HEPS CHAMPS!!!!!
DEDICATION

Cornell Track

dedicates this issue of
the WASTEBASKET to

LOUIS C. MONTGOMERY

After many years as track coach at Bennett and Kensington High School in Buffalo, New York and collecting a total of 18 District Championships in a twenty year span, Mr. Montgomery came to Cornell in 1949. He was hired as head track coach and retained the position until he retired in 1966. During this 17 year period his teams amassed an impressive list of championships and honors. In 1951 Montgomery's men won the IC4A outdoor title and finished 2nd in the outdoor NCAA's. Also during his reign as coach, the Big Red tracksters distinguished themselves by capturing a grand total of 12 Heptagonal Championships; three in indoor track, three in outdoor track, and three in cross country competition. In 1963, Mr. Montgomery was selected to be head coach of the U.S.A. track and field team at the Pan American games in San Paulo, Brazil. For a coach whose advice produced such Olympians as Charley Moore '51 (400M hurdles, 1600M relay), Meredith "Flash" Gourdlne '52 (long jump), Walt Ashbaugh '51 (triple jump), Al Hall '56 (hammer throw), Bo Roberson '58 (long jump), and Thomas Gage '65 (hammer throw) this was a well deserved honor. Needless to say, Cornell Track will never forget the triumphs and accomplishments of the talented and dedicated Louis C. Montgomery.
The Cornell Track team began its successful 1976-77 indoors season by once again dominating the Syracuse Relays in December, winning 9 events. Winning relays included the 880, 2 Mile, and shot-a-thon. The distance medley of Predmore, Osborn, McCarthy, and Washburn and the mile-relay of Braun, McCray, Green, and Hall both set new meet records.

The next day, competing in the Maryland Marathon in Baltimore, Steve Nojelm set a new school record of 2:32.17.

Returning for the Cornell Invitation after winter vacation minus several performers, the Red track team showed signs of rust as Dave Figura was the only winner, taking the 880 in 1:56.7.

The next weekend Cornell travelled to Columbus, Ohio for a tri-meet with midwest powers Ohio State and Pittsburgh, but wound up a close third after the Red mile relay was disqualified. Cornell foreshadowed its Heps spring strength by taking the first 3 places in the 60, freshman Adley Raboy winning in a school record 6.2 as Neal Hall and Jimmy Lofton ran 6.3. Jorman Granger won the triple jump with an excellent mark of 50 - 3/4. There were numerous other notable Red performances, as Hall also won the 300, Jeff Osborn and Tom Helling took 1-2 in the 600, and Dave Figura won the 880.

Decimated by Illnesses, the Red were then crushed by Army at West Point. Adley Raboy was the lone winner in the track events. However, in the field events Bob Young (51-8 1/2) and Joe Bruce (48-0 3/4) took the top 2 places in the shot put. Jorman Granger, Greg Witherspoon, and Ken Talton swept the triple jump; and Steve Baginski broke the freshman weight record with a throw of 57-7. The previous night mile-relay and two-mile relay teams had competed for Cornell in the Millrose Games.

In the Princeton relays Adley Raboy and Neal Hall won divisions of the 60, Steve Baginski again broke the frosh weight record with a toss of 58-6, the mile relay finished 3rd in 3:20, and the two-mile relay ran 7:43.

A trip to New Haven proved successful the next weekend as Cornell began its drive for the Heps, defeating Yale 77-40. Red competitors who set personal bests included Jeff Osborn (1:12.9) and Tony Green (1:13.0) in the 600, Tom McCarthy (2:13.6) in the 1000, and Bob Young (51-11 3/4) in the shot. A welcome addition was Pete Pfitzinger, who had been out for cross country skiing. Pete ran 9:01.4 to win the 2 mile in his first race of the year.

Cornell continued to tune up for the Heeps by romping over Syracuse and Colgate to finish with a dual-meet record of 3-3. Best performances included Joe Bruce's 51' 11 3/4" shot put, and the 1-2-3 finishes of Pete Pfitzinger, Andy Fischer, and Bart Petracca in the mile, and of Neal Hall, Adley Raboy, and Carl Francis in the 60 yard dash. Freshman Steve Baginski qualified for the NCAA meet with a 60' 11" weight throw.

