. It is understood that there will be no commercialism. Only mention of Bike will be a five second source of procurement at the end of the film. This mention will not be included on film used in conjunction with any type of scientific exhibit.

#### The Project

Creation of a sound-and-color motion picture designed to inspire and motivate young men at the age of career-selection to decide to become athletic trainers.

As we see the project, the planned thrust of the film should be altogether in the direction of recruitment. Even so, the film may perform a significant secondary function, that of informing the general public as to the high professional qualifications required of the athletic trainer and the recognition by the profession of its responsibility in the development of youth.

#### Exposure

Most showings will probably be conventional 16 mm. projection before groups of high school students, especially those in their junior and senior years.

If the film is of suitable length, it may also be printed on Super-8 and loaded into cartridges for showing to small groups on portable projectors.

There is a real possibility of TV exposure. Some stations will find the complete film suitable for broadcast. For some others we may be justified in using footage from the film to create a "five minute capsule" version, to be used as a feature of station sports reviews.

#### The Hurdles

Young men making career decisions want to find a role in life that they can respect, and so respect themselves. In today's climate, two questions must be answered.

1. Are professional standards high enough to merit my respect and the respect of others?
2. Will I, as an athletic trainer, be making a really meaningful contribution?

#### Our Response

We will answer the first question very effectively by allowing the film to state the standards for educational preparation and experience that have been established by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

A satisfactory answer to the second question can best be provided by showing the athletic trainer at work. The preliminary working outline for the film lists thirteen aspects of "The Trainer in Action", fourteen if we add Physical Therapy. Many of these are technical; for example, treatment, injury recognition, preventative taping, record keeping, first aid, and equipment fitting. These are all meaningful in terms of the well-being of the athlete, and should be shown. It is fully as important that the film



show those trainer-functions that are less tangible. Among these we include his responsibilities as a counsellor and exemplar, and his opportunities to encourage sound attitudes toward health and sports.

#### Other Considerations

Prestige factors are important. The trainer should be shown in a favorable light in his relationships with the community, with coaches, and with the team physician with whom he is allied.

#### The Motion Picture

We are considering developing as a vehicle for the things we need to say and show a very simple story-line built around a young man who is a high school team-manager. His school is one which does not employ a professional athletic trainer. Thus, at least a few of the duties of a trainer fall on his shoulders. He recognizes his limited qualifications and calls on a professional trainer for advice. This trainer may be shown to be employed by a college athletic department or, alternatively, by a professional team. We favor the college connection because it permits us to see the trainer in relation to a number of different sports.

We are present as this trainer allows the young man to watch him at work and as he explains the nature of his profession. This device allows for cutaways to on-camera statements by prominent athletes in which they express their appreciation of the importance of the trainer and the trainer-physician team. These men can testify to circumstances in which their health and continued effectiveness in sports have been protected by the trainer.

Since the trainer in the film is telling of actual situations that he and other trainers have encountered, we have ample opportunity to cut away to game-footage. This will help to hold the interest of the viewer while working functionally to show the circumstances under which injuries have occurred. Our feeling at this time is that we would like to leave the young man as he makes the decision to prepare for a career as an athletic trainer...and possibly as he expresses the idea that he would really like to return to his own high school to practice his profession there.

#### Promotion

The Division of Information Services should find that the film is well received by many organizations, among them the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

#### Funding

It has been suggested that funding of the film be provided by the Bike Athletic Products Division of the Kendall Company. We are informed that the arrangement will be such that the integrity of the Association will not be impaired. Control of the contents of the film will remain with the Association. Bike asks only that when products of the sort they produce are shown, these products not be those of their competitors. We are assured that there will not be any pressure to pointedly photograph Bike packages and labels.

There is considerable precedent for this type of funding arrangement. One of the earliest was an arrangement between a major steel company and the Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service. The film was for showing to farmers and Vo-Ag students. The subject was good soil conservation practices. The steel company was not mentioned in the sound-

track. The only provision for identification was that when such things as fences, metal roofs or metal shed-siding were seen they be products produced by the steel company. Great restraint was exercised in photographing such products. Only a very sharp-eyed person, and one very familiar with products of this type, would have recognized the manufacturer.

