# Former Olympian signs with A&M

A former Olympian heads the list of athletes who have recently signed letters of intent with Texas A&M University.

Ileana Hocking from Puerto Rico was the youngest woman to run in the Montreal Olympics. Hocking competed in the 400- and 800-meter races at the Games at the age of 16.

She will run track and cross country at Texas A&M and boasts best times of 56.5 for 400-meters, 2:08.4 for 800-meters, 4:39.2 for 1500-meters and 10:59 for two miles.

Women's Track Coach Dave Williams also signed Donna Branch, a transfer from San Jacinto Junior College. Branch placed second in the javelin at the Junior College national meet with a throw of 136 feet.

Texas A&M also signed a pair of women golfers as Coach Kitty Holly makes preparations for the exodus of her star athlete Brenda Goldsmith via graduation.

Kim Bauer of Conroe led her team to the state championship for the second straight year. Bauer won the individual AAAA crown by a 12-stroke margin.

Another state champion signed with A&M as Andrea Welch leaves Madison, Wis., to play for A&M. Welch was the winner of the state's junior title for the last two years and was chiefly responsible for her high school's capturing the state crown for the past three years.

Tennis Coach Richard Barker added another athlete in Trey Schutz from Galveston. Schutz won the state Catholic title last year while competing for Galveston O'Connell.

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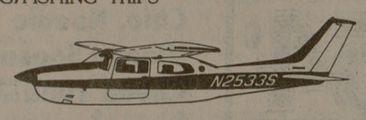


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Texas A&M's Linda Cornelius grimaces as she competes in the long jump. Cornelius recently won the AAU pentathlon to qualify for the international meet in August.

# Cornelius wins

## A&M woman takes AAU pentathlon

It appeared Linda Cornelius was not about to have any doubts about her capabilities as she overwhelmingly won the Amateur Athletic Union pentathlon national title last weekend in Xenia, Ohio.

Cornelius, a tall, lanky lass who transferred to Texas A&M from Las Vegas last year, outran, outjumped, outthrew and just plain outdid her 17 opponents in the event. Cornelius won four of the pentathlon's five events while scoring a total of 3,919 points.

She won the 100-meter high hurdles in 14.6 and took the high jump in 5-6 ¾ feet, the two events giving her 793 and 925 points respectively. Cornelius scored 839 points in the long jump with her winning leap of 18-9 ½ and obtained 830 additional points with her victory in the 880-yard run, clocked at 2:16.9.

The shot put was the only event which Cornelius did not win. She finished far back in the pack with a throw of 30-1 feet, good for 532 points. Despite not winning the event, Cornelius did achieve her personal best mark.

The AAU victory qualifies Cornelius for the international pentathlon to be held Aug. 13-14 in Dayton, Ohio. The meet will feature athletes from the United States, the Soviet Union and Canada.

# Things settle down in Portland after Blazers claim championship

United Press International

PORTLAND, Ore. — After a tumultuous reception by 250,000 fans during a parade and celebration in downtown Portland, many of the new basketball world champion Trail Blazers left for vacations today while team officials concentrated on the upcoming college player draft.

Harry Glickman, executive vice president and general manager, said the club had no particular need to fill as far as he was concerned, since it's a young one now.

"A player, just a player, the best player we can get," he said is what the Blazers will be picking up in the draft Friday.

From the fans' outpouring of affection at Federal Plaza Park during Monday's celebration of the playoff victory over the Philadelphia 76ers, it would be hard to find anyone willing to give up even the least of their heroes. While Bill Walton and Maurice Lucas got the loudest applause, none of the Blazers could have been left untouched by the reception they got from the crowd when they appeared on the scene and were introduced.

To the unknowing it might have sounded like boos when Wally Walker was introduced, but it was just calls of "who, who." This was in recognition of the fact that when the rookie was first drafted there were some people who said, "Wally Who," a nickname that stuck even though he had impressive shooting statistics for the Blazers while coming off the bench in the playoffs.

Walton came to greatness this season and ended up being named the Most Valuable Player of the NBA championship series. The honor included a new car and a plaque from Sport magazine.

Gov. Bob Straub was on hand for the celebration at the park, removing his coat while waiting for an hour in the hot, muggy weather for the team to make its slow way through the noon-hour crowd of all ages. There was makeshift confetti sprinkled on Straub along with beer, which a playful Walton had poured on the NBA winner's trophy, Mayor Neil Goldschmidt and fellow players and coaches.

Straub proclaimed it a special week for Blazer fans in Oregon and Goldschmidt named it Trail Blazer Day in Portland.

