

## Title IX keeps men's programs off the field

### Law should be reformed for fairness



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When someone is applying for a job, his sex, race, religion or age should not determine whether he gets it. This is a productive civil rights law. However, there is one law in the United States that should be adjusted.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 says that men and women should be treated equally in all aspects of education, an idea that sounds profound. However, in the world of college athletics, it is not fair.

Universities are required by Title IX to offer the same amount of athletic scholarships to women as they do to men, which seems fair until the budgets of an athletic department are examined.

More than 90 percent of the Texas A&M Athletics Department's revenue comes from football. Each home football game at Kyle Field brings in between \$3 and \$4 million. This revenue provides the money needed to run other sports that lose money for the Athletic Department such as basketball, tennis, volleyball and baseball among others.

Without this revenue, some men's sports and all women's sports would not survive. Men's sports are punished for making the money that supports the other varsity sports.

The football team takes up almost 90 scholarships from men's sports, forcing the athletic department to have varsity equestrian and archery teams for women and keeping it from having sports such as men's soccer, which is the number one growing sport in America for youth

and the number one sport in the world.

A&M isn't the only school that can't afford to add this sport. None of the universities associated with the Big 12 Conference have men's soccer, and SMU is the only Division 1A school that has a program in the state of Texas.

Schools that do have the program in other regions of the nation had to cut other men's sports such as baseball. This is not fair to young men who could not get a scholarship to play a sport that they have loved since they were a child, while women are given scholarships that are paid for predominantly by football.

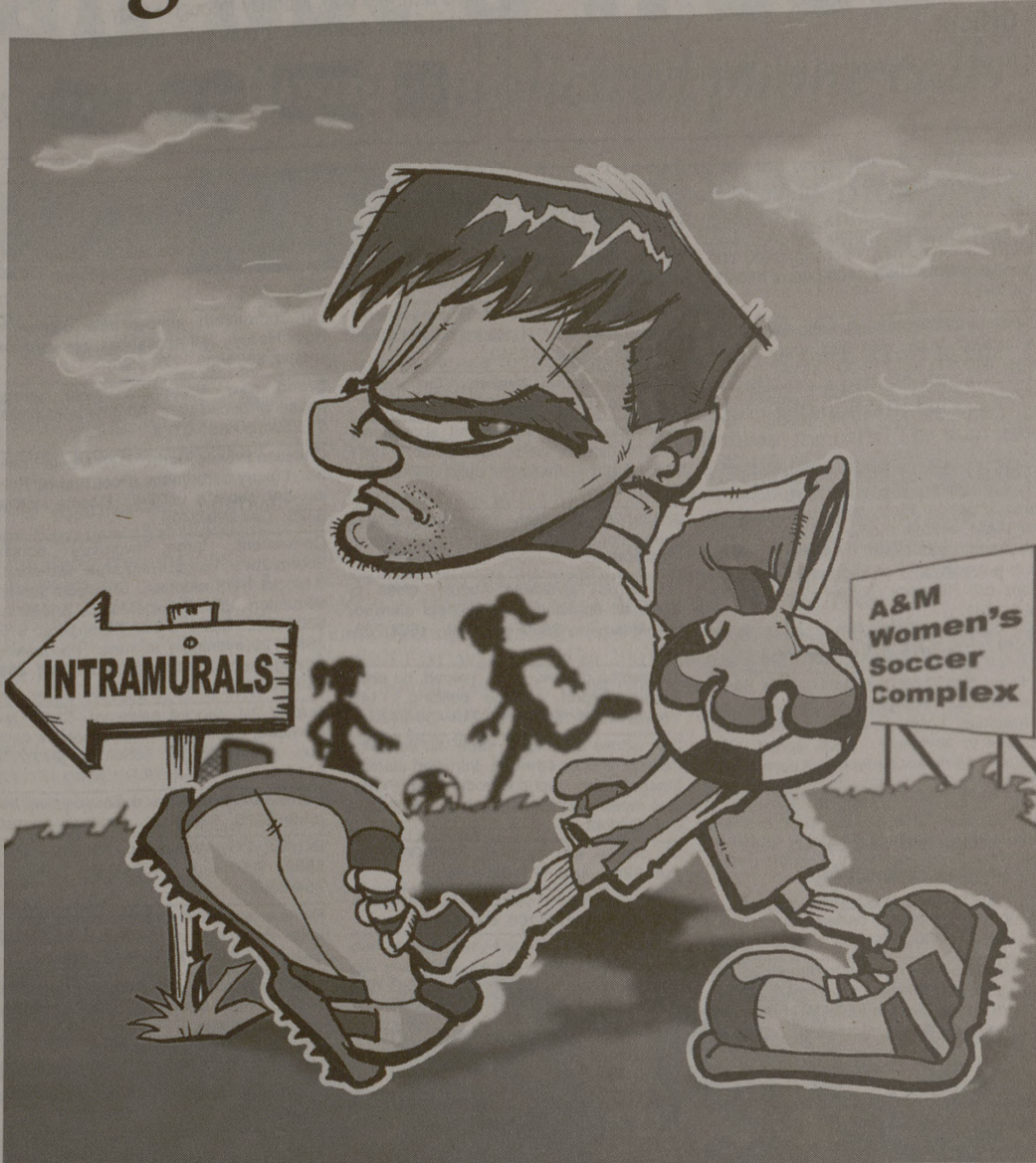
Iowa State was forced to cut its baseball program due to a lack of funds in the budget. To get rid of a women's sport to reduce the amount of spending, the school had to cut baseball as well to keep the scholarship quota even. This should not happen in college athletics.

