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One of the major topics of discussion at the meeting was state licensure and the formation of state licensure committees. Please, contact your District Director regarding assistance and information concerning this subject.

Other major issues which were approved by the Board of Directors are changes in qualifications for membership:

1. New applicants for Code 2, associate membership must have a college degree.
2. Applicants for Code 4, student membership, must be enrolled in a college or university.
3. The Association will no longer accept applications from high school students.

There has also been a change in the Procedures for Certification:

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The simple meniscectomy is a commonly performed procedure and generally guarantees the athlete, who undergoes proper rehabilitation, a return to full activity within four to eight weeks. According to O'Donoghue (3), in acute cases it is difficult to diagnose a torn meniscus unless the joint actually locks. In chronic cases where the joint does not actually lock, yet shows recurrent pain and effusion, a tear of one of the menisci must be suspected without a definite history of locking or "giving way." The latter situation was illustrated in the case of a 19 year old center forward on the University of Virginia women's intercollegiate field hockey team.

**History**

The athlete could recall no specific traumatic incident concerning her right knee except for being struck in the anteromedial aspect of the joint by a field hockey ball in a game on natural turf in October, 1974. In all probability there was no relationship between her recollection of this incident and the actual initial trauma to her knee. Tears of the menisci result from torsion or rotational-type injuries or accompany a direct blow that is forceful enough to cause a sprain to one of the collateral ligaments. (2) Thus, it is unlikely that a simple incident such as being struck with a field hockey ball could result in a torn meniscus, but it must be kept in mind that perhaps the pain from that contusion masked a torsion-type injury that occurred at that moment or at some other point in time. While an accurate history is of great value in diagnosing any injury, the lack of a patient's recollection of a specific traumatic incident certainly does not rule out the possibility of any type of injury if its symptoms are present.

Although she finished the game, the athlete experienced effusion, localized tenderness on the anteromedial aspect of the joint, and discoloration. There was no loss of range of motion and no joint instability at this time, but soon afterwards the athlete began to experience an occasional clicking sensation in her knee. Clicking can be attributed to several sources: movement of the patella over the femoral condyles, the snapping of a hamstring tendon over the bone, osteoarthritis, or meniscus damage (4). In this case the athlete had no previous history of arthritis, of patellar chondromalacia, or of hamstring tendon problems, and all three were later ruled out upon examination by University of Virginia team physician Dr. Frank McCue. She was initially treated with ice, compression, and elevation and later with hydrotherapy, hydrocollator heat packs, and a compression bandage for activity. Although she missed only one practice, she was placed on a program of isometric and progressive resistance exercises to strengthen her lower extremities. After the season's end the symptoms disappeared, and the joint was asymptomatic while the athlete was relatively inactive until summer, 1975. After playing tennis daily during the summer, the same symptoms of effusion, clicking, and pain, now localized along the medial joint line, began to develop.

**Diagnosis**

The symptoms, which had been mild to moderate in severity through pre-season field hockey practices in
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September, intensified after the second game of the season. Although the athlete could still perform to a degree, she began to develop pain on lateral motion, pain when walking up stairs, and occasional incidents of weakness or "giving way." Although no audible or palpable clicking could be elicited with a McMurray Test, the athlete's disability was increasing and she was now occasionally experiencing slight difficulty in achieving full extension. There were no signs of ligament instability, patellar chondromalacia, discolaration, or a decrease in the range of motion of the knee. An arthrogram was performed October 6, 1975 at the University of Virginia Medical Center. The arthrogram, an injection of air or a contrast medium into the joint space followed by radiological examination, is quite successful in detecting major lesions of a meniscus. However, minor tears or small erosions of the knee's cartilages are difficult to detect using arthrography (5). In this case the arthrogram's results were negative. But with the athlete unable to perform in a satisfactory manner, team physician Dr. Frank McCue recommended surgery to determine the exact nature of the internal derangement of the knee and to correct it. Two weeks prior to surgery the athlete began doing a series of three exercises to improve muscle tone and to prevent atrophy in the quadriceps muscle group: 1) straight leg raising: raise leg to right angle, hold, and lower slowly — for two minutes each hour, 2) leg raising with the ankle of the uninjured leg across the shin of the injured leg to add resistance: raise legs, hold, lower slowly — for two minutes each hour, and 3) quad setting: tighten the thigh muscle to bring the patella toward the pelvis, hold for six seconds, relax - repeat until the leg gets tired or for one minute each hour.

Surgical Technique

Surgery was performed by team orthopedic surgeon Dr. Frank McCue at the University of Virginia Medical Center October 28, 1975. After a medial incision was made, the knee was flexed, and the medial meniscus examined and excised. The meniscus was not found to be torn within itself, as in a bucket-handle or a horizontal tear, but to be torn away from its soft tissue attachment to the deep portion of the medial collateral ligament. The lateral edge was frayed rather than actually torn, and the meniscus had been slipping into the joint space causing the slight locking sensation that she had been experiencing. The anterior and posterior attachments were stretched, but they were not actually torn loose. Of particular significance is the fact that a defect in the tibial articular cartilage approximately the size of a quarter had developed from the abnormal amount of movement of the medial meniscus back and forth upon the articular cartilage. This is an important factor in that degenerative changes in a joint's articular cartilage can and do occur. When one debates postponing surgery on a joint that has locked, or one that simply shows evidence in internal derangement as in this case, these factors must be considered. This particular case is an excellent example of how moderately disabling conditions can produce degenerative changes that may lead to degenerative arthritis in later life. In many cases minimization of such degeneration can be accomplished by early surgical intervention.

Also while in surgery, the underside of the patella was examined.
and, although it was slightly soft in places, it was not rough and required no surgical correction. The anterior cruciate ligament was also examined and found to be intact. The wound was sutured, and a soft dressing and an elastic bandage from toes to mid-thigh was applied. The patient was released from the hospital after recovery from the general anesthetic - approximately five hours after surgery. For pain she was given morphine in the recovery room and a prescription for demerol. She was also given instructions to begin performing her same pre-operative exercises for five minutes every hour.

She was placed on crutches for one week but was allowed to begin partial weight-bearing after the third day (which was when she could successfully complete ten straight leg raises without having to rest). After the first week she was allowed to use just one crutch, and after ten days when she could walk without a limp, no crutches were used.

Rehabilitation

After the sutures were removed ten days post-surgery, she began receiving daily whirlpool treatments and began the active rehabilitation program used at the University of Virginia, designed by head athletic trainer and physical therapist Joe Gieck (1):

A. Daily Activities

1. Whirlpool treatment
   a. work on increasing the knee's range of motion while in the water
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2. Isometric Exercises
   a. place right ankle across the left shin, push down with right leg while pushing up with left leg; do this in three positions, with the legs completely straight, slightly bent, and bent at a 90° angle; hold for six seconds, relax, repeat for two minutes.
   b. reverse the procedure above and place left ankle across right shin
   c. knee press: Stand with the feet shoulder's width apart, flex the knees slightly, and place the hands on the lateral aspect of the knee joint. Press out against the hands with the knees for six seconds. Repeat with the hands on the medial aspect of the knee joint and pressing in with the knees. Do each exercise three times.

3. Bench steps
   a. begin by using a regular stair step and advance to using a bench 18-20 inches in height
   b. begin with 1½ minutes and work up to five minutes at a rate of 30 steps per minute
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4. Flexibility exercises
   a. a variety may be done, but the quadriceps, hamstrings, and gastroc are the most important muscle groups to work on:
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      2. achilles tendon stretch
      3. anterior thigh stretch

B. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Activities

1. Running
   a. begin with stage one - walking two miles, as soon as possible advance to stage two - jogging a mile, and finally advance to stage three - running sprints: 40's, 100's, 300's
   b. rope skipping for five minutes

2. Weight training: knee flexion and extension
   a. determine the maximum weight that can be lifted ten times - as soon as it can be lifted more than ten times, increase the weight
   b. lift 50% of the maximum weight ten times (10 RM)
   c. lift 75% of the maximum weight ten times (10 RM)
   d. lift 100% of the maximum weight ten times (10 Rm)
   e. lift, hold for two seconds, lower, rest two seconds, repeat

C. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Activities

1. Running
   a. begin with stage one - walking stairs for 3-5 minutes, as soon as possible advance to stage two - jogging stairs for 3-5 minutes, and finally advance to running stairs for five minutes
   b. rope skipping for five minutes

2. Weight training
   a. leg press on the Universal Gym: three sets of ten repetitions
   b. knee flexion and extension: one set of 200 repetitions in each direction with five to ten pounds

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In the case of the University of Virginia field hockey player, she began her rehabilitation program November 7, 1975. Initially, she could lift only five pounds with her injured right leg, but she quickly advanced and was up to 15 pounds after two weeks. After four weeks she was lifting 30 pounds with her quadriceps and 20 pounds with her hamstring muscles. She was able to play tennis on Thanksgiving Day, thirty days after surgery. To add variety to her activities, the athlete frequently substituted swimming and bicycle riding for the running portion of the program. By mid-December she was lifting 40-50 pounds with her quadriceps and 25-30 pounds with her hamstring muscles. She was able to play tennis daily over Christmas vacation without incident, and her prognosis for continued improvement and for a return to the sport of field hockey in the fall of 1976 is excellent.

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The use of drugs by American male athletes to improve performance was brought to public view almost twenty years ago when the American Medical Association appointed a Committee on Amphetamines in Athletes (1). Since that time, many allegations have been made linking a number of drugs to almost every level of sport in America (9). General factors affecting the use of drugs in sport include: 1) the highly competitive nature of modern sport; 2) far greater rewards today from participation in sport even at the amateur level; and 3) concurrent rapid advances of pharmacology producing a wide variety of drugs (10).

In a publication sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Clarke (1) contends that the coach is instrumental in advising the athlete concerning the use of drugs to increase athletic performance. "The coach is faced now with the need for decisions and actions concerning a problem of a scope, immediacy, significance, and publicity neither previously experienced nor anticipated in professional preparation." The athletic trainer, responsible for the physical health of athletes, should also be concerned with the use of drugs by athletes.

Guidelines have been established by certain sport bodies to control the use of ergogenic drugs in competition (9). The National Collegiate Athletic Association has indicated strong disapproval of the use of drugs in athletics (6). At the time of this study, the NCAA had a statement of policy disagreeing with the use of drugs in a non-therapeutic manner (7). This practice was considered to be in violation of the principles of ethical conduct of the NCAA. In January, 1973, a statement concerning drug usage was included in the Bylaws (8). There has been no further action taken.

To present survey was designed to determine the opinion of coaches and trainers of male intercollegiate athletes toward the use of ergogenic drugs. A mailing list of 1255 coaches and/or trainers was compiled from sources naming those teams which ranked first or second in their NCAA conference or competed at the NCAA national tournaments during the 1973-1974 season. The sports included were football, basketball, gymnastics, swimming and diving, track and field, and wrestling.

A researcher-constructed questionnaire was used to gather the information. To aid proper response to the questions, the first (Table I) contained directions for answering the items. In addition, the term ergogenic aids was defined and brand-name examples were given for those drugs included in the present study.

Of the questionnaires sent out, 47 percent (584) were returned. Descriptive statistics were used to determine the general opinion of NCAA coaches trainers. The information presented represents the total population response to each item in collapsed categories (Agree, No Opinion, Disagree).

**TABLE I**

**DIRECTIONS FOR QUESTIONNAIRE**

This questionnaire deals with your opinion, as a coach or trainer, of the use of ergogenic aids by men intercollegiate athletes to aid athletic performance. If a particular item has not occurred in your situation, please indicate what your opinion would be should such a situation occur. Indicate your reaction to each statement by making a circle around the number corresponding to the answer that most clearly represents your opinion.

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Use 3 only if you neither agree or disagree with the statement. If you agree slightly with the item, circle the 2; if you disagree slightly circle the 4.

Your responses to these items are not to be considered correct or incorrect. Only your personal opinion about each item is sought.

For the purpose of this questionnaire, ergogenic aids will be defined as "work-producing" substances administered to increase athletic performance. The ergogenic aids to be considered in this questionnaire are:

- **Amphetamine**: central nervous system stimulant
  - a. Benzedrine
  - b. Dexedrine

- **Sedative**: central nervous system depressant
  - a. Miltown
  - b. Nembutal
  - c. Equanil

- **Androgenic-anabolic steroid**: compounds related to male sex hormones
  - a. Dianabol
  - b. Durabolin
  - c. Maxibolin

- **Local anesthetic**: substances used to block local nerve conduction
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The strongest respondent opinion was noted on items dealing with the use of specific drugs by NCAA athletes (Table II). The four drugs included in this survey, (amphetamines, sedative, steroids, and local anesthetics) have been connected with athletic performance in the past (4). Over 90 percent of the NCAA coaches and trainers surveyed did not feel male intercollegiate athletes should be allowed to use amphetamines, sedatives, or steroids to aid athletic performance. Three-fourths of the respondents disagreed with the use of local anesthetics. Apparently the use of local anesthetics is slightly more acceptable than the other three drugs.

