

# Title IX shows money makes a difference

Women athletes at the University have shown that where there's a will, there's a way; Title IX has shown that where there's money, the way is made easier.

Title IX, a reference to the federal legislation that mandates equal opportunity (read: financial support) for women in school athletics, has been widely credited with the phenomenal nationwide surge in interest and success of long-neglected women's sports programs.

That success provides a lesson for those responsible for similar University undertakings, such as equity in academic and administrative employment, where efforts have been less dynamic.

In athletics, where the pressure to flesh out the legal framework with dollars has gone farthest, Title IX's benefits appear legion. From a feeble program — underfunded, understaffed and under-recruited in the early 1960s — the University has established:

- An undefeated basketball team that has beaten a long list of increasingly tough opponents, including a stunning victory two weeks ago over the Korean national women's team;

- An undefeated gymnastics team;
- A swim team that has three swimmers nationally ranked in the top 10 in their specialty events;
- A cross-country team that compiled a nearly unblemished record and finished strongly at the national meet;
- Field hockey and volleyball teams that finished their seasons with competition at national tournaments.
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The total budget for intercollegiate women's athletics has grown from \$146,000 to \$425,000 in that time, according to Becky Sisley, former women's athletics director and now assistant athletics director in a department that integrated in 1977 to serve both men and women.

Athletic scholarships for women, first awarded in 1977-78 for a total of \$10,000, have risen to nearly \$70,000. Substantial additions of coaching, training and medical personnel and facilities and planned implementation of a letter-award system for women have accompanied this monetary support.

Without faulting the spontaneous enthusiasm, initiative and commitment of women athletes and their coaches, it still seems clear that this broad foundation of institutional support has forged the outlets for expanded participation.

Success in competition, of course, leads to greater public support, which has grown most visibility for the women's basketball team. Modest but ever-growing paid admissions at Mac

Court games have returned a profit for the athletic department. Another home game next Thursday, will receive the team's first live radio coverage, by local station KUGN.

If the University augmented its affirmative action program in academic and administrative hiring with the same sort of financial commitment, we might begin to see some benefits to match its recent verbose ballyhoo in this area.

So far, a rather parsimonious \$10,000 has been promised to pay travel expenses for members of racial minorities and women who are candidates for employment at the University.

Unfortunately, unlike women's athletics, most of the success for the University's academic affirmative action program rests not on the would-be participants — the candidates themselves — but on administrators and department heads whose past records are poor in recruitment and hiring of both women and minorities.

Of course, the task — reversing centuries-old patterns of discrimination — looks big.

But the example of women's athletics assures us that if the commitment is strong enough, the magnitude of a problem does not necessarily preclude its solution.

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### 'Gimme a Hegel, please'

Each day the glittering sun rises and crests above a beautiful University setting. The first rays of dawn filter through the trees and settle on "today's cause."

Perched insignificantly on the EMU terrace we find a group of students gathered about a table in hopes of finally uncovering the lost stands of activism buried deep in the hearts of all of us. The table is bustling with energy, posters arrive and get plastered on billboards, pamphlets stack themselves neatly among copies of everyone's favorite radical literature, buttons adorn the chests of the more diligent believers and the day begins!

What unfettered joy!

The first customer arrives groggy with his eyes half closed, saying "Nay, I can't read" as he passes up an opportunity to get involved. Passing up literature is not a good way to gain favor with this group, when you walk by you can feel icy stares piercing your back, you can feel minds focused on your destruction, you sense a kind of giddy uneasiness in the air as if you'd just spit on a picture of Bing Crosby in front of your father.

Considering that, the next customer pauses and accepts a mimeographed copy of a revolution-by-numbers pamphlet, "Hey, I already have this one."

"No you don't, we took the word 'Palestine' out of the last one and put in 'Houston,' it's the same idea, just a different place."

"Oh, I get it, you can take a framework and fit anything that happens into it and . . .zap . . .instant revolution!"

After saying that he stands looking at his feet, thinking very hard, then all of a sudden it occurs to him, "Say, isn't that being a little dogmatic . . ."

The people at the table stiffen, their faces turn white, their lips become taut fixtures stuck below their noses, then they melt, they become children "But, but we can't think . . .don't you see . . .God help us . . ."

They break into sobs and collapse on the terrace. The customer finds this a bit strange and decides to go on wondering what he could do to help, he thinks to himself as he walks to the EMU Deli, "It's so contradictory, but then who could deny the heavenly gift of mediocrity?"

