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Championship Pictorial 69 is a unique sports picture book, presenting a photo record of the action and color highlights from the five 1969 US national championship meets – the NAIA, NCAA College Division, USTFF, NCAA University Division and AAU. It is the first book of its kind.

The five meets were covered by four of Track & Field News' leading photographic contributors to its publications. Regular staff photographers Don Chadez, Jeff Johnson, Steve Murdock and Don Wilkinson literally shot hundreds upon hundreds of negatives. This book represents the best of these shots from these four as well as from two newcomers, Bob O'Connor and Jack Scott. Regular news reports as well as other pictures of these competitions appeared in the 11 June and 1 July 1969 Track & Field News editions.

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COVER, Bob Seagren begins his descent after apparently making 18'³/₄' at the AAU. His left hand betrayed him, though, and dragged the bar down from its world-record perch. (Chadez)

OPPOSITE, Felix Johnson puts a wide expanse of track between himself and his nearest foes while winning the 880 with a leisurely 1:50.3. (Wilkinson)

NAIA

"It's the biggest thing in Montana since the Fullmer-Giardello fight a decade ago," one reporter wrote of the NAIA Championships, staged at Billings, Montana, June 6-7. And the mountain community banded together and put on a fine meet. Of course, the athletes didn't do so badly themselves. Southern's Oliver Ford buzzed a 20.5 220 to add to his 100 triumph and contribution to the winning 440 relay unit. The cool, rainy weather held down performances but Fred Newhouse dashed one lap in 46.6, Felix Johnson covered two circuits in 1:50.3, Bob Daniels high hurdled 13.9, Fernando Abugattas jumped 7'¼", Jerry Proctor leaped a windy 25'6¾", John Craft tripled 52'2½", and Prairie View claimed the team championship with 69½ points.





OPPOSITE ABOVE, Mile champ Dennis Savage of Westmont leads a pursuing pack that later found itself struggling well back of his 4:06.8. (Wilkinson)

OPPOSITE BELOW, Sun-hatted Dave Ellis of Eastern Michigan poises just off the pace in the six-mile. He moved out to beat runner-up Tom Hoffman of White-water State by 12 seconds. (Wilkinson)



ABOVE, Powerful Bob Daniels of Texas A&I displays in a heat the form that won him the high hurdle title at 13.9. (Wilkinson)

LEFT, Taylor's Phil Captain prepares to splash down en route to his 9:25.6 steeple victory. (Wilkinson)

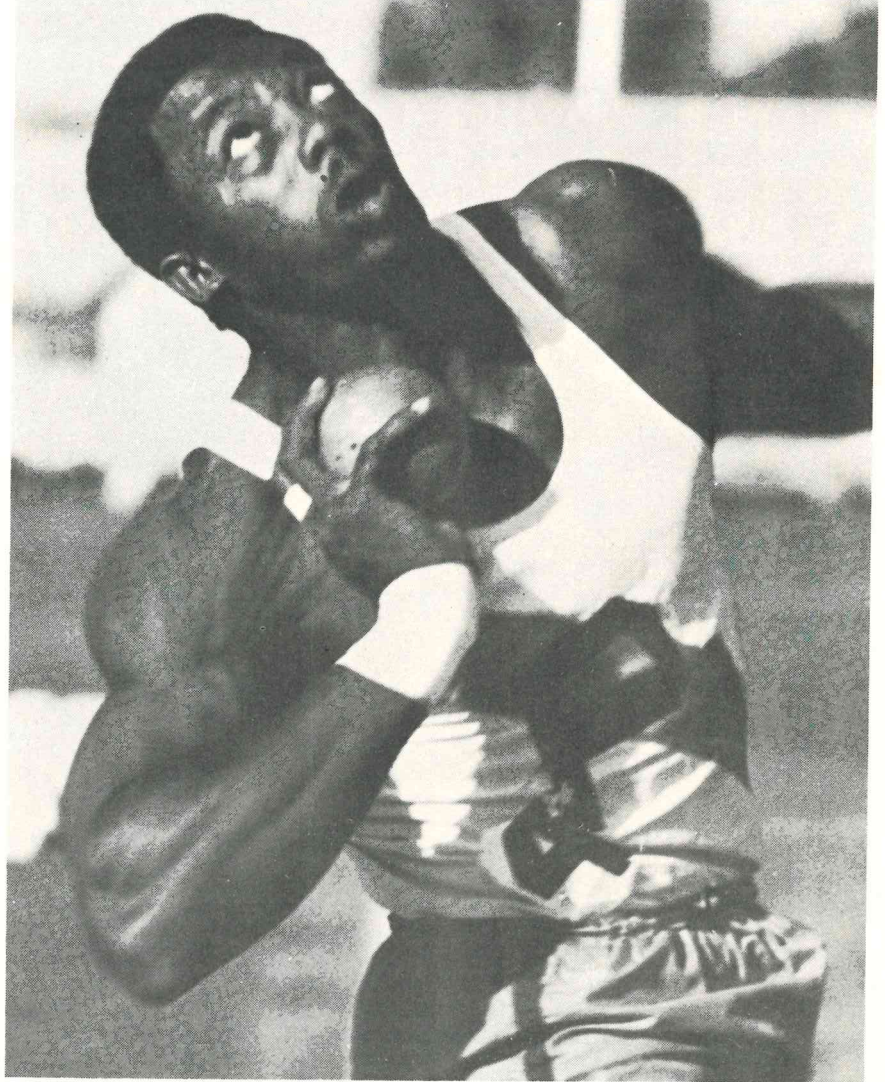




ABOVE, Robert Collins (r) yields the baton to Oliver Ford as Southern speeds toward its 40.4 win in the 440 relay. (Wilkinson)

RIGHT, Ending a busy weekend's work, Felix Johnson takes Prairie View's mile relay stick from Fred Newhouse. The triumph here gave their school the team title. (Wilkinson)





RIGHT, James Bagby provided a strong arm to go along with Prairie View's fast legs, taking the shot at 55' 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". (Wilkinson)

BELOW, Billings controlled everything but the uncontrollable — the weather. But the rain's affects were quickly brushed away by a tractor and eager crew. (Wilkinson)



NCAA College

John Craft literally bounded from the ranks of the ordinary among US triple-jumpers to fourth all-time among Americans with his 53'9" effort at the NCAA College Division Championships, June 13-14, at Ashland, Ohio. And just as astounding as Craft's explosion was the depth of performances following him: Randy Smith 52'1¼", Buford May 51'¼", Hartley Saunders 50'9¾" and Steve Gough 50'1½". Rain during the finals slowed times, but Cal Poly/SLO had the depth to pile up 76 points to claim the team title. Poly's only winners were Ruben Smith (100), Matias Habtemichael (880) and the 440 relay team.



OPPOSITE, National leadership is just a hop, skip and jump away for John Craft, who leaped a startling 53'9" to highlight great triple jumping. (Wilkinson)



RIGHT, Ethiopian Olympian Matias Habtemichael (80) broke free from a tight 880 group to win in 1:49.6. (Wilkinson)

BELOW, Larry McCready can't bear to watch as Greg Magee (r) leans into the tape just ahead of him. James Lowe (l) and Ralph Wirtz stay close. (Wilkinson)





ABOVE, Rolf Hoppe lets both his hair and his javelin fly. The spear sailed 230'7", which earned him the title. (Wilkinson)

RIGHT, Roger Best settled for nothing less. He won the hammer competition with 183'11". (Wilkinson)

OPPOSITE ABOVE, Ben Wilson walks out of the water first in this photo, but Gary Tuttle (183) isn't more than a long step behind. Tuttle won by 13 seconds in 8:55.0. (Wilkinson)

OPPOSITE BELOW, Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo's team winners get a boost from their 440 relay team (represented here by Ruben Smith and Jim Edmonson), which won in 41.0. (Wilkinson)



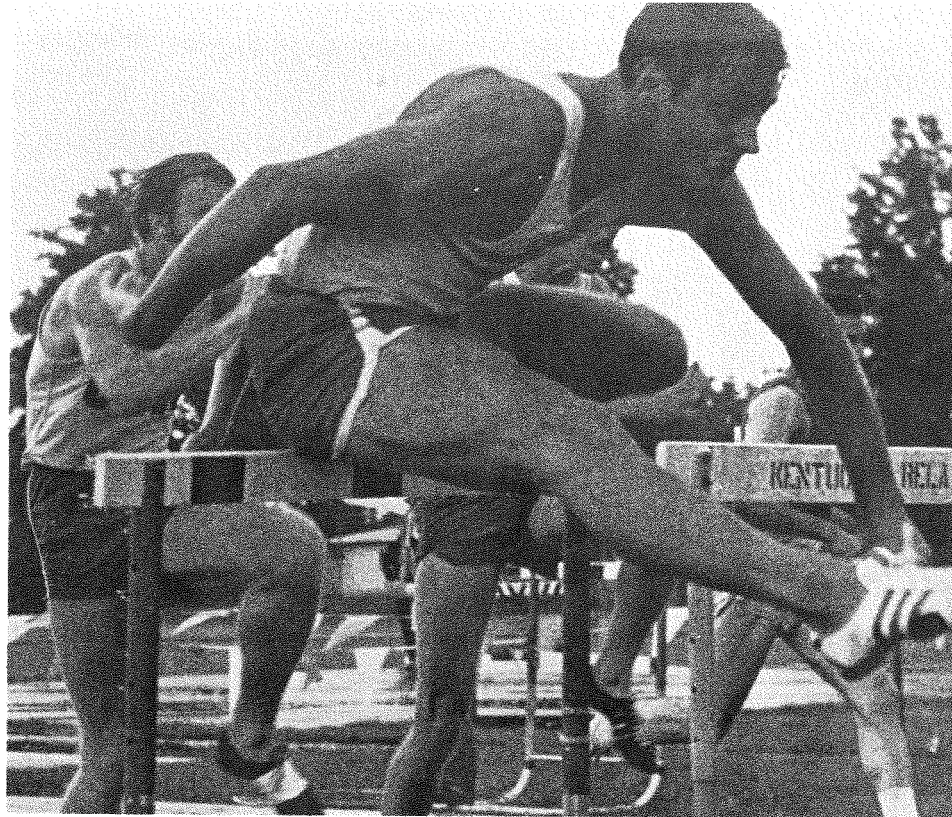


USTFF

Two youngsters gave previews of things to come at the USTFF Championships, June 13-14, at Lexington, Ky. Curtis Mills dashed 46.1 in the 440, showing the form that would carry him to a world record at the NCAA, and freshman Ivory Crockett bulled 9.5 in the 100 to win, just as would do in the AAU. The hot, humid weather and steamy track the first day didn't restrict Jerry Jobski, who toured six miles in 28:55.0. Heavy rain doused the meet the next day, but Carl Wood handed Ralph Mann his first intermediates loss of the year, Mark Winzenried easily won the half-mile, and Mark Murro won the first leg of his USTFF-NCAA-AAU triple.



OPPOSITE, Curtis Mills (l) previews his upcoming heroics with this 46.1 win over (l-r) Dave Morton, Steve Straub, Tommie Turner, Roger Colglazier and Al Coffee. (Johnson)



RIGHT, Damp Richmond Flowers heads toward the high hurdle title he won in 13.9. (Johnson)

BELOW, The rain that fell off and on throughout the second day, cut loose in monsoon proportions during the 440 relay. (Murdock)



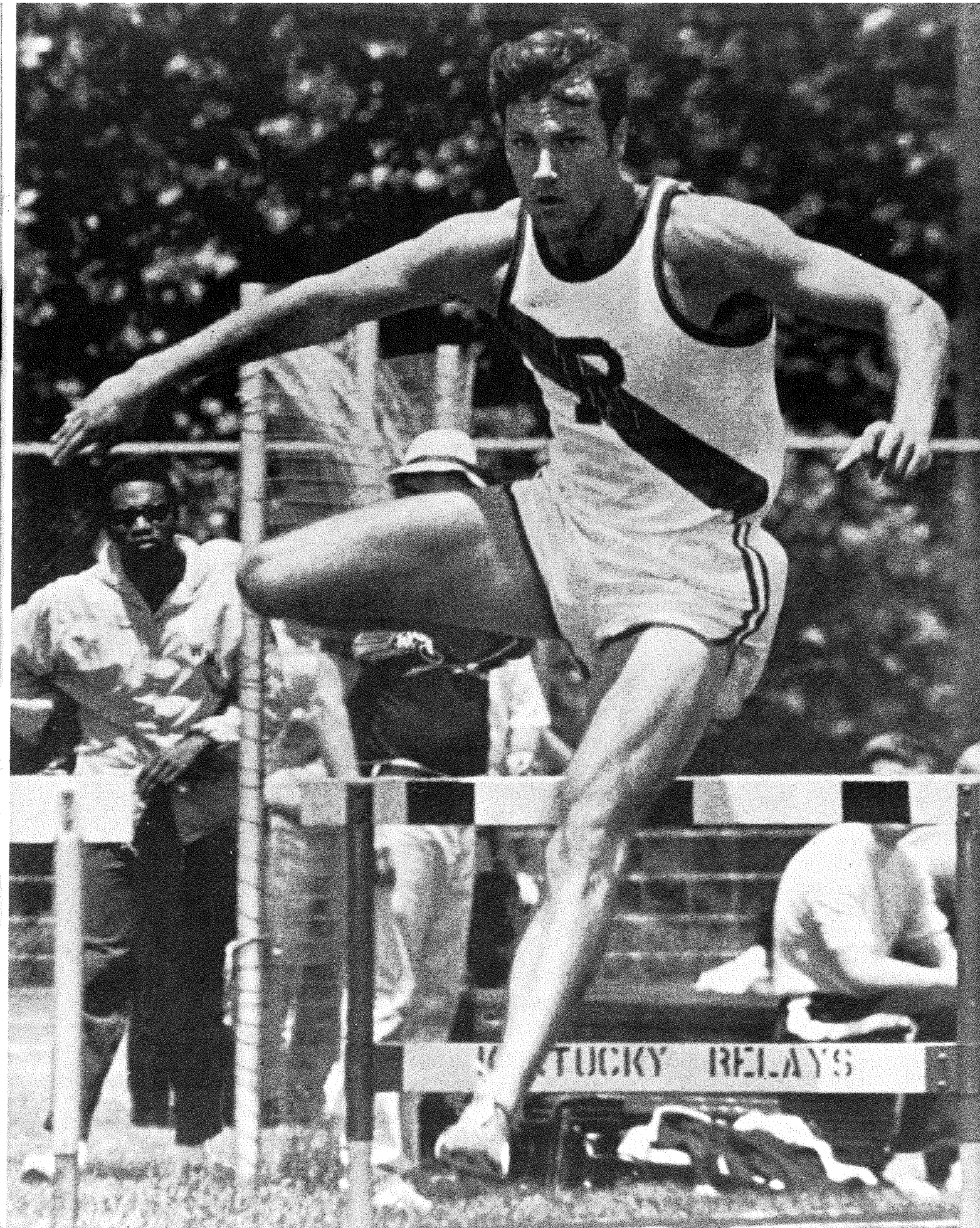


ABOVE, Ivory Crockett (r) stretches out to a clear victory over 9.4 sprinters (l-r) Ben Vaughn, Gary Wagner and Bill Hurd. Crockett ran 9.5. (Murdock)