Other than this, the only identification of the steel company was a line of lettering in the title footage.

The integrity of the Department was not compromised, and the film enjoyed many years of effective use.

We expect to be able to do fully as well for the Association.

#### Production Ground Rules

We propose that shooting, whether in the studio or on location, will not identify any particular schools.

Identification of professional sports organizations will be limited to that which inevitably goes with on-camera appearance of athletes who may be associated in the public mind with certain organizations.

Trainers, coaches and team physicians who may be involved will be played by professional actors.

A motion was made by Mr. Gieck and seconded by Mr. Wilson that the N.A.T.A. accept the film proposal from Bike/Kendall.

ACTION: Approved 10-0

#### B. Journal Committee

Mr. Stretch made a proposal that the name of the Journal be changed to ATHLETIC TRAINING, The Journal of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Gieck to accept this proposal.

ACTION: Approved 10-0

VI. Mr. George Sullivan, Chairman United Savings-Helms Foundation hall of Fame Committee, presented his report. The following men were nominated for the award and approved by the Committee and the Helms Hall of Fame:

- District 2 - Charles Medlar
- District 5 - Dean Nesmith
- District 9 - Edward Byrne
- District 9 - Roland "Kickapoo" Logan
- District 9 - William B. Robertson

Motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. LaRue that the nominees be approved.

ACTION: Approved 10-0

VII. Mr. George Sullivan, Chairman of the Honors Awards Committee presented the following persons for:

A. Twenty-five Year Awards:

1. Warren Ariail
2. August Bonanne
3. Eddie Froelich
4. Chester Grant
5. Ken Hawks
6. Leonard McNeal
7. Charles Medlar
8. Leo Murphy
9. William Newell
10. Robert Shelton
11. Bruce Vogelsay
12. Robert Weingardt
13. Lewis Williams

B. Honorary Membership Awards:

1. Dr. W.D. "Shorty" Paul
2. Ed Ruetegar
3. Dr. William Smith
4. Del C. Humphrey

Motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Gieck that the nominees be approved.

VIII. The Executive Director made the following report pertaining to Areas of Representation.

A. The Association was represented at the following meetings and conferences during 1970-1971:

1. American Academy of Pediatrics - Jack Rockwell
2. American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation - Sayers "Bud" Miller
3. American College Health Association - Gary Delforge
4. American Corrective Therapy Association - Frank Randall
5. American Medical Association Committee on Medical Aspects of Sports - Bobby Gunn
6. American Physical Therapy Association - William Newell
7. Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports - William Newell, Bobby Gunn, Fred Hoover
8. N.C.A.A. Rules Committee - Tom Healion
9. National Federation of State High School Athletic Association - Fred Hoover
10. National Operating Committee for Standards in Athletic Equipment - George Sullivan
11. U.S. Olympic Committee - Chuck Medlar.

All representatives presented reports of their meetings which are on file in the Association office.

B. The following persons were appointed and approved to represent the Association at the meetings designated for the year 1971-72:

1. American Academy of Pediatrics - None
2. American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation - Sayers "Bud" Miller



3. American College Health Association - Jim Dodson
4. American Corrective Therapy Association- Frank Randall
5. American Medical Association Committee on Medical Aspects of Sports - Tom Healion
6. American Physical Therapy Association - Frank George
7. Joint Commission on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports - William Nowell, Bobby Gunn, Fred Hoover
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11. U.S. Olympic Committee - Chuck Medlar

A motion was made by Mr. Gieck and seconded by Mr. Bird to accept the appointees.

ACTION: Approved 10-0

- IX. The Executive Council made a recommendation to the Board for a change in "Function and Responsibilities", Number 1. The request was to omit "The actions and reports of the Executive Council are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors."

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Patrick to deny the request and to leave the "Functions and Responsibilities", Number 1 of the Executive Council as originally stated.

ACTION: Request denied -10-0

- X. Mr. Dick Vanderwoost presented a report by his committee to study the realignment of Districts. Further action on this report was tabled until January, 1972.

