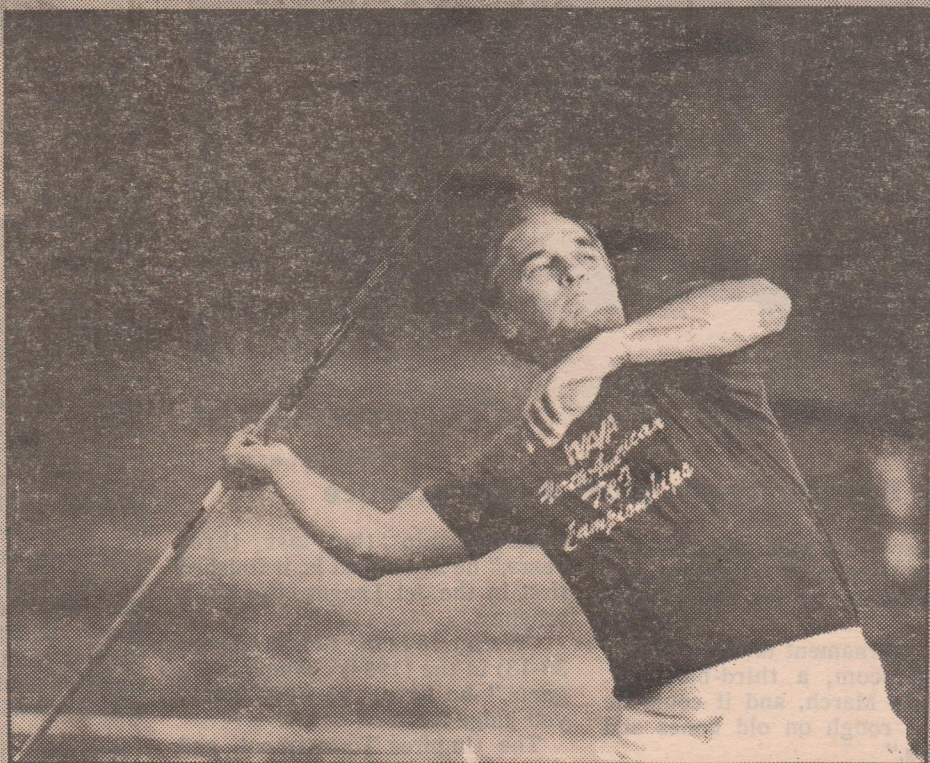


Glory Days: Floyd "Chunk" Simmons



Accomplishments: Won bronze medal in the decathlon in the 1948 London and 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

Age: 61.

Biography: After attending Central Charlotte High, Simmons enrolled at UNC, participating in football and track and field. After his Olympic victories, he spent about 12 years as a Hollywood actor and starred in the movie "South Pacific."

Best Memory: "In 1944 I was going overseas on the USS West Point. It was a troop ship and three years later I was going over on the same ship. First time to a combat situation and in 1948 on a luxury liner called the USS America (to the

London Olympics). I walked up on the bridge, the same bridge Here was a much lighter thing, a different mission."

Current Activities: A Charlotte photographer, Simmons enjoys "puttering around the yard, scratching in the earth," and competes in senior track and field tournaments.

Opinion: "We didn't think much (about the Olympics) beyond that it was just for the glory of the sport. Today, there is a great deal of tension. They can see a buck, a lot of money, a lot of media coverage. That's not better or worse, just different. Something sad about it that it can't be the way it was."