## **Battalion Staff**

the U.S. government has gone put its red-taped hands into the rld of women's athletics. And as its proposals to create ality of spending between men's women's athletics is full of the al loopholes and vagueness acanying most government legis-

st Wednesday the Department Health, Education and Welfare osed rules that could make colleges pump millions of dolinto women's athletics.

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he proposal states that schools erally must spend the same avge amount on each male and ale athlete in recruiting, schol-ips, publicity, dormitory space, tutoring and other special

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y-maker at Texas A&M as it is

The main goal of the HEW prowomen's sports programs, in genlevel based on interest among area players and fans.

Although some people may dis-agree, Texas A&M is in relatively good shape as far as expenditures on women's athletics according to Kay Don, assistant athletic director for women.

"We are really in pretty good shape," Don said. "In 1975 I made a and this happen to Texas A&M five-year projection of how much money the women's program and the state of the money the women's program would need here. So far, we have tried to at the expected level each year and have done well.

'A big part of the HEW decision is aimed at schools that have been dragging their feet in supporting women's athletics. But as far as Texas A&M goes, we are not really sure what the decision means as far as added funds to our present program.

The proposal leaves too many items undefined, such as, what is a big football school? What is the national competition level for women? What about scholarships and

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posal seems to be the upgrading of while the women athletes are spread all over the campus. Spenderal, to the national competition ing is obviously not equal in that

Planning for a new women's ath-letic dorm is under way, yet more funds are needed.

"This proposal may help us a little in getting action on the new dorm, Don said. "We hope to be in the dorm by fall 1980.

"The only area we are behind is in coaches' salaries," she said. "We plan to work on that this year.' Some of the loopholes in the pro-

posal are needed. Teams that compete on a national scale would be granted special allowances over teams that participate in a regional or local basis. In other words, schools will not have to spend as much money on women's volleyball as men's football. In fact, football may be exempt from the proposal after a 60-day period which is set aside for interested parties to com-

ment and propose changes. 'We can't knock football here, Don said. "It has been very good to us and carries most of the weight of the athletic program. The goal of the

sports like football but to increase spending in areas that have been avoided in the past.

"If we can exempt the incomeproducing sports, there's a real good possibility that we can live with the decision," said Marvin Tate, interim athletic director at Texas A&M. Football, of course, is our revenue producing sport here and if we had to spend dollar-for-dollar including football we'd really have problems. "We'll have problems anyway, but we have a better chance to live

with it. While the HEW proposal is a plus for many schools, its effect on Texas A&M may not be felt for a while, if

Fry is prepared

to climb mountains

for Iowa Hawkeyes

"I think that schools like Texas and Texas A&M are not going to be affected by the decision because they both take care of their women's athletics because they have the biggest budgets," Don said.

"Our program here will probably get to the point where we are going to need more money from outside sources. We are reaching the maximum point where football can support us and to remedy this, we must contact people who would give to women's athletics but just haven't been reached yet.

'Plus, in the future, the championship tournaments we go to in volleyball and basketball will be returning money to the program," she said. "These tournaments, and women's athletics in general, are very

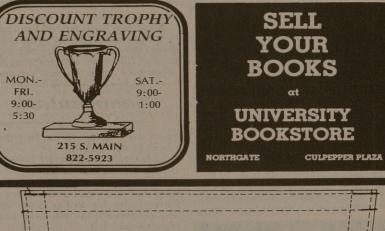
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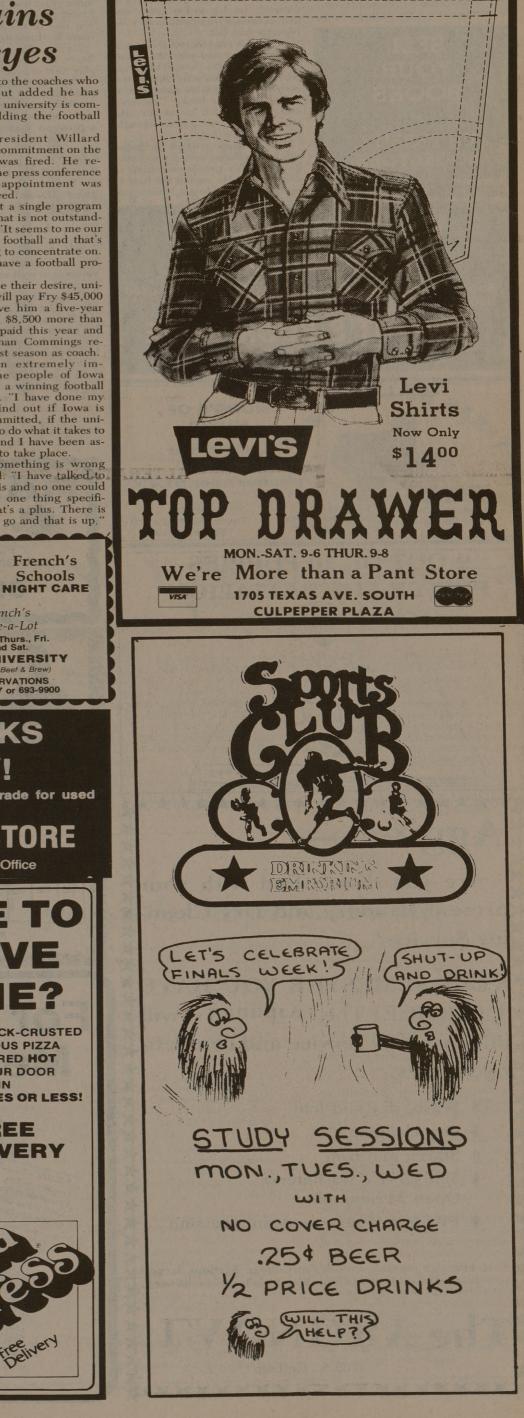
young and the money will start coming in down the road.

