

Margit “Grete” Treiber

NAWGJ Hall of Fame Inductee in 1980



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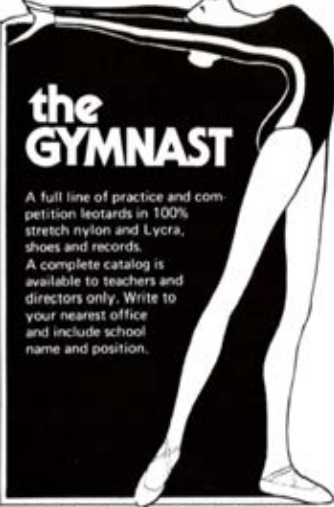
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Grete had a gift of creating perfect floor routines for her gymnasts in music and choreography. She was great at telling hilarious stories, many of them international judging stories. People never wondered what she was thinking because she'd say it like it was. She also liked to pull pranks with her friends such as Betty Axelson-McIell and Sandy Oldham whether at a Congress or another get together. Grete mentored many judges throughout the years.

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Grete Treiber traveled to South Africa as an official

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NADIA COMANECI (ROM)
Forward somersault (to grasp)



OLGA KORBUT (USSR)
Backward somersault (to grasp)

WHO WENT WHERE?

China Trip, Oct. 23 - Nov. 6

Gymnasts
Mike Carter LSU
Bart Conner Oklahoma - Norman
Larry Girard Nebraska - Lincoln
Mike Gadowe LSU
Gene Whalen Penn State
Jay Whalen Southern Connecticut
Koleen Casey St. Paul Turners
Kim Chase Chase Sch. of Gymn. Palm Beach
Diane Dunbar Diablo Gym Club, Walnut Creek
Carrie Englett Natl. Sch. of Gymn. Eugene, Oreg.
Kathy Howard Hi LO Twisters, Olathe, City
Leslie Wolfberger SCATS Westminster, Cal.
Jodi Yocum Reading Pa.

Officials
Frank L. Bare USGF
Dr. Harold Fry Univ. of Cal., Berkeley
Linda Mulvihill Natl. Sch. of Gymn. Eugene
Scott Cross SCATS
Mel Blickenstaff Indiana State, Trainer
Art Maddox Natl. Sch. of Gymn. Pianist

SOUTH AFRICA, Sept. 25 to Oct. 10, 1976

Gymnasts
Susan Ancher Kips Gymnastics, Long Beach
Jeanne Beadie LSU
Robin Hustiner Dickinson High, Dickinson, N.D.
Kathy Johnson Vannie Edwards School of Gymn.

Officials
Vannie Edwards Bricher, Louisiana
Grete Treiber Indiana State

Barcelona Invitational, Spain Oct. 7 - 13, 1976

Peter Korman Southern Connecticut
Albe Grossfeld Southern Connecticut

Milk Meet Toronto Canada, Oct. 31 - Nov. 8

Gymnasts
Wayne Young Penn State
Tammy Manville Reno School of Gymn.

Officials
Dale Farness Reno School of Gymn.
Jackie Fra Jefferson, Iowa
Ted Muryzko Downers Grove, Ill.
Biff Roetzheim Chicago, Ill.

Sandton Cup, South Africa, Nov. 1 - 14

Gymnasts
Debbie Wilcox Univ. of Col. Boulder
Ron Gallamore LSU

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1971 WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS TEAM