- XI. Mr. Joe Gieck presented a report by his committee to study the authorization or approval of clinics, camps, seminars, etc, by the N.A.T.A. A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. George that this report be accepted by the Professional Education Committee.

ACTION: Approved - 10-0

- XII. All budget requests and discussions were tabled until the second board meeting.

- XIII. All travel expense discussions were tabled until the second Board meeting.

- XIV. Liability Insurance and life insurance plan discussions were tables until the second Board meeting.

- XV. Mr. LaRue presented a proposal to develop a layout of the needs within a training room...square feet, etc., to be approved by the Board. An aid to people planning new facilities, not only in space planning, but an important tool to show administration the N.A.T.A. recommendations. This proposal was

tabled for further study by Mr. LaRue.

- XIV. Mr. LaRue presented a proposal to layout on staff needs for service in athletic training, to be approved by the N.A.T.A. Board so as to give something with teeth to show administration staff needs. This proposal was tabled for further study by Mr. LaRue.
- XVII. Discussions in reference to the Scientific Exhibit were tabled until the second Board meeting.
- XIV. Mr. Bruce Melin, Program Chairman for the 1972 ( St. Louis ) Convention presented a preliminary report of plans in progress.
- XV. Mr. Tom Healion, Division Director, National Convention gave a brief report on the Baltimore meeting and clarified explanations on the Denver (1970) meeting. Mr. Healion is to have a budget request prepared for the January, 1972 meeting.
- XVI. The Executive Council made a request to form a History and Archives Committee to benefit the Organization with past, present and future needs and accomplishments of N.A.T.A.

A motion was made by Mr. Vanderwoost and seconded by Mr. LaRue that permission be granted to form an Ad Hoc Committee.

ACTION: Approved 10-0

The Board recessed at 6:00 PM with instructions to reconvene at 1:00 PM Tuesday, June 8, 1971.

#### Monday, June 7, 1971, Business Meeting

The Twenty-Second Annual Business Meeting of the National Athletic Trainers' Association was held in the Civic Center in Baltimore, Maryland. The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Gunn at 11:05 A.M., June 7, 1971.

The roll call was dispensed with.

The Minutes of the 1970 meeting were approved without reading.

#### Report Of Officers

The Treasurer's Report was read, discussed and approved.

The Executive Director presented a report to the Membership pertaining to the actions of the Board of Directors as listed above.

Memorial resolutions were presented for: George Robert "Eob" Hoszy, West Virginia Institute of Technology, District 3; Frank J. Cramer, Cramer Chemical Company, District 5; James H. "Doc" Johnston, Oklahoma State University (Retired) District 5; Thomas A. Reeves, Wichita State University, District 5; Charles E. "Smoky" Harper, University of Alabama, (Retired) District 9; and Fred A. "Pete" Peterson, Ottawa Roughriders Football Club, District 10.

## RESOLUTION

whereas, Almighty God in His Infinite Wisdom has seen fit to call home our fellow association member, George Robert "Bob" Hosey; and Whereas, the members of the National Athletic Trainers Association feel deeply this loss of a loyal and devoted comrade and wish to give expression to this emotion; therefore, be it resolved that the National Athletic Trainers Association place on its records this acknowledgement of our sense of loss, together with our appreciation of services rendered by one who, in his many years of service as athletic trainer, truly placed duty and service above self.

Frank J. Cramer was born in Gardner, Kansas, August 12, 1888, and died May 12, 1971 at the Gardner Community Medical Center. He was graduated from Gardner High School and attended the University of Kansas. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. During World War I, he was commissioned a First Lieutenant.

Following the War, he entered the building supply business in Des Moines, Iowa, where he met and married the former Miss Catherine Hardiman. The family moved to Detroit, Michigan, and he continued as sales manager for a building supply firm. To this union were born four children.

In 1929, he returned to Gardner to help his brother Charles extend the growth of the then recently founded Cramer Chemical Company, manufacturer of athletic training supplies. He served as President of this Company for twenty-five years.