Several of the survey items concerned overall use of drugs in sport (Table III). Eighty percent of the respondents believed that drugs should not be used during athletic competition while only 50 percent considered it unethical to use drugs to aid recovery from competition. Over three-fourths of the coaches and trainers felt that the use of drugs was unethical even if they were: 1) available to all athletes, or 2) no physical danger was involved.

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**TABLE II**

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<td>1. Ergogenic aids merely enhance an athlete's innate ability and do not change the nature of competition.</td>
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<td>2. It should be considered unethical to use ergogenic aids during any athletic competition.</td>
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ITEMS DEALING WITH GENERAL OPINION

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<td>3.</td>
<td>It should be considered unethical to use ergogenic aids to assist recovery after athletic performance is completed.</td>
<td>50.7</td>
<td>8.5</td>
<td>40.8</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>The use of ergogenic aids is in the same category as improving performance by pregame taping or message.</td>
<td>5.2</td>
<td>1.6</td>
<td>93.9</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Assuming that ergogenic aids are available to all athletes, their use should be considered fair practice.</td>
<td>6.5</td>
<td>4.7</td>
<td>88.9</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>As long as there is no physical danger to the athlete involved, the use of ergogenic aids should be considered unethical.</td>
<td>15.9</td>
<td>5.8</td>
<td>78.4</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>The essence of sport is natural competition between two or more people; therefore, the use of outside sources to improve physical performance should be considered unethical.</td>
<td>4.1</td>
<td>22.2</td>
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The opinions of NCAA coaches and trainers were extremely diverse with reference to items dealing with generally accepted effects of the four drugs (Table IV). This could be attributed to weaknesses in several areas. Research done in the field of ergogenic drugs and athletic performance is scattered world-wide and is difficult for coaches and trainers to assimilate to on-the-job situations even if they were to have it placed at their disposal. Reference books dealing specifically with ergogenic drugs and athletic performance were either out-of-date or non-existent as of a few years ago. Only recently have such texts been made available (9, 12). Even with such sources readily available, it is difficult to keep up with the relatively recent problem of ergogenic drug usage.

TABLE IV (Cont.)
ITEMS DEALING WITH SPECIFIC EFFECTS OF DRUGS

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<td>10.</td>
<td>Amphetamines are effective in dispelling fatigue during athletic performance.</td>
<td>26.2</td>
<td>23.8</td>
<td>50.0</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>Amphetamines are of benefit during recovery from athletic performance.</td>
<td>4.1</td>
<td>22.2</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Sedatives are effective in calming an athlete before athletic performance.</td>
<td>37.9</td>
<td>27.0</td>
<td>35.1</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>Androgenic-anabolic steroids are effective in increasing muscle mass in athletes.</td>
<td>49.5</td>
<td>26.7</td>
<td>23.8</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>Local anesthetics are effective in allowing an athlete to continue to play.</td>
<td>65.9</td>
<td>11.3</td>
<td>22.8</td>
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<td>19.</td>
<td>Improvement in athletic performance after using ergogenic aids should be attributed to psychological effects only.</td>
<td>88.6</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>7.7</td>
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<td>19.</td>
<td>Improvement in athletic performance after using ergogenic aids may cause harmful psychological effects in the athlete.</td>
<td>73.6</td>
<td>18.9</td>
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<td>36.</td>
<td>To make people aware of the possible uses and abuses of certain ergogenic aids, an intensive educational campaign concerning the effects and side effects of ergogenic aids should be sponsored by NCAA and directed to coaches, trainers, and athletes.</td>
<td>92.6</td>
<td>3.9</td>
<td>3.6</td>
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The NCAA coaches and trainers surveyed indicated a need for more information. Ninety-three percent of the respondents agreed that NCAA should sponsor an educational campaign concerning the effects and side effects of ergogenic drugs to be directed to NCAA coaches, trainers and athletes. Correspondence with a National Athletic Trainers Association official indicated that they have no such program (3). An NCAA official said that their Committee on Drugs was collecting a bibliography of such materials but that the project was going slowly due to other more pressing problems, and did not anticipate its completion in the near future (11).

Guidelines Needed

Although the respondents believed they needed more information concerning the effects of drugs on athletic performance, 80 percent felt that NCAA should not wait and see what happens before instituting guidelines to control the use of such drugs in competition (Table V). Apparently they considered the problem too hazardous or too immediate to just let it go for awhile.
A number of items attempted to discern reasons why the respondents felt guidelines were needed. Seventy-three percent of the NCAA coaches and trainers expressed confidence in the athletes themselves: they did not feel a highly skilled athlete would use any method available to improve athletic performance. However, 86 percent believed that athletes began using drugs before they knew the actual effects and side effects of these ergogenic aids.

### TABLE V
**ITEMS DEALING WITH REASONS SUPPORTING GUIDELINES**

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<td>21. Athletes who use ergogenic aids generally do so without the knowledge of their coach.</td>
<td>Agree: 57.3, No Opinion: 20.6, Disagree: 22.1</td>
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<td>22. Athletes who use ergogenic aids generally do so without the knowledge of their athletic trainer.</td>
<td>Agree: 57.6, No Opinion: 20.8, Disagree: 21.6</td>
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<td>23. The use of ergogenic aids is usually initiated at the advice of the coach.</td>
<td>Agree: 10.1, No Opinion: 25.7, Disagree: 64.2</td>
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<td>24. The use of ergogenic aids is usually initiated at the advice of the athletic trainer.</td>
<td>Agree: 6.3, No Opinion: 23.3, Disagree: 70.4</td>
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<td>25. The use of ergogenic aids is usually initiated by the athlete.</td>
<td>Agree: 71.3, No Opinion: 22.2, Disagree: 6.5</td>
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<td>26. Athletes usually begin using ergogenic aids after experimenting with them outside of athletics.</td>
<td>Agree: 40.9, No Opinion: 40.2, Disagree: 18.9</td>
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<td>27. A highly skilled athlete will generally use any method available to improve performance.</td>
<td>Agree: 17.6, No Opinion: 9.2, Disagree: 73.1</td>
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<td>28. Ergogenic aids are used extensively by male and female athletes at the Olympic level of competition.</td>
<td>Agree: 20.1, No Opinion: 49.0, Disagree: 31.0</td>
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<td>29. The increased emphasis on competition and winning has encouraged the use of ergogenic aids by athletes.</td>
<td>Agree: 74.4, No Opinion: 9.2, Disagree: 16.4</td>
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<td>30. Athletes often begin using ergogenic aids before knowing the side effects.</td>
<td>Agree: 86.2, No Opinion: 9.4, Disagree: 4.4</td>
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<td>31. If male intercollegiate athletes are allowed to use ergogenic aids during the athletic season, they often will continue to use them after the sport season has finished.</td>
<td>Agree: 54.5, No Opinion: 34.1, Disagree: 11.5</td>
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ITEMS DEALING WITH REASONS
SUPPORTING GUIDELINES

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<td>32. The number of male intercollegiate athletes using ergogenic aids at the present time is very small.</td>
<td>39.2</td>
<td>41.3 19.5</td>
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<td>33. NCAA should adopt a 'wait and see' attitude toward establishing guidelines aimed at the use of ergogenic aids by male intercollegiate athletes.</td>
<td>12.8</td>
<td>6.8 80.4</td>
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Seventy-four percent of the coaches and trainers considered that the greater emphasis on competition and winning contributed to the use of drugs by athletes. The respondents also indicated that the athlete usually initiated the use of drugs - not the coach or trainer. Over half of those surveyed felt the use of drugs by an athlete would probably continue past the sport season.

Another interesting indication from this study concerned the awareness of coaches and trainers toward the use of drugs by their athletes. Over 20 percent believed that coaches and trainers do know of the use of drugs on their squads. No indication was given as to whether the practice was advocated or merely tolerated. There was also no clear response on the number of male intercollegiate athletes presently believed to be using drugs or on the extent of drug use at the Olympic level.

The guidelines suggested in the questionnaire were supported, but not overwhelmingly (Table VI). Sixty-five percent of the population responding indicated that NCAA should institute examinations to discern the presence of ergogenic drugs in athletes competing at NCAA National Championships. Over 50 percent believed that all athletes should be required to sign a statement that he will not use ergogenic drugs during the athletic events. These two control programs have been used with some success at the Olympic level (2, 5).

Because of recent interest in the use of prescription drugs during competition, a more specific guideline was suggested. Eighty-seven percent of the coaches and trainers felt that if an athlete normally uses a drug to arrest a physical condition such as asthma or emphysema, he should be allowed to participate in his sport while under the effect of this drug.

Conclusions

Of the various opinions elicited in this survey, the need for more specific information appears to be top priority. Further controls of the use of ergogenic drugs by male intercollegiate athletes are called for by the respondents. However, the need for and efficacy of these controls must first be understood by the coaches, trainers and athletes involved.

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BASIC ANATOMY AND BIOMECHANICS OF THE LOW BACK IN RELATION TO LOW BACK PAIN

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The human spine is a phenomenal structure that can withstand the forces of 1000 pounds pressed by a weightlifter, yet is flexible enough to nearly bend on itself during the contorsions of a gymnast. An understanding of the remarkable anatomic and mechanical characteristics of the vertebral column is essential in the care of athletes who frequently suffer from low back injuries because of the stresses placed on this area of the body in basically all sports. Although there is an abundant amount of knowledge pertaining to the anatomy and biomechanics of the lumbar spine, the accurate source or etiology of most low back pain remains obscure. However, application of principles based on the functional anatomy of the lumbar spine enables us to prevent many low back injuries and to rationally treat the injured back.
FIGURE 1. The human vertebral column is generally composed of 33 vertebrae. The lumbar spine is the area related to low back pain.

ANATOMY

The vertebral column consists of 33 vertebrae, generally arranged as seven cervical, 12 thoracic, five lumbar, five sacral (fused) and four coccygeal (fused) vertebrae (Fig. 1). The 24 presacral vertebrae increase in size from the first cervical to the fifth lumbar vertebra. In the early fetus the spine is C-shaped with the convexity dorsally.

The cervical curve develops when the infant begins to hold his head up, and the lumbar curve becomes established when the child begins to stand and walk. The capacity of the spine to absorb a considerable shock such as the fall of a pole vaulter is attributed to both the curved spine and the discs, which are excellent shock absorbers. Further description will be confined to the lumbar spine, the area of the source of low back pain.

The lumbar vertebra are relatively massive bony structures which are basically composed of four segments (Fig. 2): 1) the body, designed to transmit forces; 2) the pedicles and lamina, which protect the spinal cord; 3) the spinous and transverse processes, which serve as attachments for the ligaments and muscles; and 4) the facets which control the motion between vertebrae.

The lumbar intervertebral discs are much larger than the thoracic discs and provide for a great range of motion in all three spatial axes. In the lumbar area, the discs contribute to one-third the height of the lumbar column. Each disc consists of two parts; the outer annulus fibrosus and the central nucleus pulposus (Fig. 3). Thin plates of hyaline cartilage are
FIGURE 2. The lumbar vertebrae. All of the labeled structures may be a source of low back pain.

interposed between the discs and the spongy bone of the vertebral body. These cartilaginous plates prevent the nucleus pulposus from herniating into spongy bone of the adjacent vertebral bodies.

The annulus fibrosus is composed of fibrocartilage with the fibrous elements predominating. The fibers are arranged obliquely between the vertebrae. In each concentric layer the oblique fibers are perpendicular to each neighboring layer. This structure gives the disc bond its elasticity and strength. The inner fibers of the annulus blend with the nucleus pulposus. Therefore there is no distinct boundary between the nucleus and the annulus. The annulus is thicker anteriorly and laterally than posteriorly. This in part accounts for the propensity of the disc to herniate posteriorly and produce the pain of sciatica.

The nucleus pulposus is a gelatinous substance located in the center of the disc. It has a strong capacity to imbibe water and its water content may be as high as 90% by weight. The water content varies with pressure and age. For example, a young adult male may be as much as three-fourths of an inch taller in the morning than in the evening. This height variation occurs because the nucleus absorbs water in the sleeping hours, and during the daytime activities of sitting, standing and working, the resulting pressure produces a loss of water content from the disc material and thus a loss of height. This may be a significant factor for athletes who are concerned about their height recordings.

Unfortunately, the two components of the disc begin to undergo degeneration at about 25 years of age. The nucleus pulposus becomes more dehydrated and the annulus begins to become fibrillated. The athlete is therefore very susceptible to disc injuries at the peak of his career or before he is thirty years old.

Ligaments firmly fasten the vertebrae and discs together and provide stability while permitting flexibility. The anterior and posterior longitudinal ligaments bind the vertebral bodies, and the ligamentum flava, intertransverse, and interspinous ligaments stabilize the posterior vertebral structures. The facet joints have a synovial membrane and capsule similar to other joints in the body. These joints are thus susceptible to the same painful arthritides as any other joint.

The erector spinae muscles form the major muscles of the lumbar spine. This large group of muscles connects the posterior pelvis, lumbar vertebrae and lower ribs. They are the primary muscles injured in lumbar muscular strains. The large posterior lumbar spinal muscles are not the only muscles involved in low back pain. The abdominal musculature and the iliopsoas muscle play a significant role in low back pain.