- **CLASS**

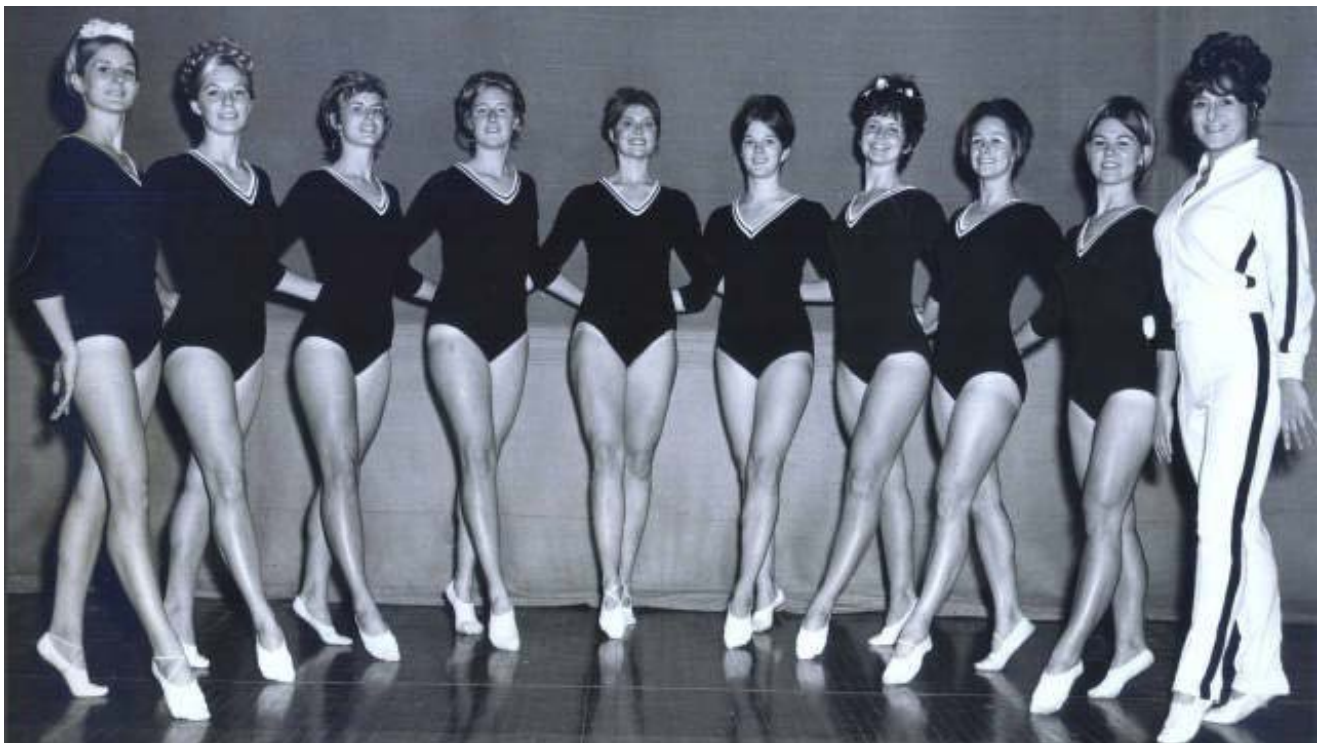
1971

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Gymnastics



The 1971 women's gymnastics team at Indiana State University finished second at the National Collegiate Division of Girls and Women's Sports (DGWS) Championship and won the Midwest Region DGWS Collegiate Championship. Sarah Brumgart placed first in the balance beam competition at the nationals and Jan Heppner was named Midwest Collegiate all-around champion.

The squad posed a 5-23 record, losing to Kent State and southern Illinois, the national champions, while defeating Ball State, Indiana University, Miami of Ohio, Purdue, and Ohio State. They gained revenge at the close of the season by beating Kent State at the Midwest Collegiate Championship and at the NCAA tournament.

Members of the team were: Vicky Barth, Chriss Yost, Barbara Connelly, Jan Heppner, Stephanie Edmund, Sarah Brumgart, and Mona Sovert. Coach of the team was Margit Treiber.

Grete Treiber, Indiana State University Hall of Fame 1984



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MARGIT 'GRETE' TREIBER

CLASS:

INDUCTION: 1984

SPORT(S): Education, Cross Country/Track & Field, Gymnastics



winner of the women's "National Coach of the Year" Grete led the Sycamore Women's Gymnastic team to the AIAW Nationals on several occasions.

A native of Hungary, Grete initially came to the University in 1960. She started the gymnastics team in 1965 and also coached track and cross country.

A noted judge and coach on the international level, she was selected to the National Association of Women's Gymnastic Judges "Hall of Fame" in 1980. She has worked with United States' teams as a coach, judge and manager for Olympic, Pan-American Games and World University game competitions.

A noted lecturer, Grete has also published numerous articles for various gymnastic organizations.

- Two-time Gymnastics Coach of the Year (1975, 1977)
- Selected to National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges Hall of Fame (1980)
- Internationally renowned Gymnastics Coach and Judge
- Inducted into Hall of Fame February 3, 1984



INDUCTEE

Grete Treiber

Class of **1988** • Disciplines(s): **Women's Artistic** • Inducted as: **Coach**



Coach Grete Treiber coached with tenacity during her 43-year career, the majority of which was at Indiana State University.

Selected to coach the 1972 World University Games, Treiber coached ISU to multiple AIAW National Championships appearances and served as a Brevet judge and manager at various international meets such as the Pan American Games.

Treiber is a 1980 recipient of the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges Hall of Fame Award and a life member of the NAWGJ. She also served as an NCAA Representative on the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Biography: TREIBER, Margit "Grete"

Inducted into USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame 1988

After 43 years of teaching and coaching beginning in 1962 at Indiana State University, Margit "Grete" Treiber elected to retire just prior to undergoing hip replacement surgery. She is reported to have attacked her " . . . recovery with the same tenacity and discipline she exhibited in her teaching and has healed well."

