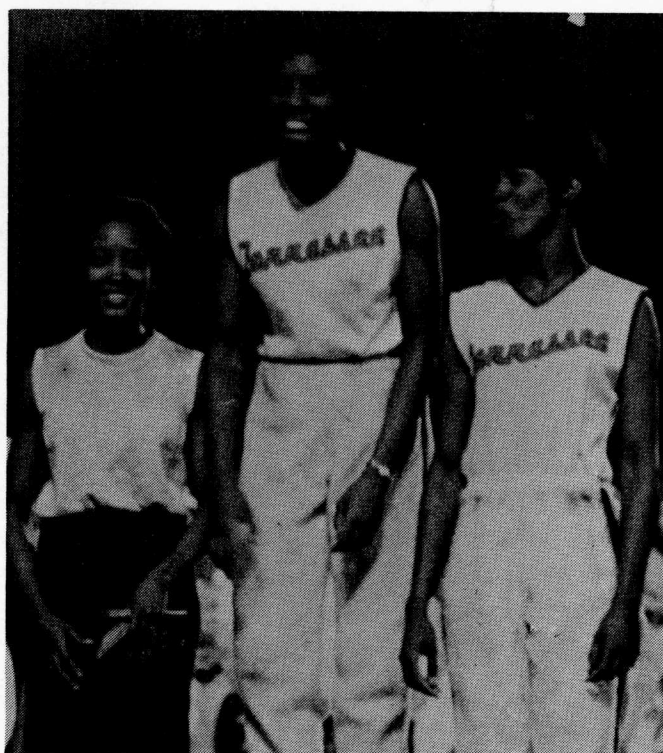


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# **Women's collegiate track**



**A statistical review, from the DGWS  
to the NCAA (1969-1983)**

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Cover photo (courtesy Jack Griffin, Frederick, Maryland)  
Wyomia Tyus receives the medal for winning the 1966 AAU  
220, flanked by Edith McGuire (right, 2nd) and Barbara  
Ferrell (3rd). This extraordinary trio of woman sprinters won  
among them nine Olympic medals, including five Golds, yet  
none ever won a ribbon in college track. Formal college  
championship meets for women did not begin until 1969. At  
the time of this photo, Tyus was 21 years old, McGuire 22  
and Ferrell 18. In 1966 Tyus was reigning Olympic champion  
in the 100 and McGuire in the 200. Two years later in the  
Mexico Olympics Tyus repeated as 100 champion in a world  
record 11.08, with Ferrell second. In the 4 x 100, Ferrell  
led off and Tyus anchored the US team to the Gold Medal in  
a world record 42.87.

The All-Time Lists contained here were compiled by Mike Hubbard. Mike is track coach at Inglemoor High School in Kenmore, Washington, where he teaches computers and mathematics. He was a cross-country runner for Washington State University, for whom he competed in the 1966 NCAA meet.

The lists are 10 deep on performances and 25 deep on performers. Indoor marks, and hand times for distances below 400 meters, are excluded. Athletes must have represented their school to be eligible for these lists, a particular problem for athletes who may have been college students but whose school may not have had a track squad for women. Eligibility here is assumed to extend through the end of the track season of the senior year.

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The Championship Results and accompanying statistical charts were compiled by Jack Pfeifer. Jack is an editor for the Baltimore Morning Sun and formerly was an assistant track coach at Franklin High School in Seattle, Washington.

The results here were gleaned in part from the files of Track and Field News magazine (Los Altos, California) and from the archives of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, maintained by Joan S. Hult at the University of Maryland, College Park.

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#### Guide to abbreviations

h -- hand-timed	' -- collegiate record
a -- auto-timed	+ -- U.S. record
w -- wind-aided	* -- world record
A -- altitude (1000m)	' -- foreign athlete

#### A brief history

The focus of the information in this compilation is on the 15-year period since the first college track championships were held for women, in May, 1969, in San Marcos, Texas. Although one performance on the all-time lists predates that (Wilma Rudolph 100 meters 1960), most of the leading performances have been only in the last five years.

In 1982 two championships were held, as the competing AIAW and NCAA both staged meets. That was to be the last of the AIAW, an organization which nurtured women's athletics but died when the male-dominated NCAA, which for years had shunned development of women's sports, took over with financial and TV muscle. In 1983, for the first time, men and women competed together in just one championship.

The NCAA altered its scoring pattern in 1982, but for the purposes of this book, all years were scored in the familiar 10-8-6-4-2-1 pattern. Also, both 1982 meets were counted equally.

Ironically, as college track for women has come into its own in the 1980s, the lone program which pioneered the sport has gone into eclipse. The Tennessee State Tigerbellies, coached by Ed Temple, have not been a factor in the formal championship meets because the school resisted joining the national associations. In the 1960s Tennessee State produced such Olympic Gold Medalists as Wyomia Tyus, Edith McGuire and Wilma Rudolph.

#### Name changes

Linda Cornelius (hep) - Waltman  
Maria Betioli (hj) - Zanandrea  
Lisa O'Dea (dist) - Martin  
Essie Kelley (800) - Washington  
Kathy Bryant (dist) - Hadler  
Chris Mullen (800) - Gregorek  
Delisa Walton (800) - Floyd  
Susan Vigil (800) - Belger  
Doriane Lambelet (800) - McClive  
Sue Latter (800) - Addison  
Lee Ballenger (800) - Arbogast