As unfair as this seems, there is a relatively simple solution. Write an amendment to this law and reduce the amount of scholarships that count against men's sports. If schools were able to count 60 to 70 percent of the football scholarships against the men, enough scholarships could be used to create another men's varsity sport.

This solution does not take money away from women and allows the men's sports to add another program such as soccer or rugby.

Title IX was designed with a noble cause, to create a fair educational environment for men and women. However, in trying to be fair, it has discriminated against men in athletics. An amendment should be passed allowing male sports to create more athletic programs.

Equality is not always measured dollar for dollar; this law is unfair and should be altered to create a fair compromise between male and female athletics.



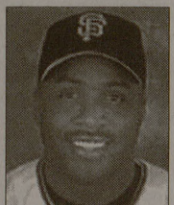
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## Barry Bonds becomes first in history with 500 homers and 500 stolen bases

By Greg Beacham  
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SAN FRANCISCO — For just a moment, the muscle-bound slugger was a wiry, speedy kid again. Barry Bonds checked out Eric Gagne's deliberate delivery, saw an opening and sprinted to second base, stealing the bag without a throw.

The educated crowd at Pacific Bell Park on Monday night immediately rose in cheers. The San Francisco die-hards had stuck around in the chill until the 11th inning, hoping for just such a moment.



BONDS

Only then did Bonds realize his latest feat: He had just become the first player in baseball history to steal 500 bases and hit 500 homers.

"I think it's great, something I hope is going to be around a long time," said Bonds, who claimed he wasn't aware of it. "You never know."

But if Bonds spent any time contemplating his milestones, he'd see the true magic of his latest achievement: There might not be another member of the 500-500 club in his lifetime.

With the stolen base mired in irrelevance during this homer-happy era, most experts believe Bonds' 500 homers and 500 steals could stand for decades as an unmatched feat.

"It's something that will be very difficult to accomplish, especially since people don't run very much any more," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "There might be another time, another era of baseball where that will come back — but you've also got to play for a long, long time."

The statistics prove Bonds has more versatility than any player of his generation, and perhaps anyone in history. There's no other player with even 400 homers and 400 steals;

Bonds' godfather, Willie Mays, had just 338 steals along with his 660 homers, while Bonds' father, Bobby, hit 332 homers and stole 461 bases.

"I don't see anybody ever doing it," said Giants outfielder Jose Cruz Jr., who once had a 30-30 season. "It's unbelievable. To get 500 of each would take a really special player who was on a team that let him run all the time for a lot of years. It's hard to imagine."

