

Pacific Coast did not meet. Again, the N.C.A.A. committee selected Pepperdine College, a small college that has heretofore been in the Intercollegiate Tournament in Kansas City which is made up of small colleges not observing the one year residence rule.

So only Iowa State and Arkansas will be representatives from their districts. The other schools - the University of Iowa and Pepperdine College - have been filled in to make a tournament possible. The plan of the National Collegiate is to have the four teams west of the Mississippi River play off their tournament in Kansas City March 24 and 25. Then the winner of the four western districts will meet the winner of the four eastern districts in Madison Square Garden in New York. Then there is an Invitation Tournament in Madison Square Garden promoted by Ned Irish. Oklahoma Aggies, Kentucky, Utah, New York University, St. John's of Brooklyn, - some of the top teams of the country - have been invited to participate in the Invitation Tournament. This formerly was the Invitation Basketball Writers Tournament. It is rather an independent affair, but lists the top teams in the country. The winner of the Invitation Tournament, which is played in Madison Square Garden, will meet the winner of the National Collegiate in New York City for the benefit of the Red Cross. Last year about \$26,000 was turned over to the Red Cross from the Invitation Tournament with Wyoming University, the winner of the N.C.A.A. tournament, defeating St. John's of Brooklyn, the winner of the Invitation tournament.

The difficult time that Commissioner Reaves Peters has in making up a skeletal quartet to fill places of the Pacific Coast and the Rocky Mountain conferences is justified if only for the benefit that the Red Cross derives from the eventual play-off.

Pepperdine College from Los Angeles, of course, never has been a part of the N.C.A.A. organization, and Iowa University belongs in the Fourth district, the Big Ten area. Iowa is the second best team in the Big Ten, finishing barely below