His enthusiastic promotion in the sporting goods industry resulted in his election to the Sporting Goods Dealers Association Hall of Fame in 1956. His extensive lectures and articles on Athletic Training earned him election to the Helms Athletic Training Hall of Fame. He was honored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, not only by being elected to the N.A.I.A. Hall of Fame, but also by having a special annual award named in his honor.

For sixteen years he served on the Medical Committee of the United States Olympics to select trainers and doctors. The National Athletic Trainers Association elected him as the first honorary member of that association in June 1960.

He is survived by his wife Catherine Cramer of Gardner; a son Jack Cramer of Shawnee, Kansas; three daughters, Mrs. Ellen Manning of Larned, Kansas, Mrs. Marion Cook of Gardner, Kansas, and Miss Peggy Cramer of Overland Park, Kansas; a brother Charles Cramer of Gardner, Kansas; a sister Mrs. Lulu Perkins of Gardner, Kansas; thirteen grandchildren; and a host of friends from all parts of the country.

Funeral services to be held at the Bruce Funeral Home, Gardner, Kansas. Rosary Friday evening, 8 p.m. May 14. Memorial Service 2 p.m., Saturday, May 15. Service to be conducted by Father John Dunnivan.

The family requests no flowers. Contributions may be made to the cancer fund or favorite charities.

JAMES H. "Doc" JOHNSTON

This man had contributed much to the athletic training profession and athletics in general throughout the state of Oklahoma.

"Doc" Johnston was born September 19, 1893, in Solomon, Kansas. His training career began at Central High School in 1910, while he was a student. His interest continued after graduation; he studied at the Kansas City School of Physio-Therapy in 1916. After completion of the course "Doc" opened a bath house in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

In the early 1930's "Doc" moved to Oklahoma City where he operated the Y.M.C.A. Health Club until 1941. At that time he became the Head Athletic Trainer for the Naval Air Station at Norman, Oklahoma. He remained at the position until 1945, when he was named Head Trainer at Tulsa University. He remained at Tulsa for two years, then he moved to Stillwater in the fall of 1946, and remained there until his retirement in 1962, as the Head Trainer.

"Doc" played a prominent part in his profession and will be greatly missed by a host of friends, both in the profession and in athletics. He will be sorely missed by his family and close friends outside the profession.

"Doc" probably considered the following three events as highlights in the career of athletic business:

Knute Rockne Award (Kansas City)	1954
Outstanding Contributor to O.S.U. Athletics	1962
Helms Hall of Fame for Athletic Training	1967

THOMAS A. REEVES

BORN: 14 October, 1939

DIED: 5 October, 1970

A door swings briefly open  
And a loved one slips away,  
Slips from life's dark shadows  
Into bright eternal day.  
Where early grief is over  
Where pain shall be no more.  
To peace past understanding  
God has opened wide the door.

Athletics and athletes were Tom Reeves' life. He lived for the athletes and staff of Wichita State University. He died in that same capacity with fellow staff and team members of the Wichita State University football squad in a plane crash en route to an athletic contest.

"From the horror and sadness of the October 2 crash of the chartered aircraft carrying the Wichita State football team and fans to Utah has come a story of heroism about the late Shocker Trainer, Tom Reeves,"

"Players who survived the crash have told coaching staff members Reeves organized them outside of the fallen aircraft and led them down the mountain in a group on that terrible day near Silver Plume, Colorado, where 30 persons died."

"Reeves lost consciousness himself after arriving at the bottom of the mountain and remained unconscious for the next 60 hours until his death. Mortally injured that he was, Reeves maintained his composure and sense of duty to the end."

Tom attended high school in Concordia, Kansas for four years where he was a student trainer. Former CHS coach and instructor, Herschel Betts, now principal at Oberlin High School, said this of Tom, "The first year my family spent in Concordia in 1956-57 was the most difficult year I have yet known. Following an outstanding coach like Ivan Davis who had produced three consecutive championship teams would have been difficult if we had achieved a .500 season, but one that produced one win, one tie and six losses which included a total production of four touchdowns throughout the entire season was (to a sports-minded town) comparable to the fall of the Roman Empire. Needless to say, the supporters I could claim from the student body could have been counted on one hand with fingers to spare, but Tom Reeves, at the risk of personal sacrifice of friends, was my number one supporter and never wavered in his complete loyalty to his coach."