FIGURE 3. A lumbar intervertebral disc. The outer strong annulus fibrosus surrounds the gelatinous nucleus pulposus.
The iliopsoas muscle is a strong fiber flexor. Since it originates from the anterior surface of the lumbar vertebrae, activity of this muscle increases lumbar lordosis and back pain.

The lumbar spinal nerves exit from the spinal canal through the intervertebral foramina and form together to descend down the lower extremity as the sciatic nerve (Fig. 2). Due to the juxtaposition of the nerve roots to the intervertebral discs, the nerves are very susceptible to compression by a bulging or herniated disc. The result of the nerve root impingement is low back and/or lower extremity pain.

The spinal nerve roots are not the only source of low back pain (3, 7). Free nerve endings are present in the anterior and posterior longitudinal ligaments, the annulus fibrosis and the interspinous ligaments (4). Therefore, injury or abnormal mechanical stresses in these structures can result in low back pain. The facet joints and fascia of the large back muscles also have sensory innervation and thus injury to these areas produce pain and muscle spasms. Since the lumbosacral junction is the area of greatest motion in the lumbar spine and also the region of greatest anatomical or congenital variations, pain frequently has its origin from this level.

BIOMECHANICS

The stability and flexibility of the lumbar spine depends on intrinsic and extrinsic structures. The discs and ligaments are the intrinsic support, while the extrinsic influencing structures are the thoracic and abdominal cavities with their associated muscles.

The lumbar disc behaves similar to a universal joint and allows for a great deal of flexibility. Because of the plastic qualities and the high liquid content of the disc it functions according to the principles of hydrodynamics. The disc flexibility allows lumbar motion in all axial planes. The fluid properties of the nucleus distribute the forces applied to the disc uniformly over the end plates of the vertebral bodies. If the angulation or torsion is too severe, then the distribution of forces become unequal and disc herniation or vertebral body fractures will occur.

In the lumbar area the facets are located more posteriorly than in the remaining spine (Fig. 1 & 2). Therefore the axis of rotation is posterior to the discs and excessive rotation exerts a shearing stress on the disc. The discs fail mainly in torsion (a frequent stress in athletes), and Farfan has shown that greater than three degrees of rotation at an interspace can lead to failure of the outer annulus (1).

The disc substance tends to push the vertebrae apart while the supporting ligaments pull the bodies together, thus creating a strong but flexible bond. However extrinsic support is necessary or the spine would collapse, for example consider the flacid condition of the spine of an unconscious person. The spinal muscles, and the supporting structures of the chest and abdominal cavities play extremely important roles in providing stability while decreasing the stress on the spine.

The abdominal muscles act in a highly coordinated manner to minimize the severe stresses of torque, shear and compression on the lumbar spine. (1) These muscles function to position the spine for maximal power and efficiency. The muscles of the abdominal wall are responsible for positioning the spine in flexion to neutralize harmful stresses on the spine. (1)

In the laboratory the lumbar disc in the young adult will tolerate forces of about 500 Kg prior to injury to the vertebral plate or disc. However the thoracic and abdominal cavities act as cylinders composed of air and liquid with rigid muscular walls to diminish the stresses on the spine during strenuous activity. (5) Particularly when the airway is closed, the intrathoracic and intra-abdominal pressures absorb a great amount of the force that would otherwise be transmitted to the spine. This unit action results in a dramatic relief of forces on the disc and bony structures of the spine.

CLINICAL APPLICATION

Although it has been popular to blame man's upright position as the major cause of back pain, our knowledge of the anatomy and biomechanics of the spine has revealed that this is an over simplification. Furthermore veterinarians have demonstrated that many types of animals have back pain. (6)

Although there has been an overemphasis on phylogeny's role in the production of low back pain, postural habits of different cultural groups appear to influence lumbar disc disease. Studies of primitive tribes in Africa and the Orient, where the populations sit in a squatting or cross-legged position on the earth or floor, have revealed a very low incidence of back strain or lumbar discogenic problems. (2) These postural attitudes correct the lordotic position of the lumbar spine and thus
The low incidence of back problems of primitive tribes in Africa and the Orient appears to be related to their squatting postural habits which diminishes lumbar lordosis. The low back is therefore 24 hours a day.

In our Western culture we are taught at an early age to sit straight in chairs, and stand in the military press position. These postural habits increase lumbar lordosis and thus favor disc degeneration. Postural correction to diminish lumbar lordosis does lessen the stresses on the lumbar discs and will frequently alleviate pain. However it is of little value to instruct the athlete in pelvic tilt or William's exercises on the lower back, if he does not assume the correct posture the remaining hours of the day.

A rational program of prophylactic and therapeutic measures may be derived from a basic knowledge of the anatomy and biomechanical principles of the lumbar sacral spine. Of prime importance is that any reasonable exercise is good for the back, since good back and abdominal muscle strength diminish stress and fatigue on the spine. The significance of the role of strong abdominal muscles in reducing the forces on the vertebral bodies and discs has been emphasized.

Abdominal exercises such as "sit-ups" should be performed with the knees and hips flexed to eliminate the iliopsoas which tends to pull the lumbar spine into an undesirable lordotic position. All back and abdominal exercises should be structured to decrease lumbar lordosis. If an athlete has had a low back injury, then after an adequate period of rest, a period of isometric exercises should precede isotonic exercises. Studies have shown that the intradiscal pressure measurements are significantly less during isometric exercises.

The athlete with a back problem should be encouraged to assume a position of the buttocks being tucked to diminish lordosis essentially 24 hours a day. He should learn to keep the back out of lordosis in the sitting, riding, sleeping, standing, and working postures. If the athlete has a back problem, a lumbosacral corset is useful. The corset does not immobilize the spine, but increases the pressure on the abdominal wall, and therefore lessens the forces on the lumbar discs.

**SUMMARY**

The lumbar spine is a remarkable anatomic structure since it can withstand tremendous stresses while possessing great flexibility. Since the lumbar discs undergo the natural process of degeneration before the age of thirty, the low back is very susceptible to injury during athletic endeavors. A working knowledge of the anatomy and biomechanics discussed in this article provides the clinician with a rational approach to the prevention and treatment of low back problems in athletes.

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3. Extra salt is not routinely necessary. At present time we do not recommend non-dietary supplementation until the daily calculated sweat loss exceeds 2½ liters or approximately 5½ pounds.

4. We have been able to confirm that vigorous sweating and/or athletic activity can cause a mild potassium loss, but we do not feel it needs to be a matter of immediate special concern. It should be of concern only when there is a coexistent cause for potassium loss, such as inadequate diet, diarrhea, or use of diuretics.

5. We believe adequate hydration is an important, but not the only ingredient needed for preventing heat-related injuries.

Taping Vs. Casting

A study on 47 midshipmen at the Naval Academy comparing daily taping and casting on single ligament tears and double ligament tears. Jay Cox from the Naval Hospital in Annapolis reported to the American College of Sports Medicine that “taping and cast immobilization result in comparable stability in regard to ligament strength as determined by talar tilt and frequency of recurrence. However, daily taping is the preferred method of treatment because (1) there is far more rapid return to full activity; (2) there is less muscle atrophy from taping than from cast immobilization; (3) full range of ankle joint motion is achieved much more rapidly with taping; and (4) daily taping is much more comfortable for the patient than a plaster cast.

Football Helmet Effectiveness

A report given in Anaheim at the Annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine indicates that the effectiveness of the football helmets diminishes with age and use. This indicates that athletic departments should evaluate their football helmets with increasing frequency as the helmet gets older. A helmet used by an active “hitter” for four years no longer has the same protective qualities as when it was new even if it looks in good shape.

Physical Conditioning Related Injuries

Another study reported at the 1976 Annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine reviewed injuries occurring during a seven month training program designed to prepare a military unit for combat. 580 male volunteers passed a medical examination and a physical training test. Overuse syndromes were minimal, however there were 403 athletic type injuries requiring temporary removal from daily physical training and 19 orthopaedic...
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discharges. It was interesting to note that 69 of the injuries and 11 of the discharges were related to previous football injuries. It would be further interesting to determine the type and scope of rehabilitation received at the time of the original injury.

**Professional Obsolescence**

Most athletic trainers are all too painfully aware of the lack of up to date knowledge of coaches in health related areas. A study reported in the December 1975 issue of the *Journal of Sports Medicine* strongly supports this idea. Only 6% to 23% of physical educators and coaches had scores indicating they had current knowledge in sports medicine related areas. The areas broken down by the study included athletic training and conditioning, exercise physiology, and adaptive physical education. Of course that means athletic trainers also must make every opportunity to attend continuing education courses to prevent our own knowledge obsolescence.

**Medical Assistance**

Where have some physical educators been? In the April, 1976 issue of *Physical Education News* the following excerpt from an article on legal consideration was printed. (Medical Assistance and First Aid)

"Coaches should never conduct a practice session or contest without a plan for medical assistance in the event of injury. This might take the form of a nurse being on the school premises or a physician present at a contest. It might also include a procedure to follow where immediate medical assistance can be obtained from the other trained individuals.

The wise coach has a valid first aid card at all times. First aid procedures are recognized by the courts as acceptable methods of be used. In California the law provides that coaches in the absence of medical help must administer first aid if an emergency exists."

Note that no mention is made of athletic training or an athletic trainer. This was true the entire article.

**Detroit**

Something different is being planned for Detroit in 1977. The theme is back to the basics. The program speakers will be comprised of fellow trainers talking about training techniques and answers to our everyday problems. It sounds like an interesting program is in the offing.

**Licensure**

Licensure was a much discussed topic at this year's national convention. A licensure law does not require any one to hire an athletic trainer, but it does limit those who profess to be an athletic trainer to have proper and minimal qualifications. This type of law also recognizes the practice of athletic training as legal activity within the confines as described in the law.

It is widely felt by NATA leadership because of malpractice, the legality of practicing athletic training, that it is time to actively pursue licensure. This must be done at the state level. Since, in most states, there is no organization to handle this task it is recommended that state licensure committees be formed to pursue this goal.

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The Effect of Bee Pollen Tablets On the Improvement of Certain Blood Factors And Performance of Male Collegiate Swimmers

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Newspaper reports (3,5,19) have extolled the rejuvenating quality of bee pollen tablets on the body with attendant testimonials of "how the athlete and trainer feel" about the product. However, there has been very little, if any, support for such claims in the scientific literature. Athletes may be using them, but supporting evidence of the possible value of ingesting bee pollen tablets for improvement of athletic performance had been difficult to obtain in the United States, because of the recency of the practice and the expense of the product.

To quote Seppo Nuuttila, (3), Head Trainer of Finland, "to train 25 miles a day, Lasse (Virin) needs a food intake equivalent to 5,000 calories a day — and there are not enough hours in the day to digest ordinary food and run at that (a demanding) pace. Pollen' helps break down food taken in to build red cells to transport oxygen." Millar (17) reported that, while average hemoglobin concentration of the Finnish runners increased from 12 grams/100 ml of blood in 1968 to 16.25 in 1972, no direct correlation between pollen ingestion and hemoglobin increase was established.

A symposium conducted by Cernelle (13) in 1972 reported that Finnish runners using a Swedish pollen product and running the prescribed daily 25 miles also experienced resistance to colds and influenza as well as showing weight gains. Binding and Donadieu (4, 7) continue the endorsement by describing pollen "as a wonderful, perfect natural food, capable of restoring zest for living; a tonic aiding in either the increase or decrease of weight, as well as containing an antibiotic capable of controlling dangerous bacteria in the intestines."

For some time less conservative Europeans have been using bee pollen tablets made from pollen residue mixed with vitamins for successful treatment of prostatitis (1, 2, 6, 21) bleeding stomach ulcers (9), and for reduction of respiratory infections and allergen reactions (11, 12, 15). Fijalkowski (8) reported improved working capacity of Polish national team weightlifters receiving bee pollen tablets as evidenced by higher increases in stroke volume, systolic pressure and more distinct changes in diastolic pressure. Specific EKG and respiratory parameters also improved and lactate levels decreased significantly.

Of further interest is the recent work of Rose (20) relating to hypokalamia in varsity distance runners. Since potassium is the principle mineral in bee pollen, it is suggested that pollen may be taken to alleviate or prevent this condition, which manifests itself in muscle weakness and lethargy, in spite of otherwise good aerobic condition. Severe cases, not apt to be seen in athletics, are characterized by decreased smooth muscle contractility and attendant gastrointestinal conditions, cardiac arrhythmias and renal disturbances. (14, 18)

Since athletes, in particular, have shown considerable interest in any potential psychological or physiological advantage over an opponent, the purpose of this study was to investigate certain claims that have been made for the recently adopted practice of ingesting bee pollen tablets for improved athletic performance. A question of interest is whether considerable mileage per day, along with adequate nutrition, or mileage, proper nutrition, plus the pollen tablets are responsible for success in endurance events. Analysis of specific biochemical parameters, especially hemoglobin content and hematocrit, could authenticate suggested improvement of oxygen carrying ability of the blood and test the hypothesis that ingestion of pollen may prevent the hypokalemia that may accompany prolonged vigorous aerobic training.

