

Proposal granted

# Female sports get \$40,000

After a summer of discussion and study of women's athletics, Dr. Charles Samson, head of the Athletic Council said monetary requests from Kay Don, director of women's athletics, had been met.

Although the \$44,725 budget was not granted, Don said that the \$40,000 granted was more than women athletes had seen.

With budgets in the past two years not over \$1,800, the \$40,000 will allow for "expansion, change and a definite turning point," said Don.

The expansion Don meant was recruitment of women athletes. Although A&M coeds have been doing this, there has been no organized effort to do so. Materials will now be available to do a more efficient and professional job, said Don.

Without this change, these women would be headed elsewhere. "Instead of buying their own uniforms, food on trips and transportation to competition, the money will provide the girls with hotel accommodations, university uniforms and better equipment."

The turning point is the general change in attitude about intercollegiate sports for women.

Across the nation, men on universities are faced with the entrance of women in their sports programs.

A&M entered a woman diver, Susan Johnston, against men. Diving with a broken ankle, she opened

a new chapter in A&M's book of athletic 12th men.

The Women's Athletic Department is in the Athletic Department headed by Emory Bellard. "Although Miss Don is officially a member of the Health and Physical Education Department faculty, she will be working with the Athletic Department staff," said Samson.

This year the Athletic Department will fund the women's 10 sports out of its budget.

"There are many sports on this campus that require more funding and the Athletic Council plans to set up a committee to study their problems," Samson said.

This is a transitional year. The study will hopefully show a way to fund sports like men's soccer, water polo and rugby, as well as women's sports and intramurals.

"It's not that the Athletic Department or the University doesn't want to fund these sports, it's just a matter of limited resources," added Samson.

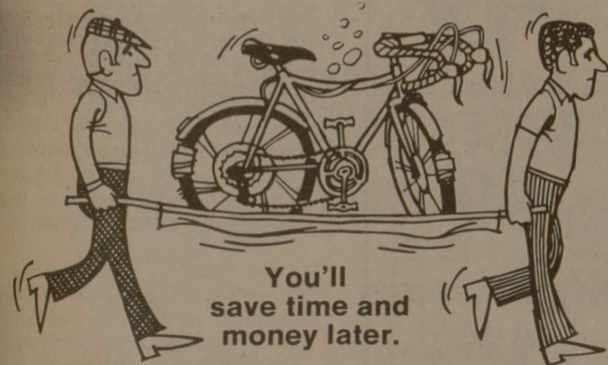
"The women made a reasonable request and President Williams said that it should be funded. When the time comes to balance the budget, that problem will be taken care of then," Samson said.

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## Thomas reinstated, joins 'Skins camp

(AP)—Duane Thomas returned as a player and presumably starting fullback for the Washington Redskins Tuesday as the result of George Allen's "toughest decision ever as a coach." Allen's reinstatement of the gifted but temperamental runner came exactly a week after Thomas was dismissed because of an altercation with an assistant coach at the Redskins' training camp in Carlisle, Pa.

The rarely contrite Thomas had met twice with Allen since that incident to apologize and plead for another chance.

But Allen, despite praising Thomas for admitting he was wrong, had agonized over the answer for five days. He acknowledged over the weekend he was leaning in Thomas' favor, but noted, "Either

way, it'll be unpopular with a lot of people."

Allen informed the team of his decision shortly before noon, and Thomas immediately joined practice at the Redskins' facility near Dulles International Airport.

It was understood that Allen had not consulted the players beforehand. Neither did he discuss the issue with other coaches except for backfield Coach Charlie Waller, whom Thomas had threatened and shoved at Carlisle.

"Waller was receptive to bringing Duane back," Allen said. "Charlie was for whatever I decided."

Allen, referring to numbered notes he had written on a yellow legal pad, said, "The fact that Duane wanted to return was the main factor. He said he was sorry and wanted to be forgiven. He does not want to play for any other team."

"My first consideration was for the team," Allen said.

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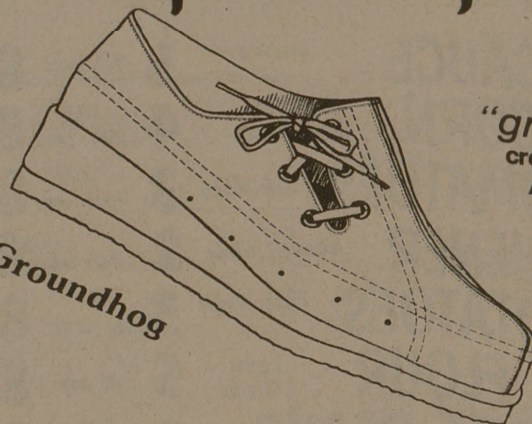
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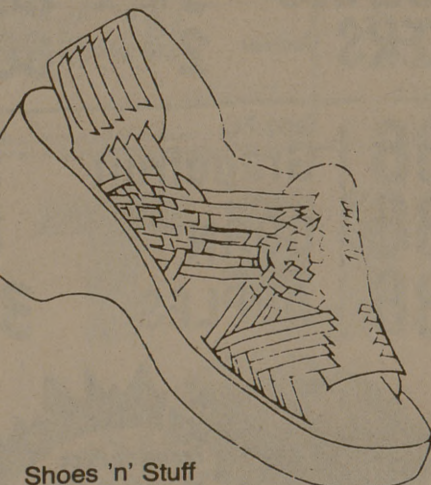
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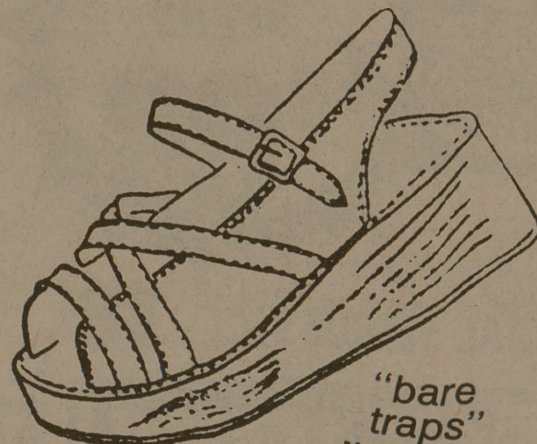


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