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# Sportsfolio

By PAUL MCGRATH
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Picture a chilly, autumn Saturday with a man pausing to lean back into the pampering softness of his easy chair. He's spent the morning raking what trees have deposited on his lawn and it's time now to relax and pop the top on a cold can of his favorite.

Suddenly it dawns on him. It's time for the college Game of the Week. What'll it be? Southern Cal versus Notre Dame? That's always a classic. Ohio State against Michigan? Another grudge match. Maybe it's Army-Navy up to their old war games once more.

He grabs the control to his color television and pushes the button. What flashes on the screen is not a chalk-marked field surrounded by screaming masses, but a courtroom where balding, bespectacled men pass legal jargon like it was third down with long yardage needed.

The Game of the Week has been replaced by the Suit of the Week with the opponents being the Internal Revenue Service and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Sound silly? Perhaps, but should the IRS continue with what it has indicated earlier, then the NCAA's most important spectators this fall might be a judge and jury.

Although its plans are far from finalized, the IRS, after auditing SMU, TCU, the Cotton Bowl Association and Kansas Univeristy, claims that television revenue from football and basketball games is "unrelated business income." That is, money unnecessary for the operation of a tax-exempt educational institution, and therefore taxable income.

A Texas A&M official cited the corporate tax rate under which NCAA institutions would fall as 25 percent. Dr. John Stephens, assistant to SMU President Richard Zumberge, and with an understandably keen interest in the suject, said the rate would be 46 percent. That's right off the top.

Last year's contract between the NCAA and the American Broadcasting Company brought in $26 million.

Most athletic conference's, including the Southwest Conference, have a share in the wealth program for television revenue. Any time a member school is on television, the proceeds are divided amongst the entire conference. This has proven beneficial to those schools whoose athletic programs have been on the decline.

Many NCAA schools were experiencing financial problems already when women's athletic programs became required several years ago. Now, the IRS is threatening to take a bigger bite out of many decreasing budgets.

There has been much speculation about what happen should the IRS go through with its plans. Certainly, the contract between ABC and the NCAA would be affected — but how much?

Schools which need television revenue to keep their athletic programs thriving will whither on the vine.

Even schools with healthy athletic programs would have to tighten their belts, perhaps having to eliminate some sports to conserve funds.

Women's programs, already on the low end of most budgets, will only suffer more.

The IRS may later be tempted to consider bringing a tax on ticket sales and concessions as well.

It is difficult to fathom the logic of IRS officials in this case. Thirty precedent-setting years have gone by where the IRS has paid no attention to television revenue.

Their claim that the money is unrelated to the running of an educational institution is ludicrous. Without this money many schools, such as SMU and TCU, would not be able to keep their athletic programs above water.

The IRS says NCAA schools are competing in a taxable business and are unjustly tax-exempt.

The only groups which could be said to be business competitors in this situation are NCAA schools, so where's the injustice?

With so much money at stake, the NCAA will have no alternative but to battle the IRS to the bitter end.

"There is some thought to the effect that if the IRS follows through with their indications, there would be some inclination to take some legislative action," Texas A&M Athletic Council representative Dr. Charles Samson said. "That is seen as the first alternative."

Stephens added, "The IRS is invading an area they have left alone for 30 years. This may result in the IRS killing themselves."

It might be interesting to see the IRS lose its shirt for a change.

# Two Aggies make regional all-star team

United Press International

LUBBOCK — Baylor shortstop Steve Macko and Texas A&M pitcher Mark Thurmond headed the NCAA district 6 all-region baseball team announced today.

Tom Chandler, who led the A&M Aggies to the Southwest Conference championship, was named the district's coach of the year, edging out Mickey Sullivan of SWC tournament winner Baylor.

The all-district team:

1B — Gary Ashby, Texas Tech; 2B — Gary Weiss, Houston; SS — Steve Macko, Baylor; 3B — **Robert Bonner, Texas A&M;** C — Bob Kearney, Texas. Outfielders — Wendell Hibbett, Texas; Arvis Harper, Arkansas and Paul Johnston, Texas Tech. DH — Gary Sims, Texas Tech. Pitchers — **Mark Thurmond, Texas A&M** and Allan Ramirez, Rice.

# Cross Country entries available for 2.5 mile run

Entries for the 2.5-mile Intramural Cross Country race close June 14 with the contest being held two days later.

The race, scheduled for a week from tomorrow at 5:15 p.m., will cover a course located on the front section of the Texas A&M campus adjacent to Highway 6 and University Drive.

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