LEFT, Ninety-degree heat and Jerry Jobski (r) wore down Gerry Lindgren, as Jobski won the six-mile by 15 seconds. (Murdock)

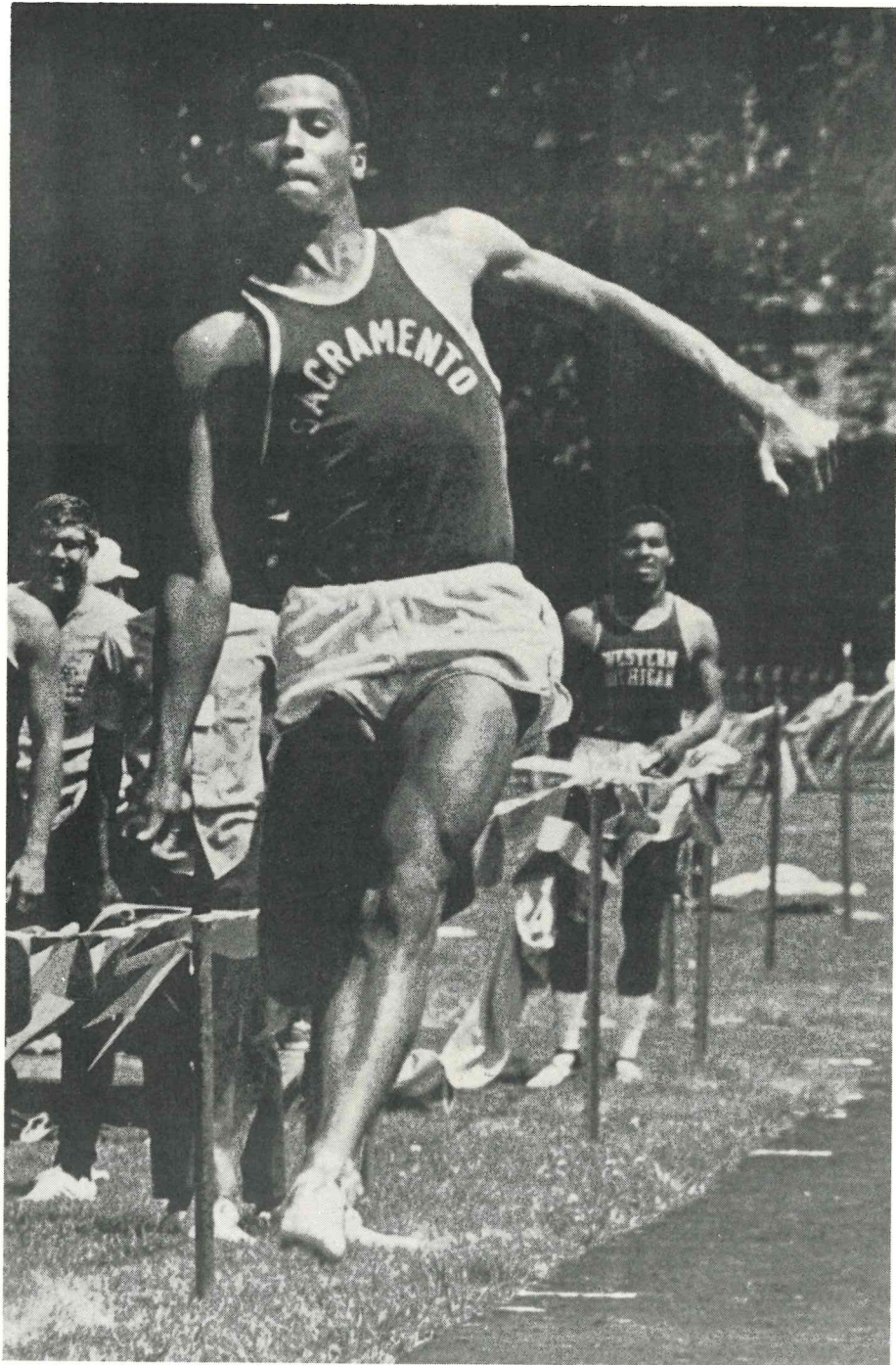
OPPOSITE, Carl Wood, surely one of the world's most improved and promising intermediate hurdlers, beat NCAA-AAU champ Ralph Mann here in 50.8. (Johnson)





ABOVE, Southern Illinois' Australian Alan Robinson finishes just in front of a closely-bunched string of milers. Closest to Robinson are (l-r) Web Loudat, Don Vandrey and second-placer Jerry Richey, who was 0.6 behind the winning 4:04.4. (Johnson)

OPPOSITE, Henry Hines, the national JC record holder, got the biggest prize of his blossoming long jump career when he won the Lexington meet at 25'4½". (Johnson)



NCAA

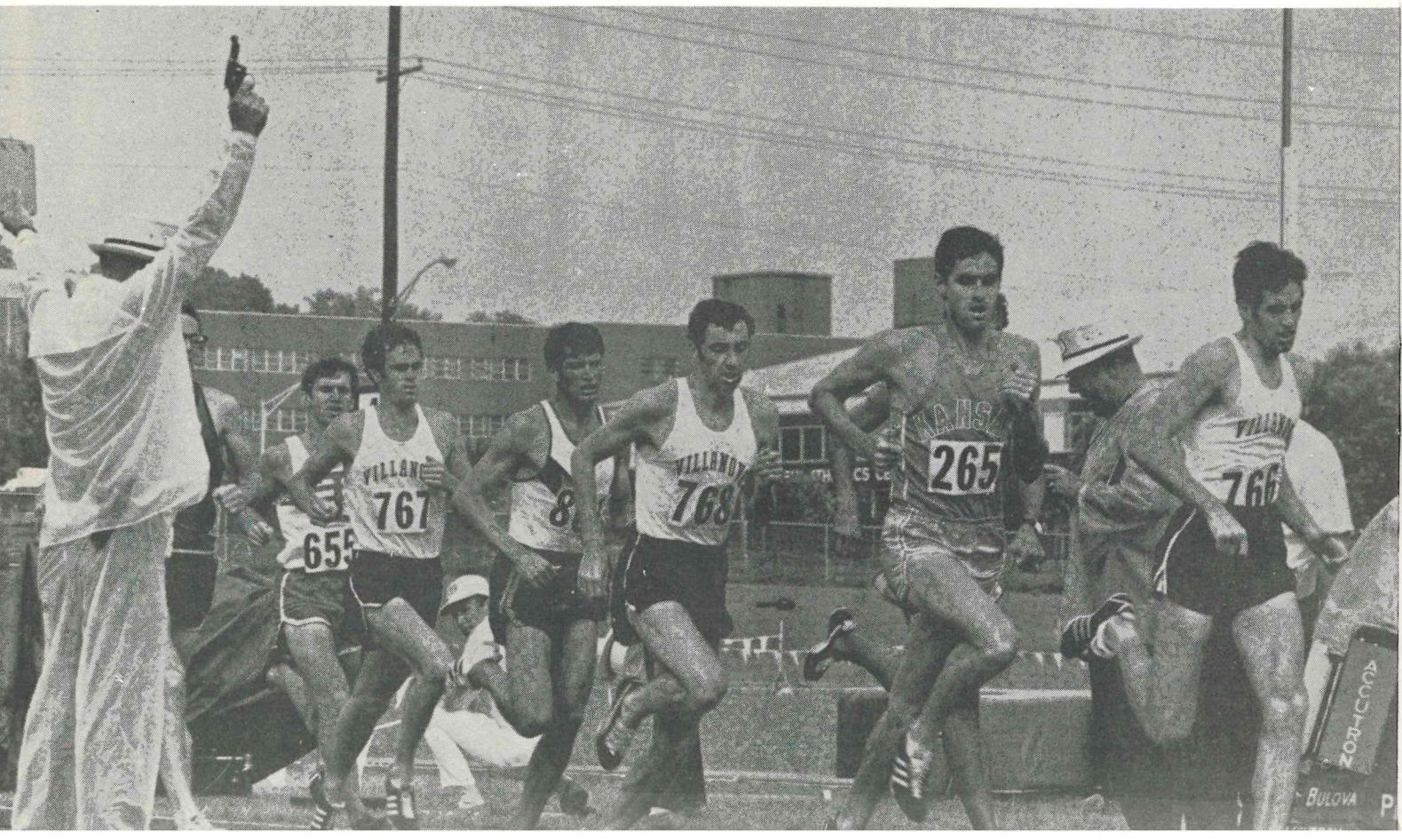
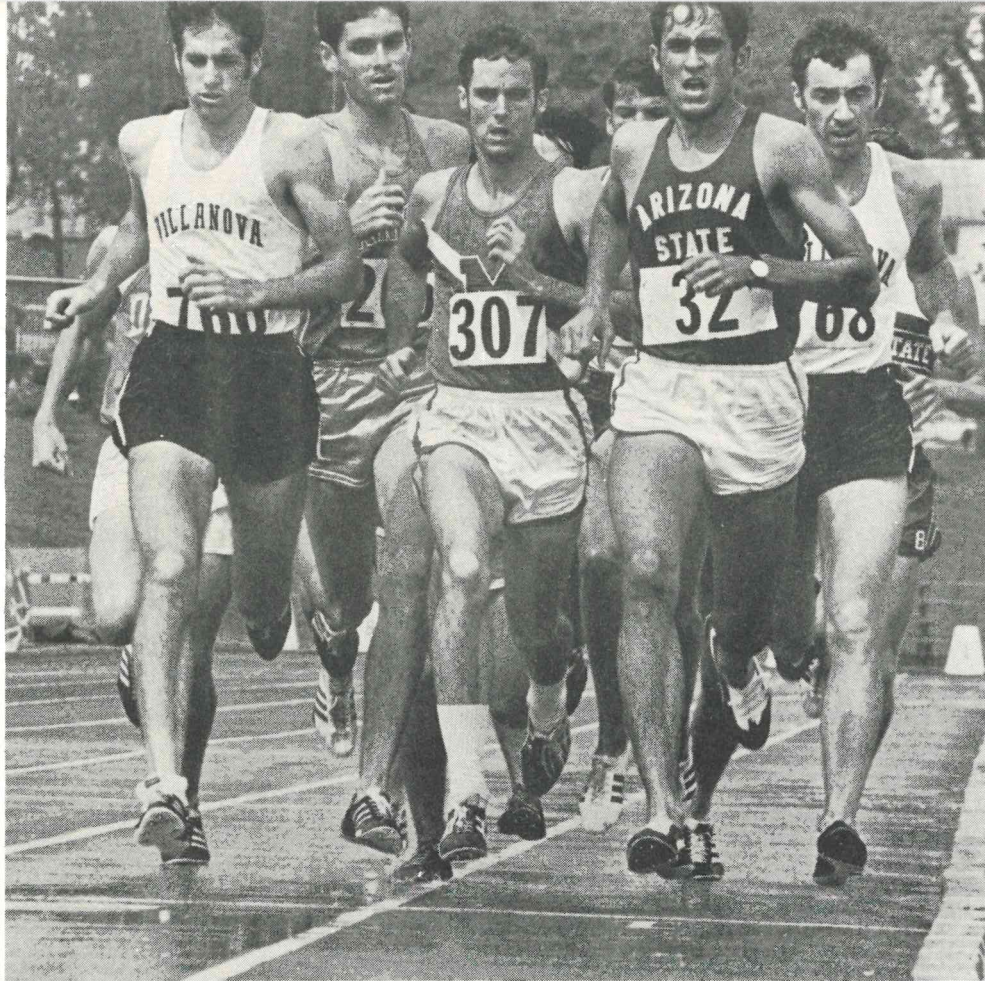
"A helluva race." Curtis Mills, future journalist from Texas A&M, said that is how he would have described the fastest 440 in history which highlighted the NCAA Championships, June 19-20-21, at Knoxville, Tenn. Mills happened to be the winner in a record 44.7 which defeated Olympic 400 champion Lee Evans. Another world mark was equaled as Erv Hall high-hurdled 13.2. American and collegiate marks went to Ralph Mann in the intermediates and UCLA's mile relay team, Byron Dyce got a college best in the 880 and San Jose State's 440 relay team set a new US mark. San Jose State won its first team title, getting a double win from sprinter Carlos. The shock of the meet was in the mile, where Marty Liquori out-sprinted fabled Jim Ryun, who later dropped from the three-mile.





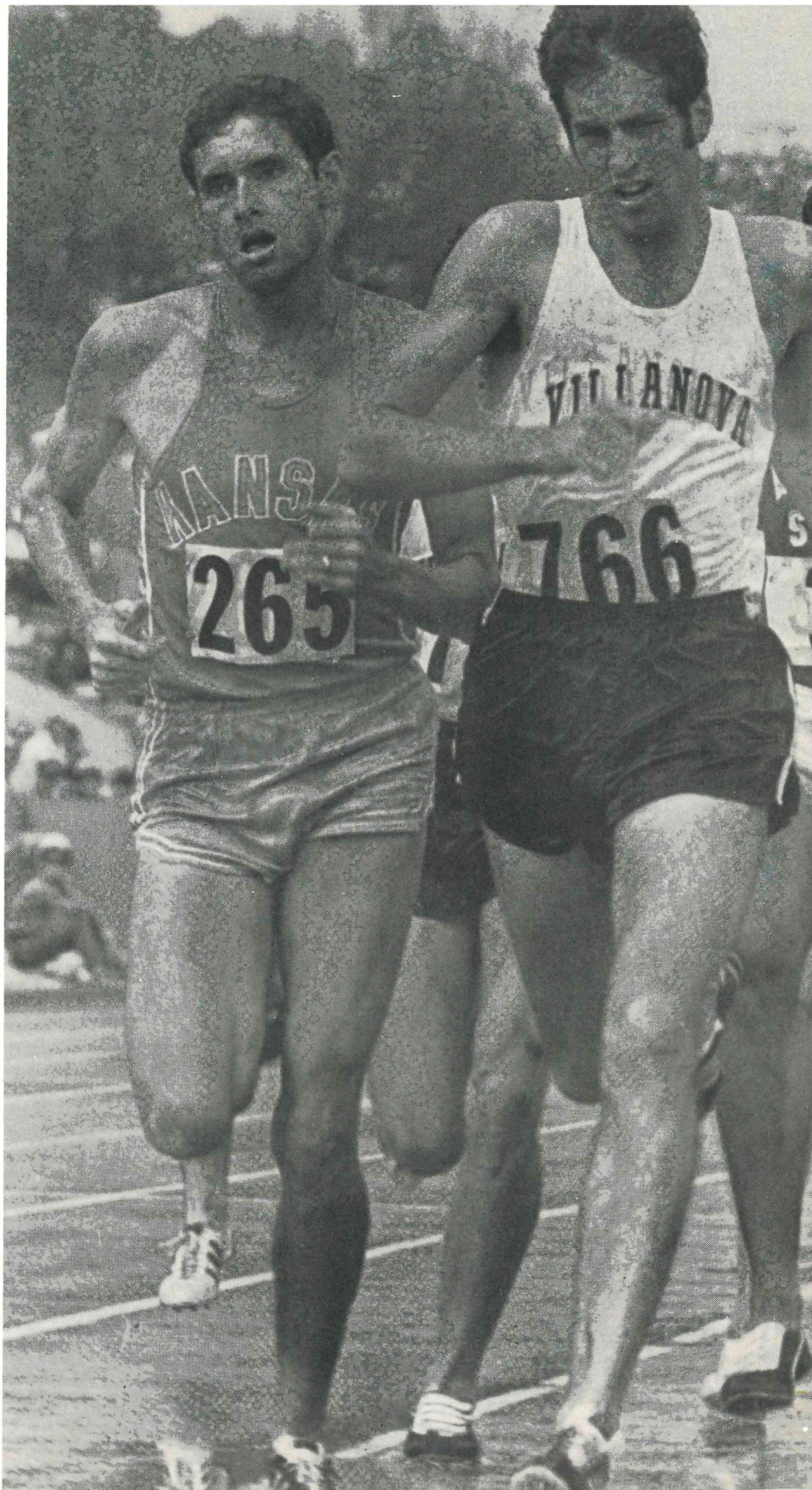
ABOVE, Always a prime target for autograph seekers, 100 and 200 winner John Carlos willingly complies. (Scott)