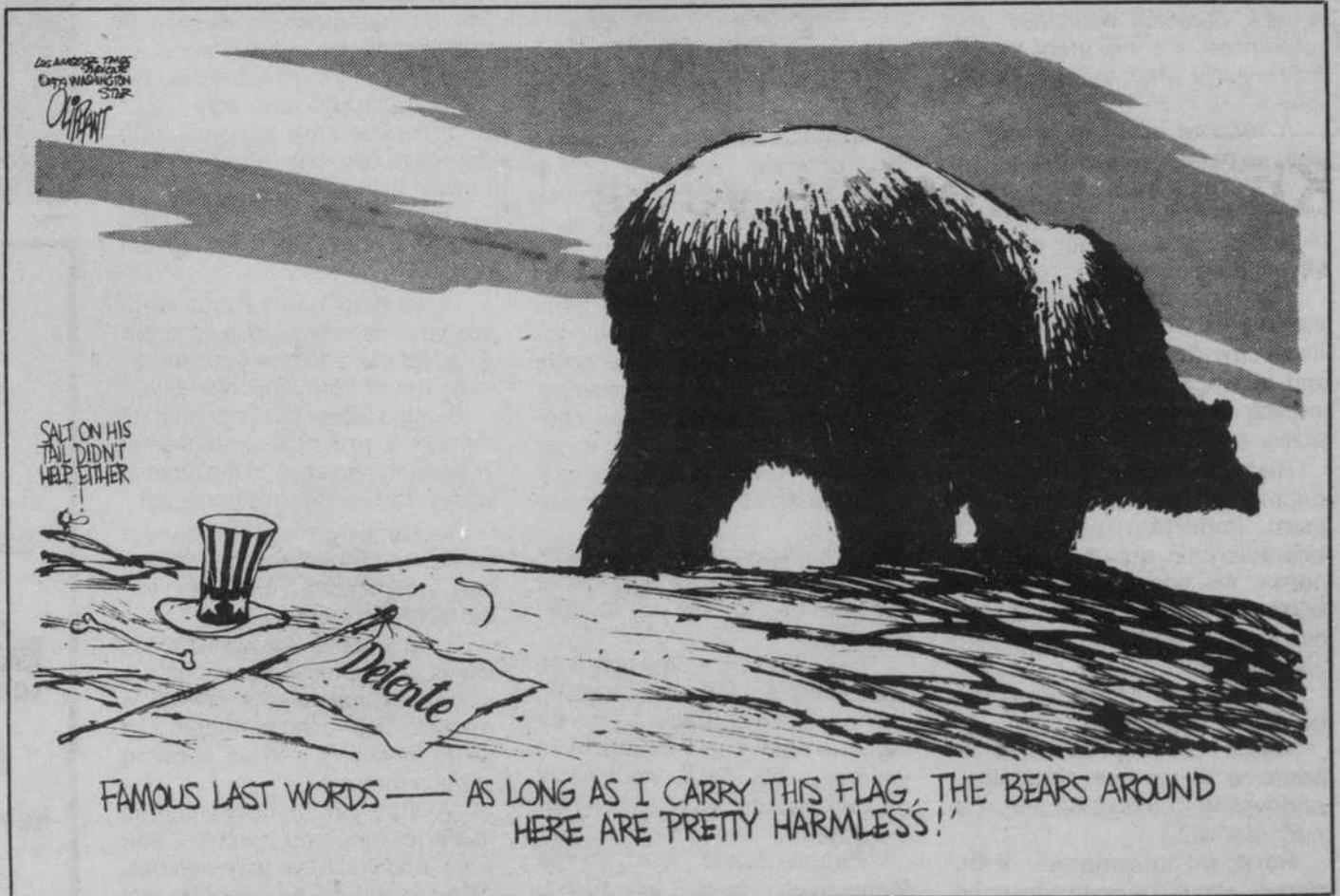
"Could I help you, sir?" The counter person shakes him out of his contemplation, "yea, gimme a Hegel, hold the cream cheese."

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### Chinese politics in verse

Winning hearts and minds — Chinese style

Vice premier Teng Hsiao-ping wants to prove  
That China is no paper tiger,  
So he orders a punitive raid  
Across the border into Vietnam.



China perhaps doesn't want to be known  
As a Nixonian "pittful giant."  
Chairman Hua kisses the Shah's cheek  
While Iranian patriots die in the streets.

But all this does not seem to bother the vice premier  
Because while Tehran burns  
He shakes Carter's hand and  
Tries to win "hearts and minds"  
Of the American people by soft-sell and lots of smiles  
And gladdening the hearts of Brzezinski and Kissinger  
By warning against the "polar bear."

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### 'No respect, no burgers'

It appears that while the U.S. continues a "good neighbor" policy with Iran, the only virtues these people have to offer Americans are international harrassment and

embarrassment. We speak in particular of the attack on the U.S. embassy in Tehran and the attacks waged against American citizens working and living in Iran. Our displeasure concerns the acceptance of Iranian students into U.S. universities.

As taxpayers we take great offense to the persistent and dangerous threats upon American citizens in Iran, yet we, as egalitarian Americans, continue to grant the Iranians the same privileges and freedoms our forebearers sacrificed their lives for.

Maybe as Americans we have gone soft. This saddens us. We feel that in response to the life-threatening gestures of the Iranian hordes, the U.S. State Department should review its policies concerning the present and future granting of visas to the Iranian students, who are presently enjoying hamburgers and colas in the Erb Memorial Student Union.

No respect — No burgers!

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