**Procedures**

The placebo-double blind ex...
Experiment was undertaken at Louisiana State University for eight weeks during the Fall Semester, 1975, with 27 volunteer male collegiate swimmers, randomly subdivided into three groups. Each of the eight individuals in Group One (placebo group) orally ingested 10 placebo tablets daily, after practice or before the evening meal on non-activity days. A similar procedure prescribing 10 pollen tablets was followed by the nine individuals in Group Two (pollen group), while the 10 individuals of Group Three (combination group) took five bee pollen and five placebo tablets.

Group Three was to help determine whether half the number of bee pollen tablets were as effective as the 10 tablet prescription of Group Two.

At the beginning of the experiment, blood samples were drawn from each individual for three consecutive days before practice. At the conclusion a sample was drawn from each individual. Extracellular sodium and serum potassium levels were analyzed by an Instrument Lab (IL) flame photometer. Hemoglobin and hematocrit levels were determined by a Cotter S Automatic Counter.

All the participants dined at the L.S.U. Athletic Training Table, and diet was assumed to be basically the same for all.

Training consisted of a repetition program at the beginning of the season, gradually evolving into an interval program as condition of the swimmers improved. Each individual, regardless of speciality, swam a total of three to four miles per day. Performance data were collected for each swimmer just prior to the beginning of, and again at the termination of, the experiment. Pre-experiment work bouts consisted of a set of 12 x 200 yard freestyle swims, developed for each swimmer so that the starting time for each of the 200's was held constant. Times were recorded for each of the swims, and an average time determined and converted into velocity in yds/sec for statistical analysis. The post experiment performance data were collected in an identical manner two days after completion of the experiment. The data, potassium (K) mEq/L, sodium (Na) mEq/L, hemoglobin (Hgb) g/m, hematocrit (Hct) % and performance (yds/sec for average 200 yard freestyle velocity) were statistically examined with the t test for correlated means and analysis of covariance. (Table I)

### Results

The t test revealed a significant improvement in the quantity of extracellular potassium and Hct values in the subjects of the combination Group (III) and Pollen Group (II) respectively, (Table I), but an ANCOVA did not detect any significant improvement over that of the other groups. (Table II & III). None of the groups made significant gains in extracellular sodium or Hgb values, (Table I), therefore no further analysis was done. The t tests for improvement in performance were all significant (Table I), however, ANCOVA failed to establish any difference in performance values among the three groups. (Table IV).

### Discussion

There is apparently no advantage in taking bee pollen tablets for postulated maintenance of normal extracellular potassium levels for prevention of hypokalaimia. It is possible, however, that a longer experiment, e.g. Rose (20), impossible in this study, would reveal more information. It is of interest here that, while Finnish runners did not include pollen in their high protein diets to prevent hypokalaimia, physiologically these diets actually enhance renal

### Tables

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potassium excretion. Biochemically, red blood cells are produced. The fact largely determines the rate at which blood cell production is an indication of physical activity is normal, however. The degree of physical activity of an individual hematocrit as a result of physical activity was detected. An increase in Group (III), no difference among runners for several years (1968-1972), may have accounted for the increase in either Hgb or Hct can alternate with a high carbohydrate diet a few days prior to competition, may have accounted for the improvement in the average hematocrit levels of the runners. Although a significant gain in Hct was evidenced by the Combination Group (III), no difference among groups were detected. An increase in hematocrit as a result of physical activity is normal, however. The degree of physical activity of an individual largely determines the rate at which red blood cells are produced. The fact that exercise increases the rate of red blood cell production is an indication that tissue anoxia causes extra red cell production because the supply of oxygen becomes depleted during exercise. Any theorizing that an increase in either Hgb or Hct can enhance endurance capabilities of athletes does not consider that the rate of oxygen transport to tissues is actually reduced by an excessive rise in hematocrit (10) Nuuttila’s (3, 5, 18) opinion that pollen can somehow improve the transportation of oxygen by the blood is questionable. Even in the compensatory increases during anemia, there is an overall reduction in the rate of oxygen transport to the tissues. (10) One conclusion can be reached here, either the training program for the swimmers was not sufficiently stressful, or they were good condition before the season started.

There does not seem to be any advantage in taking 10 pollen tablets as opposed to half that amount. The prescribed dosage (3-6 tablets daily) should be sufficient for the results advertised in the companies literature. Finally, although performance improved in all three groups, it would seem to be the result of training rather than due to the real or imagined advantage of ingesting bee pollen.

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Preparation of Manuscripts for Publication

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Many articles submitted to Athletic Training for publication get bogged down in the review stage because of improper form or poor style. Some potentially good articles are even rejected because poor style obscures their content. To alleviate these problems, the following suggestions are given to members of the NATA to use in preparing manuscripts for publication.

Fishbein (12) reported that the number one reason for articles being rejected by medical journals was “poor organization, failure to follow outline.” According to Archer (1), two of the characteristics of a rejected manuscript are lack of clarity and disorganized presentation. If an author’s efforts are to result in successful, effective article, he must have an organized plan of attack. This plan of attack includes formulating an idea, compiling a bibliography, writing an outline of what he wants to say, and constructing an introduction, a body, and a summary or conclusions. Each of these sections will be discussed individually, followed by additional suggestions concerning bibliography and manuscript construction.

BEFORE TAKING PEN IN HAND

A potential author must have something to say before he begins to write. Most trainers have ideas or experiences which, if properly developed, would make an interesting journal article. Perhaps the trainer has a new theory about strength development during the off season and has returned an athlete to competition just seven weeks after knee ligament surgery, or has a question about what type of pregame meal to use.

The next step in the plan of attack is the compilation of a bibliography. Whether it is a case report or a question to be answered, a thorough literature search must be conducted. “You will not be able to write intelligently about any subject in medicine unless you know what has already been written about it,” claimed Beatty (2). He went on to give some very helpful information about how to search the literature through the use of Index Medicus, Science Citation Index, and other indexes. These indexes are normally found in the reference section of the school library. Complete bibliographical information for each promising article should be written on separate 5 x 8 note cards. This size of card will have room for ample notes when the article is read in detail.

Many of the articles referred to in the indexes will have promising titles, but will not relate to the author’s subject. However, once a few good articles have been found, their bibliographies will lead the author to many other articles. All articles must be read before they are used as a reference. Even a good scientist, with the best of intentions, may misquote or misrepresent another author (18). Often times this misrepresentation is carried on by an author who did not carefully verify his sources. Many articles will have to be read and discarded during the literature search inorder to find a few good articles that directly relate to the present subject.

An outline should be used to guide the author in preparing the first draft. A general outline can be formed by arranging the bibliography note cards into an orderly and logical sequence. Then a detailed written outline should be constructed. This outline will not only help the author to write in a logical and sequential manner, but it will also help him to confine himself to his subject. In addition, the outline will provide headings and subheadings, which are desirable in all but brief communications (9).

When writing the first draft, the emphasis should be on getting ideas down on paper. Concern for details such as proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling will slow the author down and cause him to lose important ideas or thoughts. Once the idea is down on paper, it is preserved. It can be organized, documented and made readable later.

THE INTRODUCTION

The introduction is the most important part of a journal article (6,16). If properly written, it will capture the reader’s attention, establish the reason for writing the paper, and provide a foundation for the rest of the article. It previews what is to follow in the paper. After reading the introduction, there should be no doubt in a person’s mind about what question the author is trying to answer or what problem he is trying to solve.

Shidle (16) advised journal authors to get the main idea of their article into one or two specific, positive statements, and then to use those statements (or a rewording of them) as the opening paragraph of their article. At times, however, an introduction will need to be more than one or two sentences to adequately introduce the subject. At any rate, no matter what the length of the introduction, one or two specific statements should be used to guide its construction.

BODY OF THE PAPER

The body contains all parts of the paper except the introduction and summary or conclusions. It should unfold in a systematic fashion all details of the introductory remarks (6). The format of the body will vary according to the type of paper being written, i.e., experimental report, literature review, case report, etc. (7). Suggestions for writing the body of the types of papers most commonly submitted to Athletic Training will follow.

Experimental Report—The body of an experimental report must begin with a brief review of the literature. Such a review can either follow the introductory paragraph as part of the introduction, or it can exist as a separate section. Making it a part of the introduction is probably preferable, as long as the opening
paragraph contains the specific problem with which the paper is concerned. In this review the author tells briefly what others have done and why there is a need to solve the problem he has proposed. A great deal of detail need not, in fact, should not, be presented here. Details about what other researchers have found belongs in the discussion section.

Next comes the methodology section. The author must explain clearly his experimental methods so that readers will fully understand how he collected his data. Often times a reader will look at data from a different point of view than the author did. In order to apply these data to his problem the reader must know the bounds and limitations of the data. A question that the author might ask himself is, "Could a trained person replicate this study from the information given?" Neither results nor discussions of the experiment should be included here.

The results section should include (in summary form) all data collected, both positive and negative. If a statistical analysis is involved a statistical text or reference should be cited in the bibliography. Pertinent tables, figures, and graphs should be used liberally, but not repetitiously. A few well planned and carefully constructed illustrations can present data more concisely and completely than pages of printed matter. The following instructions for table construction were given by DeBakey (6):

"...the purpose of a table should be to arrange data of like characteristics in a more concise, intelligible, and vivid form than can be presented in the text. Its title should describe accurately the data it contains. The original number of cases (not just percentages or ratios) should be given, and each column should be adequately labeled. Material that has been excluded, with reasons for its exclusion, should be clearly indicated."

As with the methodology section, the author's comments should not be mixed in with the results. Comments are reserved for the discussion section.

In the discussion section the author relates his data to the problem or question posed in the introduction. Here is where the author makes comments about methodology and the results. Here is where he expresses his critical thinking; critical thinking about his own data and the data of others. Also, ways in which the original thesis is supported or refuted by the data should be discussed. New ideas or theses, based on data, are proposed. Related studies are discussed, both those that are supported by, and those that are refuted by the present data. Should there be differences between the present data and another study, possible reasons for these differences should be hypothesized.

Literature Review—A successful review paper must be highly organized. Similar studies should be grouped together and discussed in sections. Each major section should have a heading and a brief summary (possibly one sentence). Sections must be arranged so that they progressively focus on the problem or question posed in the introduction.

Implications of the literature to the present problem and the author's own thinking must be interspersed often enough and with enough detail that the reader's attention will be focused on the present problem. Care must be taken, however, to delimit the present authors own thinking so that the reader does not confuse it with a study or paper being reviewed.

Case Report—The body of a case report includes two sections: Report of the case and Discussion (10,15). Aspects of the case are narrated in a clear and straightforward style. In the discussion section the author explains the unique and significant aspects of the case and correlates them with features of previous reports in the literature (15).

Both brevity and detail are important in a case report. This may seem like a contradiction, but the author must keep in mind the potential readership and the purpose of his report as outlined in the introduction. Only information that relates to the case and the purpose of the report should be included. For instance, specific detail about operative procedures is probably not needed in an article about rehabilitation. On the other hand, "the subject began a weight program as soon as he could flex his knee 1000" is incomplete. More detail is needed so that readers can compare this care with their own rehabilitation procedures. "On the fifth day after cast removal, the athlete was able to flex his knee 1000 and so was started on a progressive resistive weight program." Such a statement not only tells the criteria for starting the athlete on a weight program, but also how long it took to get him started. Details such as the amount of weight used, how much weight was added each day or week, how the subject reacted to various phases of the rehabilitation program, are the reasons for writing a case report. Other trainers may have the same criteria (i.e. 1000 flexion) for beginning a weight program, but if it takes their athletes ten days to achieve 1000 flexion, the case report will give them some food for thought.

The value of a case report to athletic trainers is that the reader can compare the author's techniques of injury prevention and/or injury care with his own. There may be something in the case study that he could use in treating his athletes, or perhaps he could add to the techniques presented in the case (via a letter to the editor). Ideally the case report will spur some readers to think, experiment, and discover new and even better procedures and techniques. Younger and less experienced trainers and students benefit from knowing how various "veterans" handle situations. But these objectives can only be met if the case report is filled with lots of pertinent, specific details.

Thompson (17) summed up the purpose of a case report in these words:

"...be very specific with respect to information presented i.e., time lapses (time spent in a cast, on crutches, on isometrics) rehab data (type of exercise used, sets, repetitions and weight used) and therapy data, (temperature of cold baths, whirlpools, dosage of ultrasound, etc.). Specificity is the key comparison. Without pertinent information comparing becomes a guessing game."

SUMMARY AND/OR CONCLUSIONS

The conclusions and/or summary section is the second most important part of a journal article (5,6,7). Since some people will read only the introduction and conclusions, these sections must contain, in a condensed form, the meat of the article. Also it is important that these sections be constructed so that one reading only these sections will not be misled about the contents of the article. For those who read the whole article, the conclusion or summary should pull together what has been said in the body of the paper and leave the most important points clear in their minds (5).