OPPOSITE, Neither Curtis Mills (l) nor Lee Evans, still a little fatigued, appears to have fully comprehended what has just happened. As they shake hands, Mills has just set a world 440 record of 44.7 and Evans has lost to perhaps the least likely challenger in the field. (Scott)



OPPOSITE ABOVE, Five sub-4:00 milers line up in front at halfway, (l-r) Marty Liquori, Jim Ryun, Brian Kivlan; Chuck, LaBenz and Frank Murphy. (Johnson)

OPPOSITE BELOW, Marty Liquori and Jim Ryun flee past the gun in front, as most other milers stick close going into the final lap. Chuck LaBenz, Frank Murphy, Howell Michael and Chris Mason fill out the current top six. (Johnson)



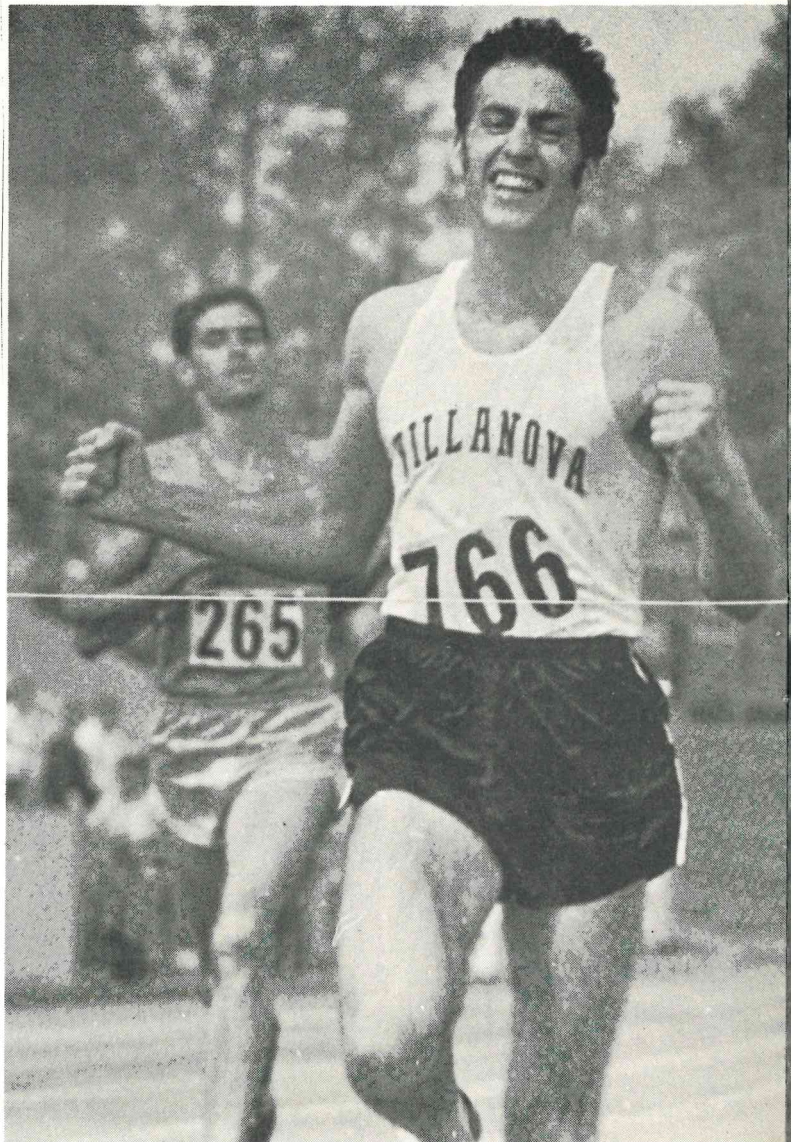
RIGHT, There's weariness and worry on Jim Ryun's face as he clings to Marty Liquori's pace in the last quarter. (O'Connor)

OPPOSITE, Marty Liquori and Jim Ryun exchange congratulations, as their equally-famous Olympic teammates John Carlos and Larry James get in the picture, too. (Johnson)

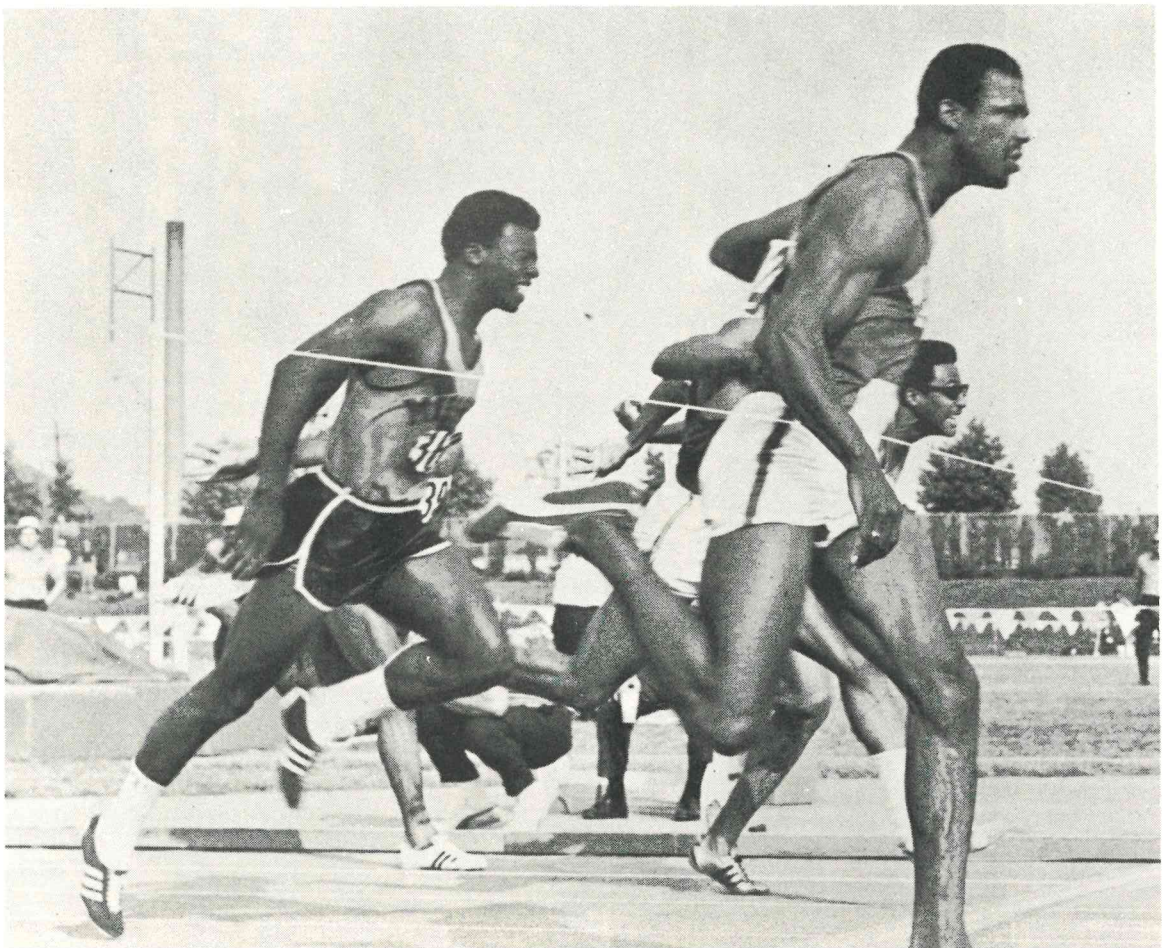


ABOVE, Marty Liquori kicks around the last turn, with Jim Ryun in dangerous preying position on his shoulder. (Murdock)

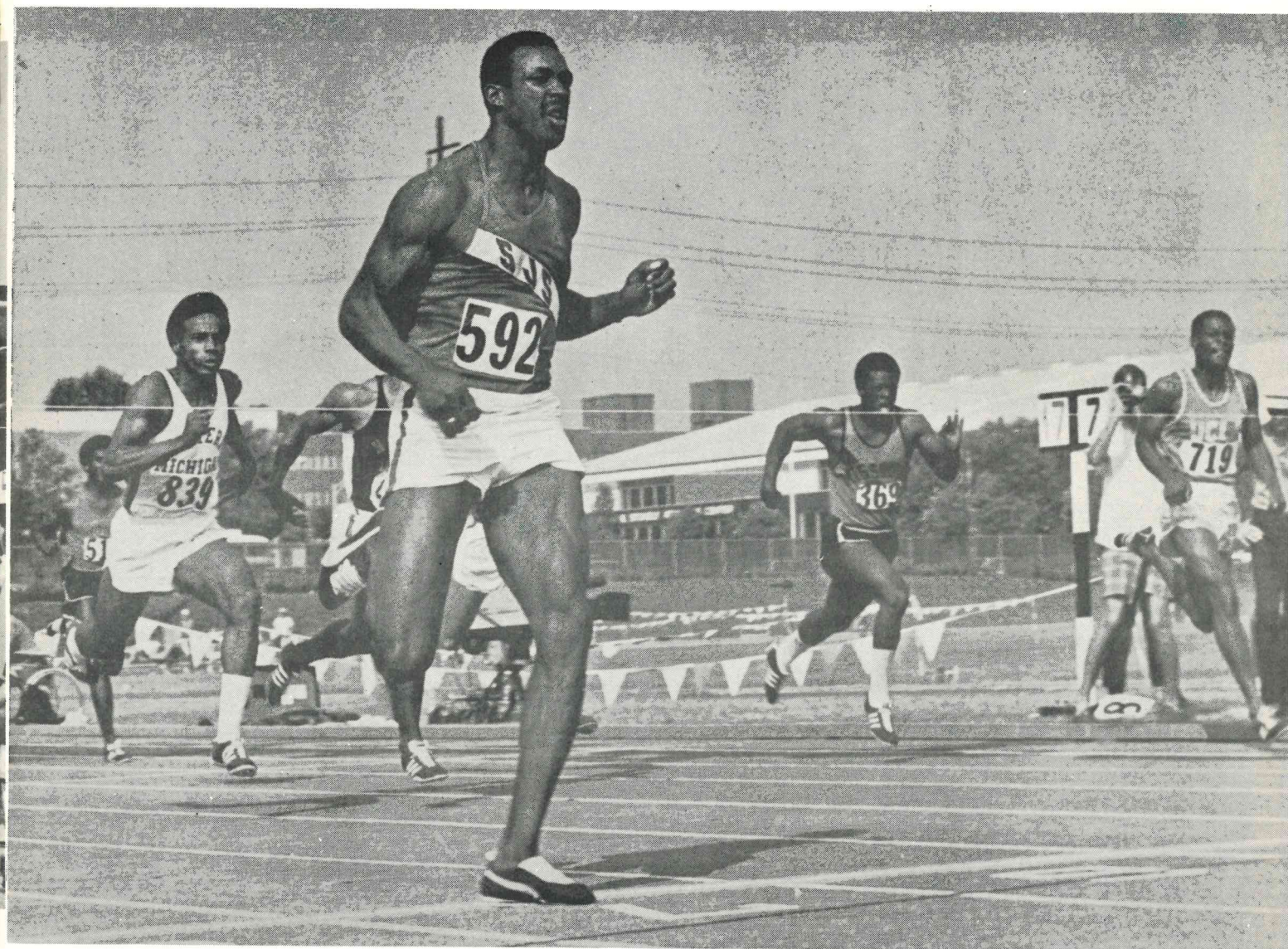
RIGHT, Officially, what Marty Liquori yelled at this point was "unprintable." It's sufficient to say he is plenty elated at forcing Jim Ryun to crack in the final yards of the mile. Marty ran 3:57.7. (O'Connor)







OPPOSITE, Throughout the 100 series, John Carlos was in firm control. (Above left) He buzzed his heat in 9.3, beating Bill Hurd by a tenth. (Above right) His semi netted him a 9.1 windy clocking and a two-tenth victory over Lennox Miller, on his left. (Below) Carlos went 9.2 in the final. (l-r) Mel Gray, Miller and Ronnie Ray Smith are lined up a ways behind him. (Johnson, Johnson, Murdock)



ABOVE, This 220 photo serves as a useful gauge of John Carlos' 220 superiority. He is winning this national championship race by 0.7-second with 20.2. His followers, all at 20.9, include (l-r) Tom Randolph, Bill Hurd, Larry Scheurer, Mel Gray and Wayne Collett. (Murdock)



OPPOSITE, Two views of the three-mile: (Above) Early in the race, eventual winner Ole Oleson (751) runs outside of Jim Ryun in mid-pack as Sid Sink and Len Hilton lead. Oleson came up to win in 13:42.0, while Ryun was still understandably tired from his mile and dropped out. (Below) Dick Buerkle's drop-out was less voluntary. He stumbled, landed on the curb and was injured. (Johnson, Murdock)



ABOVE, Five others keep company with leader Ole Oleson in the last mile of the three (l-r), Glenn Ogden, Frank Shorter, Art Dulong, Norm Trerise and Pete Morales. Shorter and Trerise placed two-three. (Johnson)



ABOVE, The combined effects of heat, pace and the six miles themselves have a telling influence on the expressions of these runners. (Left) Grant Colehour ran third in 29:25.0. (Center) Hatted Art Coolidge moves toward his fourth-placing 29:25.7. (Right) Jack Hill only placed 17th, but at least he made it. (Johnson, Johnson, Johnson)

BELOW, What a way to begin a six-miling career. Frank Shorter wins the national championship in his first race at the distance, running a promising 29:00.2. (Murdock)