Coach: She attained the rank of Associate Professor of Physical Education, and taught various gymnastics courses as well as being the Head Women's Gymnastic Coach, a program she started in 1965. She also coached track and cross- country. One of her former students writes, "... I at first resented her methods and even her personality, but as the weeks passed, my attitude about the class improved dramatically. She showed me exactly how a physical education course should be conducted. I learned so much about not only gymnastics but also teaching in general. It's been some time since I had her class, but I continue to use the techniques she taught. I have met few people in my life that have inspired me more to excel at my profession teaching economics and history and gymnastics to freshmen." Treiber led the Sycamore Women's Gymnastic Team to the AIAW Nationals on several occasions. A noted judge and coach on the international level, she has worked with United States' teams as a coach, judge, and manager for Olympic (Unconfirmed), and Pan American Games teams. Treiber was also named the Head Coach for the women's team at the World University Games, Torino, Italy, (1972). **Honors:** Received Hall of Fame Award from National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges, (1980). Given Life Membership as award for outstanding service to the NAWGJ; Inducted into Indiana State University Athletic Hall of Fame. **Service:** Served as NCAA Representative on the U.S. Olympic Committee and on several USAG committees. **Judge:** Beginning with a local judging certificate, Greta worked her way through the appropriate course to attain a Brevet judge's rating. She served in one capacity or another at numerous national and international competitions.

Sources: Telephone interviews with Ms. Treiber plus documents supplied by Grete, HHP News-Winter 2004, , and the Sports Information Dep't. at Indiana State University. Formatting by Dr. Larry Banner, Web Manager.

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ISU gymnasts gather for reunion

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By Craig Pearson/Tribune-Star

May 29, 2004

Gymnasts have always swarmed to Grete Treiber.

The Indiana State Hall of Famer is internationally renowned in the gymnastics community for her devotion to the sport's growth in the United States.

Treiber made Indiana State a national power from the time she started in 1964 as a club sport until gymnastics was cut at ISU in 1986. Along the way, Treiber's teams were perennially among the top 20 teams in the nation, but she couldn't have done it without a lot of help from the ISU community and dedication from her athletes. And the Hungarian-born Treiber couldn't have got the program off the floor without a number of clinics teaching her trade to the American youth.

Next weekend close to 100 of those athletes will rekindle their memories with Treiber with a reunion commemorating her retirement after 46 years as a physical education professor at Indiana State. A 1986 alumna, Colleen Johnson-Hatami, spent weeks looking up former ISU gymnasts. She found 211, and 100 -- from California to New York -- said they'd be in Terre Haute.

"Grete was before her time," said Johnson-Hatami, a Crown Point resident. "She is a crazy, wonderful woman."

And how else would once finely tuned athletes celebrate such an event -- pizza and beer at the Ballyhoo Tavern, of course. The Bally will also provide some retro music to add to the atmosphere.

The 76-year-old "and still kicking" Treiber said she'll probably pass on those festivities Friday, during a private party from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. But prior to that, the men and women will meet at the Drury Inn to view a slideshow put together by ISU archivist Susan Davis. Then at 1 p.m. next Saturday they'll have a picnic at Deming Park.

The gymnasts' last reunion was several years ago at the Boston Connection, but this is definitely one of the biggest, Treiber said.

Johson-Hatami said anybody that supported the gymnastics program is welcome to attend the events. One of the strongest supporters was former associate athletic director and current Vigo County councilman Turk Roman. Roman has stayed in touch with many of the gymnasts.

"I went to every single match," Roman said. "Gymnastics at ISU was second only to the Larry Bird era."

Treiber, not shy about sharing her pride in the life successes of her former pupils, looks forward to seeing everyone.

"I'm very happy to have so many coming," Treiber said. "They're very loyal. They're very successful. Nine are doctors and several have their own businesses."

Several members of the 1971 national runner-up women's team will be in attendance, but neither Kurt Thomas nor Coach Roger Council of the 1977 national championship men's team will be in attendance, Johnson-Hatami said; Council, now living in Las Vegas, can't make the trip because his wife recently had knee replacement surgery, she learned. She also spoke to Thomas, now living in Texas, and said wouldn't make the trip to Terre Haute. Neither returned phone calls Friday.

Treiber looks forward to her retirement, but she knows she'll miss her students.

"I'll be doing some traveling, catching up on some reading and correspondence," Treiber said. "I probably will get real bored when September comes in. I loved every minute."