Such an achievement might require the next candidate to transform his game and his body the same way Bonds did. These days, Bonds bears only a facial resemblance to the slim contact hitter who once stole 52 bases in a season for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The next potential 500-500 man also will need the freedom to run — a rare quantity in today's game. Bonds' formidable talent makes him pretty much above direction from his managers.

"I believe Barry has had the green light 500 times," Alou said with a grin. "He was on his own (on the 500th steal). He's always on his own."

Longevity will be another determining factor. Bobby Bonds had 30 homers and 30 steals during five different seasons, but he only played 14 years in the majors.

Barry had five 30-30 seasons between 1990 and 1997, but base-stealing has become a novelty for the 18-year veteran. With a chronically sore back, he detests running anywhere these days, let alone to second base ahead of a throw.

"I think it's a huge accomplishment," Bonds said earlier in the season. "Most of the time it's usually one or the other — home runs or stolen bases. To be able to do both of them is pretty special."

So who are the candidates for 500-500? Not counting Rickey Henderson, who's still soldiering on in Newark, baseball's active steals leader is Kenny Lofton, Bonds' friend and teammate last season.

Lofton has 522 stolen bases, but he's also

522 homers behind Bonds, who has 633.

The next seven active players on the career steals list are Roberto Alomar, Delino DeShields, Eric Young, Marquis Grissom, Chuck Knoblauch, Craig Biggio and Barry Larkin — and none has even an outside shot at 400 homers, let alone 500.

Ken Griffey Jr. has never stolen more than 24 bases in a season, while Larry Walker has stolen 220 bases — but only 40 in the last four seasons. Ichiro Suzuki already has stolen 105 bases in 2 1/2 major-league seasons, but he doesn't have the power stroke.

Here's another measure of just how hard it is: Jose Canseco, once lauded for the majors' first 40-40 season in 1988, finished his career with 462 homers and just 200 steals.

The best candidates are years away from contention. Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero, usually considered the most likely to achieve Bonds' blend of power and speed, has 217 homers and 119 stolen bases midway through his seventh full major league season.

"When I managed Vladimir, I knew he would have a chance," Alou said of the 27-year-old. "We won't know if he has a shot for a long time, though."

Alex Rodriguez probably has the best shot of all. With 316 homers and 167 steals in his eighth full season, the Texas shortstop — who will turn 28 next month — is primed to make a run with continued good health.

Bonds, who turns 39 on July 24, hasn't paid much attention to the historical achievements looming for him this season, and with good reason. His father is fighting lung cancer, and the struggle is painful for both father and son.

Bobby Bonds visited the locker room before Monday night's game, chatting with Mays and Willie McCovey in clubhouse manager Mike Murphy's office — but by the 11th inning, Barry was on his own.

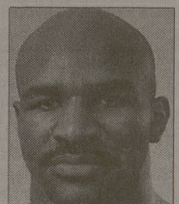
"My dad probably wasn't here to see it," Bonds said. "He hasn't stayed a whole game for a long time."

## Holyfield not done yet at age of 40

By Hal Bock  
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NEW YORK — At age 40, Evander Holyfield is making a personal declaration of independence, a statement that he won't let his career be controlled by promoters.

So when Don King demanded future options as Holyfield's price for a fight with WBA champ Roy Jones Jr., the four-time heavyweight champion turned elsewhere, taking an Oct. 4 match with IBF cruiserweight champion James Toney.



HOLYFIELD

The fight, which will be broadcast on Showtime pay-per-view, does not have a site yet and won't do much for Holyfield's goal of holding boxing's most glamorous title again. But it will maintain his free agent status.

"I did say that I would only fight for belts," Holyfield said Tuesday. "They try to take advantage of my goal, the heavyweight championship. They don't want to pay me and they want to tie me into a long-term contract."

Holyfield wouldn't agree to that, even though he knows that at his age his opportunities at title fights may be dwindling.