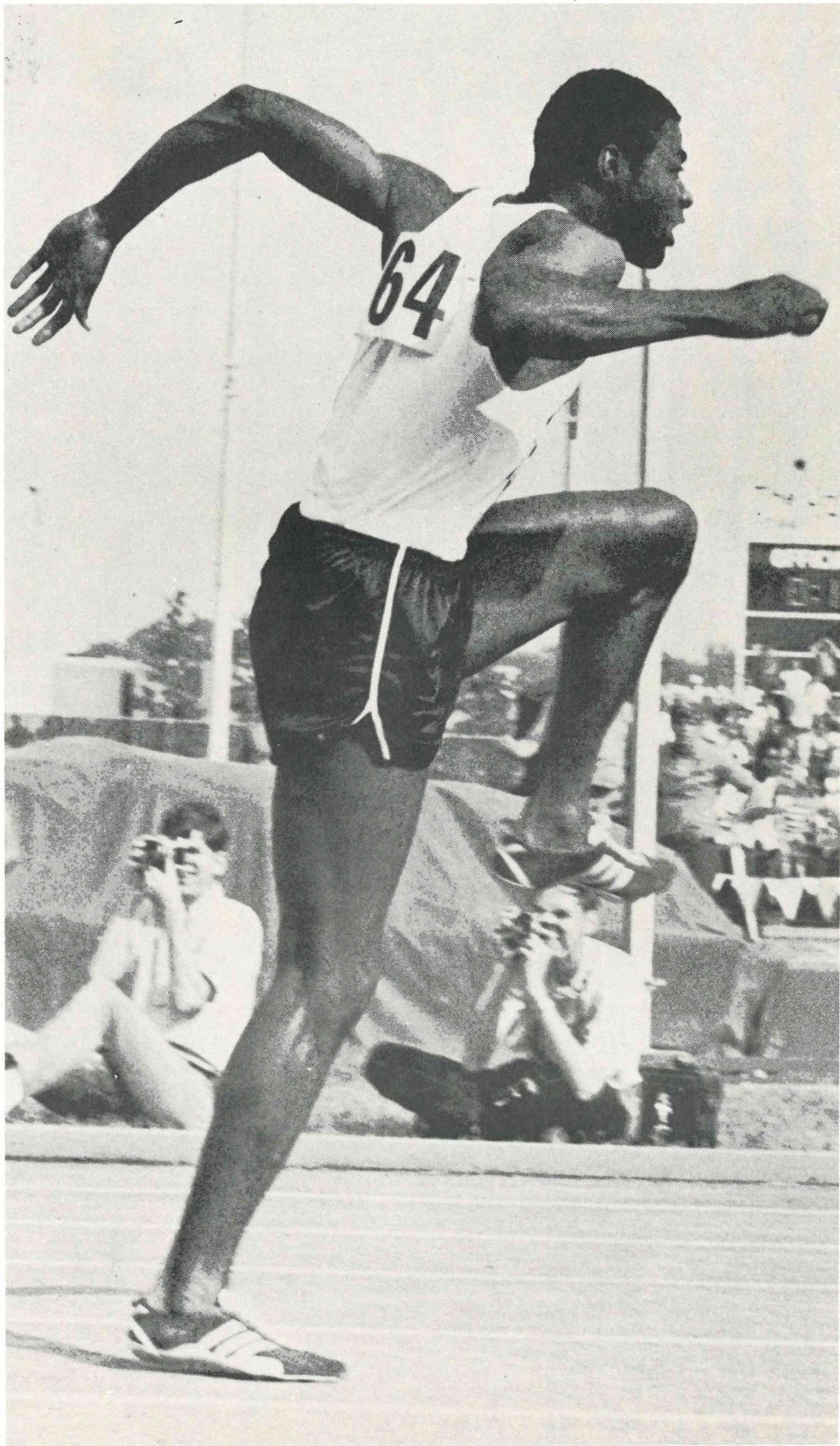


ABOVE LEFT, One of the meet's more surprising winners – yet another sophomore champ – Jim Barkley mounts the water jump en route to his steeple win. (Johnson)



ABOVE RIGHT, Steve Savage, a recent recruit to steeplechasing from Oregon's vast ranks of distance runners, bagged second in his second-ever race. (Johnson)

OPPOSITE, Erv Hall already has his foot firmly planted as all others aren't more than atop the hurdle behind him. Hall raced on to a 13.3 victory after his record-tying 13.2 heat. (Murdock)





OPPOSITE, Ralph Mann accomplishes a feat here that got all too little attention. He merely is finishing the equal-fastest US 440-yard hurdle race of all-time. His 49.6 matched Rex Cawley's American and collegiate records. (O'Connor)



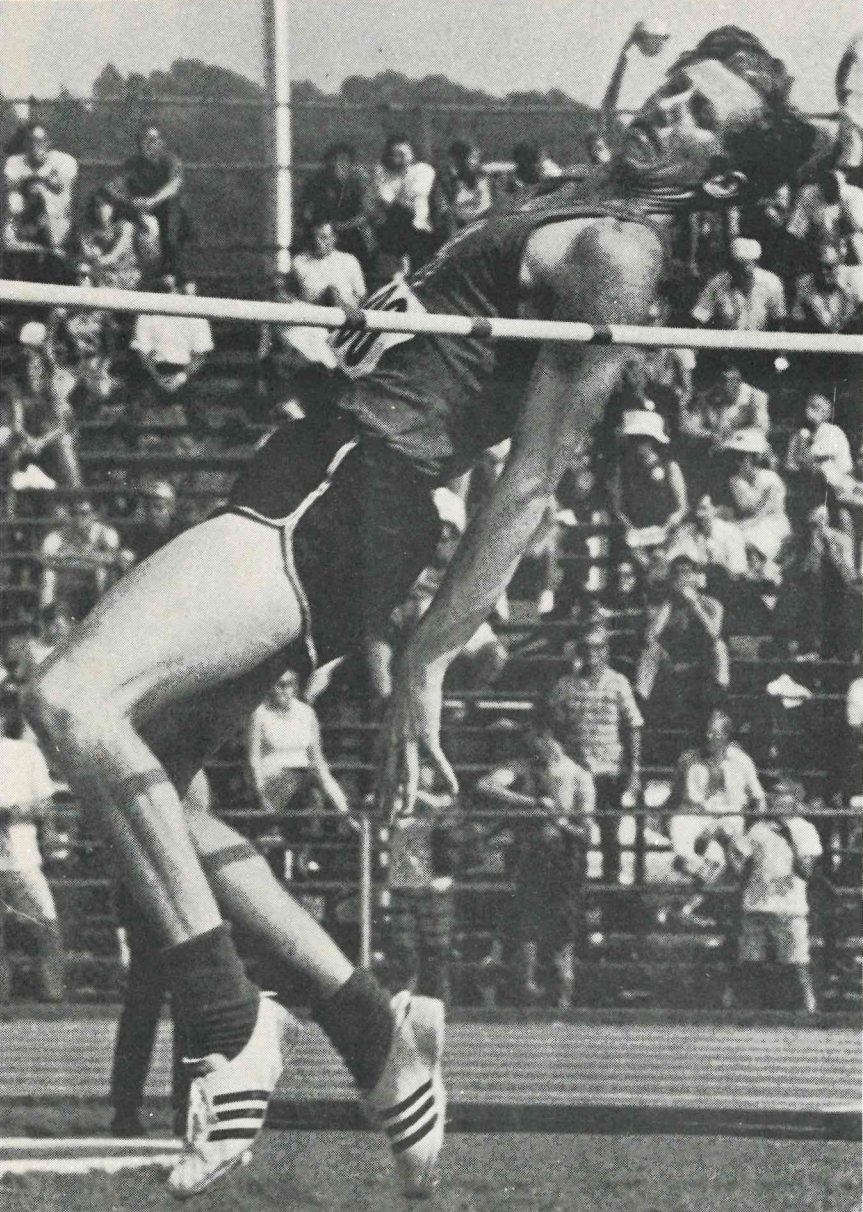
ABOVE, Non-winning intermediate hurdlers weren't dawdling along, either. Wes Williams (l) sped 49.7 for second, Carl Wood's third-place time was 50.0, and Boyd Gittins (r) ran 51.1 for fifth. (Johnson)

RIGHT, En masse, these runners are producing the fastest 880 race in history. Byron Dyce (NYU) wins it as 1:45.9, holding off his closest rival Art Sandison (WSU, 1:46.1). Between 1:46.4 and 1:47.4 came (l-r) Juris Luzins, David Matina, Craig Endicott, Mark Winzenried and Ralph Schultz. (O'Connor)

BELOW, Dan Morran (395) experiences a simultaneous moment of extreme triumph and extreme frustration. He has just improved his half-mile best by 2.2 seconds to 1:47.8. And yet he won't even move ahead to the semis. (l-r) Art Sandison, Mark Winzenried and Ken Swenson are all ahead of him in this heat. (Murdock)

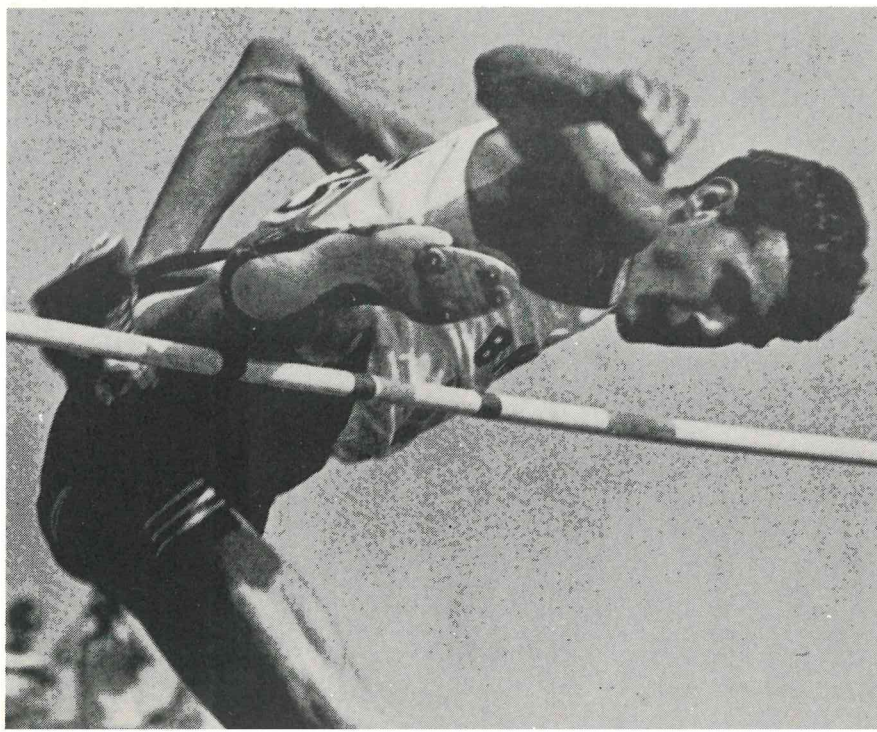


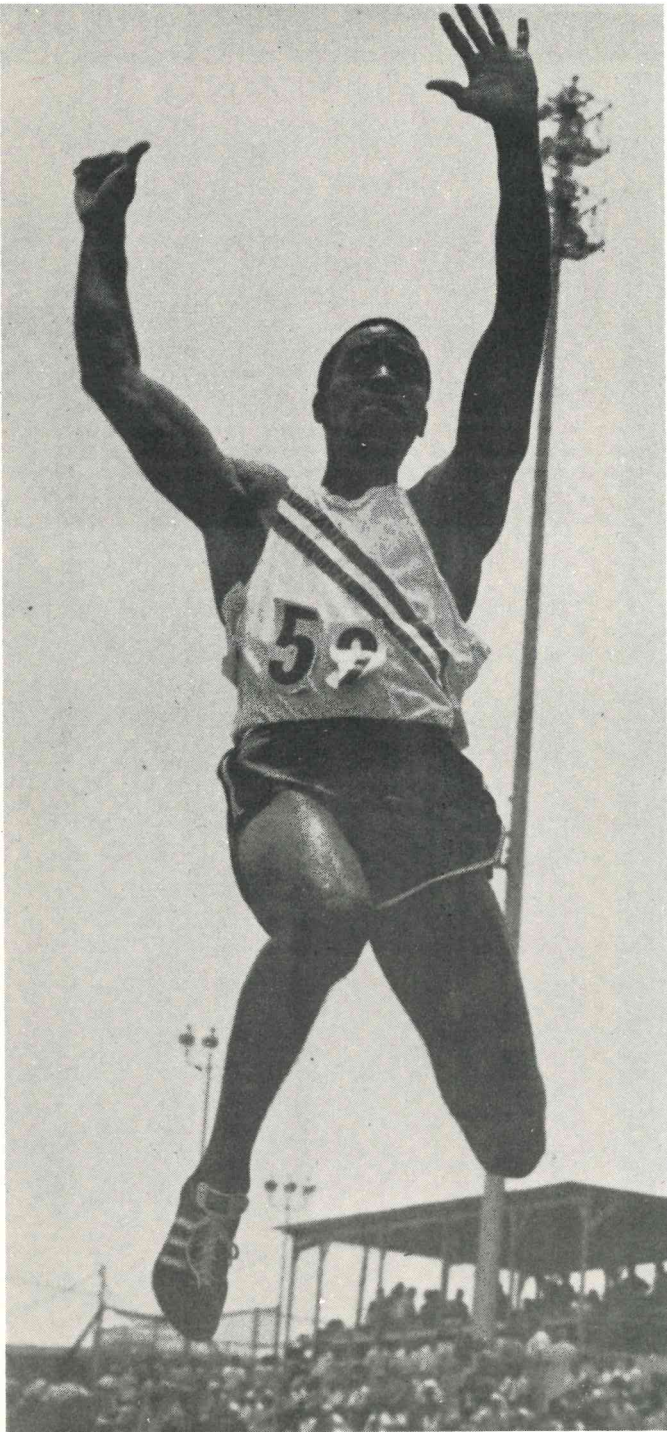




LEFT, Dick Fosbury's pre-NCAA year wasn't particularly brilliant. But he was at his best when it counted most, repeating as collegiate winner with a 1969 world best of 7'2½". (Johnson)