**Grete Treiber, Region V USA Gymnastics,
Hall of Fame, Inducted 2011**



Grete (Margit) Trieber

Brevet Judge

Former Indiana State Women's Gymnastics Coach

Developed the First Compulsory Program



**HALL
OF
FAME**

Inducted 2011

Grete (Margit) Trieber
Class of 2011

- Gymnast, Coach, and Judge in Hungary, and then brought her talents to USA
- Master's Degree in Sport Science in Gymnastics in Hungary, and a second Master's Degree at Indiana State University.
- Taught Physical Education at Indiana State University from 1962-2004 (42 years) and developed and implemented the gymnastics curriculum for PE Majors. Coached an age group gymnastics program through the University. Developed many gymnasts, coaches, and judges through this program who are still involved in the sport today.
- Coach of Indiana State University Women's Gymnastics Team from 1965 to 1985. Helped organize collegiate competition with Herb Vogel at SIU, and Kitty Kjelsen from Massachusetts.
- Brevet Judge for over 25 years, and judged many international competitions. Judged State, Regional, and National competitions for USGA. Conducted numerous judging clinics throughout the USA. Regional Technical Chairman throughout the 60's and 70's.
- Coach and/or Delegation leader for teams traveling to Moscow, Budapest, and World University Games.
- Helped write and teach the first USA compulsory program for DGWS. Along with Delene Darst, wrote the compulsory book, and developed the films of the routines.
- Hosted the 1972 Olympic Trials at Indiana State University, and then wrote the USGF Meet Manual section on how to run a competition. Hosted many USGF competitions at Indiana State University.
- Hosted the first three National Compulsory Workshops at Indiana State University, and set the standard for an excellent educational opportunity. All following workshops followed the format that Grete developed.



1967. Greta Treiber. Betty Miller. Sharon Wilch. Mildred Prchal. Varina French. Delene Darst. Jackie Klein. Shirley Bryan



GRETE TRIEBER, BETTY HEPPNER, BETTY SROUFE, ERNA WACHTEL

Grete Treiber. Betty Heppner. Betty Sroufe. Erna Wachtel USGF News Dec 1975



Grete Treiber and Kathy Johnson Clarke trip to Hungary



1982 Judges Natl Sports Festival Left to right. 3. Sandy Oldham 4. Wanda Manville 5. Grete Treiber 6. Betty Axelsson 8. Judy Dobransky



ISU Grete Treiber and gymnasts



Grete Treiber Coaching



Erna Wachtel greeting best friend Greta Treiber with IL judging friends

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1975 PAN-AMERICAN WOMEN'S TEAM
(left to right as shown)

ANN CARR, DIANE DUNBAR, CATHY HOWARD, COLLEEN CASEY, DEBBIE WILCOX, ROXANNE PIERCE,
TRISH REED. Manager: GRETA TREIBER. Coach-Center DALE FLANSAAS

USGF JUNIOR OLYMPICS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS BY MARGIT TREIBER

One of the most exciting meets of the season was directed by the Heinekes in Wichita, Kansas on July 27, 1974. It was an "historical" happening too, since the meet was the first USGF National Junior Olympics Championship.

A total of 15 young girls competed from 7 USGF Regions represented by 8 junior and 7 senior gymnasts who had previously qualified in the Regional Junior Olympic tryouts. (Note: Region V did not compete because of an auto accident. Region III, due to a tie, was represented by 2 girls in the junior division.) Each division juniors (12-14 years of age) and seniors (15 years and over) competed with advanced USGF-DGWS compulsories, followed by optionals. The winners of each division had a lot at stake as the prize for winning was a free USGF trip and tour to witness the world's best gymnasts in the World Games to be held in Munich, October 1974.

The "turned on" crowd resembled basketball audiences, filling the room with an atmosphere of total emotional involvement. How could this happen to the usually so quiet crowds of gymnastic meets, particularly on a lesser than Elite level? The answer is simple — it was a true and complete competition. The spectators could easily get familiar with the gymnasts after the first event and follow each of the 8 qualifiers' progress in the 1½-2 hour meet during the four events. They could pick favorites to root for! This audience will want to return to have similar experiences in future meets; they left emotionally uplifted and physically unexhausted by viewing a complete meet with the right amount of action. The 1½-2 hours bleacher sitting did not require great sacrifice of comfort either. (Note: versus seeing 2 events in a 3-hour meet with 168 vaults, 84 beam, etc. . . .)

On the part of the gymnasts, a perfect meet situation still could not be claimed. The compulsory and optional competitions held in one day proved clearly to be most tiring as the day progressed. By the evening, the last meet showed the exhaustion set in, resulting in numerous falls and big mistakes in the senior girls' performances. On the bars, 4 out of 7 competitors fell and 2 girls had to add an extra swing prior to the dismount to finish the routine. On the beam, we saw a total of 7 falls — only one was due to a missed aerial — again 60% of the competitors failed to stay on.