"I'll wait in line and I'll get a chance," he said. "I'll be the champ, maybe not as quickly as I want to be. I may not get it when I want to, but I will get it."

If that happens, he doesn't want to be beholden to anyone, least of all King, who wanted control of Holyfield's future as an insurance policy.

"I don't feel I should have to sign long term for a title fight," Holyfield said. "I'd love to fight Roy Jones. The

most important thing, though, is that I get treated fair. I'm not going to let somebody abuse me. I don't have to be abused. I will not be taken advantage of."

According to Jim Thomas, Holyfield's longtime adviser, the former champ was offered \$8 million to fight Jones, who would have received \$16 million. "That's \$24 million out of a \$44 million net based on 1.2 million pay-per-view buys," he said. "That leaves another \$20 million. Where does that go?"

Thomas said Holyfield would get less for fighting Toney but that the payday was fair.

"Evander has consistently fought the toughest guy available," Thomas said. "Roy Jones' promoters made him unavailable. James Toney was available."

Holyfield wants to leave boxing as the undisputed heavyweight champion. "It means when all is said and done, you're remembered by the last thing you did," he said. "I want to get all three belts and then I'll retire."

The quest could be complicated. Holyfield lost a bid for the IBF title to Chris Byrd last December. Lennox Lewis owns the WBC title and, according to Thomas, has no great desire to fight Holyfield a third time. Jones holds the WBA crown and with King in charge of his first defense, Holyfield's prospects for that fight seem slim.

For Toney, the IBF cruiserweight champion, the Holyfield fight means a shot at a high-profile opponent.

"It will be a pleasure to fight a great champion like Evander Holyfield," he said. "I've always wanted to fight heavyweights and beat heavyweights. We're both great fighters, both warriors."

"We're like old school boxers. We don't run away. Blood and guts is what I bring. I try to hurt people for

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Rangers trade two-time MVP Juan Gonzalez to Expos

NEW YORK (AP) — The Montreal Expos reached agreement Tuesday night to acquire two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez from Texas — provided the Rangers' slugger waives his no-trade clause and approves the deal.

Texas manager Buck Showalter confirmed a deal was in place to move Gonzalez, but did not identify the other club. But two baseball sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that the team was Montreal.

Gonzalez has 72 hours to accept or reject the trade. His window of

decision begins at 10 a.m. EDT Wednesday. The outfielder was not in Texas' lineup for Tuesday night's game at home against Oakland.

"We obviously put a lot of importance into the no-trade provision we negotiated a year and a half ago. I'm not in a position yet to say what Juan's decision will be," said his attorney, Jeff Moorad.

Gonzalez refused repeated requests for comment in the clubhouse before the game against Oakland.

"We could have gone under the radar, but we wanted to be up front and give Juan the time he's earned by his contract situation," Showalter said. "We could have used him tonight, but we won't."

Gonzalez, who missed seven of

11 games before Sunday because of a tender right elbow and then a tight left groin, is hitting .286 with 18 homers and 50 RBIs.

Showalter wouldn't say if other players from the Texas organization would be involved in the trade if Gonzalez approves it.

The surprising Expos are in thick of the NL wild-card chase. Their 6-4 victory Tuesday over Pittsburgh made them 43-34, leaving them among several clubs in the race for a postseason spot.

Montreal general manager Omar Minaya is very familiar with Gonzalez.

Minaya is credited with helping develop Gonzalez for the Rangers in the mid-1980s, when he coached the Gulf Coast Rangers for three years.

Rangers first baseman Rafael Palmeiro spoke to Gonzalez, but said his teammate and close friend didn't indicate what he would do.

"He said he wants to look at all of this options. He's not going to jump to any conclusions," Palmeiro said.

The Rangers went into Tuesday night's game with an eight-game losing streak, the longest in the majors. They are 27-47 and 22 games behind AL West-leader Seattle, having finished last in the division the past three seasons.

"There's a certain message sent when one of your star players is traded," Palmeiro said. "But we're not losing because of a lack of effort. We're preparing the same way. We're just not getting results."

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