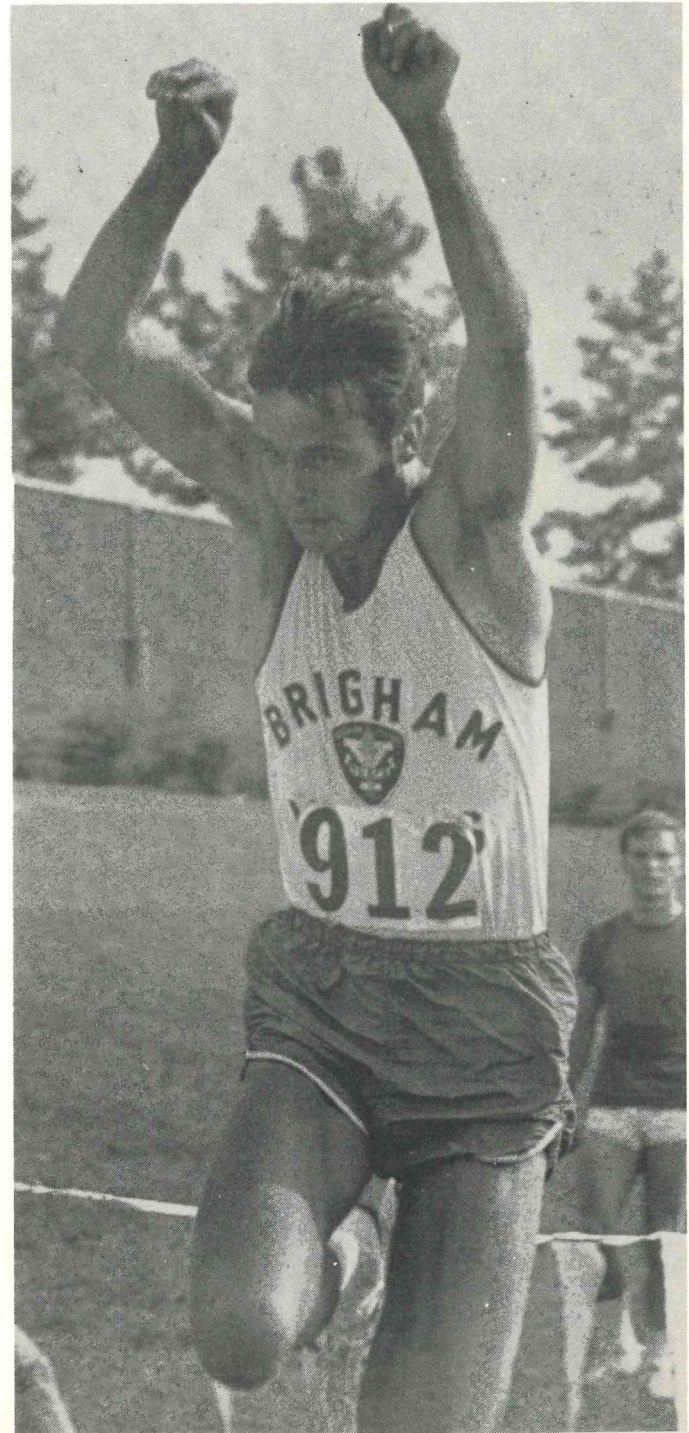
RIGHT, Chris Celion, a Swede at Brigham Young, climbed to a personal high of 7'1" for second. (Johnson)





ABOVE, Jerry Proctor's best long jumping since high school brought him both the championship and a barely windy 26'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " mark. (Scott)

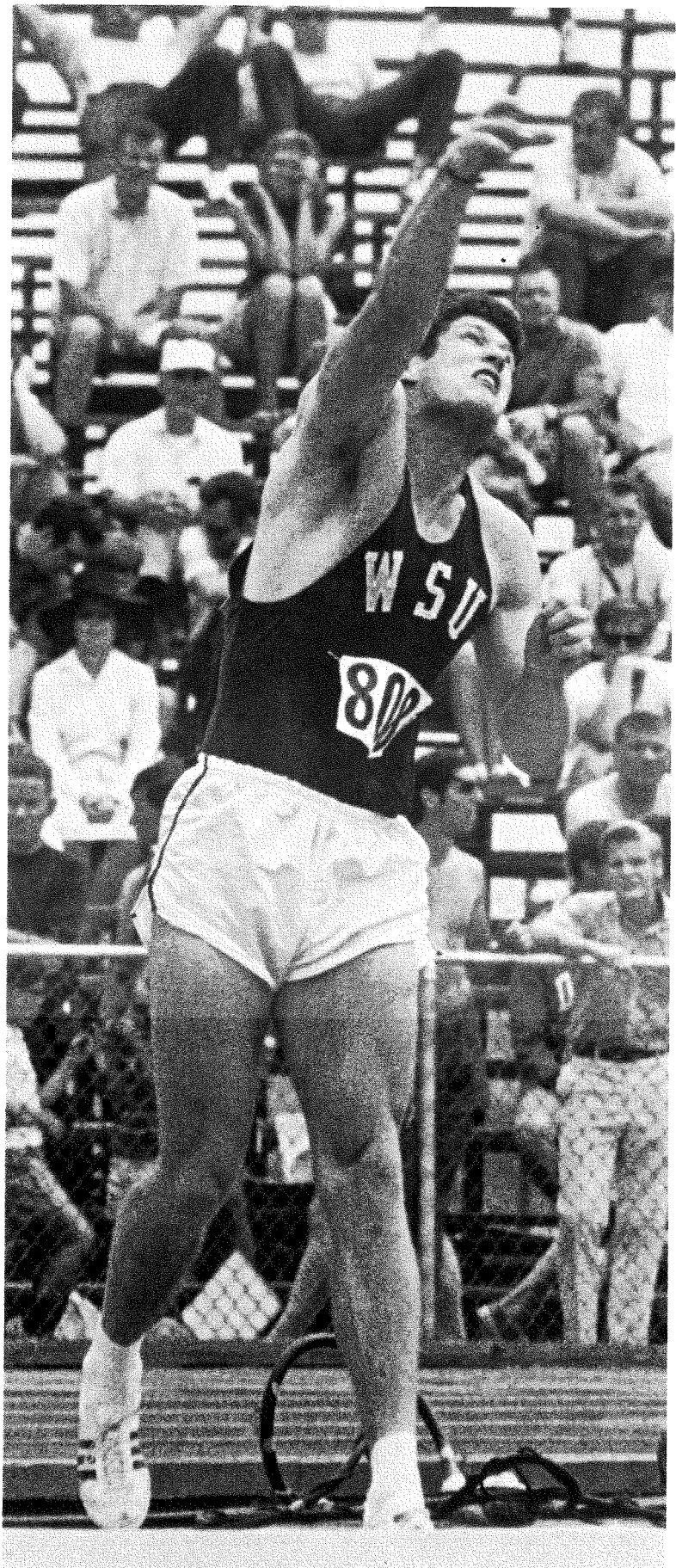
BELOW, Pertti Pousi accomplished the same thing as last year — winning an NCAA title — but in a different event. This time it was the triple rather than the long jump. He did 52'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". (O'Connor)





LEFT, Karl Salb muscled the shot 64'9" to win the event and with second-placing Steve Wilhelm helped give Kansas 18 points. Both are sophomores. (Johnson)

RIGHT, John Van Reenen's shot putting wasn't up to his normal standard (10th at 57'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ "'), but his discus throwing was more than adequate. He won at 200'8" and had two other throws longer than anyone else's. (Johnson)



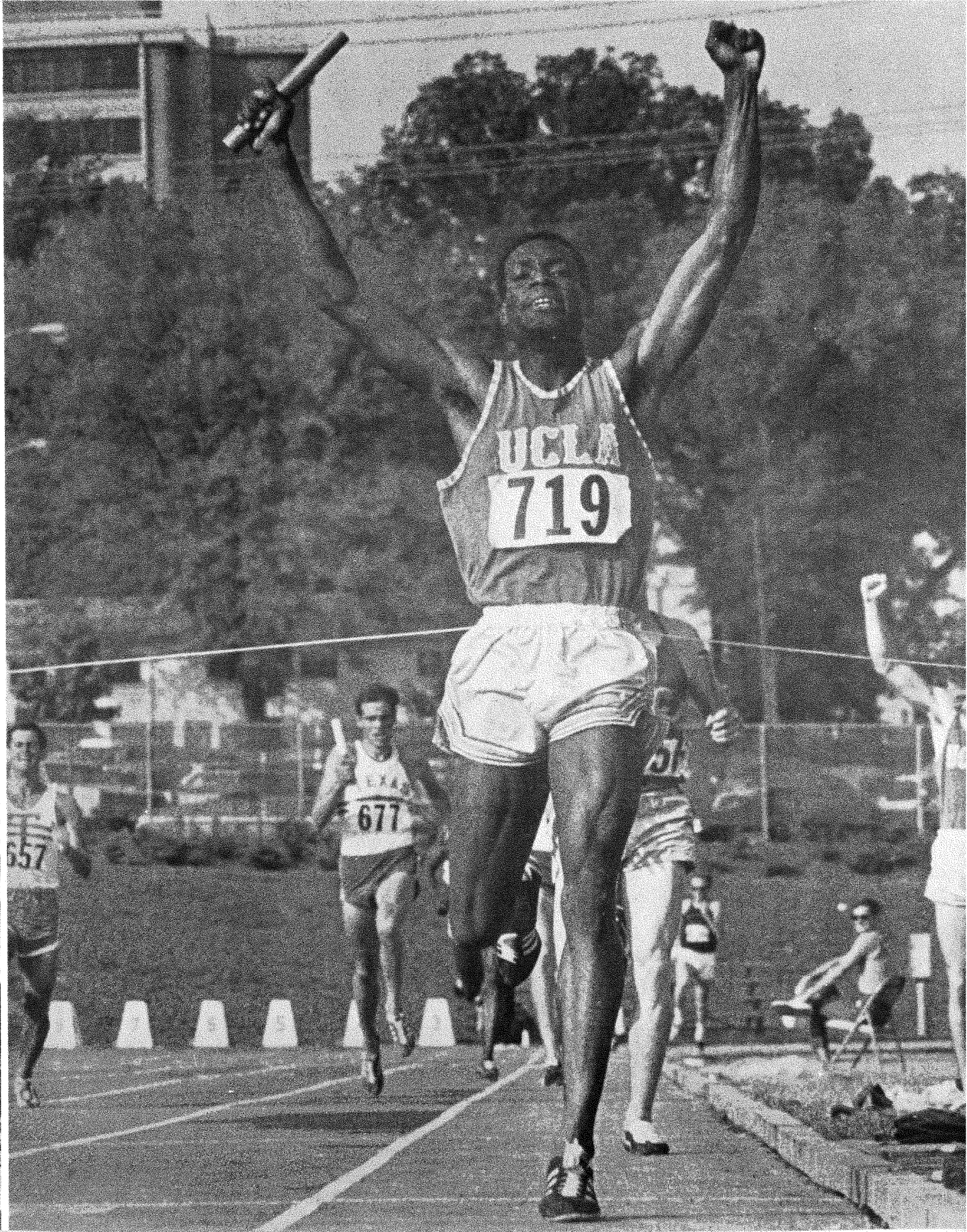


ABOVE, John Carlos again. This time he's anchoring San Jose State's winning 440 relay team, which ran 39.1 in the difficult curb lane after setting an American record of 38.8 in the heats. Rockie Woods anchors Texas A&M, Julio Meade is finishing for Kansas and Larry Scheurer for Washington State. (Johnson)

OPPOSITE, This is the scene that sparked Evans' enthusiastic welcome. Collett is wrapping up the 3:03.4 race ahead of Rice's Dale Bernauer, whose team ran 3:04.7, and Texas' Dave Morton (l). (Johnson)

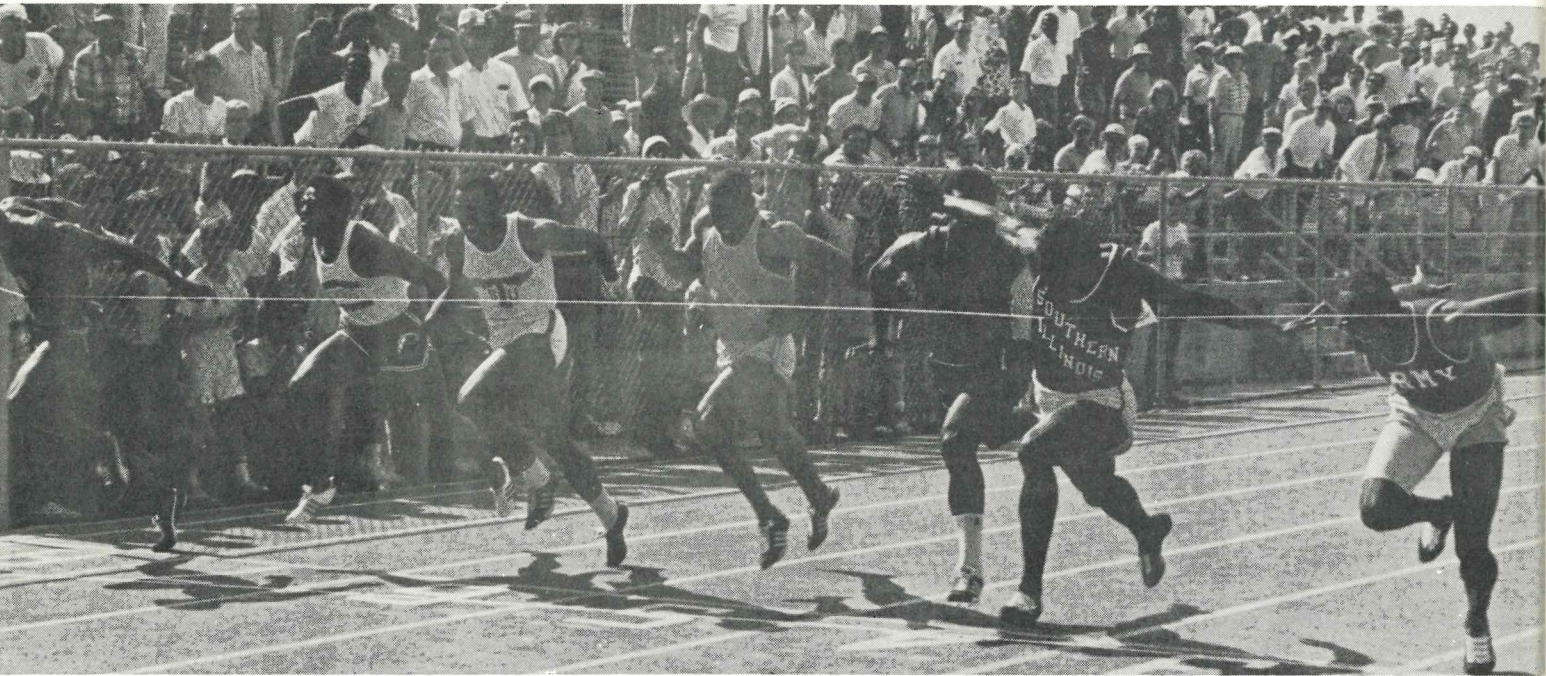
RIGHT, One of the first men to reach Wayne Collett (r) after his 45.0 anchor on UCLA's American record mile relay is Lee Evans. (Murdock)