I tend to believe that these mistakes were due mainly to mental tiredness. The 5-6 hour rest could only serve its purpose physically. The 1975 Championship most likely will not have this shortcoming. The undesirable element of an "endurance contest" will be eliminated by scheduling the two meets for two days as it should be.

COMPULSORIES:

The compulsory competition, particularly Beam and Floor, were a disappointment, seeing the lack of discipline in following the prescribed text. The degree of the turns were often incorrect, the large trunk movements were often absent in the execution. Floor coverage was very limited also, using only 60% of the space in many instances. Several gymnasts showed problems harmonizing movement sequences with the musical phrase also. (All coaching faults!) The overall performance in the Handspring Vault was average, having 9.0 as a maximum score in each division. The uneven bars event showed a lack of strength and endurance, but the technique of the moves were satisfactory.

OPTIONALS:

From the top girls of each event we saw delightful compositions on floor exercise and beam, with much sophistication and refined qualities of expression in dance. One double twisting back somersault was executed by Carter, Wichita Gymnastics Club, who also showed an eloquent quality of lightness and clean tumbling technique. Several alternates and elongated tumbling sequences were used in both divisions, showing the most strength in the area of tumbling. On the beam we did not witness an abundance of aerials, only a few aerial walkovers and cartwheels were attempted in each division.

In both events, only a few girls executed enough turns of real skill. No doubt skills of this category are neglected in their training. Those who "dared" were the ones who had colorful and good compositions. The mounts were mostly handstand variations well executed for balance and control. Some of the front and back somersault dismounts from the beam were outstanding in technique as well as in amplitude, although most were stemmed without much difficulty of connection (from runs).

On the uneven bars, the range of scores were showing the biggest problems out of the four events. The scores were 4.90-8.80 for the seniors, and 7.10-9.05 for the juniors (physical weakness and tiredness). Although the scores were very varied, the audience could enjoy many great routines with elite level difficulties, superiors linked back-to-back, several handstands executed from kips (HB), and stalders executed from handstands (HB). One 1½ twisting sole circle was a highlight in twisting, as it was turned freely without hand change, very close to the vertical in the inverted position, with a fairly good exit. We saw many full twists over the low bar, but none had a great height.

In vaulting, we saw several ¼-¼'s, Yamashitas, and a few Yama ½ or Handspring 360° turns. The twisting vaults, like on the elite level, showed problems in the 2nd flight in amplitude as well as in the timing of the turn. Carter from Wichita vaulted a ½ on 1½ back somersault vault, showing good technique and great control in the warm-up. Unfortunately, during competition she turned it with a loose tuck causing a slow turn and an unsure landing, touching the floor with her left hand. No doubt this cost her the first place in vaulting.

The meet was a very friendly affair, running in a pleasant atmosphere. It was well judged with few protests of scores. The coaches who participated felt the Junior Olympic program is the most valuable opportunity to provide a goal and recognition of this magnitude to the upcoming young gymnasts. The officials present from USGF, Mr. Frank Bare, Mrs. Shirley Bryan, and Mr. Frank Cumiskey felt very proud and pleased witnessing this new USGF Junior Olympic program launched into orbit with their first successful season behind it.

All-Around Results of U.S.G.F. Jr. Olympic Nationals for Girls.

12-14

1. Sharon Livieri, Conn., 71.25; 2. Jill Carter, Kansas, 70.125; 3. Shari Smith, Calif., 70.10; 4. Jan Ahten, Wash., 69.85; 5. Eileen Huck, Fla., 66.75; 6. Cathy Gackenback, Pa., 66.70; 7. Robin Huebner, N.D., 66.25; 8. Lori Frasco, Colo., 64.55.

15-and-over

1. Jill Heggie, Conn., 70.10; 2. Shelly Bier, Pa., 68.95; 3. Denise Rivet, 68.65; 4. Debbie Reiser, Fla., 67.85; 5. Elaine Hodges, Kansas, 67.45; 6. Kittia Kennedy, Ariz., 66.15; 7. Ann Walters, Wash., 63.3.



Margit Treiber coach her girl gymnasts as they work out on the balance beam (above) and uneven parallel bars (below).



Mrs. Treiber, a former gymnast, tempers demands as a coach with friendly personality.

By SUSAN LENNIS

Margit Treiber Teaches ISU Coeds That Discipline, Conditioning And Courage Win In A Difficult Sport

THE TIGER OF GYMNASTICS COACHES

THE FACT that Indiana State University — a Terre Haute campus with almost 11,000 students — has one of the top five women's gymnastics teams in the country is no surprise to anyone who knows Margit Treiber.