The 1977 Heptagonal Championships was an experience that Cornell team members will not be likely to soon forget, as they took the title for the first time in 19 years. The Cornell team exhibited tremendous spirit, keeping up an energetic racket from the trials in the afternoon until several victory laps quite at the close of the meet, which drew the attention of spectators and the other teams alike. Not to be overlooked were numerous outstanding individual performances. Bob Young was a surprise winner in the shot put, and Neal Hall lead a 1-4-5 finish in the 60 along with Adley Raboy and Carl Francis. Other scorers were Steve Baginski in the weight throw, Ken Bodie and Ken Talton in the long jump, gutty Tony Green in the 600, Dave Pannell in the 1000, and Pete Pfitzinger in the 2-Mile. Both the mile
(Joe Holland, Jeff Osborne, Green, and Hall) and 2-Mile (Dan Predmore, Dave Figura, Dave Pannell, and Tom McCarthy) relays also scored. And finally, when the meet came down to the triple jump, Captain Jorman Granger, Greg Witherspoon, Ken Boddle, and Ken Talton came through with a tremendous 1-2-3-5 finish that touched off an ecstatic celebration.

The IC4As proved to be an antclimatic letdown after the Heps. The Big Red failed to score a point. Despite this fact, it should be noted that Adley Raboy made the finals of the 60, the two mile relay ran 7:37.3 (seven tenths off the school record), and Pete Pfitzinger set a new record for the Indoor 3-Mile with a time of 14:00.8.

Steve Baginski was the lone Cornell entry in the NCAA meet, placing 13th in the weight throw.

COACH MUSKA MOVES ON TO AUBURN

Assistant Coach Michael Muska left Cornell in early January to assume new duties in the warmer climes of Auburn University. Muska cited career reasons for the move. After serving one and a half years as assistant coach of track and cross country at Cornell, Mike is now head coach of the cross country team and assistant coach of track at his new locale.

Talking to him during a recent visit, we were informed that his track responsibilities include not only the high jump and the pole vault (which he coached here at Cornell) but also the middle long distance runners. In his first season at Auburn the Tigers won the Southeastern Conference Track Championships for the first time ever, defeating powerful Tennessee. They also tied for 6th in the NCAA's at Detroit with 10 points.

The Spiked Shoe staff was sorry to see Mike go and feel that much credit for the great Cornell Heps win should also go to him because of his recruiting and work with the field event men last year and this fall. We wish him the best of luck.

.... AND COACH MARKOWSKI MOVES TO CORNELL

Heptagonal championship teams are fun, especially if you've been part of five of them. Cornell's new assistant coach, Edward P. Markowski is one of the few men who can make that claim.

After an impressive high school career at Roselle Catholic High School in New Jersey which was topped off in his senior year by his being named Athlete of the Year Award by the New Jersey Catholic Conference in 1968, Ed chose the University of Pennsylvania to do his work. While at Penn, he was a vital member of 4 Heptagonal and 3 IC4A Championship teams. In addition he was honored by being named to no less than 5 All-Ivy squads.

After graduating from Penn, and prior to his coming to Cornell, Ed was employed for 4 1/2 years by Queen of Peace Boys High School in North Arlington, New Jersey. There he served as an Instructor of American History and Sociology as well as being Social Studies Department chairman. His coaching duties included Freshman and Junior Varsity football, as well as head weight coach for the varsity track team. In addition to his duties at Queen of Peace, Ed has also been an Instructor at the Rutgers University Track and Field Camp where he worked with shot putters.

Cornell Track is lucky to have a man like Coach Markowski and this spring we may give him his sixth Heps Championship to celebrate!!!
IN DAYS OF YORE by Hunt Bradley '26

DO YOU KNOW THAT....the track budget submitted for the 1900 outdoor season amounted to $1,150. The breakdown: Relay teams to Philadelphia Spring Carnival University of Penn., eight men and coach - 4-Mile and 1-Mile relay - $100; Intercollegiate teams to New York, 12 men and coach, railroad fare $6.10, etc. $75; Hotel - $75; Suits and equipment for track team - $150; Training table, 25 men, six weeks - $300; Incidents, telegrams, etc. - $50; Moakley and incidental training - $325; Rubbers - $75. The Alumni News, May 11, 1910 editorialized "The Pennsylvania - Cornell track meet last Saturday was conducted successfully without the presence of either coach. During the contests they remained in the clubhouse. Their absence from the field was the result of an agreement between the respective managers. It was necessary to restrict presence on the field to those whose presence was absolutely necessary to the proper holding of the meet. The exclusion of the coaches from the list of those present may seem strange, but, after all, intercollegiate contests are supposed to be undergraduate affairs, and is not the coach's duty ended when he has prepared his men for the test!"