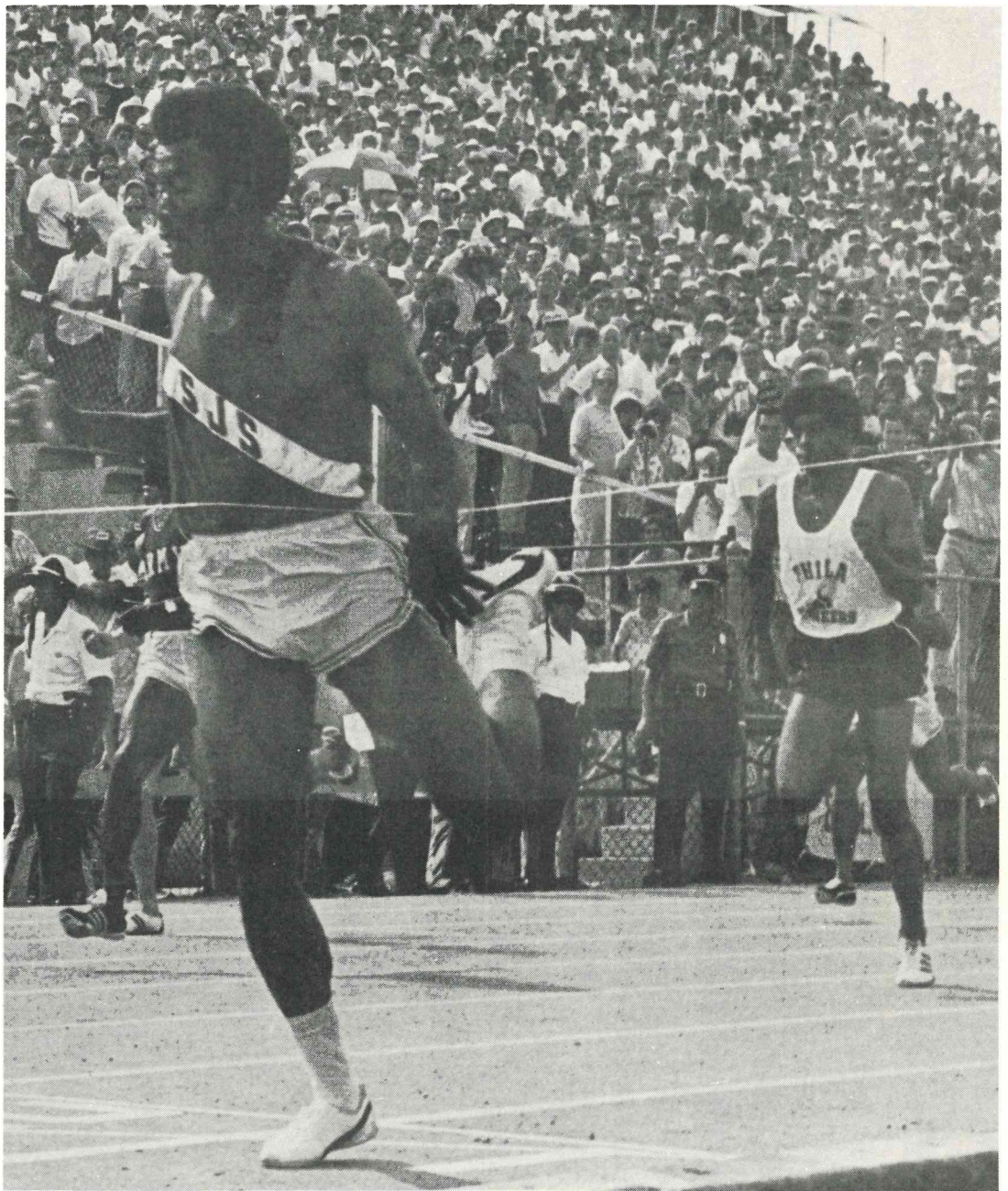




AAU

A screamingly-close high hurdles finish and another shock in the mile from none other than Jim Ryun highlighted the AAU Championships, June 28-29, at Miami, Fla. Leon Coleman, Willie Davenport and Erv Hall leaned head-long into the tape at the finish of the highs and judges' deliberations and photograph inspections finally called Coleman's and Davenport's finish a deadheat for first. All three ran 13.3. Ryun clung to the mile leaders for a 660 before letting go and stepping from the track as Marty Liquori won as he pleased. Bob Seagren cleared 18-feet but in his exuberance knocked the bar off. Otis Burrell claimed his fourth high jump win in five tries, Ivory Crockett upset John Carlos in the 100 as Jon Cole did Jay Silvester in the discus and Lee Evans took his fourth straight 440 title.





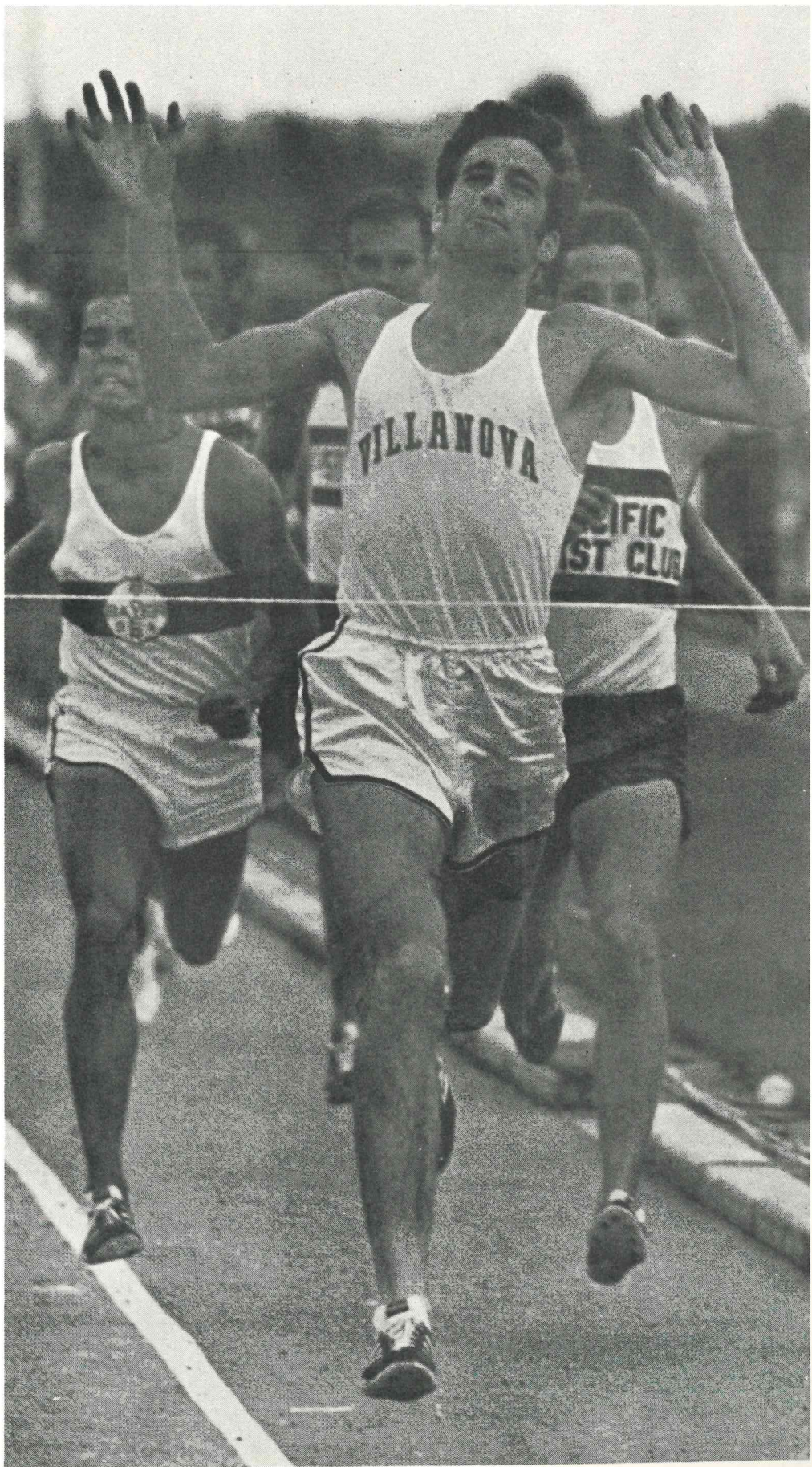
ABOVE, Lee Evans lengthens his reign as AAU champion by another year, and with less pressure than he has had in other years. He needed 45.6 to win his fourth straight title. Larry James (r) could produce no better than 46.3 for fourth. (Johnson)

OPPOSITE, Any way you look at it, Ivory Crockett is the winner of the 100. In a race where he had the slowest pre-race credentials, he came out a 9.3 winner. Sweeping across the line close behind Crockett, in a field where .11 separated first and eighth, are (l-r, both pictures) John Carlos, Ronnie Ray Smith, Robert Taylor, Andy Hopkins, Mel Gray. Charlie Greene is on Crockett's left in the top shot. (Johnson, Chadez).

OPPOSITE, In another repeat of the NCAA tape-breaking scene, Marty Liquori takes the Miami mile. (l-r) Sam Bair, Bob Day and John Mason all finish within 1½ seconds of Liquori's 3:59.5, Mason grabbing second with his career best of 4:00.0. (Chadez)



ABOVE, A la NCAA, the AAU featured another fast mass 880 finish. Byron Dyce (United AA) wins this one, as he did the one in Knoxville. But Juris Luzins (r) is applying worrismatic pressure. (l-r) Mark Winzenried, John Perry and Felix Johnson are visible not far back. (Johnson)





OPPOSITE, The milers remain well-bunched, but the first four have nearly assumed their final order. (l-r) Sam Bair, John Mason, Bob Day and Marty Liquori form the front wall. (Wilkinson)

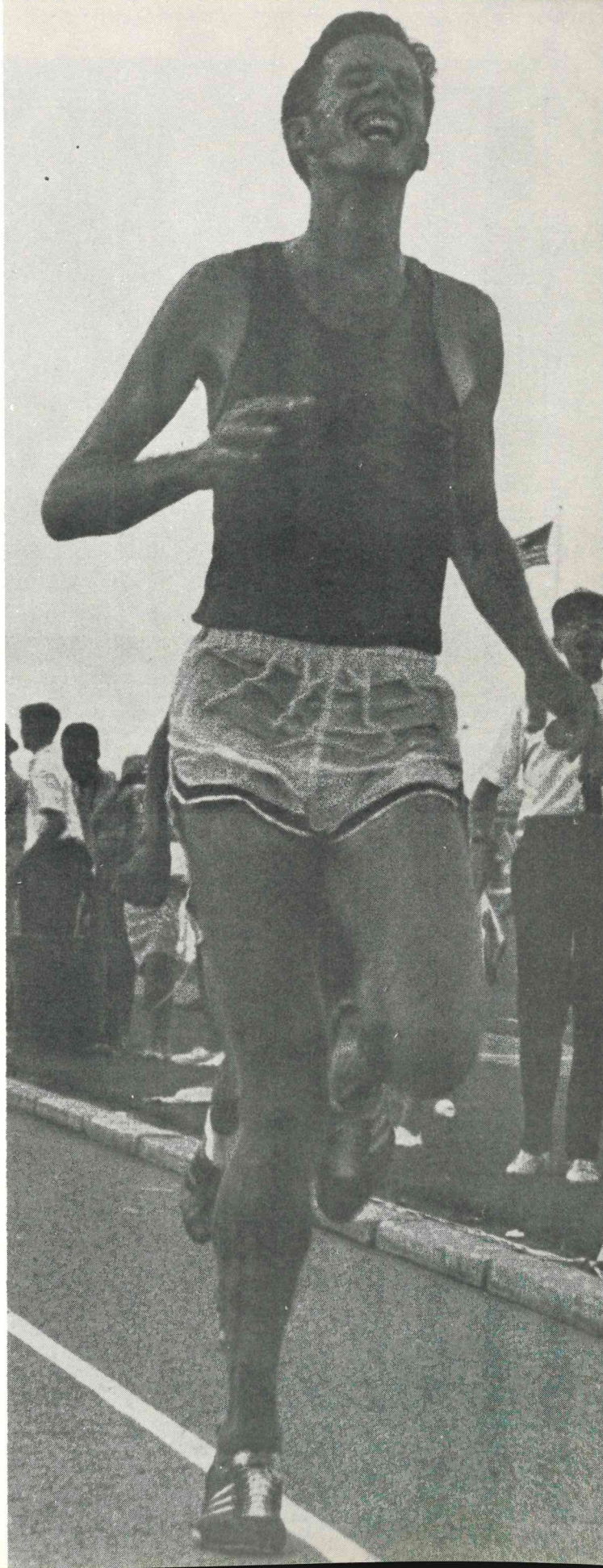
BELOW, Jim Ryun's premature ending. (Wilkinson)







Jack Bacheler (Above) focuses on straining, sprinting Juan Martinez as they enter the last lap of the six-mile. (Right) But when they reached that point again, after a 56-second trip around the steamy asphalt oval, the positions were reversed. Barely-restrained glee pops out on Bacheler's face as he obscures the much smaller Mexican. (Johnson, Johnson)



OPPOSITE, Upfront early in the three-mile is Gerry Lindgren, who missed winning only because of a small tactical goof. Tracy Smith (Striders) beat him when Gerry stopped too soon. (l-r) Norm Trerise, Juan Martinez, Bob Finlay and Mario Perez complete the present top six. (Wilkinson)



OPPOSITE, Mike Manley splashes down first in the steeplechase, ahead of Bob Price (center) and Conrad Nightingale (l) and Manley was leading at the tape. His 8:36.6 career low defeated Price by 1.2 seconds. (Wilkinson)



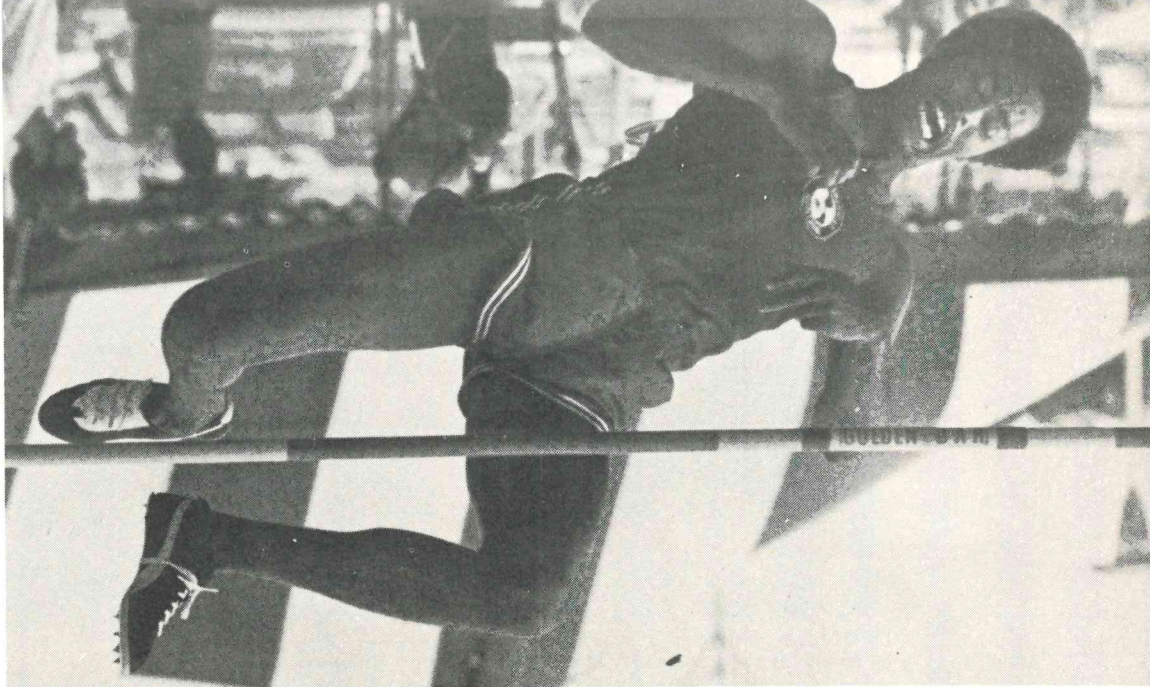
ABOVE, Willie Davenport (l) didn't have such an easy time in the high hurdle final as he did in his heat here, where his 13.4 beat Thomas Hill. In the final, Willie and Leon Coleman tied for first, both clocking 13.3. (Wilkinson)