Mrs. Treiber, the women's gymnastics coach, combines a warm and sympathetic disposition with resolute demands for self-discipline from her girls.

She is soft-spoken, yet a perfectionist who insists her girls be good

scholars as well as lean, well-conditioned athletes.

"You must have discipline," she stresses. "You cannot talk nice and sweet; people just don't respond to that."

"If a girl does not have a C+ average she cannot be on the team. We are No. 1 scholastically out of the 16 national college teams. Also, if a girl is overweight, even a few pounds, we do not let her continue to compete on the varsity team. She

must go back to the B team until she works off that weight."

One year she did not allow her girls to enter national competition because they were a few points shy of meeting their team goal for season competition. They had ample points, however, to be eligible for that national competition.

Mrs. Treiber, at one time a physical education instructor and gymnastics coach in Hungary, brings to her students an international reputation in her sport. As a

judge she has worked in many around the world. She coached at the World University Games in Moscow in 1973, at which she was the only American gymnastics judge.

She also has written numerous books on gymnastic technique and her material is used in state schools, high schools and colleges throughout the country.

Every summer, under Mrs. Treiber's guidance, ISU sponsors a year camp for 25 coaches and coaches from 48 states attend the 3 weeks graduate course.

With these credentials, who is surprising about Mrs. Treiber's success in that she has done it with poor facilities and with little financial support from the university?

Although the gymnastics team at ISU was started in 1961 by Mrs. Treiber, there were no real programs for women at that time. It was only last year the school began budgeting money for the girls.

Before that Mrs. Treiber raised extra money by teaching gymnastics classes for children in the evening. She has more than 10 pupils a year round.

"With that money we bought our uniforms and paid for our stay at competitions," she says. "We stayed in first class hotels, ate first class and looked first class. I paid for the judges and everything else that money."

Girls on the A and B teams work out from 5 to 7 p.m. each afternoon in a small gymnasium next to the Terre Haute public library and near the ISU campus.

But by Mrs. Treiber's standards the gym is hardly adequate for her outstanding gymnasts.

"BEFORE we can even begin working out we have to go up the bars and the beams ourselves," she explains. "When we finish we take everything down and there is no time when the girls can even rest work extra. It's a drag, much like asking a swimmer to sit in the swimming pool each time he uses it."

But Mrs. Treiber is hopeful that this will change soon.

"I have heard that the university officials are looking into the situation and trying to help," she adds.

Although women's gymnastics have been taught for many years in private schools and by private teachers, it has been only recently that public schools have begun working with youngsters.

"You can't take a girl who is 10 or 11 and teach her to be a

judge she has worked in meets around the world. Most recent was Moscow in 1973, at which she was judge.

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Girls on the A and B gymnastics teams work out from 2 to 3 hours in the afternoon in a small gym next to the Terre Haute public library and near the ISU bus.

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gymnast." Mrs. Treiber explains. "You must start earlier, when she is very young."

She says when she started gymnastics at ISU many universities were having to take older girls with little experience and work with them. But now most colleges search for gymnasts who have been offered at coaching and been in some competition.

"We have many girls who were on national teams and who are now college age and seeking scholarships in gymnastics," she adds. "Schools that have the finances to recruit these girls are getting very strong in gymnastics."

Basically, when a female gymnast reaches college age she is practically past her prime as far as competing in such events as the Olympics.

"Elite gymnasts, those who compete in the Olympics and some national events, are usually younger and study as many as six to eight hours a day with private coaches," Mrs. Treiber points out.

"There are some exceptions, but usually it is very difficult for someone to be an elite gymnast and take college courses, too."

Mrs. Treiber and her husband, Robert, a real estate broker, live about 15 miles from Terre Haute.

The Treibers arrive home about 7:30 each evening and have a quick dinner together before Mrs. Treiber tackles the mound of paperwork she deals with daily.

She has a correspondence of about 20 letters each day and is working on articles for gymnastics magazines, along with two books. She also writes music backgrounds for floor exercises for her gymnasts and is technical director for all Midwest college gymnastic programs.

The gymnastics teacher works until midnight then is up again at 7:30 a.m. to do more paperwork.

"I am very tired most of the time," she admits. "And I do much more sitting than I would like to. But if I feel I need some exercise I jump up from my work and run out to the gate and back, which is about 800 yards."

ONCE THE gymnastic season gets underway even her weekends are hurried, busy times.

"We drive to the competition site one day and set up arrangements, we compete the next day and come back the third day. It is very tiring," she explains.