A summary is best written in paragraph form, whereas the conclusions are usually presented as a numbered list (9). The summary should cite the pertinent points made in the paper. Conclusions, on the other hand, are logical deductions drawn from experimental or
works present a step by step approach to preparing manuscripts. King and Roland (13) compiled a series of short articles dealing with items of grammar and style for journal authors. Subjects in their book include: monotony, the passive voice, verbs, verbals, bloopers, rewriting, etc. A very detailed article by Booth (3) has particularly good sections on both form and style (i.e., literary style, choice of words, tense, mood, voice, etc.), as well as an excellent annotated bibliography. Although it is over 20 years old, DeBakey's (6) paper on preparation of medical papers should be read by every potential author.

An understanding of the editorial review process will also help potential authors to prepare their articles for publication. Athletic Training's review process was discussed by Journal Editor Clint Thompson Spring, 1976 issue of Athletic Training(17). Included in the article was a copy of the evaluation form used by members of the editorial board in evaluating articles (Figure 3).

SUMMARY

Successful medical and scientific writing requires thought and organization. Before an author begins to draft his manuscript, he must organize and outline his thoughts and ideas, as well as the results of a systematic literature search on the subject. The paper must include an introduction, a body, and a summary or conclusions. The specific format of these sections depends on the type of article being written. After the first draft is on paper, extensive revision and rewriting must be done. Cox's (4) advice should be kept in mind while finishing the manuscript. She stated that an author should take readers... by the hand verbally and lead them through the manuscript step by step... Mystery stories are best left to fiction writers.
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Four esteemed athletic trainers — L.F. "TOW" Diehm, Albuquerque, New Mexico; M. KENNETH HOWARD, Auburn University, Alabama; VICTOR D. RECINE, Sayreville, New Jersey; and GAYLE ROBINSON, formerly Michigan State University, East Lansing — were today elected to the Citizens Savings Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame.

Diehm, Howard, Recine and Robinson will be presented with their Hall of Fame awards at the annual convention dinner of the National Athletic Trainers Association, at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, in Boston, Massachusetts, on the evening of June 14.

The Hall of Fame nominations were made by the National Athletic Trainers Association Honor and Awards Committee, chaired by George Sullivan, University of Nebraska. The nominations were approved by the Citizens Savings Hall Board, composed of Jim Cour, Bud Furillo, Chuck Garrity, Fred Hessler, Allan Malamud, Allin Slate, Jack Stevenson, Gil Stratton, W.R. Bill Schroeder, and Elwood A. Teague, chairman.

LORAIN F. "TOW" DIEHM gained B.S. and M.S. degrees at Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas. He began his athletic training career in 1948, having served at Santa Rosa, California, Junior College; Kansas State Teachers College; Michigan State University, and University of New Mexico.

MILFORD KENNETH HOWARD was graduated from Auburn University with a B.S. degree in 1948. He immediately thereafter embarked upon his athletic training career, first serving as assistant trainer, subsequently to become head trainer, a position which he still commands, and well. He was a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee's training staff in 1952, at Helsinki.

VICTOR D. RECINE attended the United States Navy Corp School and Physical Therapy School, having been licensed by the New Jersey State Medical Board as a Registered Physical Therapist. He began his athletic training career in 1942, serving New Brunswick, New Jersey High School during the periods 1942-1943, and 1946-1962; and Sayreville High School, New Jersey, 1962-1973. During World War II, Recine saw service in the U.S. Navy, and served as trainer for the Sampson Naval Training Station Yellow Jackets. He was U.S. Pan-American Games Team trainer at Mexico City in 1975.

GAYLE B. ROBINSON was graduated from Michigan State with a B.S. degree in 1940. For five years, 1940-1945, he coached football, basketball and track and field at Michigan high schools, at Muskegon and Ravenna. He embarked upon his athletic training career in 1946, and became head trainer at Michigan State University in 1959, serving for many years thereafter. He trained Australian athletes in the Olympic Games of 1972, at Munich.

All of the 1976 Hall of Famers have been deeply involved in athletic training over a period of many years,
and all have participated in clinics throughout the U.S.A. and some in foreign lands — Robinson in Germany and Australia. Also, all have participated actively in National Athletic Trainers Association affairs, and all have been granted awards for noteworthy services rendered in the interest of athletic training at all levels. The credentials of all four of the Hall of Fame Athletic Trainers are most outstanding.

To date, there have been 85 distinguished Athletic Trainers who have been elected to the Citizens Savings Hall of Fame.

The Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame was created by the Athletic Foundation in 1962, as it was motivated by Eddie Wojecki of Rice University. Subsequently, Wojecki was elected to the Hall of Fame, in recognition of his athletic training achievements.

For some years past, Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame nominations have been determined by the National Athletic Trainers Association Honor and Awards Committee, long chairmained by George Sullivan, University of Nebraska.

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QUESTION
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An attempt will be made through **Athletic Training** to make injury record gathering and the statistical analysis capabilities of the National Athletic Injury Illness Reporting System (NAIRS) available to those athletic trainers, team physicians and other professionals who are interested in advancing progress in injury control.

A question-answer format will be used with questions concerning such topics as injury frequency per sport, injury type per sport, injury type by position, and influence of equipment and playing surfaces on injury type and frequency being submitted to **Athletic Training**. Jenison Fieldhouse, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

As many pertinent questions as possible will forwarded to NAIRS headquarters for examination. Answers forthcoming from NAIRS will appear in the quarterly issues of this Journal.

An example of the results of NAIRS capabilities can be seen in the Spring, 1976 issue of **Athletic Training** in an article entitled “Injury Patterns During the First Three Days of Football Practice Among Big Ten Schools.” NAIRS capabilities are directly a product of not only the NAIRS staff but particularly of those trainers contributing their time and efforts in recording the necessary injury data and forwarding that data to NAIRS. Those untiring efforts are paying off as the data is collected and stored in the computer ready to be retrieved for those who have questions concerning the different aspects of injury control.

With the work of those faithful and patient trainers in the beginning NAIRS has grown to the point where the answers to such questions as appear below can be accurately and effectively retrieved.

**Question**

What position in football experiences the most ankle injuries?

**Answer**

The distribution of significant, all but minor, ankle injuries of 42 college teams during games and practices for the 1975 season was as follows for 90 reported injuries:

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<th>Position</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Defensive linemen</td>
<td>24.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Running backs</td>
<td>21.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Offensive linemen</td>
<td>17.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Defensive secondary</td>
<td>16.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Linebackers</td>
<td>7.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wide receivers</td>
<td>4.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tight ends</td>
<td>4.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Quarterbacks</td>
<td>3.3%</td>
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These figures do not include kicking units and are not adjusted by the number of players within a position.

**Question**

Does preventative ankle taping of basketball players help prevent ankle sprains?

**Answer**

Statistics compiled from 21 college teams, including 529 games and 1818 practices during the 1975-76 season, indicate that of those ankle injuries reported, the highest percentage of all types of sprains (minor, less than one week disability; moderate, one to three weeks disability; major, more than three weeks disability;) occurred to players who were not taped. The distribution of the 76 reported sprains was as follows:

<table>
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<th>Type of Taping</th>
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<td>Taped ankles</td>
<td>22.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wrapped ankles</td>
<td>26.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Neither taped nor wrapped</td>
<td>51.3%</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

In terms of injured ankles the application of tape reduced the severity of a given ankle injury as indicated by the fact that there were only 2 moderate and no major sprains to taped ankles while those ankles that were neither taped nor wrapped suffered 10 moderate and 5 major injuries.

Trainers and/or institutions, whether high school, college or professional, are invited to become a part of the NAIRS data collecting process. The process can be initiated by contacting NAIRS, Pennsylvania State University, Sports Research Building, University Park, PA 16802, for further information about becoming a part of the data collecting process.
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It has long been recognized that chronic heavy use of alcohol may give rise to an organic brain syndrome characterized by slowing and interruption of mental processes, difficulty with abstract thought, and impairment of memory and learning ability. Many clinical reports from India, North Africa, and elsewhere have referred to a similar “dementia” in long term heavy users of hashish. Clinical descriptions of a similar state have recently appeared in North American and European literature, ranging from moderate impairment of verbal learning and recall to a full clinical picture which in some cases was thought to indicate brain damage. An ethanolic extract of preassayed marijuana leaf material was heated to convert the tetrahydrocannabinolic acid to tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). The THC content of the extract was assayed by gas-liquid chromatography and the appropriate dose was then dissolved in 0.2ml of olive oil for administration to the rats. For the acute experiment, 18 animals were reduced to 80 per cent of their feeding weight, and pretrained in the Rabinovitch-Rosvold modification of the Hebb-Williams closed field maze. Pretrained rats were tested on a series of 12 problems arranged in order of increasing difficulty. The score of each animal was the total number of errors on eight trials on each problem. The marijuana treated rats committed an average of 87.6 = 9.0 errors on problems 5 to 12. The mean control score was 68.2 = 4.8. The difference was significant on a one tailed t-test (Pr.05) After seven days the treated animals became irritable shortly after treatment. The exhibited backward circling and licking behavior, and shrieked whenever handled. During testing they showed little interest in the problems, and moved very slowly. When they finally reached the food box, however, they ate avidly. In view of the long half-life and high lipod solubility of THC, the apparent absence of tolerance in the maze tests might conceivably reflect drug accumulation in the body on the dosage schedule used. The ethanol animals were intubated daily with a 25 per cent solution of ethanol in water. The ethanol group performed significantly worse than the controls on two criteria and the marijuana extract group showed significant impairment in the error score and marginal impairment in runs-to-criterion score. Difficulties to human extrapolation are presented.

—John Wells


This article supplied a good general guideline to follow when evaluating a head injury on the field. You must be constantly aware of the actions of the players on the sidelines. A concussion is not always accompanied by unconsciousness, a player may simply display an unusual behavior when suffering from a mild concussion. An excellent source of feedback pertaining to a particular player’s condition, is to ask his teammates if he has been acting strangely. When assessing a suspected head injury Dr. Ryan advocated this general procedure. Start by asking some questions which will indicate the player’s orientation to time and place. A gross neurological examination consisting of pupil size, light accommodation, function of cranial nerves, and possible motor reaction of the extremities. Most important consideration in a concussion is headache. If a person suffers a concussion most generally in five to ten minutes it will be accompanied by a severe headache. The headache is so intense the athlete wants to be left alone and not get involved in any physical activity. The author stressed that a headache which becomes progressively more severe is an alarming sign and could indicate that other changes are taking place. The question of whether or not a player can return to action after he has been dazed is a matter of personal judgement. Dr. Ryan feels a player who has been dazed, but with no positive signs and no headache and after two or three minutes could be allowed to return to action. However it must be noted that a player who has suffered a concussion should not be allowed to return to practice or the game on that day. It is the policy of the author that after the game if there is some question as to the status of the athlete, if the side effects of the concussion seem to be getting worse, or if he lives where no one will be able to keep an eye on him, it is advisable to put him in the infirmary or hospital. When a player wants to return to practice the decision is based on the persistence of headache. The persistence of headache indicates that whatever damage that has occurred to the brain has not completely corrected itself. A player is allowed to return to practice after the headache has subsided and there are no positive neurological signs.

—William Musnicki


Forty-seven cases of eye injury due to ice hockey and one case due to school floor hockey were reported as researched by the Committee on Ophthalmology of the Minnesota State Medical Association. The most common mechanism of injury in these cases was a blow from the hockey stick (32), with puck impact falling second in number (12), though usually more severely damaging. The highest number of injuries reported occurred in the ten to twenty year-old age group, and though information regarding the occurrence of eye injury in organized school hockey was not requested, a number of these injuries were reported as taking place in school athletic programs. Seven of the reported cases resulted in legal blindness of the involved eye. Minnesota State Statute number 126.20 (Minnesota School Eye Safety Law) requires quality eye protective devices be worn when a student is in an areas potentially hazardous to the eye, and it is the recommendation of the Committee on Ophthalmology of the Minnesota State Medical Association that persons playing hockey wear an eye protective device, and that anyone who is essentially monocular with marked reduction in one eye be strongly advised not to participate in hockey.

—Greg Vergamini
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Gary Millay

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We thank God for giving us that opportunity.

Roger McGill

ROGER D McGILL, 48, Associate Athletic Trainer and Equipment Supervisor at the University of Pittsburgh died of a heart attack on November 15, 1975. Roger was a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, his association with the University goes back to 1946, both as a student and trainer. Graduating from Pitt in 1950, he joined the Faculty as an Assistant Trainer and received his Master’s in Education in 1951. Roger received his certificate in Corrective and Adaptive Therapy in 1958. He was elected to the Office of President of the Eastern Athletic Trainers Association in 1963. Also in 1963 he joined the Pittsburgh Steeler Football Club Staff as Head Trainer, remaining with the Steelers until 1968 when he returned to Pitt as Associate Athletic Trainer and Equipment Supervisor. In addition to working with the University Athletic Teams and the Pittsburgh Steelers, Roger worked with the Pittsburgh Pirates, Golden Gloves Boxing and many of the professional basketball teams that played in Pittsburgh. In 1971 Roger toured the United States and South America as the trainer for the United States Pan-American Baseball Team. Roger was awarded the 25 Year Award by the N.A.T.A. in 1973, as well deserved recognition.