ABOVE, Over the eighth intermediate hurdle, Ralph Mann (l) trails Carl Wood (r), with (from left) Gary Knoke, Dave Adkins, Geoff Vanderstock, Nick Lee, Paddy McCrary and Ron Whitney following. (Johnson)

BELOW, At the final barrier, Mann holds a slight edge over Wood and went on to win in 50.1 while Lee closed fast to edge Wood for second. Adkins, Knoke, McCrary and Vanderstock claimed other places but defending champion Whitney did not finish. (Chadez)





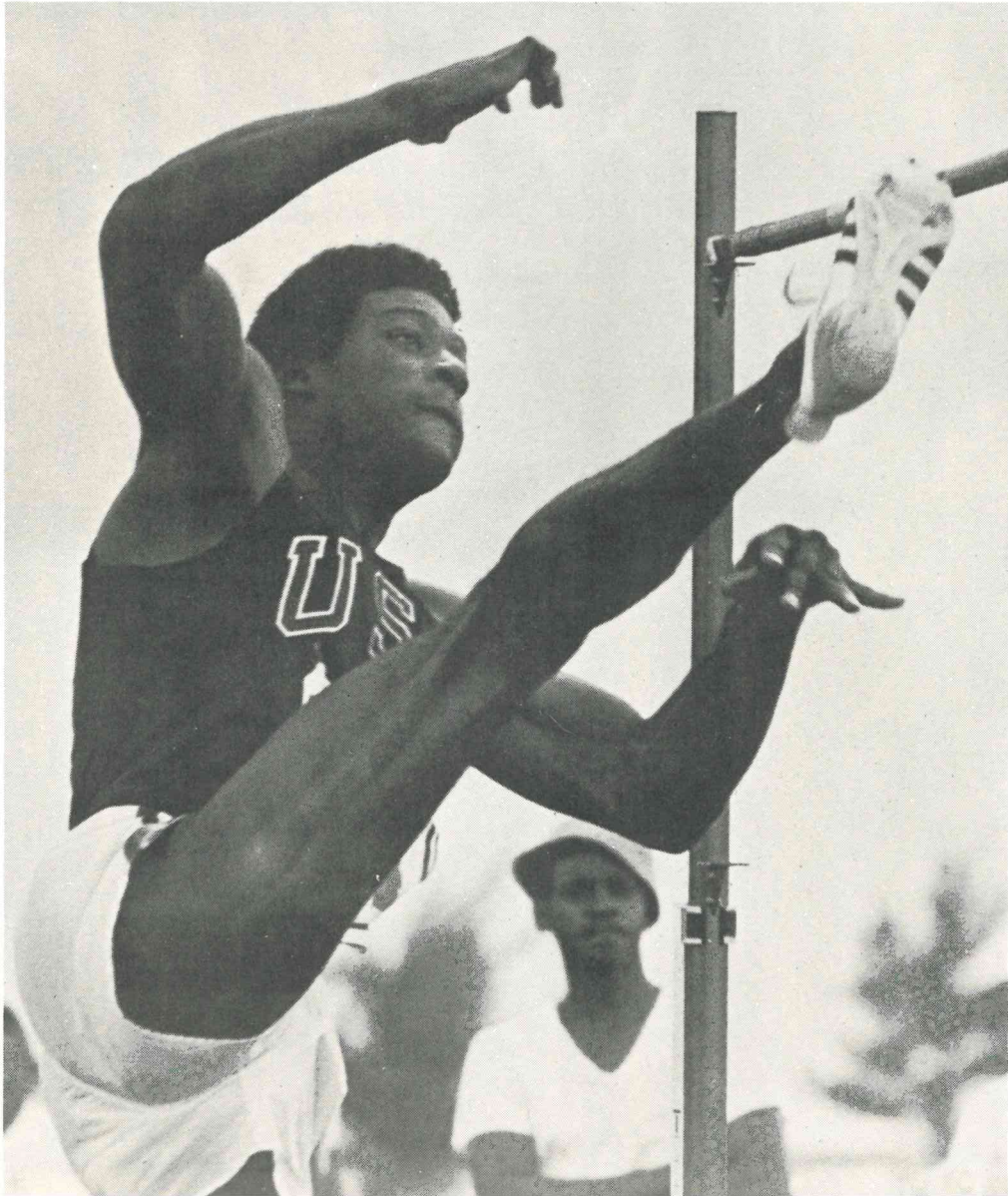
If anyone deserves the title of "Mr. Consistency" in AAU high jumping, it certainly would be Otis Burrell. He collected his fourth national title in five years by clearing 7'1". (Chadez, Wilkinson)

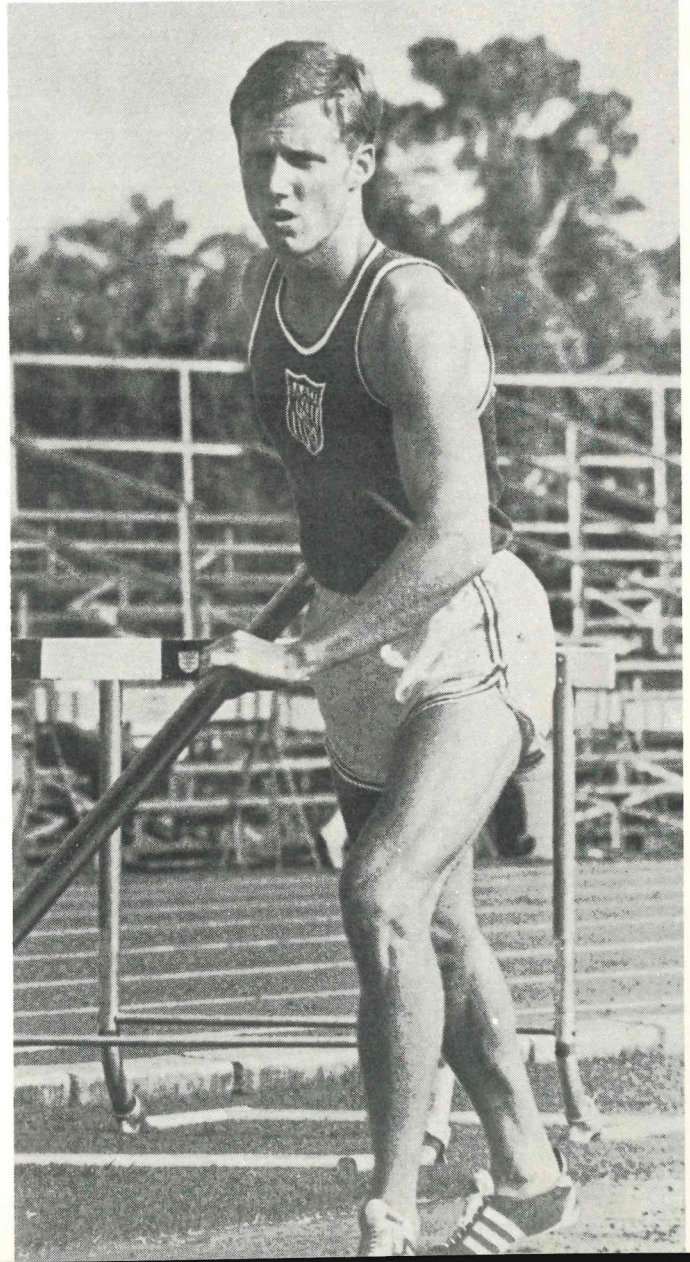
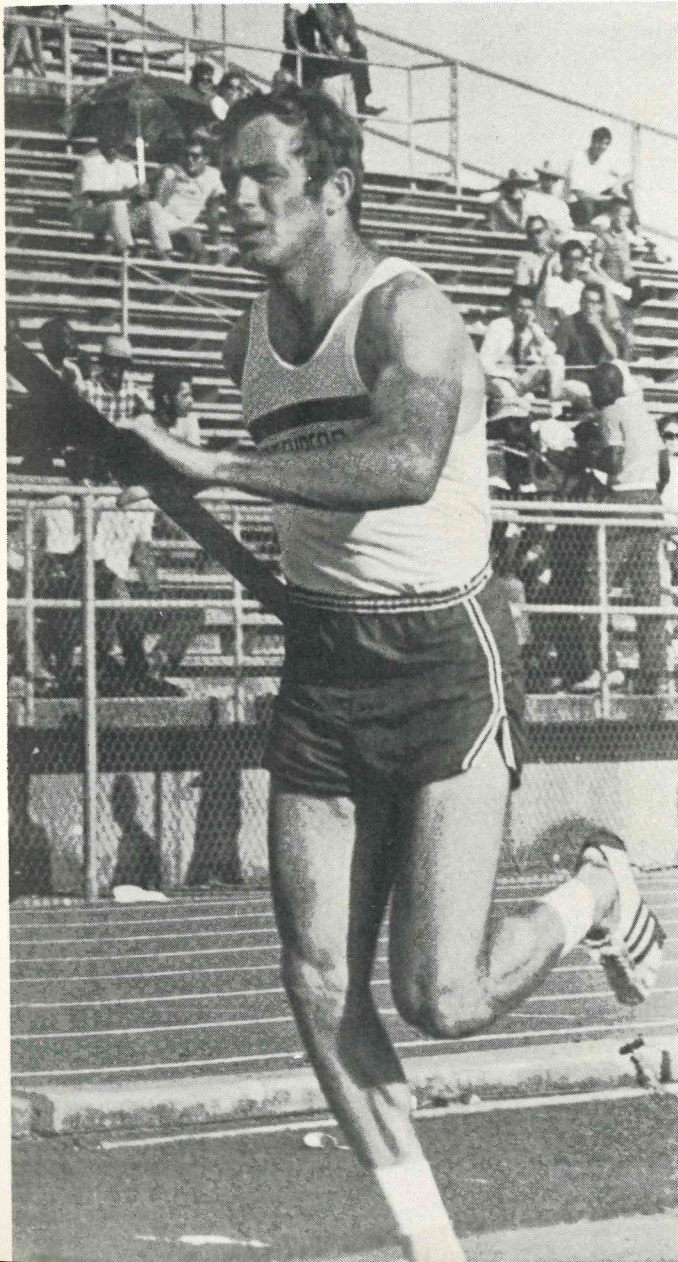
OPPOSITE ABOVE, That pesky $\frac{3}{4}$ " tacked onto the height of the bar probably prevented Bob Seagren from achieving his goal of surmounting 18-feet. Here his body is over but his left hand barely winks the bar off. Bob won anyway, at 17'6". (Johnson)

OPPOSITE LEFT, New world record holder John Pennel is just as intent as Bob Seagren on being the first man to clear 18-feet, but he had to be content with second, a full 12-inches below that height. (Johnson)

OPPOSITE RIGHT, Jon Vaughn trailed a trio of 17-footers in claiming fourth place with a clearance of 16'6". (Johnson)

BELOW, Prepdom's most prolific seven-footer, Reynaldo Brown, cleared that height again; Compton, Calif.'s high-school record-holder placed third. (Chadez)



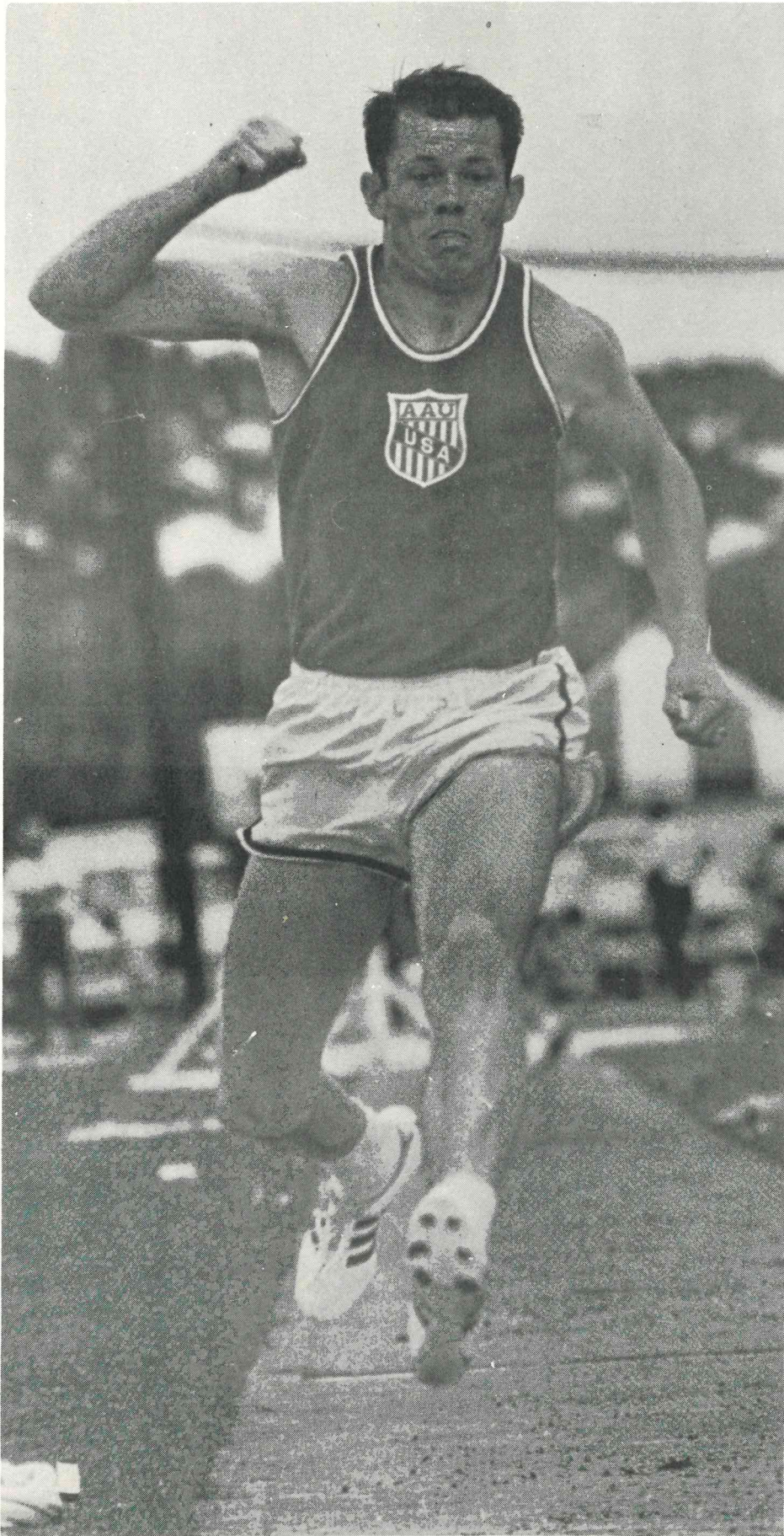




OPPOSITE, Bob Beamon is just as formidable as ever. Despite jumping off the wrong take-off foot (his left), the Olympic champion's 26'11" easily wrapped up first place. (Chad-
ez)

RIGHT, Just as in the NCAA the week before, Kansas' Stan Whitley leaped to second place, this time with 26'4½". (Chad-
ez)