Tom became the first student trainer in the history of Wichita State to receive financial aid in athletic training. After attending Wichita for four years, Tom was hired as head athletic trainer. He served as head trainer until his death.



No athlete was ever denied service, treatment or consultation. The scrub was as important to Tom as the All-American. Tom did all in his power to help his athletes ready for competition. When an athlete said, "Thanks for the help," Tom would just grin. Knowing this was reward enough, he never complained.

"Tom was very proud of the training facilities that he planned for the new Cossna Stadium. The welfare of the boys came first with Tom and he felt it important they have a fine facility for participation, but within, it must also serve the physical needs of keeping them healthy."

"The summer conditioning program for the Wichita State football squad was initiated and planned by Tom as he felt that if the squad were in condition, physically, the injuries during the season would be fewer."

"He kept extensive injury records which helped to show that injuries were fewer on the new Poly-Turf field than on the natural grass playing field. The prevention of injuries was as important as the treatment of injuries."

Tom shared victory and defeat, humiliation and success, banquets, pre-game and post-game meals and evaluations, sorrows and championships. He worked the hardest behind the scenes to make the Shockers succeed on field and court.

Tom was married August 11, 1962, in Oskaloosa, Kansas. His wife, Dianne and two sons, Scott, age four years and Brad, born the week of the accident, have remained in Wichita. One son, Thomas Alvin preceded him in death.

Tom will be deeply missed by all that knew him. He was an outstanding, dedicated trainer who always put forth that "extra effort".

To quote Herm Wilson, Head Track and Field Coach, "Tom's loyalty, dedication, encouragement, and vision will always be remembered here on the W.S.U. track and field teams." It is certain that it will remain wherever Tom has been.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR MR. CHARLES E. "SMOKY" HARPER

Mr. Charles "Smoky" Harper, former athletic trainer at Vanderbilt University, Clemson University, Florida, Alabama, U.C.L.A., Kentucky, and Texas A & M died Tuesday, August 15, 1970.

A native of Milledgeville, Georgia, he as one of the youngest United States soldiers in World War I, serving in the Rainbow Division under Gen. Douglas MacArthur and surviving shrapnel wounds in France.

Entering Mercer in 1920 and playing basketball and baseball under Josh Cody, Harper rejoined him at Clemson as athletic trainer in 1927, then followed to Vanderbilt in 1931 and to Florida in 1936. He returned to Vanderbilt under Coach Red Sanders in 1940, went to Alabama in 1943, and came back to Vanderbilt in 1946. After going to UCLA with Sanders in 1949, he moved to Kentucky under Coach Bear Bryant in 1950, then to Texas A & M, coming to University of Alabama in 1964 as director of the athletic film library.

In 1966, Harper was named to the Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame for athletic trainers.

It was at Vanderbilt during his second tour that he first came in contact with Paul (Bear) Bryant, Alabama's athletic director and football coach, who became one of his dearest friends.

"His native insight into the psychology of human behavior, particularly as related to athletes, would excel that of most trained minds in that realm," Naylor said. "He served several great coaches as an outpost lookout, knowing when and what to report at just the precise time.

"His contributions to the success of those coaches were considerable."

Smoky's college athletic career began at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia as a baseball and basketball star. His training career included his Vanderbilt stops plus short terms at Clemson, Florida, Alabama, UCLA, Kentucky and Texas A & M.

He followed Sanders to UCLA in 1949, but stayed only one year before the SEC beckoned again. He joined Bryant at Kentucky and although there was a brief physical separation when the Bear returned to Alabama in 1959, they were never again apart in spirit.

Because of pension benefits he had built up at A & M, Harper was forced by Bryant to remain there when the coach returned to Tuscaloosa. But when Smoky served out his years for retirement, he beat a hasty retreat to Alabama and had been in charge of the football film library for the past six years.

President Gunn asked that the Resolutions be included in the minutes and that a moment of silence be observed.

A standing ovation was given the Program Chairman, Entertainment Chairman, and Registration Chairman.