Robert Treiber drives his wife and the girls to the meets.

"I am a very unobserving driver," Mrs. Treiber says with a

laugh. "She is very good and it is almost essential that he be at meets with us. He can keep up with the scores of 18 events in a meet and we never end up being jitters. If they make a mistake in a score my husband almost always catches it — about three a year."

"I really couldn't do all that I do without his help," she adds.

The Treibers met in Allentown, Pa., shortly after Mrs. Treiber came to the U.S. from Hungary. She worked for a dance studio of which Treiber was the manager. Shortly after they came to Terre Haute to open another dance studio Mrs. Treiber began teaching gymnastics at the university.

"We had our first gymnastics meet in 1967 and took part in our first national collegiate championship that year," she recalls. "We did very badly in that first national meet, because none of the girls had any skills."

There are 48 girls taking part in the gymnastics program this year at ISU, eight on the A team, 15 on the B team and the rest are in a gymnastics interest group which works out a couple of times a week.

"This year we have had some unfortunate things happen to our A team," Mrs. Treiber says. "Two of the eight girls decided they were not good enough for us, so they went to the B team. One girl had no discipline — she did not come to practice — so she was sent down to the B team and eventually left it. Another girl was coming back after one year's layoff and couldn't lose the weight to stay on the A team. One spent part of the time in a body cast and another had a cracked ankle. Such things never happened to me before."

Mrs. Treiber believes gymnastics may be the most difficult sport.

"You must be like a tiger," she explains. "When you get into a leotard any flaws or extra weight show up. And even two extra pounds can throw your timing off."

"It takes so much discipline to stay in shape and courage to go for the hard things. You must always be up to par to throw that hard trick," she adds.

Although the sport appears to be and is dangerous, most injuries occur when the girls are preparing to perform, Mrs. Treiber believes.

"They may trip or something simple like that," she says. "Although, I would say that vaulting is perhaps the most dangerous and the balance beam is next. The uneven parallel bars are not that bad."

(Floor exercising is the fourth activity in which the female gymnast takes part.)

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Although she has no special skills for her girls Mrs. Treiber says girls that they watch carefully

what they eat and avoid soft drinks. "I give them guidelines for weight loss and if they are not down by the season they don't go on with us," she says.

Mrs. TREIBER believes American women gymnasts are the sec-

ond or third best in the world but have suffered recently because of unfair judging practices.

"In judging, it is the two blocs (the Americans and the Russians) against each other and they have more judges on their side.

"Judging is a rat race. Internationally speaking you have to look out for your own gymnasts."

"You know certain judges are not going to give you the score you have to compensate."

Frustrated by what she feels were unfair scores at the World University Games in Italy in 1973 Mrs. Treiber went so far as to hold two protests.

"I was coaching and I felt that one of our girls, Terry Spencer from Indianapolis, did not receive the score she deserved for her exercises," Mrs. Treiber recalls. "The team was scored poorly. So I handed in my protests and they seemed surprised that anyone would do that."

"I felt that as a coach I had to represent my team's best interest. I don't think they (the protesters) changed anything, but at least they knew how I felt."

In international competition Mrs. Treiber feels that Russian women are slightly better. She blames this partly on the fact that there is a lack of financial support for U.S. women gymnasts.

"They have special choreographers and choreographers in Russia—we have none of those," she points out. "In fact we have difficulty meeting our obligations internationally, and for the girls to learn how to perform under stress they must take part in these meets."

Next summer Mrs. Treiber will receive another honor. She will serve as manager of the women's gymnastic team in the Pan American Games in Mexico.

"The manager sets up all arrangements, takes care of uniforms and looks after the girls and deals with officials," she explains. "I would have liked to have been their coach and I was nominated. But when you work at a university you do not work with the elite gymnasts. And if you don't have any girls who are in that bracket they do not want you as the coach."

"In a way it is kind of a sacrifice to stay and teach at this level. On the other hand, people who work in private schools are not so involved with promoting gymnastics through the United States Gymnastics Association as I am. And they are not judges," she explains.

The attractive brunette does not mind devoting most of her time to the sport she loves.

"My husband is so understanding and so enthusiastic about it which makes it easy for me," she says. "Then, too, when you are involved in something like this you find it is very exciting—like a giant snowball, rolling along and picking up more as it goes along."

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HEAD COACH GRETE TREIBER



Margit "Grete" Treiber is in her 19th year as the women's gymnastics coach at Indiana State. She is also an Associate Professor of Physical Education.

Twice named the winner of the women's "National Coach of the Year" honors, Treiber has led the Lady Sycamores to the AIAW Nationals on several occasions.

