

Mississippi U. fights law

School doesn't want men

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The oldest all-female state college in the country wants to continue to keep men out and is trying to convince the U.S. Supreme Court the enrollment policy is simply a form of affirmative action for women.

In an hour of arguments before the justices Monday, Hunter Gholson, lawyer for the Mississippi University for Women, said the single-sex admissions policy at the university is a legiti-

mate means of compensating women for years of past sex discrimination.

The Columbus, Miss., university has never voluntarily admitted men in its 98-year history and accepted its first male student only after a federal appeals court struck down its single-sex admissions policy as unconstitutional.

Texas Women's University in Denton is the only other state-supported college that at least until recently refused to admit men to some programs.

"In the absence of males," Gholson said, "women are assured leadership roles in all regards." That gives women better preparation for later breaking into the still male-dominated business world, he said.

"The demand continues for single-sex education for women."

However, the lawyer for nursing student Joe Hogan claims it violates the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection of the law for a state-supported

university to refuse to admit a student purely because of sex — be it male or female.

Attorney Wilbur Colom disputed the university's claim it is furthering affirmative action efforts, noting that the nursing profession and nursing schools are predominantly female.

"There is no need for affirmative action for women in the area of nursing," he told the justices. "If there is any need, it's for men."

Hogan was denied admission to the school solely because of his sex. Although he could have received undergraduate nursing training at two of the state's seven co-educational, state-supported universities, he said the other schools were too far from his home, job and family.

The ruling's effect will de-

pend on whether the justices apply their findings only to Hogan's situation or to single-sex policies in general.

Hogan's attorney said the issue is limited to his client's application for admission to nursing school.

A group of feminist lawyers who filed friend-of-the-court papers in support of Hogan's side of the case also say the issue is narrow. The women's rights activists sided with Hogan because they want the high court to hold that any sex discrimination be outlawed unless there are compelling government reasons.

But Gholson said the ruling could affect broader issues, such as single-sex sports programs in public schools.

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AUGUSTA, Maine — Former Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner Peter Bradford, now sworn in as Maine's public advocate before the state's Public Utilities Commission, says he thinks further investment in nuclear power may be risky in the United States.

"I have concerns about new nuclear power investments today," Bradford said in a news

conference Monday. "They are uneconomical. They should not be built if they can possibly be avoided."

Bradford, who left the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission to take the advocate job, is former chairman of the Maine PUC.

He was named to the public advocate's post July 30, 1981, but took the job with the agreement he would finish his work with the NRC.

Bradford praised the cost-effectiveness of the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant in Wiscasset, the state's only nuclear power plant.



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Researchers say need of vitamin C higher in smokers

United Press International
NEW YORK — Smokers need extra amounts of vitamin C because they break down that vitamin faster than non-smokers, says Elaine Rose of Cornell University's cooperative extension service.

Rose says Swiss researchers studying the vitamin needs of smokers recommend they take 140 mg. of vitamin C daily, compared with the 60 mg. recommended daily allowance for adults.

She says studies also indicate people under unusual stress such as recovery from surgery may need more than the 60 mg. Elderly people who take medications are also at risk. Her adds, because too little vitamin hampers the body's ability to absorb drugs effectively.

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