Roger was a great influence and advisor to many a young person now actively involved in athletic training. His radiant personality will be missed around the University of Pittsburgh and the N.A.T.A. We are all saddened by his death.

Morris Erickson

MORRIS ERICKSON, 34, Teacher-Trainer at Capital High School in Boise, Idaho, died of cerebral hemorrhage on November 26, 1975. He was suffering from a rare blood disease. He was an Associate member of the N.A.T.A. working toward certification. Morris became the Trainer at Capital High School in 1972. He received his B.S. in Secondary Education in 1966 and was pursuing his MA at Boise State University. He was a charter member of the Idaho Association of Sports Medicine, was active in the Boise Education Association, actively supported and participated in Education Programs for the High School Student Trainer. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and two sons, Brian, 6, and Michael, 4.
TO BECOME CERTIFIED AS AN ATHLETIC TRAINER BY THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRainers ASSOCIATION, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS I, II, III OR IV. QUALIFICATION IN MORE THAN ONE SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED.

SECTION I. STUDENTS WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM AN APPROVED UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE PROGRAM, who have met the following criteria:

1. Completion of the N.A.T.A. approved athletic training curriculum requirements, and proof of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
2. Have spent a minimum of two (2) years under the direct supervision of N.A.T.A. approved supervisors.
3. Passed an examination which includes basic principles of athletic training.
4. Proof of one (1) year of continuous Associate or Student membership in N.A.T.A. immediately prior to application for certification.
5. Proof of certification in Standard-First Aid and CPR (or equivalent).

A person who is once certified under these procedures remains certified as long as he or she meets the minimum requirements for continuing professional education as defined by the Professional Educational Committee as approved by the Board of Directors and only as long as such requirement is met.

SECTION II. APPRENTICESHIP - Students of Athletic Training may qualify for certification by:

1. On the job training (minimum 1800 hours) under direct supervision of a certified N.A.T.A. member.
2. Passed an examination which includes basic principles of athletic training.
3. Proof of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
5. By presentation of a letter of recommendation by his acting team physician.
6. Proof of one (1) year of continuous Associate or Student membership in N.A.T.A. immediately prior to application for certification.
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The N.A.T.A. definition of "actively engaged" is as follows:

A person who is on a salary basis (no fee) employed by an educational institution, professional athletic organization, or other bona fide athletic organization for the duration of the institution's school year or for the length of the athletic organization season and who performs the duties of athletic trainer as a major responsibility of his employment; or whose responsibility is the teaching in an N.A.T.A. approved athletic training curriculum is actively engaged in athletic training.

A person may be granted certification by special consideration by:

1. Proof of five years of athletic training experience, beyond that as a student athletic trainer on an undergraduate level, provided that they would meet the minimum of one of the following requirements:

- (a) graduate of an N.A.T.A. approved faculty-trainer educational program;
- (b) a minimum of one year apprenticeship (800 hours) directly under a certified athletic trainer;
- (c) providing proof of essentially equivalent academic coursework requirements to that of an N.A.T.A. approved curriculum graduate. If this method is selected, the applicant must submit his/her academic transcripts a minimum of 12 months prior to the anticipated date of examination for evaluation and approval.

2. Passing an examination which includes the basic principles of athletic training.

3. Proof of graduate from an accredited four-year college or university.


5. By presentation of a letter of recommendation by his acting team physician.

6. Proof of one (1) year of continuous Associate membership in N.A.T.A. immediately prior to application for certification.

7. Proof of certification in Standard First Aid and CPR (or equivalent).

Athletic trainers actively engaged in the profession certified under this section remain certified as long as he or she meets the minimum continuing education requirement as described under Section I and only as long as such requirement is met.

*Persons requesting an exemption from the specific requirements of any of the three possibilities under item one must apply for certification under this section prior to January 1, 1977 or request an exemption in writing from the Board of Certification prior to that date.

SECTION IV. PHYSICAL THERAPY

DEGREE GRADUATE - Physical Therapy graduate may be awarded certification provided they meet the following requirements:

1. A minimum of two (2) years experience in athletic training, beyond that as a student athletic trainer on a secondary school level, under direct N.A.T.A. approved supervision.

2. Proof of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

3. By the passing of a required examination which includes basic principles of athletic training.

4. By the presentation of a document of recommendation from an N.A.T.A. certified athletic trainer.

5. By presentation of a letter of recommendation by his acting team physician.

6. Proof of one (1) year of continuous Associate or Student membership in N.A.T.A. immediately prior to application for certification.

7. Proof of certification in Standard First Aid and CPR (or equivalent).

Athletic trainers certified under Section IV shall remain certified as long as he or she meets the continuing education requirement as described under Section I and only as long as such requirement is met.

For additional information contact:

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2. Good quality color photography is acceptable for accompanying graphics as well as glossy black and white prints. Graphs, charts, or figures should be of good quality and clearly presented on white paper with black ink, in a form which will be legible if reduced for publication.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday-Tuesday
June 10-15, 1976
Sheraton Boston Hotel
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The following reports were made and actions taken at the meetings of the Board of Directors, National Athletic Trainers Association, June 10-15, 1976, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Frank George, President, on Thursday evening, June 10, 1976, at 7:45 p.m. with the following present:

Mr. Frank George, President
Mr. Otho Davis, Executive Director
Mr. Richard Malarec, District 2
Mr. John Llewellyn, District 3
Mr. William Flentje, District 5
Mr. Eddie Lane, District 6
Mr. Warren Lee, District 7
Mr. William Chambers, District 8
Mr. Tom Wall, District 9
Mr. John Anderson, District 10
Mr. Bruce Melin, Parliamentarian

Absent were: Mr. Wes Jordan, District 1, who was represented by Mr. Malarec, and Mr. Robert White, District 4.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mr. George opened the meeting with prayer and then commented upon the important subjects to be discussed during the meeting, emphasizing the importance of discussion pertaining to certification and requirements pertaining to Code 2.

TREASURER'S REPORT:
Mr. Davis briefly commented upon the financial aspects and transactions pertaining to the report of the Treasurer as previously furnished to the Board members, following which a brief discussion ensued in relation to the increase in registration fee by a figure of five dollars. It was:

MOVED (by District 6, seconded by District 5) and carried that the report of the Treasurer be accepted.

A brief discussion ensued relative to the proposal of Mr. Flentje concerning the requirement that no certification changes be made for at least two years. After brief indication that the Certification Committee, in its later to be presented report, might have something to say regarding this issue, it was:

MOVED (by Mr. Flentje, seconded and carried by a vote of 8-0) that further discussion of the matter be tabled until after later presentation of the Certification report.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP:
Following the Board's perusal of this report, it was:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 5, and carried) to accept the recommendation to eliminate the high school membership and increase student dues from eight to ten dollars and that high school student members who are presently on the membership rolls as of January 1, 1976, will so remain.

MOVED (by District 10, seconded by District 2 and carried by a vote of 8-0) that under Code 4, Students, the last sentence in the first paragraph under qualifications for membership read: "He must be recommended by the trainer, preferably an NATA certified or Associate Member, Coach or Team Physician under whom he is working."

A brief discussion also ensued as to the evidence for application date, with no definite action on this matter being taken at this point.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:
Mr. William Flentje, having been nominated for the office of Vice President, and there being no further nominations, he was declared to be unanimously elected, provided he shave his beard, which he did.

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:
Mr. Otho Davis, by unanimous consent, was approved for re-appointment as Executive Director for the ensuing term.

AUDIO VISUAL AIDS:
Following brief discussion and consideration of this report, it was:

MOVED (by District 2, seconded by District 7, and carried) that the budget of this Committee in the amount of $875.00 be approved with the stipulation that the material be mailed to Code 1 and 2 NATA members only.

DRUG EDUCATION:
Following brief discussion of this report and also the article in connection therewith as submitted to the Journal of the NATA and to other professional journals and there being no action necessitated herein by the Board, it was:

MOVED (by District 6, seconded by District 3, and carried) that the report of the Drug Education committee be accepted as information.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:
The recommendation of the Grants and Scholarships Committee having been previously approved by mail vote, it was:

MOVED (by District 6, seconded by District 9, and carried) that the report of the Grants and Scholarships Committee be accepted.

HISTORY AND ARCHIVES:
Mr. Davis indicated that there had been no report received from this Committee and there was no action for the Board to take in relation to this matter.

HONOR AWARDS:
There being no additional report, it was:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 2, and carried) that the action previously taken by this Committee be approved.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES COMMITTEE:
A lengthy discussion ensued relative to selection methods, the continual practice of selecting the same individuals, the practice of submission of names of non-qualified people and the frustrations being encountered in relation to selections being handled on a fair and equitable basis to all concerned. After brief reports relative to some actions being taken to correct some of these inequities, the report as contained in the agenda booklet, by general consensus, was accepted for information.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE:
Attention was called to the report and recommendations contained therein, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 8, and carried) that the report of the Committee and the four recommendations, namely that of four issues, a ten percent increase in rates, increased postage and a budget of $10,800.00 be accepted.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:
Consideration was called to a review of Code 2, with it being emphasized by both Mr. George and Mr. Davis that the Code 2 people be college people. Following further brief discussions relative to qualifications in this category, the matter, by general consensus, was tabled from further consideration and discussion at this point pending further consideration by the two involved committees, namely, Membership and Certification and also possible by-law change consideration, with the understanding that this would again be presented before the Board at a subsequent session.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:
Attention was called to the report and the request for a five thousand dollar budget and further request for the furnishing of a credit card to the chairman. In order to gain additional information in relation to these requests from the Chairman of the Committee, further consideration of this report was postponed pending the arrival at the meeting of the committee chairman on the following day.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE:
The activities of Mr. Miller, head of Public Relations, during the past few months were described. It was further indicated that the report contained no actions to be taken by the Board, that, in essence, the report was merely informational because the budget had been approved at a previous board meeting.

CAREER INFORMATION AND SERVICES:
Attention was called to the previously submitted report and budget request, after which it was:

MOVED (by District 6, seconded by District 7, and carried) that the report and the proposed budget for this Committee be accepted.

Mr. Poindexter, in subsequently reporting on the activities of this Committee, called attention to the fact that a new firm was being sought relative to computerizing these services on a new system but that costs were presently too high to warrant the tacking of any new system at this time, especially in view of the fact that it had not been tried before.

A brief discussion ensued as to the present procedure relative to mailing of placement lists to all certified and associate members in the organization, with a motion being made by Mr. Flentje to the effect that the placement list be sent to all Code 1 and 2 members and with the President declaring the motion as having failed for lack of a second.

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RESEARCH AND INJURY:
Attention was called to the proposed book pertaining to football to be set up in the convention area, as well as the effect of the new letterhead of the Committee, following which it was moved (by district 8, seconded by District 5, and carried) that the report be accepted.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS:
Attention was called to the previously furnished report and the progress being made relative to the publication of various items to date by Mr. Malacrea, further suggesting that the NATA cooperate in relation to the new book to be published by the Academy. By general agreement, any further action on the items and recommendations contained in the report were deferred until a subsequent request was made.

AMERICAN CORRECTIVE THERAPY ASSOCIATION:
Moved (by District 8, seconded by District 9, and carried) that Mr. T.L. Harrington be made NATA Liaison Representative to this organization.

LIASON REPORT, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
The Committee on the Pediatric Aspects of Physical Fitness, Recreation, and Sports of the American Association of Pediatrics met at Academy headquarters in Evanston, Illinois on April 30 - May 1. Committee members present were:
- Melvin L. Thornton, M.D., Chairman
- San Antonio, Texas
- Glen F. Evang, M.D.
- Chey Chase, Maryland
- Thomas F. Shaffer, M.D.
- Columbus, Ohio
- John C. Tower, M.D.
- Anchorage, Alaska
- Thomas G. Flynn
- New Canaan, Connecticut
- Nathan J. Smith, M.D.
- Seattle, Washington
- William B. Strong, M.D.
- Augusta, Georgia

GUESTS
- Kenneth C. Clarke, NABRS
Richard L. Hoover, Center for Sports Medicine, Northern University

Mr. Hoover and Mr. Clarke presented their respective programs to the Committee. Each report was well received and there were few to be of interest in the future of the delivery of good health care to the athlete and on how to best develop the Center for Sports Medicine and that the Cook County Board of Education has granted funds to support the program from the Chicago area. The first summer program of the Center for Sports Medicine at Northwestern University. Mr. Clarke reported that, at the present, 130 athletes could handle additional fifty high schools if the Committee were able to encourage the funding, by each chapter, for one high school in each state. It was the feeling of the Committee that the N.A.I.R.S. program was well conceived and effectively administered.

Dr. Shaffer reported on his liaison with N.A.T.A. and spoke of high regard for the level of training and capability of the athletic trainer. He highlighted the high standards required by the certification process. It was his hope that the athletic trainer would, in the future, more closely affiliated with medicine and medical facilities during the didactic and clinical phases of his/her education. A brief discussion on certification of coaches was held. A report was made on the maturity scales that he and the New York State Department of Interscholastic Athletics have developed. He reported that the most reliable indicator for males is the development of pubic hair.

