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Government red tape won't wrap Ags

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in most major schools around the country.

The main goal of the HEW proposal seems to be the upgrading of women's sports programs, in general, to the national competition level based on interest among players and fans.

Although some people may disagree, 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 five-year projection of how much money the women's program would need here. So far, we have tried to be 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

dormitory space, especially at Texas A&M where the male athletes live in a world of their own in Cain Hall while the women athletes are spread all over the campus. Spending is obviously not equal in that area.

Planning for a new women's athletic 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 proposal 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 comment 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

proposal is not to cutback on some sports like football but to increase spending in areas that have been avoided in the past."

"If we can exempt the income-producing 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 at all.

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

So although some schools could be hit hard for their discriminatory

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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Fry is prepared to climb mountains for Iowa Hawkeyes

United Press International

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Haden Fry, the smooth-talking Texan who is Iowa's new football coach is not the kind of person who ducks a challenge.

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 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 previous seasons. His first North Texas team won the Missouri Valley Conference championship and his last two teams have finished 10-1 and 9-2.

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 happened 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 restated 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," Boyd 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 impressed 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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