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This exemption of revenue-producing sports is one of the major sources of debate over the proposed guidelines.

Many universities argue that because football, and at some schools basketball, gate receipts are the major or only source of funds for the entire athletic program, those funds should be excluded in the per capita calculations.

But under the proposed guidelines, all funds spent on benefits for either sex are considered. Sources of funds include gate receipts, student fees, donations and booster club funds.

Under the old regulations, if a university had 300 male athletes in the intercollegiate program and the amount of readily financial benefits for the men's program is \$300,000, the per capita amount spent on each man would be \$1,000. That university would then be required to spend \$1,000 for each athlete in the women's program.

The University of Georgia had taken the position that HEW is without authority under Title IX to issue regulations governing their athletic program which receives no federal funds.

In comments about the proposed guidelines, University President Fred Davison said that the very existence of revenue producing sports is jeopardized by the proposed regulatory scheme.

Additional expenditures of over \$1.1 million would be required to bring the university into compliance with the order if the old guidelines were adopted.

The unavoidable outcome of such a requirement," Davison said, "will be the destruction of the university's sole revenue producing sport; a result that will operate to the detriment of all the athletic programs for men and women."

Georgia had advocated the adoption of an approach which would permit revenue-producing sports to retain funds necessary for maintaining the current level of competition. Remaining funds would then be

divided between men and women on an annual average per capita basis.

Davison also pointed out that even though under existing guidelines the University of Georgia is operating a "discriminatory" program, the budget for the women's athletic program has increased from \$15,000 in 1973 to \$205,000 in 1979.

HEW General Council Peter Libassi had rendered an opinion on the question of HEW's authority under Title IX to regulate a federally-funded institutions athletic program.

The Libassi opinion concluded universities must comply based on two concepts: "the institutional approach" and the "infection theory."

Under the institutional approach, revenue producing sports can not be exempt from regulation. Athletics are part of the institutions education program and those institutions receive or benefit from federal funds. Therefore, Libassi said, athletics are to be regulated because in HEW's opinion it is enough for the institution sponsoring the program to receive funds.

The infection theory holds that athletics are "so closely related to and such an integral part of a program or activity that does receive federal assistance that the administration of the discriminatory program would infect the non-discriminatory programs."

In a statement supporting the Libassi opinion and HEW's position towards discrimination in athletics, former Secretary of HEW Joseph Califano had this to say:

"Anyone who doubts the importance of equal athletic opportunity for women need only remember those things that we have all heard throughout our lives about participation in sports: that athletics teach both teamwork and leadership, that athletics create pride in accomplishment, that athletics teach sportsmanship — how to win and how to lose.

"Does anyone think for a moment that those benefits apply only to men?"

Women's athletics grow up

By ANGELIQUE COPELAND

Battalion Reporter
Women's athletics at Texas A&M University have gone from a club sport status with an all volunteer coaching staff, to an eight-sport intercollegiate program with a budget of \$575,000 this year.

For the first two years after it began in 1972, the women's program operated with no budget as part of the Department of Health and Physical Education. It was supported through small allocations and donations from student and alumni groups.

The coaching staff was made up entirely of volunteers, with many of them graduate students or members of the HPE staff. Kay Don, who is now assistant athletic director for women, coached both the basketball and softball teams.

The women's program was added to the Athletic Department in 1974 and given a budget of \$40,000. Don was made assistant director in June 1975.

Today there are head coaches for each of the eight intercollegiate sports. Don said that five years from now she expected to have assistants for each head coach to help with recruiting.

The women's program has also increased the number and size of scholarships offered.

"Four years ago we had money for one or two full scholarships at the most," Don said. The minimum scholarship offered was \$50 a semester.

Today scholarships start at \$500 a semester allowing at least a half-scholarship for the athlete.

Looking to the future, Don said, "We will get better and better athletes over a two to three-year period before it starts leveling off."

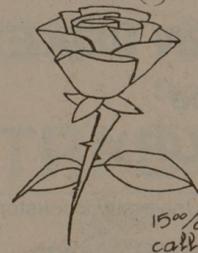
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Fault of branch conflicts — economist

Fed's fiscal policies feed inflation

Efforts by the federal reserve to slow inflation are being thwarted by several conflicting fiscal policies instituted by other branches of the federal government, according to Dr. Arthur L. Wright, research economist with the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University.

"The differing policies are due to the different objectives of the leadership groups," Wright said. "The primary objective of the federal reserve is to regulate monetary and credit conditions in the nation while the legislature and executive branches

are more concerned with the implementation and public acceptance of various social and political programs."

Wright said this contradictory policy-making is the main reason inflation remains high. Wright and other economists expect a tight money policy to check inflation slightly in the first quarter of 1980.

"We are predicting inflation in Texas will probably settle at around 11 percent in the first two quarters, which is about what the rest of the country should experience," he said.

Short and long-term interest rates will probably peak by February,

with short-term rates declining several percentage points below 11 percent. Currently, the limited supply of mortgage funds and the high interest rates are slowing real estate activity in Texas.

"The builders who are able to continue to start new homes are mainly those working with funds committed prior to the latest rate hikes by lenders," added the economist. "When these funds are exhausted in early 1980, the Texas real estate industry could experience a severe slowdown. This slowdown could contribute to an already existing housing shortage in some parts of the state."

Shunned kidnapper acquitted

United Press International
CARLISLE, Pa. — Farmer Robert L. Bear Tuesday was found innocent of charges he abducted his wife who had shunned him for seven years.

A jury in Cumberland County, the heart of America's Amish and Mennonite communities, rejected charges against Bear of unlawful restraint and assault that carried maximum penalties of four years in prison.

Bear admitted abducting his wife Gail, 41, at a farmers market Aug. 31 after she and their children had refused to acknowledge his existence for seven years.

He being tried on charges of assault and false imprisonment of his wife, said his banishment from the Reformed Mennonite Church had been a "living hell."

Bear told the jury he would not recant the criticism of the 400-year-old church which led to his excommunication in June 1972.

"I don't have any trouble acknowledging the devil is in me sometimes," Bear said. "I am not the least

bit appalled.

"The reason I did that is there seems to be no solution for the victims of shunning," Bear said.

Bear said the church tried to use his family's shunning in an attempt to draw him back.

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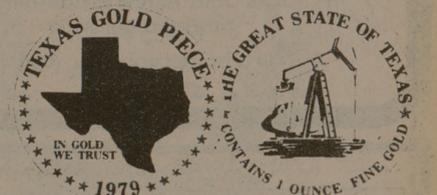
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