attitudes towards women's athletics, Texas A&M seems far ahead of the game. And the proposal, with all its vagueness, should improve women's athletic programs across the nation.

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is Iowa's new football coach is not the kind of person who ducks a chal-When Fry was named head coach at Southern Methodist in 1962, he inherited a team that had gone 0-10 the previous season. All he did was put the Mustangs in the Sun Bowl in

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Fry, the smooth-talking Texan who

his second year and in his fourth season he guided the team to the Southwest Conference championship.

Similarly, when he moved to North Texas State in 1973 he took over a team that was 1-9 and had won only seven games in four previ-ous season. His first North Texas team won the Missouri Valley Conference championship and his last two teams have finished 10-1 and

Now the 49-year-old coach faces the task of reviving Iowa's football fortunes. It could be his sternest challenge yet because the Hawkeyes haven't seen a winning season in years but Fry said he is ready to meet it

"A lot of people like to climb mountains. I like to take football teams and turn them into winners, said Fry, who was appointed to the post Saturday. "It's a fantastic opportunity. If I don't make it I don't have anyone to blame but myself. I damn sure plan on making it.

"I have been shot at and hit many times. I've been associated with teams that had terrible records. I've been associated with a Southwest Conference champion. I've been with teams that won bowl games. In my 49 years of living, I've been around the horn, so to speak.

Fry succeeds Bob Commings, who was fired Nov. 27 after a 2-9 season. Commings was head coach for five seasons, compiling a 17-38 record and was the fourth Iowa coach fired since the legendary Forest Evashevski resigned in 1960. Fry said he was well aware of

what happended to the coaches who preceded him but added he has been assured the university is committed to rebuilding the football program.

University President Willard Boyd made that commitment on the day Commings was fired. He re-stated it during the press conference at which Fry's appointment was formally announced.

"I do not want a single program on our campus that is not outstanding," Boud said. "It seems to me our problem here is football and that's what we're going to concentrate on. We're going to have a football program

To demonstrate their desire, university officials will pay Fry \$45,000 annually and give him a five-year contract. That is \$8,500 more than Commings was paid this year and \$20,000 more than Commings received for his first season as coach.

"I have been extremely im-pressed with the people of Iowa wanting to have a winning football team," Fry said. "I have done my homework to find out if Iowa is going to be committed, if the university is going to do what it takes to have a winner and I have been assured it's going to take place.

"Obviously something is wrong here," he added. "I have talked to people about this and no one could put a finger on one thing specifically. To me that's a plus. There is only one way to go and that is up."

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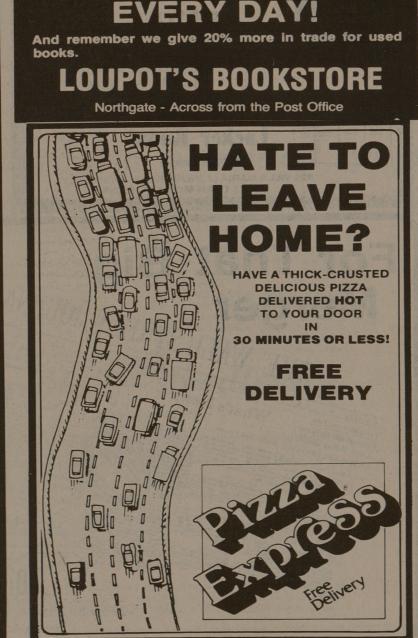
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