Dave Arnold described the change in the rules on blocking and tackling regarding initial contact with the head. He went on to emphasize the positive work of the National Federation in this area and the film produced, to depict acceptable methods of blocking and tackling, and editing the draft entitled "Emergency (On the Field) Treatment of Athletic Injuries" is intended to be a booklet or pamphlet to be distributed to the membership. It was conceived so that the physician who suddenly finds himself being thrust on the football field on Saturday afternoon has a "back pocket" reference when he receives the call on Friday evening. The draft has a few editorial comments and it was the Committee's strong desire that this be a project that the N.A.T.A. Publication sponsorship was also discussed and the Committee would be interested in sources suggested by N.A.T.A., along with those which regularly support Academy publications.

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May 20, 1976
Richard F. Malacrea, P.T., A.T.C.

AMERICAN COLLEGE HEALTH ASSOCIATION:
Following indication that the report was of an informational nature only and there being no action necessary on the part of the Board, it was moved (by District 8, seconded by District 7, and carried) that the report be accepted.

REPORT ON A.C.H.A. MEETING
Denver, Colorado
April 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1976
The Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the American College Health Association was held in Denver, Colorado, at the Denver Hilton Hotel on April 27, 28, 29, and 30, 1976.

Richard B. Shaara, M.D., director of University Health Service, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, presided as chairman of the Athletic Medicine Section Meeting.

The attendance at each of the sessions was very good. Standing room only was the situation at all the talks. Attendance at the Athletic Medicine Section continues to grow and is one of the best attended of the sessions.

Judson E. Hair, M.D., director of Redfern Health Center, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, discussed "Interscholastic Injuries." Dr. Hair stressed that no matter how many times the athlete comes for a consultation you must always treat him as a severe case.

Donald Cooper, M.D., director of Student Health and Clinic, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, gave his usual and popular lecture that call for support and may be called upon to enlist aid at the Chapter (state) level.

A number of different drafts for statements from the Committee were presented with corrections, additions, and editing. Mr. Hoover reported on the draft entitled "Emergency (On the Field) Treatment of Athletic Injuries" is intended to be a booklet or pamphlet to be distributed to the membership. It was conceived so that the physician who suddenly finds himself being thrust on the football field on Saturday afternoon has a "back pocket" reference when he receives the call on Friday evening. The draft has several editorial comments and it was the Committee's strong desire that this be a project that the N.A.T.A. Publication sponsorship was also discussed and the Committee would be interested in sources suggested by N.A.T.A., along with those which regularly support Academy publications.

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ACSM Membership Committee Appointment

For the past three academic years, your liaison representative has served as a member of the ACSM Membership Committee with the specific responsibility of recruitment of athletic trainers for ACSM membership. Appointment to this committee has been extended for another year.

Arrangements were made for display of the ACSM "Mini-exhibit" at the 1975 NATA meeting in Anaheim. This exhibit, developed by the ACSM Membership Committee, is specifically for the purpose of membership recruitment. Several personal invitations to join the ACSM were extended to athletic trainers during the 1975-76 academic year. Despite these efforts, response to recruitment efforts among athletic trainers has been relatively slow.

Justification for Continuation of Liaison Representation to ACSM

In my opinion, continued liaison representation to the ACSM is in keeping with the philosophy of the NATA to foster a future support from influential groups such as the ACSM may become increasingly important in view of the many developments in the professional growth of athletic training. Therefore, I believe, the ACSM, if given the opportunity, would be an invaluable tool for increasing the liaison's potential. This was the first time I have had the opportunity to watch the multi-media concept. It was very impressive.

In the afternoon session, I repeated Richard A. Silver, M.D., who was to discuss corrective therapy as it relates to sportmedicine. I spoke on "Corrective Therapy and Athletic Training," in which I condemned our sportmedicine field to point out where my corrective therapy has helped me. Although I stressed some of the similarities between athletic training and corrective therapy, I also stressed the importance of our service training. Later that afternoon, Dr. Wilmore of the State University classmate of mine, Cheryl Gooding, C.C.T., presented a paper on "Rehabilitation of Total Hip Replacement." She demonstrated her patients' adduction and abduction motions in patients confined to their beds.

A letter written by Frank George which expressed support for the NATA liaison representative to the ACSM was also included. The author noted the importance of in-service training during the process of assessing the situation, develops the patient, and enables him to be graduated. Dr. Hofkosh stated that the program has been a success and is projecting findings upon the existence of our athletic training, and is ready to begin the rehabilitation of the patient. The stages of this program, Larry Standifer, University of Oregon - Physical Therapy, will be co-sponsored by the President's Office, and the APTA received a resolution to begin the process of developing and implementing these procedures, and the next meeting of the Sports Medicine Section of the APTA was held in Washington, D.C.

The newly formed Task Force on Clinical Specialization met in late February 1976 in Washington. All of APTA's sections requesting participation are represented in this group. Reviewing its charges from the House and the Board, the task force worked under the assumption that specialization is developing for the needs of physical therapy. Some questions were raised, however, if the proposal is to go forward, specialties if all facts were known. Several of the section representatives stated their section membership issues. Richard P. Penna, Secretary of the American Physical Therapy Association, spoke to the group on the matter of the APTA Specialization and the need for the APTA to establish a model for specialization for physical therapy. The group developed a timetable for completion of its work which will include the preparation of a document to accompany its model. During its two-day meeting the task force reviewed models from other associations and established a model for specialization for physical therapy. The proposed model includes an identification of the specialties which were identified as those in which the APTA is currently involved.

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The National Athletic Reconditioners have joined with NCSSAE. They will determine and pass on helmets for reconditioning as to meeting safety standards. They will reject all helmets for reconditioning that cannot meet the NCSSAE test standards and they will use only those replacement parts manufactured by the manufacturer of the original equipment. Substituted parts from other manufacturers shall not be used.

The coaches also voted against the use of self-propelled mechanical devices because of undue risk of head and neck injury. The use of all face masks was suggested in order to get the face mask and helmet out of blocking and tackling. The rules relating to mouth protectors have been improved and the statistics and services can be made more meaningful if more cases were reported.

The competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects Committee was grateful to the speakers. The coaches went on record as favoring greater emphasis by coaches, players and officials in eliminating tackling. The coaches also voted against the use of self-propelled mechanical devices because of undue risk of head and neck injury.

Statistics relating to college football show evidence that the game is played and coached efficiently. Good balance exists between offense and defense. It has been said that collegiate football has no plans to make any major changes.

The American Football Coaches Association, at its annual meeting in St. Louis, voted not to teach the use of the helmet at the primary point of contact in blocking and tackling. The coaches also voted against the use of self-propelled, mechanical blocking or tackling apparatus because of undue risk of head and neck injury.

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The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects was grateful to the Football Rules Committee for its positive commitment and actions taken on its recommendations relating to the four-point padded chin strap, torn jerseys, mouth protectors, helmeting meeting NOCSAE standards and seal of approval.

Mr. Carl Blyth, president of NCSSAE announced that tests are being conducted on padded head protectors and the results should be available in the very near future.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS:

President George indicated that no report had been received from this group.

NCAA FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE:

President George indicated that this group had turned down the recommendations of the NATA regarding spearing and material to be used to cover head fractures and amputations, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 5 and seconded by District 6 and carried) that the report be accepted.

EQUIPMENT AND INJURIES COMMITTEE

Joe Zabliski

The Equipment and Injuries Committee met with the representatives of the Manufacturers Association, the High School Federation and members of the Rules Committee on Monday, January 18.

The following persons were present at this meeting:

Cliff Spiegel
Chalmers Elliott
Dr. Fred Behling
Warren Morris
Jack Ricks
Dirk Schafer
Sam Bland
Ken Baldwin
G.E. Morgan
Ray Bell
Gene Ducasse
Edward M. Milner
Robert Humphrey
Jack Curtiss
Merrill Greene
Don Beiter
E. William Vickroy
Maury Real
Del Humphrey
Red Dog Ridinger
James Rudolph
Tom Dampney
Joe McElveen

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National Federation
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Riddell, Inc.
Rational
Rawlings Sporting Goods
Schutt Manufacturing Company
South Carolina Athletics
Ala. High School Coaches Assn.
Connecticut Assn.
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The Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects Committee in St. Louis and showed movies and slides on 10 cases relating to head and neck injuries. Two of these injuries resulted from self-propelled mechanical devices; the other eight occurred in games or practices. Six of these injuries happened to players who were on defense at the time.

Dr. Torg feels that these injuries are preventable and the following rules should be made effective as of 1976:

The head and helmet shall not be used as the primary area of contact in blocking, tackling or running with the ball. A player striking another player with the crown or top of the helmet is in violation of the rules.

Mr. George indicated that there was no report to be presented.

The NCAA Football Rules Committee meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m., with Mr. Robert White from District 4, present to further discuss the matter of selection of District Directors, with there being no specific discussion regarding in vision of the NATA's continued support.

SCHERING SYMPOSIUM:

Mr. Davis presented a brief outline in relation to the Schering Symposium to be conducted at the forthcoming convention meeting, following which it was suggested that such Director, on behalf of his region, write a letter direct to Mr. Schmeidler of the Schering Corporation, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 9, and carried) that this report be accepted, with encouragement of continued support on the part of the NATA.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS:

Discussion ensued relative to the formation of separate state organizations with or without membership tied to NATA and to such advantages from a legislative basis and representation as the effect this would have on the collection of NATA dues. It was also further indicated that there are no provisions in the NATA bylaws at the present time for these associations. It was:

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 10, and carried by a vote of 7 in favor, Districts 1 and 2 voting in the negative and District 4 abstaining) that the NATA go on record as not encouraging the formation of state athletic organizations at this time.

MOVED (by District 2, seconded by District 5, and carried) that the Districts are encouraged to form State Licensure Committees; these committees to be entitled:

State Licensure Committee of NATA, District______

MOVED (by District 5, seconded by District 10, and carried) that this report be accepted and that NATA encourage full cooperation and continued support.

OLYMPIC SELECTION REPORT:

Malacasa presented a proposal for a selection plan in relation to candidates from the USOC to be followed a brief discussion of the pro and cons factors relating to this proposal, following which it was:

MOVED (by District 8, seconded by District 5, and carried) to table further discussion on the Olympic Selection Report until the midyear Board of Directors meeting and at that time to invite an official from the USOC to be present to further discuss the matter of selection procedure.

AAU REPORT:

Mr. Lane commented on his report and recommendations concerning the advantages to the NATA in requesting membership in the AAU. Following brief discussion as to the effect on the NATA of such membership, it was:

MOVED (by District 6, seconded by District 4, and carried) that the President of the AAU contact the President of the AAU for the purpose of a discussion of liaison between the AAU and the NATA, with a report to be made back at the midyear meeting.

ASSOCIATION FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FOR WOMEN:

Mr. George indicated that there was no report to be made at this time, that there had been no response to request for liaison action, and that his group had no active liaison with any other association.

INSURANCE PROGRAMS:

A brief informational report was rendered by Mr. Frank George.
AUDIOTRANS SCRIPT LIMITS:
Mr. Davis called attention to the hiring of this firm for the purpose of making a duplication of the tapes of various presentations during the convention for sale to those desiring same, with a brief discussion ensuing as to the status of various pending lawsuits involving Athletic Trainers, following which it was:
MOVED by District 8, seconded by District 6, and carried that the report be approved.

DUPLICATION OF MAILINGS:
Attention was called to the request by Mr. Moore of District 9 regarding the duplication of mailings received by him and his feeling that there was considerable needless expense connected therewith, he suggesting that perhaps financial savings could be effected by letting these various materials accumulate over a brief period of time and then sending them out in one large envelope. Discussion brought forth the feeling that while, under present postal rates such a procedure might save a cent or two per mailing, it would cost additionally for any large envelopes and other materials that would be utilized. It was:
MOVED by District 6, seconded by District 5, and carried that the Executive Director be instructed to discuss this matter with Mrs. Franklin and, if need be, perhaps to prepare alternate methods worked out in this regard.

PRO-RATED DUES FOR DISTRICT TRANSFER:
Attention was called to the request of Mr. Moore from District 9 regarding this matter and the rendition that this matter had also been previously discussed, it being indicated that in the majority of instances, so little financially involved that the effort to enter into such an arrangement would be worthwhile. It was:
MOVED by District 10, seconded by District 4, and carried that no action be considered for any pro-rating of dues.

CONVENTION REPORT:
Mr. Hoover briefly reported on current convention attendance figures, the various problems being encountered and the proposal for the writing of a Convention Manual of procedures. He likewise called attention to the several items of refund of pre-registration fees in relation to those not attending the convention, the increasing costs pertaining to convention functions and charging for various entertainment functions.
Following a lengthy and entailed discussion concerning these various items and pro and con comments by the Board members relating thereto, rather than any definite motion concerning any of these items, it was the consensus that Mr. Hoover would take the various suggestions offered as guides to be used by him in the planning of next year's convention and with an opportunity for him to present any concrete recommendations for Board action at its midyear meeting.

