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**1953 CONVENTION PLANS**  
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When this article reaches you, it will be the "home stretch" of the very busy spring sports season for most athletic trainers in the nation's colleges. And that means another big event of the year is just around the corner for the men of the training profession — the annual national meeting of the National Athletic Trainers Association.

This year we are indeed fortunate to have our meeting held for the first time on a college campus. Miami University at Oxford, Ohio will be the scene of the four day conclave from June 17th through June 20th. May we urge all athletic trainers to make your plans **now** to attend this biggest and best of assemblies in the history of our rapidly growing organization!

The meeting this year should be entertaining, as well as educational. In fact, we have the word that a number of the members are planning to bring their families along to enjoy the scenic



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wonders of Ohio and join in the fellowship. Our host at this year's session is the popular trainer at Miami U. in Oxford, Jay Colville, who relates there will be facilities available for those who wish to bring their families, but he urges that you write as quickly as possible for reservations to get the more choice locations at reasonable rates. Full details on housing and kindred matters both for those bringing their families or "staggering it" may be obtained by writing Jay Colville at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Jay assures us the N.A.T.A. members can have a fine time at the meeting and stay within their budgets.

Incidentally, it might be well here to clear up a point on which we have received several queries. A trainer does not have to be affiliated with a college to attend the sessions, and persons outside the profession are welcome to attend if they have an interest in this field of activity.

The official program as yet has not been announced, but when we tell you that the very able athletic trainer at Ohio State University, Ernest Biggs,



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is in charge of arrangements, you can rest assured we will have some most interesting speakers and activities.

We feel confident that Biggs will present the N.A.T.A. with the best program ever. And already we've gotten "advance word" on some of the well-known and professionally famous men who will speak at Oxford.

For instance, there is Dr. Harry McPhee, the Princeton University team physician who made such a great hit with our nation's finest athletes at Helsinki last summer when he was head physician for the U. S. Olympic team.

We will have a return visit from one of the most popular speakers at previous meetings in Dr. Bob Brashear, team physician of the University of Tennessee. He will be remembered especially for his excellent paper on "Orthopedic Aspects of Athletic Injuries." Dr. Brashear now operates in a partnership the famed Bagwell-Brashear orthopedic clinics in Knoxville, one of the nation's finest. Also, he is chief of staff at St. Mary's Hospital and chief of the orthopedic staff at Knoxville General Hospital.

An especially interesting discussion





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should be that conducted by Dr. Herman J. Bearzy on "The Use of Physical Agents in Prevention and Treatment of Athletic Injuries." Dr. Bearzy is the former trainer at Pittsburgh and team physician at West Point, and now is in charge of Physical Medicine at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.

An outstanding young physician, Dr. Richard Patton, will be on the program. He is an assistant professor in the department of surgery at Ohio State and assistant team physician for the Athletic Department. A member of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Patton should be able to tell us many interesting things regarding surgery in connections with athletics.

While these men, and several others including Dr. Ronald Geiger, team physicians at Indiana University, will be on the program, we also will hear from members of our own ranks. One of the outstanding veterans of our field who will be on the program is William J. "Billy" Fallon, athletic trainer at the U. S. Naval Academy since 1947 and with service in the field for over 25 years at such famous places as the

Universities of Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin, California, and St. Mary's, and at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School at Moraga, California. Then there is Walter Bakke, the splendid trainer at the University of Wisconsin where he has served since 1936 after duty at Ohio State and Illinois, and working in the summers with the St. Louis Cardinals and Columbus Red Birds baseball teams.

These men and others will hold discussions on such matters of interest as use of adhesive plaster as therapeutic value, the rehabilitation of athletic injuries, etc.

It will be a busy, but entertaining and educational, four days of activities at the N.A.T.A. conference. Make your plans now to visit Oxford, Ohio and Miami University from June 17 to the 21st, and make your reservations at that school — our host for '53 — with athletic trainer Jay Colville.

See you in Oxford!

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