JACK MOAKLEY FUND - $58,000

The Fund presses onward! - Thanks to 100 gifts (64 "repeats", 26 newcomers, several memorials) received since the February mailing. Grand contributor totals to date: 300 alumni, 13 non-Cornellian friends, 20 corporations and foundations, and 15 memorial gifts.

To all who have made this $58,000 a reality goes the gratitude of the Committee and the undergraduate team members who are most appreciative of this excellent support.

To those who, as yet, are not on the Contributor List, those who are say "We urge you to join us. The Fund plays an exceedingly important role in our track program. Remember what your Cornell track experience meant to you. Act accordingly!"

Hunt Bradley, Chairman
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AT JUNE CLASS REUNIONS

ATTENTION TRACK RETURNEES! Be sure to drop by the
Track Booth before, during, after the Friday and
Saturday (June 10, 11) Alumni Luncheons. Meet
Coaches Jack Warner, Ed MarkowskI and team members
staying over for the Oxford-Cambridge meet the following
weekend! See pictorial display of 1977 Indoor Heps and
other Cornell track memorabilia! Reminisce with fellow
track alumni!
WHAT CAN I SAY? HEPS CHAMPS! That was a great win! If there ever was a total team effort, this was it. It was just a tremendous emotional output. WE REALLY BELIEVED THAT WE COULD WIN! No one else really figured us much of a threat but we just kept nipping away all day long (a key boost was Young's come from 5th place win in the shot put) until we placed four men in the triple jump finals. THEN people really started to realize that we might well win it all! Never once did we let down. We lost some points that we thought we might get, but then we also picked some up that we hadn't counted on. There were many heroes, but in my opinion, every team member whether he was competing or not was a hero and it was a well deserved win. Echoes of "home track advantage" were heard and my comment was "Yes, that's why we win it once every 19 years." (We had last won it in 1958! However, we hope that it will not take another 19 years to make the winner's circle!)

The meet will be here again in 1978 and after that, it is up to the league's athletic directors whether they want to rotate it around or leave it here. We hope that they will not take the chance of moving it and thus have it cost us all more money than it does not. If they are truly cost conscious, I don't feel that they can take the gamble.

Many thanks to all of you who sent congratulations! We enjoyed the glory, but now must get down off "Cloud 9" and face the outdoor season! WE KNOW NOW THAT IF YOU BELIEVE AND WORK HARD, NEVER GIVING UP...YOU CAN WIN! I hope that we learned that lesson well as we will need it in the future. No longer will we be over-looked as a true contender!

This was the first time in 19 years that we won the Heps; Tom Pagani, who assisted me my first 7 years at Cornell and then moved on to the University of Illinois as an assistant had the pleasure of seeing Illinois win the Big 10 Indoor title in ... 19 years; Mike Muska, who left us in January to go to Auburn to become the head cross country coach and assistant track coach, saw Auburn win the S.E.C. title for the first time in the history of the meet...19 years; and Ted McLaughlin who assisted me for one year before moving on to Texas El Paso as assistant saw UTEP win the W.A.C. title. UTEP was 2nd in the NCAA, Illinois, 4th, and Auburn tied for 6th. Not bad for Cornell related personnel.

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Moakley Fund and/or our Spring trip! Your generosity is really paying off now as the Fund as really grown and will shortly, we hope, reach the $100,000 mark. Our goal of $8000 for our Spring trip to Texas and North Carolina was reached thanks to many of you.

The Schoellkopf track needs resurfacing as the present surface is beginning to peel, especially lane one. The company which installed it has agreed to share the cost of a new surface (estimated to be about $28,000 if we install another one of their products - Poly Surf II -). This would be another rubberized asphalt surface but a hot-mix, not an emulsion as was Poly-Surf I. It would be great if we could put a urethane surface such as Pro-Turf or Unilite on, but that would go for about $120,000 or so. However, we just do not have that kind of money. This job needs to be done now. It will be in bad shape for the Penn meet here on April 23rd. We would hope to have it done before the Oxford-Cambridge meet which will be here on Friday, June 17th.
WASTEBASKET WALLET IS EMPTY

I know that for many of you the Wastebasket is the only contact that you have left with Cornell Track. Our staff (Coach Warner, Mr. Hunt Bradley, Assistant Editor Dave Wasburn, and myself) works hard to put out three issues each year and we'd like to continue doing so. Unfortunately, this year we may be limited to just two. Our funds are simply drying up. With a circulation of close to 1200, and our only revenue coming from team dues and donations given to us by alumni, we simply can't continue to mail out copies to such a large audience without your support! Our records presently show that only 113 alumni are listed on our roster. Let's renew our support (a small donation of at least $5 is asked) and keep the Wastebasket going! Otherwise, we may be forced to make a drastic cut in our circulation.