President Gunn presented the members of the Board of Directors to the Membership.

Eugene Castroville, Alfred University, presented a student-trainer exchange program to the Membership and requested interested individuals to correspond with him.

Clyde Stretch, Executive Editor of the Journal, discussed future plans and distributed a questionnaire to the Membership for gathering of information.

President Gunn asked for new business; there was none.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and approved by vote.

Tuesday, June 8, 1971, the Board reconvened at 1:15 P.M. Those in attendance were:

District 1 - Frank George  
District 2 - Francis J. Sheridan  
District 3 - Joseph Gieck  
District 4 - Roland E. LaRue  
District 5 - Byron J. Bird  
District 6 - Tom Wilson  
District 7 - Jack Aggers  
District 8 - Lou Crawl  
District 9 - Warren Morris  
District 10- Mert Prophet  
President - Bobby Gunn  
Executive Director - Otho Davis  
Parliamentarian - Bruce Melin

XVII. Mr. Ariail, Exhibits Chairman, presented a financial report covering the 1970 convention in Denver, Colorado.

A motion was made by Mr. Bird and seconded by Mr. Gieck to accept the 1970 financial report of Mr. Ariail, Exhibits Chairman.

ACTION: Approved 10-0

XVIII. Mr. Ariail requested approval to retain the George E. Fern Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, for one (1) year with a written contract, to aid in the management of exhibits at the National Convention.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Bird to approve the George E. Fern Company, with a one(1) year contract.

ACTION: Approved 10-0

IX. A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Morris that all business pertaining to finances go through the Executive Director, and there be one central bank account and one set of books.

ACTION: Approved 10-0

XX. A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. George that the Executive Director develop a set of guidelines to be used for financial matters.

ACTION: Approved - 10-0

XXI. Mr. Robert Curran, Vice President and Senior Consultant with Pension Planners of Baltimore, spoke to the Board on the problems of obtaining malpractice or liability insurance for trainers. He presented several ideas to alleviate these problems. He suggested that the following ideas be considered: (1) N.A.T.A. establish a Legal Aid Fund (possibly a Trust Fund) for use if a court case arises involving a member (2) Group Life Insurance combined with malpractice insurance; (3) A combination of the two above (possibly a deductible liability where N.A.T.A. pays the first \$1,000.00 and the insurance company pays the balance).

XXII. Mr. Clyde Stretch presented the financial statement from the Information Services for publishing costs of the Journal. Mr. Stretch was questioned by the Board on various costs and then the Board informed Mr. Stretch that all division budgets had to be received before any money could be allocated to anyone division.

XXIII. The importance of all Division Directors and committees to submit their respective reports to the Executive Director by May 1 for submission to the Board was stressed. This early submission of reports is to insure expediency of action by the Board. Any report submitted late will not go on the Board of Directors' Agenda and thus the budget of that respective committee will not be approved.

XXIV. Mr. Sayers "Bud" Miller, Chairman Professional Education Committee, presented his report for his committee. Discussion followed and approval was made by the Board.

ACTION: Accepted; 8 ayes, no noes, 2 abstains

XXV. Mr. Bruce Melin, reporting on the N.A.T.A. Constitution and By-Laws, clarified the method to amend the constitution and by-laws. A proposed constitutional matter must be submitted six (6) weeks in advance of the annual meeting to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will publish this and distribute it to the membership at least three (3) weeks prior to the annual meeting. Then the proposed amendment that has been properly submitted shall be read at the annual meeting and a two-thirds majority vote of the membership shall be necessary for its adoption.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Bird that the report by Mr. Melin be accepted.

ACTION: Accepted 10-0

XXVI. A motion was made by Mr. Gieck and seconded by Mr. Bird to give the Executive Director, Otho Davis, a vote of confidence in preparation, distribution and final approval of all budget matters.

ACTION: Approved 10-0

XXVII. There was a discussion as to the practical value of the Scientific Exhibit as opposed to its monetary costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Gieck and seconded by Mr. Bird that the N.A.T.A. maintain the exhibit for one (1) more year and send it to the guidance counselors' conference and to the athletic directors' conference. Also, the host District where the exhibit is shown will maintain it.