A native of Hungary, Mrs. Treiber initially came to the University in 1959. She started the gymnastics program in 1965 and also coached track and cross country.

A noted judge and coach on the international level, she was selected to the National Association of Women Gymnastic Judges "Hall of Fame" in 1980. She has worked with the United States' teams as a coach, judge and manager for Olympic, Pan-American Games and World University game competitions.

A world reknown lecturer, Mrs. Treiber has also published numerous articles for various gymnastics organizations. She continues to assemble and teach championship level teams at ISU.

Mrs. Treiber also received another honor in 1984 when she was selected to the Indiana State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

She and her husband, Robert, reside in Terre Haute.



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Margit "Grete" Treiber Obituary

Margit "Grete" Treiber of Terre Haute, Indiana was born April 29, 1928, in Hodmazovasarhely, Hungary to Rudolf and Szabo (Ilona) Steindl. She passed away peacefully Sunday, July 5, 2020, in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was 92 years old.

Mrs. Treiber overcame severe ordeals in her youth and became a leading figure in her profession. She, along with her family, endured extreme hardships during World War II and persevered through the Soviet occupation of her native country to earn a degree in Sports Science at the University of Pécs. During the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, she risked her life to escape the oppression of the Soviets in Hungary and made her way to the U.S., where she began anew and achieved great success.

Starting from nothing, she worked hard to build an admirable career. She began as a dance instructor at Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where she met her husband of 32 years, Robert E. Treiber. They married in 1959, moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, and opened an Arthur Murray Dance studio. Mrs. Treiber earned a teaching degree and Master of Science from Indiana State University in 1961. In 1962 she began teaching and coaching at ISU. She created the gymnastics curriculum of their Physical Education Department and taught gymnastics, dance, and fundamental movement courses.

In 1965 she founded the Women's Gymnastics program at ISU and was its head coach for 21 years. Through her leadership and expertise, the program grew to be one of the most respected gymnastics programs in the U.S. She led her ISU teams to several Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national competitions. She was a judge at the highest level, Brevet, for over 25 years and a member of the National Association for Women's Gymnastics Judges (NAWGJ). She was a judge for state, regional, and national meets for the United States Gymnastics Federation (USGF) and served as their Technical Chairman during the 1960s and '70s. Mrs. Treiber hosted the 1972 Olympic Trials at ISU and was the head coach for the U.S. team at the World University Games in Torino, Italy in 1970. She served as the NCAA liaison for the U.S. Olympic Committee as well as several USGF committees.

Mrs. Treiber was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her brother Rudolf Steindl of Maitland, Florida, who remembers her as a very loving sister, and by many of her students, gymnasts, colleagues, and friends. Her unique and transformative leadership as an educator of both body and mind nurtured lifelong relationships in the gymnastics world. Her dynamism, flair, passion, and generosity cultivated lasting and cherished friendships. She will always be loved, remembered, and missed by those whose lives she affected.

In keeping with Mrs. Treiber's wishes, cremation has taken place. Due to COVID, a Celebration of Life to honor her is to be held at a later date. As she was a devoted animal lover and advocate, contributions to animal shelters in her memory would be appreciated. Online condolences may be shared at www.sealsfuneralhome.com.

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ISU coaching legend dies at 92

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GRETE TREIBER

Terre Haute resident Margit "Grete" Treiber, founder and head coach of the Indiana State women's gymnastics program for 21 years, died Sunday in Indianapolis. She was 92.

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She was inducted into the the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges Hall of Fame in 1980, the ISU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984, the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 1988, the USA Gymnastics Region 5 Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Indiana Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2013.

Treiber was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her brother, Rudolf Steindl of Maitland, Fla.

In keeping with Treiber's wishes, cremation has taken place. Due to COVID concerns, a celebration of life to honor her is to be held at a later date. As she was a devoted animal lover and advocate, contributions to animal shelters in her memory would be appreciated. Online condolences may be shared sealsfuneralhome.com.

USA Gymnastics announces the passing of Grete Treiber

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USAG Announcement on the Passing of Grete Treiber



With great sadness, we share the passing of Margit "Grete" Treiber at the age of 92. Grete was a long-time coach and professor of physical education at Indiana State University where she started a gymnastics program in 1965 and led the Sycamores to great success. In 1972, she was selected to coach the World University Games team. Throughout her career, Grete also served as a Brevet judge and manager at various international meets, such as the Pan American Games, and was an NCAA Representative to the U.S. Olympic Committee (now the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee).

Grete was awarded the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges' Hall of Fame Award in 1980. In 1984, she was selected to the ISU Athletics Hall of Fame, and in 1988, she joined the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

Grete will be greatly missed across the gymnastics community.