DAVE FIGURA (Editor)
Neal Hall (arms raised) captures the 60 yd. dash while Adley Raboy (left) and Carl Francis (right) take 4th and 5th.
Cornell Invitational

VonBerg, Figura ‘local’ standouts

By DAVE NEWTON

A flock of Cornellians turned in fine performances and a former Ithaca High star was the meet’s only double winner in Saturday’s Cornell Invitational track meet.

Ithaca High School’s present performers didn’t do as well, and finished with only a fifth place finish in the long distance relay.

Karin VonBerg, who graduated from IHS last year and now competes for the University of New Hampshire, won the women’s mile and half mile races, the latter in a meet record 2:20.1. She covered the mile in 5:09.

For Cornell, the only winner was senior Dave Figura in the half mile. Figura, who went to Maine-Endwell High School, ran a 1:56.7 for the win.

Another M-E grad, sprinter Adley Raboy, also distinguished himself. Raboy finished second in the 60 to Duncan Card of Queens by .02. Card’s winning time was 6.47.

Ithaca Journal Jan. 17, 1977

Tracksters third

The Cornell track team won five meets, but the mile relay team was disqualified in the final event, and the Red finished a close third in a triangular meet against Ohio State and Pittsburgh Saturday in Columbus.

If Cornell had won the mile relay, and Pitt had taken second, Cornell would have won the meet. Instead, Ohio State won in 3:23.3, and Cornell’s team of Bob Brown, Ron McCray, Tony Moody, and Green and Neal Hall was second in 3:24.

But the Red was disqualified for bumping on a turn, leaving the final score Ohio State 56, Pitt 52, Cornell 51.

Cornell’s best event was the 800 dash. The Red runners took four of six places, with Adley Raboy winning in a Cornell record 1:58.2.

Neal Hall was second and Jimmy Lof- ton fourth, both with 6.86 and Carl Fren- kis was sixth in 6.5.

Cornell captain Jorni Granger also turned in an outstanding performance to win the triple jump, leaping 50-3-4, his best event.

Other winners for Cornell were Dave Figura in the 880, Jeff Osborn in the 600, and Hall, and in the 300.

Mile: 1. Herman (P) 4:04.2 2. Roberts (O) 4:11.8 3. Mannsor (O) 4:15.7 440. L. Weeman (O) 50.2 2. Green (C) 50.4 3. Lockenby (P) 51.5 4. Raboy (C) 6.2 2. Hall (C) 6.3 3. Singer (O) 6.4 4. Lofton (C) 6.3


Ithaca Journal Jan. 24, 1977
Army trackmen wallop Cornell

The Army track team routed Cornell, 77-40, Saturday at West Point, on the strength of a 50-14 advantage in the track events.

Cornell had a 27-26 edge in field events despite not taking any pole vaulters, and only one high jumper. Jorman Granger, Greg Witherspoon and Ken Talton swept the triple jump, and Bob Young and Joe Bruce were one-two in the shot put to pave the way. The Red also got a lift from weight thrower Steve Baginski, who smashed the Cornell frosh record of 52-9 with a 57-7 toss to take second place.

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The Red’s only high jumper, Brad Decker, also took second, leaping 6-4.

In the Milrose Games in New York City Friday, the Red’s mile relay team finished third of fourth. Bob Braun, Jeff Osborn, Tony Green and Neal Hall ran a 3:23.2.

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Corpsell tracksters triumph

In a meet marked by tight races and personal bests, the Cornell track team topped Yale, 77-40, in New Haven Saturday.

"It was exactly what we needed," said Cornell coach Jack Warner, looking toward the Heptagonal two weeks distant. "Next Saturday we have Colgate and Syracuse, and we'll have to continue getting convincing performances to go into the Heptes with this attitude."

Cornell swept the long jump and the triple jump, and won the first two places in the shot put, 800, 60, and 1,000. It also took both relays.

Greg Witherspoon, Ken Boddie and Ken Talton finished one-two-three in the long and triple jumps.

Witherspoon's 23-4¼ in the long jump was his best of the year.

Bob Young put the shot a personal best 51-11¼ to win that event.

In the incredibly close 600, Jeff Osborn prevailed with a 1:12.9, and Tony Green was second in 1:13.0, just 3 seconds ahead of the Yale runner. Both Osborn's and Green's performances were their best ever.

