

The road to Moscow is a long one

BY DAVID BOGGAN

The Southwest Conference was well represented in the 1976 Summer Olympics when Johnny "Lam" Jones from the University of Texas returned to Austin with a gold medal as a member of the United States relay team.

Now there is talk of SWC representation in Moscow in 1980. And the person that has been mentioned as a possible Olympian is a Texas A&M track star named Linda Corneilus.

If everything goes as expected in the next two years, Corneilus, a junior from Ft. Worth, hopes to represent the United States in the pentathlon in the 1980 Olympics.

"I think it would be really neat to represent the United States in the Olympics," Corneilus said with a smile. "If I go, I'm sure going to take my camera. It would be great to go to Moscow."

"Of course, it would be a long haul to get there. I would have to do well in the Collegiate Nationals. Then, I would have to place well in the AAU outdoor meet in the year of the Olympics. They take the top eight or the top six from that meet to

the Olympic trials. The top three Americans from the trials, if they can meet Olympic standards, go to Moscow."

Obviously, qualifying for the games is no easy process. But Corneilus has already won the AAU meet last year in Xenia, Ohio.

"If I didn't qualify for the Olympics, I don't think it would ruin my life, like it might for some people," Corneilus speculated. "For example, people like Bruce Jenner. He trained 10 hours a day for the 1976 Olympics. That was like his job. I don't think I can do that."

"I can't totally dedicate my life or my time to training. I think I train hard enough right now. At least I train as much as I think my legs can stand."

"What I could really train harder on is weights," the pentathlete said. The pentathlon consists of five events: the high jump, the long jump, the 100-meter hurdles, the 800-meter run and the shot put.

"Linda's weakest event is the shot put," said her coach, David Williams. "You could tell that just from her body frame." Corneilus does not have the bulky arms and

shoulders that one associates with a shot putter.

"I am definitely weak in the shot put," Corneilus admitted. "That's where working more with the weights would help me."

"I could win the other four events and get beat in the shot put and I would still lose the pentathlon because I did so poorly in the shot put. But I've got the time to work on it. I think I can do it, I just have to practice."

Corneilus said she started running track in elementary school and continued to compete at Paschal High School in Ft. Worth.

"I took it step by step," she said. "My dad coached me on the side. I started getting serious about track when I thought about getting a scholarship."

And she did get a scholarship, to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. But she was only there for a year.

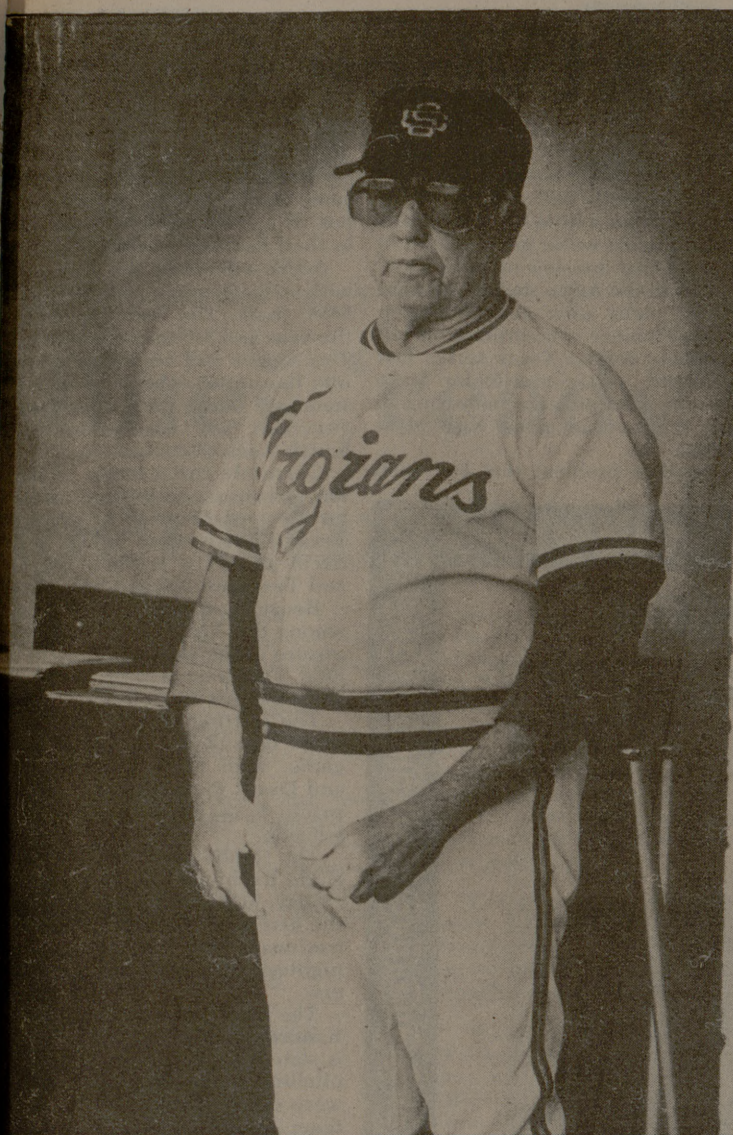
"I hated it out there. There's too much desert out there," Corneilus said with a laugh. "My performance went downhill from high school out in Nevada. I was even considering quitting track."

"Then I came to A&M where we have a close knit team, I'm close to home and my fiancée goes here. I have broken personal records at every meet here. Maybe it's the Texas air."

Whatever it is, it works. Corneilus will compete with the A&M

women's track team in the Texas A&M Relays at Kyle Field tomorrow, a meet that will feature 20 university and numerous high school teams.