OPPOSITE, Norm Tate bounces through a triple jump effort as John Craft (l) looks on impassively. Tate's best of 52'6¼'', however, was three inches shy of Craft's winning 52'9¼''. (Chadez)

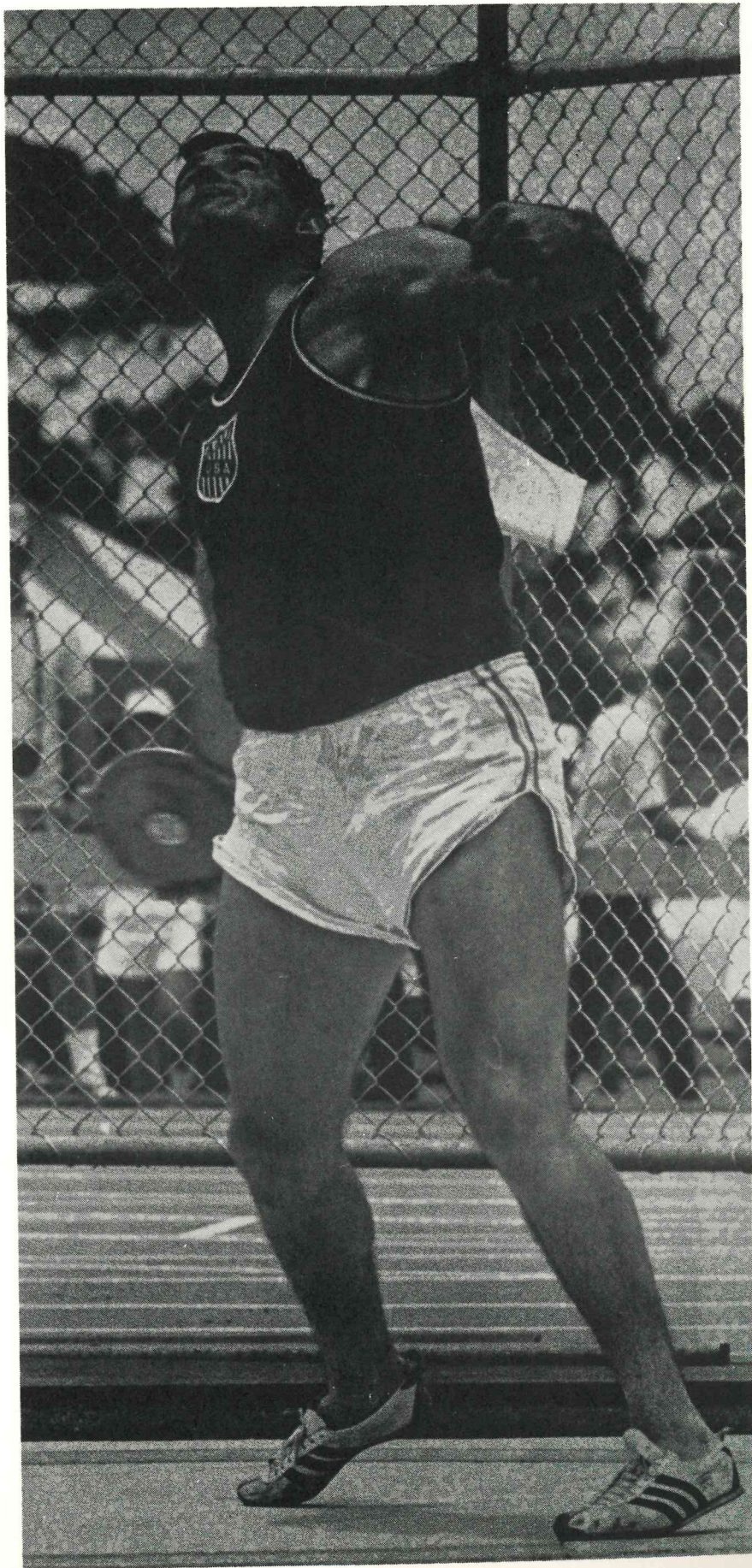
LEFT, Veteran US triple leaper Darrell Horn bounded 52'1½'' for third, edging, among others, Brazil's Olympic silver medalist Nelson Prudencio. (Johnson)





ABOVE, Jon Cole said that he had admired Jay Silvester ever since he could remember but when it came down to the throwing, Cole's career top of 208'10" best Silvester by an inch and gave Cole his first national championship. (Wilkinson)

OPPOSITE, A battler even when behind, Jay Silvester responded to Jon Cole's 208'10" with a 208'9" of his own, but had to be content with second place. (Chadez)





OPPOSITE, Tom Gage's personal best of 228'5" gave him his first national championship and made him the third-longest American thrower in history. (Chadez)

BELOW, Second-placer George Frenn also came up with a career best, 227'2", to clinch a spot on his first national team. (Wilkinson)



BELOW, Roger Collins doesn't discourage easily. After placing only sixth in the NCAA the week before, Collins let loose a career-best 269'1" for second. (Chadez)

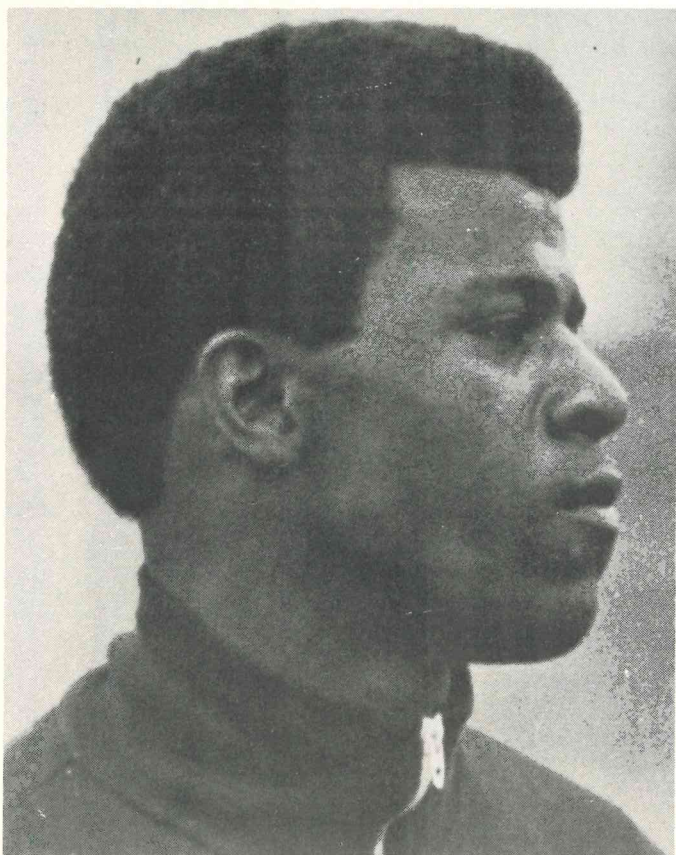
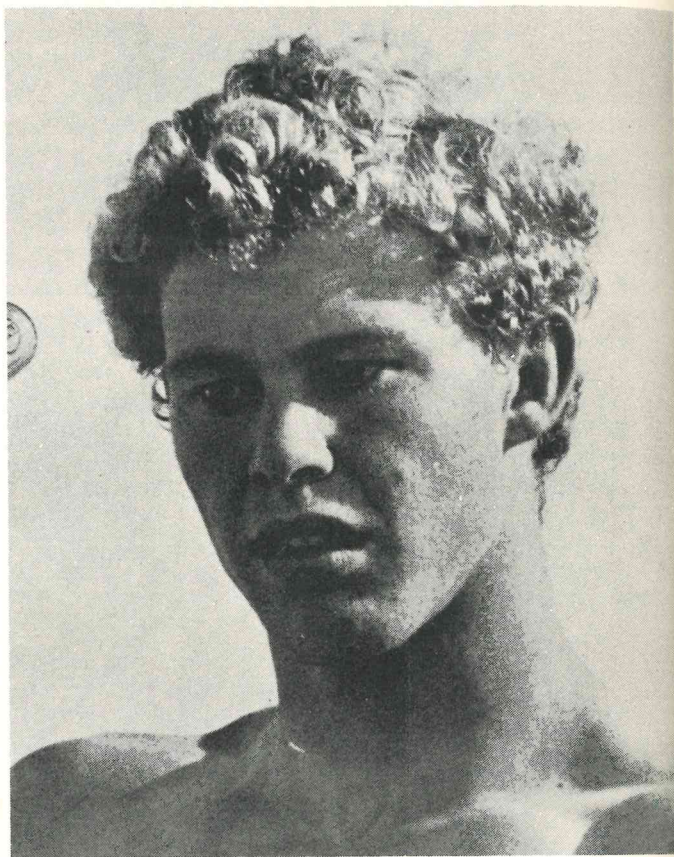
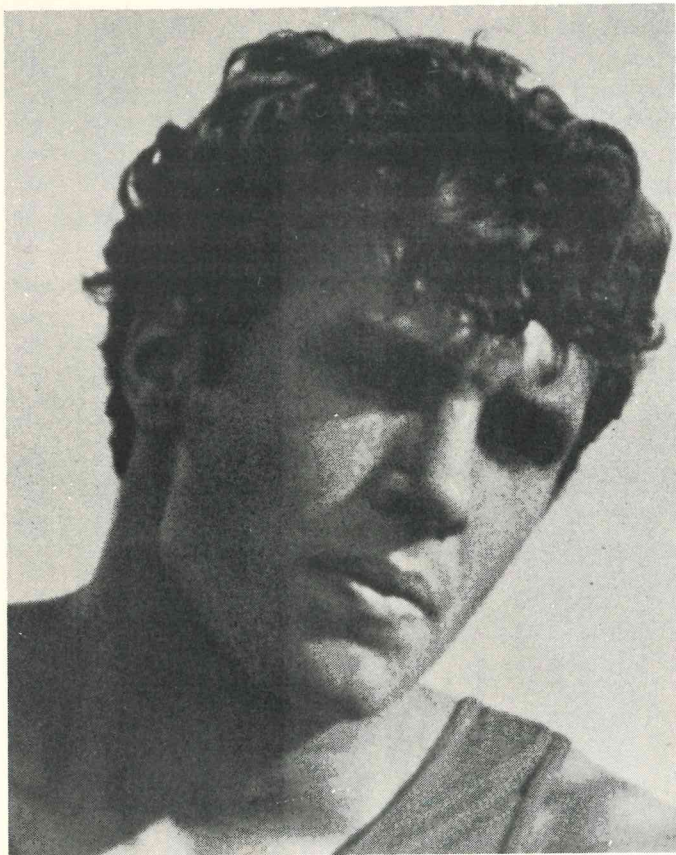




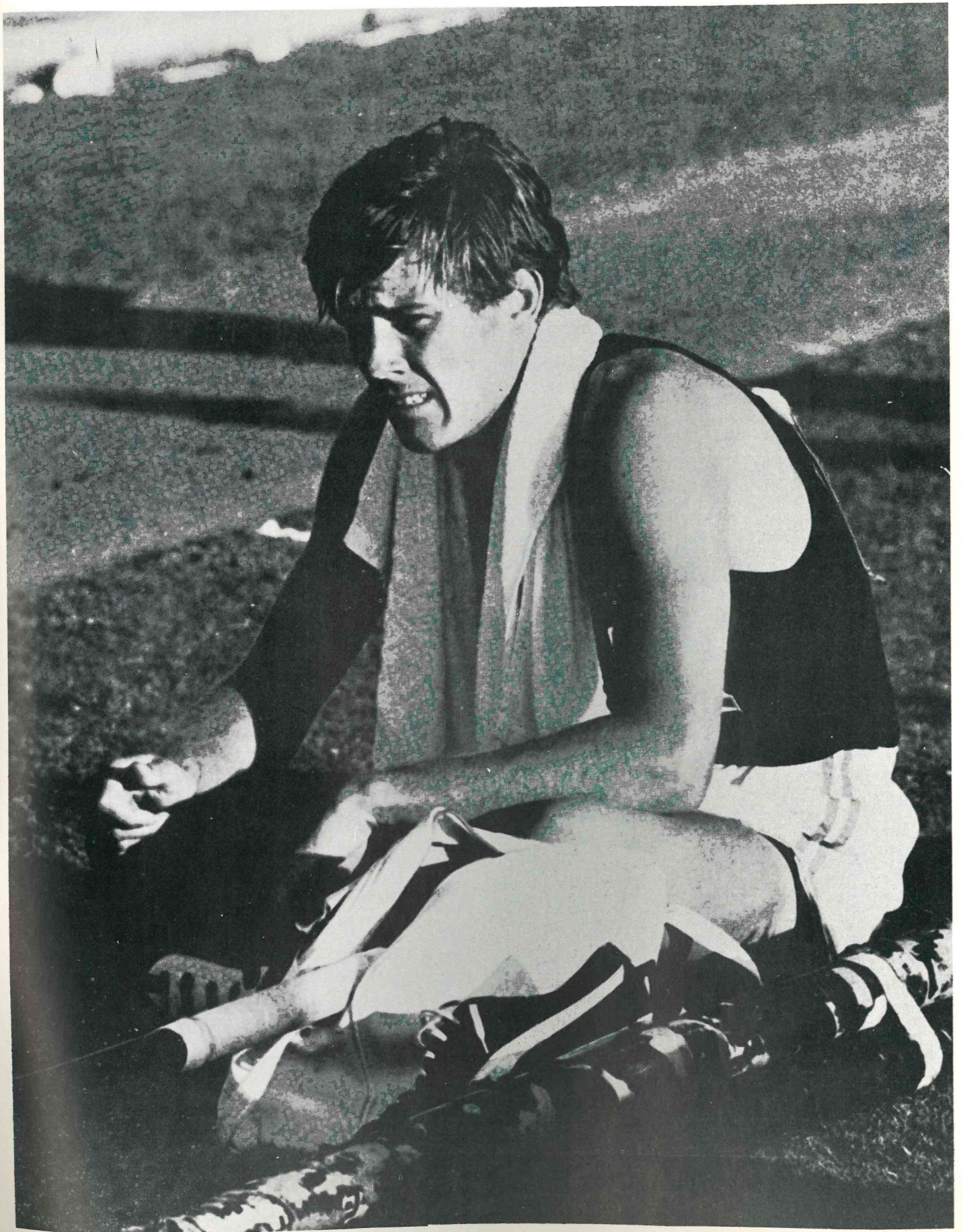
ABOVE, Ignoring the pain of a pulled side muscle, Mark Murro added the AAU javelin title to his NCAA win with a 284'3'' heave. (Chadez)



RIGHT, In a summit conference of champions, Mark Murro (l), javelin winner at 284'3'', chats with discus victor Jon Cole (r), who threw 208'10''. (Chadez)



Even in victory, Bob Seagren (Opposite) ponders in consternation over two problems not uncommon to other champions from these five meets: the barrier that still remains just beyond their grasp and the ever-increasing group of young, talented challengers arising both to the same barrier and to the challenge presented by the champion himself. Seagren ponders his missing 18-feet by the barest of margins at the AAU and also youthful challengers Casey Carrigan (Above left), Steve Smith (Above right) and Robert Pullard (Left) — the three highest prep vaulters in history. (Wilkinson, Johnson, Johnson, Chadez)



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