Pete Pfingst, in his first race since returning to the team after giving cross country skiing a try, won the two mile in 9:01.4.

Tom McCarthy also had his best time, a 2:13.6, in winning the 1,000.

The first two runners in the mile relay team, Carl Francis and Joe Holland, also ran their fastest legs ever.

Another personal best was recorded by sophomore Gary Mercer in the weight throw. His effort was 52-3¼, good for third place.

Bart Petracco's 4:15.0 mile was also his fastest time ever. He finished second.

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Steve Baginsky, Adley Raboy and Neal Hall turned in the best performances for the Cornell track team at the Princeton Relays Sunday.

Baginsky broke the Red frosh record in the weight throw he set last week with a 58-6 heave good for sixth place.

Raboy and Hall both won 60-yard dashes — no finals were held. Raboy was clocked in 6.48, and Hall in 6.50.

Cornell's relay teams also did well, with the mile foursome finishing third and the two-mile team crossing the finish line sixth.

The mile team, consisting of Jeff Osborn (51.23) Tom Helling (50.82), Tony Green (49.0) and Neal Hall (50.0), ran a 3:20.85.

The two mile quartet's time was 7:43.9. The team included Dan Predmore, Butch Soares, Dave Pannell and Tom McCarthy. Soares ran his best time ever, a 1:55.21.

Greg Witherspoon had his best performance of the year in the long jump, 22-11¼.

Ken Lehner equaled his own freshman record in the high jump with a 6-6 effort.
Cornell names new track coaching aide

A former five-time All-Ivy track performer, Edward P. Markowski, 26, is the new assistant track and field coach at Cornell it was announced today by Dick Schultz, director of athletics.

Markowski replaces Mike Muska, who left Cornell in January to accept a position as head cross country and assistant track coach at Auburn University.

Since graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1972, Markowski, a native of Clark, N.H., has been teaching and coaching at Queen of Peace Boys High School in North Arlington, N.J.

Markowski, who will be assisting track coach Jack Warner, taught American history and sociology, and was social studies department chairman. He also built the school’s almost non-existent field program to respectability. His athletes broke every school record and won numerous county and state titles.

Last summer, Markowski was an instructor in charge of shot putters at the Rutgers Track and Field Camp.

EDWARD MARKOWSKI

During his high school career at Roselle Catholic, he was chosen Athlete of the Year by the New Jersey Catholic Track Conference and named to the All-State track team. That season he had marks of 54-5 in the shot, 155 feet in the discus, 55 feet in the weight throw and 160 feet in the hammer throw. Throughout his career, a nagging back injury kept Markowski from reaching his full potential.

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Cornell tracksters romp

In its final preparations for Saturday’s Heptagonal championship, the Cornell track team routed Syracuse and Colgate Saturday at Barton Hall.

The final score was Cornell 90-1/4, Syracuse 60-1/2, Colgate 12.

Top Cornell performances were turned in by Steve Baginsky, who broke the Cornell freshman record again with a toss of 60-11'1 in the 35-pound weight throw. Baginsky’s effort was enough for him to qualify for the NCAA championship.

Joe Bruce put the shot a personal best 51-11' to win that event.

In the mile run Peter Pfitzinger finished first in 4:14.1 and Andy Fischer was second in 4:14.7. Both were personal bests.

Cornell didn’t have its best meet, getting edge in close races in the 600, 440, 1,000 and 880, and losing the two-mile relay.

Weight throw: 1. Baginski (Cr) 60-11 1/2 2. Mercer (Cr) 56-3 1/2 3. Collins (Cr) 62-11 1/2 4. Cruse 60-2 1/2

Shot put: 1. Bruce (Cr) 51-11 1/2 2. Woffly (S) 48-11 1/2 3. Richardson 46-1 1/2 4. Mercer (Cr) 45-3 1/2

Pole vault: 1. McNutty (Sl) 12-2 2. Lehner (Cr) 11-4 3. Wagner (Cl) 10-6

High jump: 1. Lehner (Cr) 6-4 2. Totta (Cr) 6-2 3. (tie) Scherber (Cr), O’Brien (S) 6-2

Long jump: 1. Boddie (Cr) 21-11 1/2 2. Angelino (Cl) 20-11 1/2 3. MacParty (Cr) 20-7 1/2 4. Trappano (Cr) 20-3

Triple jump: 1. Monk (S) 66-1 1/2 2. Witherspoon (Cr) 65-4 1/2 3. Boddie (Cr) 64-10 4. Kaneza (Cl) 64-5