1980 CONVENTION SITE:
Following the presentation of the City of Columbus, Ohio as a site to be considered for the 1980 convention, a detailed slide presentation by representatives from the Sheraton Hotel at Philadelphia as to the advantages of Philadelphia as the 1980 convention site, it was:
MOVED by District 5, seconded by District 3, and carried that the 1980 convention session be held at Philadelphia.

STATE CHAPTERS:
MOVED by District 2 and seconded by District 4 that the by-laws of the NATA be amended (to allow for the formation of State Chapters), following which it was:
MOVED by District 5, severally seconded and carried that any further discussion of this matter be tabled until the January Board meeting.

ETHICS COMMITTEE:
Mr. Diehm called attention to the proposed new Code of Ethics guidelines as promulgated by the Committee. A brief discussion ensued relative to Section 4 thereof, it being:
MOVED by District 7, seconded by District 5, and carried that the recommendation concerning the Califor­ nia State Colleges, Section 2, and two abstentions that in Section 4, the words "National Team Trainer" be deleted and all after the word "matter". It was likewise agreed that the Board members would take home with them these newly proposed guidelines for perusal at their leisure and if they had any changes to offer, to forward these to Mr. Davis, who, in turn, would get them out to the other Board members, with all of this material to then again be considered at the January Board meeting.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE:
Mr. McLean called attention to the several items presented for Board action. It was:
MOVED by District 2, seconded by District 6, and carried that Mr. Carl Krein be approved as a replacement for Mr. Altett on the Committee.
MOVED by District 5, seconded by District 4, and carried that the Certification Committee be given approval to develop the recommendation for a seal as outlined by the Committee.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:
Mr. Miller called attention to the various recommendations as contained in the report for the current year. It was:
MOVED by District 4, seconded by District 7, and carried that the Curriculum Program in relation to the University of Pitsburgh be approved.
MOVED by District 7, seconded by District 10, and carried that the recommendation concerning the California State Colleges be approved and that Mr. Bell be appointed Program Director be approved.
MOVED by District 8, seconded by District 9, and with a vote of eight in favor and Districts 4 and 3 abstaining that the National Curriculum Sub­ mission be disapproved until such time as they meet NATA requirements of at least two Certified Athletic Trainers.
MOVED by District 10, seconded by District 9, and carried to accept the recommendation of the Committee regarding the dropping of this program at Slippery Rock State College for lack of a certified Athletic Trainer in the position of clinical supervisor.
MOVED by District 8, seconded by District 5, and carried that the one-man visitation team to a school be increased to two individuals.
MOVED by District 4, seconded by District 5, and carried that an annual report be submitted by an approved curriculum institution to the Education Committee.
MOVED by District 7, seconded by District 8 and carried that the Board be in accordance with the recom­ mendation of IEW, set up a Board of Appeals for curriculum rejection reviews.
MOVED by District 7, seconded by District 5, and carried that the faculty education program for trainers at Northwestern University be approved.
MOVED by District 4, seconded by District 6, and carried to approved the Berkshire Sports Medicine Insti­ tute Program, the vote be six in favor, one in opposition, with abstentions by Districts 9, 8, and 6.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION:
Monday Morning Session
June 14, 1976

The Annual Business Meeting of the National Athletic Trainers Association was convened in the Grand Ballroom, Boston Sheraton Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, at eleven forty-five o'clock a.m., Mr. Frank George, President, presiding.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Let us open our meeting with a prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing us together today. Please send us your guidance in order to help us with making decisions which will insure the growth and effectiveness of the NATA. We also ask you in us the ability to perform our duties as athletic trainers. Amen.

Now, may I have a motion to dispense with the roll call?

It was severally moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the roll call be dispensed with.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I would now like to have approval of the minutes of the 1975 Business Meeting. Those minutes have been sent to all our members in a letter from the National Athletic Trainers Association, and may I now have a motion for those minutes to be approved?

It was severally moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the 1975 minutes as published be approved.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: I would now like to introduce to you Otho Davis, Executive Director of the NATA, to give us the report of the Treasurer.

MR. OTHO DAVIS: Thank you, Frank.

The Treasurer's report was approved by your Board of Directors on June 10, 1976, the first Board meeting, as follows:

Receipts on hand from June, 1975, $13,993.30.
Receipts on hand from January, 1976, $26,165.84.
Disbursements for the same period of time were $185,437.80.
Balance in the general fund on May 15, 1976, was $12,760.65.

An audit certification, $9,518.36. This reflects income received from the Board of Certification for candidates to take their examination in March, June and at the August meetings. These expenses have not been paid as yet.

Regarding the Journal Committee, Account "A", in the First State Bank of Greenville, North Carolina, $186.05.
Journal Account "B", in the First State Bank of Greenville, North Carolina, $902.35.
NATA has the following accounts in the Philadelphia National Bank.
5.5 percent savings certificate, $40,000; 5.5 percent savings certificate, $10,000; 5.5 percent savings certificate, $5,000; passbook savings, $4,096, for a total of $55,109.60 deposited in the account with the Philadelphia National Bank.

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The scholarship of $500 for undergraduate scholarships is a Living Memorial Scholarship Award, received by the Committee on Grants and Scholarship's Annual Report. The award is given to students who have made significant contributions to the field of athletic training.

At our banquet, we will present the Twenty-Five Year Award to Herb S. Smith, University of Tennessee, and the Mike Bicklenkast Award to Mr. Bicklenkast, who has been a member of the Committee for many years. The award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of athletic training.

Also, for the Honorary Membership, we will present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. George A. Smith, who has contributed significantly to the development of athletic training.

At our banquet, we will present the Bob Behnke Award to Bob Behnke, who has been the Chairman of our NATA Licensure Committee. The award is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of athletic training.

As always, we hope to see many of you at that meeting. Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of this important profession.

At the meeting we were told that particular structure down. In other words, the Board decided they did not want a different state athletic trainers association in every state. They decided the biggest things. And against was that the state member then would have to pay state dues -- he would have to pay District dues and then also pay at the state level.

Also, I believe John indicated this would not have to be a state level again. In other words, that much of an association at the state level if dues were not compulsory.

I would like to ask Bruce Melin how we go about this. Bruce is our Parliamentarian.

MR. MELIN: Was there a motion made?

MEMBER: I don't think so, not up to this point. However, I will recognize John for a motion if he desires to make one.

MEMBER: I would like to make a motion that NATA favor the formation of state organizations, those that are indicated do so.

...The motion was seconded seconded...

PRESIDENT GEORGE: The motion is that NATA encourage states to form their own state athletic trainers associations.

Right now, in relation to the structure of our Constitution and Bylaws, we are allowed to have the National Association and a structure of ten Districts. The motion has been seconded. Is there any discussion as to the formation of a State Athletic Trainers Association? The discussion may come form the Board as well.

Is there any discussion on this particular motion?

FROM THE FLOOR: Yes.

One of the things we must be aware of when we start talking about this is that each state is going to have to supervise its own licensure and control and that when a state has control of some kind going on and beyond the committee, it is going to be very difficult to actually control our own licensure in our own state. It is going to have to be self-policing.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there more discussion on this?

I will recognize Cash Birdwell, Director of District No. 6.

MR. CASH BIRDWELL: That is a good thought and this is something that I felt the thought of the State of Texas that they would govern themselves. However, as they found out, when they went to the state, as money gets tight, you find that if you are not going to get in and get it into the committee, they are not going to set you up in your own organization. I am afraid, and give you a budget, because they are going to use the excuse of tight money and, rightfully so, it probably is.

What they are going to try to do, as in the State of Texas, they passed a law that put that into the Department of Health Resources, which was already budgeted, also had secretaries, already had state investigators and trainers. Therefore, there was not budget involved. Therefore, you will see there will not be budget involved because they are not going to want to budget you -- they are going to want to put you in an agency that already has a budget and already has all of the people and the personnel.

Their reaction in relation to the trainers was that this could get so big that they would have to hire a Director, get a secretary and all of the personnel and all of the money. They believe that the budget would grow whereas, if you can put you into an already existing organization along these lines and keep it free in the budget, it will likewise grow.

MEMBER: I understand that aspect of it but the coordination of reporting to state agencies requires some coordination with the state. Without a state organization, I don't know how you get your communication.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: You keep saying "without a state organization".

MEMBER: I have recommended, I have almost begged you to form a state organization but, as the Board has directed me to tell you, we want it to be a licensure committee.

The state organizations that have formed have formed with the Ethics Committee, with the Education Committee, with the Research and Injury Committee and at the present time the National Association feels that the state organizations have formed.

If you have any ethical problem in the state, there is a very good procedure for it to follow.

Our research and injury is research, we have an active Research and Injury Committee to help you.

Our thought right now is one thing -- state licensure. We don't want to get away from that.

MEMBER: We want to organize -- we want you to organize as strongly as you can. We want you to get funds if you can but we want you to do it as an association -- to provide the athletic trainer and we want that to be done through a licensure committee.

The District Director of District No. 2, where John is from, would like to speak.

MR. RICHARD MALACREA: I would like to say that a proposal to amend the bylaws to allow for formation of chapters was made. It is interesting discussions between the Board members Frank told us the reason as to why that was put down.

I felt that if this was the logical step, this was the way other associations had reorganized themselves to a National, to a District or to a Chapter, but now I don't think we can say that we have State Associations or State Chapters, if you will, in time, however the Board must not feel at this time that this was an logical step and something that we will be moving toward.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there any further discussion? Would anyone else like to speak?

I again want to express to you the idea that we are not asking the state to do anything, it is a matter of fact, begging you to organize. However, I am begging you to organize. However, I am begging you to organize for one reason - that we need committees, how will the committees acquire funds.

As a State Association, for example, we can require dues from our membership in order to run the association and to proceed with licensure. However, as a State Committee, what do we do - ask people to volunteer donations and "please send us toward our licensure efforts"? I think it is going to be difficult to do that, especially on a voluntary basis like that.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there any further discussion?

MEMBER: I would like to have you study members of the committee, volunteer members.

I would like to recognize Eddie Lane from District No. 6, where he has been...

MR. EDDIE LANE: District No. 6, which represents Texas and Arkansas, we have a state licensing law in the State of Texas.

In 1970 it was put through by the method of the Texas, just asked the Board, in other words, to do, to go and call upon those in your debt and to those whom you for services you may have rendered in the past. Get your representatives, influence the people whom you have done favors for in the past. If it takes a personal trip in your state to your state capital and you have to go yourself, go and do it.

As a matter of fact, this is how we did it in Texas.

We came back, after we saw that our Texas Athletic Board was not interested in doing anything again to get through new people and even some of the same people. Some of them went through it the first time and again look money out of their own pockets.

I don't think it is going to take a great financial lobby because I think this is the way from that.

For example, I believe it took the physical therapists some twenty thousand dollars to create a big fund. However, we are not at that point and so it is going to have to basically come out of the pockets of your friends.

Don't underestimate yourself -- you can get these people to come. We have given you a piece of model legislation which is giving you a good start. Take that, form your state committee, your subcommittees, your state -- don't care what you call them, form them and get to work.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there further discussion?

MEMBER: I want to do this thing.

MR. BATES: I think it is important that we understand this procedure - that we need to organize as a group of people in the state and try to establish some form of committee which is going to work for licensure. Therefore, it is important for us to form a State Association of Athletic Trainers?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. BATES: Did I understand correctly?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Yes.

MR. BATES: I think it is important that we understand it, what you are turning us down on has to do with forming a state association in relation to which we are going to require dues from the membership, and when we are going to have committees and this is the thing we have to do.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: What kind of committees will you need to have?

MEMBER: Committees authorized to get us into licensure?

PRESIDENT GEORGE: That is all you need right now, a licensure committee, insofar as the National Board of Directors are concerned, primarily, and we have the same constitution and by-laws as the Eastern, and I would hope that nobody would think that we are thinking of fragmenting or anything like that. Our main purpose is to strengthen the total NATA structure, the same as many other organizations have.

That is all I would like to say.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: At your District meetings this afternoon, please discuss this subject and tell your District Directors how to vote because that is the most democratic way to do it.

Is there further business?

MEMBER: I have just one additional comment.

In light of the vote that was just taken, I would hope that the Board of Directors would not just reinforce what they previously had decided, since apparently there are some members on the board who voted in favor of tabling. However, I hope they also realize that the constitution here, at least a great percentage of it, seems to have some favor toward state organizations. It may be that with respect to putting this back in the Board, they may do something. However, I would only say that I hope the Board realizes that this was not a co-sided vote.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there further new business?

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MEMBER: I would like to take a motion that starting next year, from then on forward, at the beginning of our national business meeting, we also have the Pledge of Allegiance. I think this was suggested in that direction. It was started in the Eastern a few years ago and I think we should carry it forward to National.

...The motion was seconded seconded and, being no further discussion, was voted upon and declared to be unanimously carried.

PRESIDENT GEORGE: Is there further business?

MEMBER: I have a number of questions.

In light of the vote, in accordance with the national, at 12:45 o'clock p.m., the meeting was adjourned.
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