Title IX, solution or problem?

IX, is now official and all the women libbers throughout the nation are probably shouting, HOORAY!!! But they'd better think twice before getting overjoyed, because Title IX could cause women's athletics more pain than pleasure, especially on a collegiate level.

Title IX prohibits sex discrimina tion in admissions, financial aid, employment and athletics in all school districts and universities that

UT football coach Darrell Royal says he's against a strict interpreta-tion of Title IX, but would do what the law dictates. Page 8.

receive federal aid. I'm in total agreement with the law as to sex discrimination, because I think all forms of discrimination are wrong.

But when you take a look at collegiate athletics, Title IX is a potential problem. If interpreted strictly, it means women's athletics would have to be treated equal to all forms of male athletics, including money makers like football and basketball.

In both these sports nearly all the main participants (the athletes) receive full scholarships. But the two sports support the total athletic programs in virtually all universities, and in so doing they support women's programs in universities that have such programs. To give the female participants full scholarships in all their programs would do funny things to the athletic budget of almost any university. And we all know that women's athletics at present can't draw enough revenue even to support themselves.

In fact to give equal considerations to women's sports would be discrimination of sorts in itself. Male golfers, swimmers, tennis players and sometimes track and field participants don't receive full scholarships, because they are being supported by the bigger sports, football and basketball. Why should the women's programs be any different?

The NCAA has recognized the

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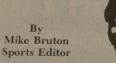
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potential problem in Title IX and

have taken action to amend the law



by having football and basketball revenues kept within those two sports. Now look at what can happen to women's athletics and the smaller sports in male competition.
Personally, I hope that this

doesn't happen, because I want to see women's athletics upgraded. It took time for male athletics to attain the status that they enjoy today, and it'll take time for women's athletics to equal that status.

What I'm about to write has nothing to do with sports, but it has a lot to do with life. Two lives to be specific. Glenn C. Lowe Jr., a recent recipient of a M.S. degree in Botany at Texas A&M was in an automobile accident and needs blood

The parents of Nancy Walker, secretary in the biochemistry department here were struck by a car

led, but her father is fighting for his

life and needs your help, he needs your blood. The Bloodmobile will be at the First Methodist Church, at 505 East 27th Street in Bryan on Thursday and Friday, July 24 and 25. They will be open from noon to 6 p.m. each day. It's a beautiful way to say you care. For appointments call 822-9107. For further information call Donna Donovan at 846-7408.

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