Mile: 1. Pfitzinger (Cr) 4:14 1/2 2. Fischer (Cr) 4:14 7/8

3. Petracca (Cr) 4:15.9 4. Trippany (S) 4:16.2

400: 1. Devine (S) 1:42.2 2. Green (Cr) 1:42.2 3. Osborn (Cr) 1:43 4. Heiling (Cr) 1:50.9

800: 1. Daher (S) 2:02.2 2. Holland (Cr) 2:03.4 3. Soares (Cr) 2:03.6 4. Nordstrom (Cr) 2:05.9

3000: 1. Heinrich (S) 8:01.9 2. Stauffer (S) 8:03.5

1 mile: 1. Wyckoff (Cr) 4:20.3 2. Boddie (Cr) 4:23.6 3. Kaneza (Cr) 4:26.3

Marathon: 1. Peach (Cr) 2:16.1 2. Leppert (Sl) 2:19.6 3. Figura (Cr) 2:20.6

Relays:


400: 1. Devine, Lowry, Heinrich, Kerney 57.9 2. Cornell 58.3 3. Colgate 58.9
Red trackmen scoreless

The Cornell track team didn't score at the IC4As at Princeton Saturday and Sunday.
Coach Jack Warner, realizing that his squad would have trouble getting up again, after the emotional Heps win, didn't emphasize the meet.
There were some fine performances, though.
Peter Pfitzinger set a school record for the indoor three-mile run with a 14:00.2 time in winning his qualifying heat. He was seventh in the finals.
Adley Raboy was sixth in the 60 with a time of 6.41, and the Red's two-mile relay team of Dan Predmore, Dave Figura, Dave Pannell and Tom McCarthy was fifth with its best time of the year, 7:37.3, a half-second off the school record.
Triple jumper Jorman Granger made the finals, but injured his foot and didn't break 50 feet.
The team, except for weight thrower Steve Bajinski, takes a couple of weeks off before the spring season gets going.
Bajinski will head for Detroit next weekend for the nationals. He is the only Cornellian to qualify.

Jumper paces Wildcats

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — If isn't often that venerable Jumbo Elliott, Villanova University's track coach for the past 43 years, recruits a field event athlete or one from the South. But when he does, it apparently is a good one, as exemplified by Nate Cooper.
Cooper, a sophomore from Athens, Ga., leaped 51 feet, 11 inches Sunday for a surprising victory in the triple jump that propelled the favored Wildcats to their 14th IC4A Indoor Track and Field Championship since 1957.
It was the 43rd team title in the brilliant career of the gray-haired Elliott, who has been named Coach of the Century by member coaches in the IC4A.

Some of his other championships include 11 outdoor IC4A's, seven IC4A cross-country titles, seven NCAA's (one outdoor, two indoor and four cross-country), three National AAU's (two indoor and one cross-country) and one U.S. Track and Field Federation indoor.
This, however, had to be one of the most satisfying.
In addition to Cooper's unexpected performance, the Wildcats got victories from half-miler Mark Belger, 1,000-yard runner Don Paige and their mile relay team in amassing 51 points—third highest total in meet history and the most since Army's 53½ in 1946.
Maryland, the 1976 champion, wound up a distant second with 37 points, and Seton Hall, the winner in 1975 and runner-up a year ago, was third with 20 points among the 75 participating teams.
Cooper, a 6-foot-2, 180-pounder, was competing for the first time since December when he suffered a sprained right ankle, and he admitted to being apprehensive about jumping.
"I didn't know if my ankle would hold up," he said. "But after the first series I felt pretty comfortable. I then became more concerned about my hamstring, which I injured two weeks ago. It really bothered me today."

It wasn't evident in his jumping, which was nearly two feet better than anyone else in the field.

Cooper admitted that Villanova actually was his second choice. He said that after being recruited by about 15 schools he signed a Southeastern Conference letter of intent at the University of Georgia in his home town.
"But I wasn't bound by it nationally," he explained. "Somehow I changed my mind and signed with Villanova. I guess I just wanted to get away from the South."

Georgia's loss was Villanova's gain, but Cooper said he felt out of place during his freshman year because of the few field event athletes at the school known for its running specialists.
When asked what he knew about triple jumping, the happy Elliott just laughed and laughed, never answering the question.