ACTION: 8 ayes; 1 no; 1 abstention

XXVIII. The possibility of N.A.T.A. being accredited as an allied health profession with the American Medical Association was discussed. It was recommended that each District Director be sent as much information on this subject as is available and that the Directors discuss this matter with their respective Districts. The subject will be brought up for consideration in January at the Board of Directors meeting.

XXIX. The Board of Directors believes that two years is not enough time to serve in that it takes about one full year to learn the job of a director. For the good of the organization and for the director to be effective, a three year term would be best.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheridan and seconded by Mr. Morris to propose to change the by-laws in respect to changing the term of office of the Directors from two to three years.

ACTION: Approved 10-0

XXX. Mr. Tom Healion requested at the Executive Council Meeting that it be presented to the Board for official action his request to step down as Assistant Executive Director. He would remain Division Director of National Program and Business Affairs. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Gieck and seconded by Mr. Crowl for the deletion of the words, "will also serve as the Assistant Executive Director" from the title of Division Director of National Program and Business Affairs.

ACTION: 8 ayes, 0 noes, 2 abstentions

XXXI. Further study will be made in reference to the "Assistant Executive Director" position in January.

XXXII. The term of office for the Division Director, National Program and Business Affairs was up for yearly review as outlined in the By-Laws of the N.A.T.A. Following discussion, a vote was taken to retain Tom Healion as the Division Director, National Program and Business Affairs for 1971-72, June 1971 to June 1972.

A motion was made by Mr. LaRue and seconded by Mr. Gieck to accept Mr. Healion's appointment.

ACTION: Approved 7-3

- XXXIII. The William E. Newell scholarship from the Cramer Chemical Company was discussed and tabled until the January meeting.
- XXXIV. A discussion of trainer selection procedures of the Olympic Selection Committee was brought up and was tabled until the January meeting.
- XXXV. A motion was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Crowl to adjourn the Board meeting. This motion was approved and the Board adjourned at 5:25 PM, Tuesday, June 8, 1971.



N.A.T.A. TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF

JUNE 1, 1971

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 1, 1970 .....\$17,562.12

RECEIPTS

Dues.....	\$34,440.00
Convention 1970 .....	11,303.00
Journal Sales.....	549.00
Journal Advertisements.....	6,837.52
Pins & Emblems.....	141.50
Travel of Representative (Reimbursement to N.A.T.A.).....	420.00
Lafayette Mailing Service.....	0.58
Citation Company.....	35.90
From Savings Account to Checking Account.....	1,000.00
Reeves Memorial Fund.....	1,605.00
E.A.T.A. for gift.....	<u>100.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS - - - - - \$56,432.50

\$73,994.62

DISBURSEMENTS

Journal publishing and mailing .....	\$ 9,467.10
Bonding for Harriett Franklin.....	12.00
Bonding for Jack Rockwell.....	38.00
Lafayette Mailing Service -(includes postage on mailings).....	8,297.89
Lawyer Fees.....	400.00
President's Revolving fund expense.....	1,306.06
William E. Newell Scholarship Fund.....	500.00
Office Expense- (includes postage for office use, supplies for Association, telephone bills and etc.).....	5,718.21
Scientific Exhibit .....	3,006.87
Travel of Representatives .....	7,560.31
Salaries.....	3,000.00
1970 Convention.....	8,261.47
1971 Convention.....	732.26
Professional Advancement Committee.....	5,412.84
Bank charge .....	19.41
Two checks returned "Insufficient Funds".....	29.00
Dues for Affiliate Membership .....	140.00
Flowers .....	74.11
Dues to District Secretaries .....	1,879.00
Emblems .....	244.77
Information Services Division.....	75.00
Reimbursement for check to Citation Company .....	35.90
NCAA News.....	4.00
Reeves Memorial Fund to Mrs. Reeves.....	1,500.00
Back into Savings Account.....	1,000.00
Reimbursement to President for E.A.T.A. gift.....	<u>100.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - - - - - \$58,814.20

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 1, 1971 . . . . . \$15,180.42