And hopefully, we will see Linda Corneilus in 1980, up close and personal — the Moscow Olympics way.



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

USC baseball coach Rod Dedeaux is in his 37th season with the Trojans. His teams have won 10 NCAA championships and 26 Pacific-8 Conference titles. He has won 1,061 games while serving at USC and is a member of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Tickets for Astro-Aggie game on sale April 3

Tickets for an exhibition baseball game between Texas A&M and the Houston Astros will go on sale April 3 at the athletic department ticket office, according to Wally Groff, Texas A&M assistant athletic director for business affairs.

The game will be played at 1:30 p.m. April 5 in Texas A&M's new

5,000-seat C.E. "Pat" Olsen Field. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for all students, including Texas A&M students.

"A&M students will have to buy tickets because this is a non-collegiate contest and as part of our guarantee to the Astros," Groff said.

Tickets will be sale at the ticket office April 3-4 and on the morning of April 5 before going on sale at the stadium at noon. All tickets are general admission.

Attention Students: Traveling for employment interviews? If you need assistance in your travel needs, we invite you to use our 10-day charge account. Come by our office in the MSC. We are on campus to serve your travel needs. Braley Travel 846-3773.

RABBITS CAMPERS
MAZDAS DAILY RENTALS BUSES

We Pick Up & Deliver

BUD WARD
VOLKSWAGEN INC.
693-3311

LETUCE ENTERTAIN YOU
Radio Shack
1125 VILLA MARIA
846-7384
10-6 MON-SAT

Pizza Express
Free Delivery
846-7785

Tupinamba
Eddie Dominguez '66
Joe Arciniega '74

Pop those who demand the Real Thing!

If you want the real thing, not frozen or canned... We call it Mexican Food Supreme.

Dallas location:
2071 Northwest Hwy
882-8570

..... Battalion Classified Call 845-2611

CATFISH COUNTRY
All Dinners come with Refills of Homemade Coleslaw, Hush Puppies, French Fries & Beans!

CATFISH DINNER ALL YOU CAN EAT!
Adult's Dinner (Thru Age 99) **3.89**
Child's Dinner (Age 2 thru 11) **1.99**
Baby's Dinner (2 years or under) **FREE**

CATFISH PLATE 3.09
Refills on Trimmings Only

Everyone at Table Must Order Either Family Style or Plate, No Mixing, Specify Plate or Dinner When Ordering. THANK YOU.

FRIED SHRIMP
Adult's (7 large Shrimp) **4.99**
Children (4 large Shrimp) **3.25**

FRIED CHICKEN
Adult's 3 Pieces **2.99**
Adult's 2 Pieces **2.49**
Children (2 Thru 11) 2 Pieces **1.99**
Children (2 Thru 11) 1 Piece **1.19**
Baby's (2 years or under) Drumstick **FREE**

HOMEMADE ONION RINGS 1.00 HALF ORDER .65

TEA, COFFEE 30 DRAFT COORS 65
MILK OR CHOCOLATE MILK 35 CAN BEER 70
COKE, SPRITE & TAB 35 PITCHER 2.75

LUNCH SPECIAL DAILY
TUES.-FRI. 11 A.M.-2 P.M. SUN. — 11 A.M.-10 P.M.
DINNERS TUES.-SAT. 5 P.M.-10 P.M. CLOSED MONDAYS

317 SOUTH COLLEGE
IN UNIVERSITY SQUARE
846-1891

WEBSTER'S

303 S. COLLEGE (NEXT TO SKAGGS)
COLLEGE STATION, TEX.
PHONE 846-7769

STORE HOURS
MON.-FRI. 9 A.M.-9 P.M.
SAT. 9 A.M.-6 P.M.

master charge VISA

TRIO SET

14K YELLOW GOLD

385-003 385-004

ILLUSTRATION ENLARGED TO SHOW DETAIL

\$119⁹⁴

WEDDING SET ALONE WITHOUT MAN'S BAND **\$79⁹⁷**

LAYAWAYS ACCEPTED

FRIDAY Minute Show!

"ALOHA, BOBBY & ROSE" (PG)
FRI. & SAT. \$1.25
Two lovers caught up in a world that moves too fast.

abc UNIVERSITY SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER

CINEMA I HELD OVER!
Every woman in town was chasing Charlie Nichols... Doctor, widower, goodtime guy. Every woman but Ann... who had different ideas. This is their funny love story.

WALTER MATTHAU GLENDA JACKSON ART CARNEY

"House Calls"
A JENNINGS LANG PRODUCTION
Also Starring **RICHARD BENJAMIN** in "HOUSE CALLS"
Music by **HENRY MANCINI**
A UNIVERSAL PICTURE • TECHNICOLOR®
©1978 UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS, INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

2nd BIG WEEK

CINEMA II

When you take America for a wild ride with "Smokey and the Bandit"...

When you make America laugh out loud with "The Goodbye Girl"...

What does RASTAR do for an encore?

WALTER MATTHAU

CASEY'S SHADOW

The only thing standing between Lloyd Bourdelle and a million bucks is his 9 year old son.

BOURDELLE RACING STABLES

RUIDOSO DOWNS OR BUST!

Columbia Pictures presents • Ray Stark-Martin Ritt Production
WALTER MATTHAU in CASEY'S SHADOW
Also starring **ALEXIS SMITH • ROBERT WEBBER • MURRAY HAMILTON**
Music by **PATRICK WILLIAMS • CAROL SOBIESKI • RAY STARK** Directed by **MARTIN RITT • RASTAR**
Soundtrack available on Columbia Records & Tapes