Belger, in winning his fifth race without a loss this season, equaled the meet record of 1 minute, 50.7 seconds.
Meanwhile, two other IC4A records were broken. Providence's John Treacy set a mark of 13:36.5 in the three-mile and Dave Lipinski of William & Mary cleared 16-8¼ in the pole vault.
Also, Seton Hall had two winners (Calvin Dill in the 60 and Ed Brown in the 440). Maryland had two (Greg Robertson in the 60 hurdles and Ian Pyka in the shot put). Adelphi's Kevin Price won the 600 and Princeton's Craig Masback took the mile in 4:01.8.
Cornell’s Bajinski 13th in NCAAs...

Cornell’s freshman weightthrower, Steve Bajinski, finished 13th in the NCAA championships Saturday at Detroit.

Bajinski’s best heave traveled 56-10¼, considerably less than his season’s best of 60-11¼.

Even his best wouldn’t have been enough to qualify for the finals, though; a 63-foot toss was needed.

Scott Neilson of the University of Washington won with a 67-11 effort.

Now Bajinski joins his track and field teammates preparing for the beginning of the outdoor season.

That gets underway when the Big Red takes its southern trip during spring vacation. Cornell will open April 1 and 2 in Austin, Texas, with the Texas Relays, and then stop in at the Carolina Relays April 9 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

... while Kenyans lead way to title

DETROIT (AP) — Kenyans could not perform in last year’s Olympics, but they used the NCAA National Collegiate Athletic Association indoor track and field championship to show their ability.

Kenya was one of the African nations that withdrew from the Montreal Olympics in a protest over New Zealand’s participation.

The Kenyans let out their harnessed energy in the NCAA meet at Cobo Arena, and led Washington State and Texas-El Paso to a 1-2 finish Saturday. The Cougars, tied for first with Illinois with 12 points after Friday’s seven finals, came back and edged Texas-El Paso 25 ¼/25 after Saturday’s 11 events.

Villanova was third with 21 points. Big Ten Conference champion Illinois followed with 16, Kansas had 12 ¼, while Alabama, Auburn and Oklahoma had 10 each. Texas-El Paso, which won with 23 points last year, was trying for its fourth straight title.

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Kenyan Olympic team members Henry Rono and Joshua Kimeto finished first and third, respectively, in the two-mile run, giving Washington State nine points. Rono’s winning time of 8 minutes, 24.83 seconds broke the meet record of 8:30.91 set last year by Nick Rose of Western Kentucky.

Western Kentucky's Tony Staynings was the runner-up this year in 8:32.47.

Rono gave the Cougars three more points with his 4:02.76 third-place finish in the mile, which was won by Kenyan Wilson Waigwa of Texas-El Paso in 3:58.9. Irishman Niall O’Shaughnessy of Arkansas was second in 4:01.13.

“‘We doubled Rono in the mile and two-mile in order to help win the championship,’ said Cougars Coach John Chaplin. ‘... the kids themselves decided how we would run in each of the races. This championship is our first and it belongs to the kids.’”

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The Kenyan team of Fred Ongaga, Paul Njoroge, Frank Munene and James Munyala beat the Miners’ old NCAA mark of 9:43.16 set last year.

Canadian Greg Joy of Texas-El Paso set the other meet record, leaping 7 feet, 3¼ inches in the high jump, breaking the 7-3 mark set by Long Beach State’s Dwight Stones in 1976. Missouri’s Nat Page also leaped 7-3¾ for a record, but finished second because of more misses.

A vital finish was the tie for fourth by Washington State’s Brian Worden in the pole vault. It was good for 1 ½ points and that half-point meant the team victory. Don Baird of Long Beach State won the event at 17-4, having fewer misses than defending champion and runner-up, Earl Bell of Arkansas State.

The Oklahoma team of Jeff Ramsey, Brad Swartout, Dyk Dahl and Randy Wilson won the two-mile relay in 7:30.96, while Kansas took the mile relay in 3:15.61 with a team of Kevin Newell, David Blutcher, Clifford Wiley and Jay Wagner.

Other winners were Ball State’s Kelley Marsh with a 1,000-yard time of 2:07.89; Michael Solomon of New Mexico in the 600 at 1:10.01; Jeff Lee of Nebraska in the 60-yard high hurdles in 7.17, and Houston’s Greg Edmond in 6.12 in the 60-yard dash.

Defending champion Harvey Glance of Auburn was runner-up in the 60-yard dash in 6.18.
Timer breaks, may have cost Jones record

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Johnny Jones caught a thief who stole his watch recently but Saturday he couldn’t do a thing about a $15,000 electronic timer that malfunctioned just when he may have run the fastest 100 meters in track history.

The 18-year-old Jones, a freshman at the University of Texas and a member of America’s gold medal sprint relay team at the Olympics, flashed to readings of 9.94, 9.85 and 9.8 according to three hand-held watches at the 50th Texas Relays.

The electronically timed world record is 9.96 by Jimmy Hines of the United States. The International Track and Field Federation ruled at Montreal last summer that all races under 400 meters must be electronically timed to count as a world record.

“I’m not bitter — things like that happen ... I’m just happy to win,” said the quiet-spoken Jones, who rocketed out of the blocks in the fastest start of his career.

Another amazing aspect of the race — which was run under perfect conditions with the wind only four miles an hour — is that Jones misjudged the finish line.

“I pulled up about seven yards from the finish,” said the Lampasas, Tex. product. “I thought I was ready to break the tape. I had to regear myself to go the last few yards.”

Texas Track Coach Cleburne Price said “It would have been a world record a year ago. It’s unfortunate, but Johnny’s potential is unlimited. Remember, he’s just a freshman and the pressure on him is tremendous. People were already expecting him to set a world record every time he runs.”

Jones beat a field that included Dwyane Evans of Arizona, a fellow Olympian who pulled up lame, and Bill Collins, a former star at the Pan American games.

Jones brought out a record crowd of 15,000 including Texas Athletic Director Darrell Royal, who had only seen Jones run on a football field as a halfback.

“It was strictly goodbye starter, hello judge,” smiled Royal. “What a pressure performance.”

Arizona State, which set a collegiate record in the mile relay in 3:02.8 — equaling the second fastest ever run — was named the outstanding team.

Jones, who sprinted two blocks last Monday to catch a thief who stole his watch out of the dressing room, was the voted outstanding performer.

But there’s nothing Jones could do about the sophisticated electronic clocking device.

Cornell trackmen break three school records

AUSTIN. Tex. — Cornell’s trackmen, competing in the prestigious Texas Relays, broke three school standards here Friday night.

Steve Baginski set a school discus mark of 166-7, breaking the old record of 165-8. The Cornell 440 relay team of Adley Raboy, Carl Francis, Neal Hall, and Jim Lofton set a new mark of :40.89, over the old one of :41.40.

In the finals today, it will face the likes of Arkansas, Grambling, Arizona State, Arizona, Oklahoma, Texas and Jackson State.

In the 880 relay, Cornell was seventh in the finals, which saw a new world record for 880 relays that have been electronically timed. Arizona State set that world standard of 1:21.66, with Cornell clocking a 1:26.38, after setting a school mark of 1:25.52 in the trial, breaking the old school mark of 1:26.8.

The 880 relay also consisted of Raboy, Francis, Lofton and Hall.

In the distance medley relay, Cornell did not finish well, after Ithacan Dave Pannell suffered a pulled calf muscle in the final leg, the mile. He still came up with a 4:22.93, and Cornell’s overall time was 10:01.87. Cornell’s Tom McCarthy (880) had a 1:51.25; Tony Green (440) had a 47.75; Dan Fredman (1,500) had a 2:59.94.

Red 440 relay sets mark; Hall ties 100 dash record

Cornell’s 440 relay team had a record-breaking effort in Saturday’s North Carolina Relays at Chapel Hill N.C.

The team, composed of Adley Raboy, Carl Francis, Jim Lofton and Neal Hall, clocked a 40.54, to set a new school standard.

That broke the mark that the team had set just one week previous, at the Texas Relays at Austin.

Hall tied the 100-yard dash mark, with a 9.8. That mark came in an event won by nationally-ranked Al Green of North Carolina State.

Cornell had a strong team effort in the North Carolina meet, with the following performances: (all personal best)

—Andy Fisher, second, 3,000-meter steeplechase, 9:37.7
—Greg Witherspoon, first, long jump, 23-24
—three-mile relay team, third, 9:59.5
—Joc Bruce, third in discus, 165-0
—mile relay team, third, 3:12.68

Cornell coach Jack Warner was happy with the 10-day, southern swing by his track team, which opens the northern half of the outdoor season at Colgate next Saturday, in a dual meet.

“Considering the opposition we had in the two meets, I felt we more than held our own,” said Warner.

“We were up against some of the best people in the country,” added Warner, who noted that 28 of the top 35 440 relay squads in the country competed in the Texas Relays, where Cornell finished fifth.
FOURTEEN BIG POINTS!!!

L to R: Hepts TJ Champ Capt. Granger, Talton-5th, Boddie-3rd, Witherspoon-2nd

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May 27 & 28
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