

Title IX, strength behind womens' athletics

The Mac Court fans clap and stomp time as the University's women's basketball team works a solid defense against a tenacious Montana team.

In one fluid motion, Bev Smith reaches up and tips a pass away from one Montana player, fielding the loose ball on the run. She cuts left, then charges straight in. Her speed and ball control baffles the lone Montana defender. When the ball falls gently through the net, Mac Court erupts in thundering applause.

Nearly four thousand fans were at Mac Court Saturday — partly to pay tribute to all-American Smith who played four years for the University — and partly to see the University's most successful team.

The women's basketball team has compiled the winningest record of all University sports. They are on the eve of the NCAA play-offs. If they play with the same precision and overall intensity that they played with Saturday night, they will go farther than any other University team this year.

The women's athletic program at the University is gaining in strength and national prestige. But funding and fan attendance doesn't adequately reflect the excellence of the program. The major share of the funding still goes to men's athletics. And fans also, perhaps masochistically, still turn out in greater numbers for the men's sports.

The underlying reason women's athletics have made the gains they have is the University's commitment to Title IX. That commitment has been upheld to the letter. When cuts in the University budget jeopardized athletics — the University, to its credit, even-handedly cut men's and women's sports.

No one can be so optimistic as to assume that the latest round of budget reductions were the last

the State System of Higher Education will mete out to the individual institutions. There is talk already that this recent special session will not entirely solve Oregon's dismal revenue situation. Some speculators see another special session in June.

Title IX is pointed to by some officials as causing more funding problems than it is worth. Yet, without Title IX women's athletics at the University would've been seriously curtailed.

Women's sports don't have the cut-throat

emphasis that men's sports have. Women's sports seem to embody the finest principles of collegiate competition. For the most part men's sports are pre-professional, veritable farm clubs for big money professional athletics.

The many ovations Smith received in the post-game ceremonies retiring her number illustrates the respect the fans have for her. Smith's efforts over four years are the best examples of the importance of Title IX.



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editor's note

The University of Oregon boasts an enrollment of more than 16,000 men and women, the majority of whom are in the heyday of their youth. And still, some people can't find a date.

While many students flock to libraries and taverns on Friday afternoons in search of companionship, countless others have rejected traditional schemes of wooing members of the opposite sex.

Skeptical that their Wheel of Fortune will ever stop on a winning number, some singles have attempted to eliminate the guesswork from dating by advertising their love for sale.

Since newspapers are partially dependent upon classified advertising revenues for their continued operation, editors applaud those who have turned to the classifieds in search of a fast friend.

So for the benefit of those who would like to close the book on hit-and-miss romance while supporting the Fourth Estate, I have compiled the following examples of classified advertisements from the "personals" column of a reputable metropolitan weekly newspaper. Should you choose to write your own advertisement, these should serve as a helpful guide.

• **A PROFESSOR WHO IS** male, 55, divorced, intellectual, literate, articulate, accomplished, widely knowledgeable, non-stuffy, iconoclastic, caring, tender and menschlich is looking for a serious mutually supportive relationship with a woman who is warm, open hearted, independent, flexible,

non-exploitive, non-manipulative, non-smoker and younger.

• **JOURNALIST** Jewish white female 30's seeks male journalists. All ages, nationalities welcome. Intrigued by arts, travel. Zionism Friendship, romance possible.

• **CLASSICAL MUSICIAN** Male, 43, 5'8, 150lb, needs pretty female, 18-35, not thin, preferably into primal or bioenergetics, to work with on a one to one basis to supplement therapy. I am sensitive, intelligent, understanding, average looking, with a good sense of humor but need to work thru early childhood affectional deprivation. If you want a true friend for a sincere relationship and need to be needed & appreciated then please write. Photo helpful.

• **MARRIED BUT STILL SEARCHING?** I am an attr marr 33yr old white male, highly educated, sensitive and fun to be with. I happily marr so why place an ad? Because I have come to believe that one person cannot meet all of another person's needs no matter how close their rlnshp. If you are an attr marr Woman 21-39, who share these feelings & are looking for an unpressured mutually rewarding supplemental rlnshp; you found a soul mate. Send photo and phone, discretion assured and requested. Let's enjoy each other.

You would imagine that if these people actually had all the attributes they advertised, they would need an answering service instead of a post office box.

The Emerald classified advertising department can be reached by calling 686-4343.

letters

Moralities

To Cort Fernald's column on abortion and to the three letters reviewing Matt Meyer's review of "Making Love" (Feb 25). All the writers seem to ignore moral responsibility in their lives.

The lady in Cort Fernald's column knew the chances she was taking in allowing herself to be "whacked up" by a guy, but chose to ignore them. After playing the game and losing she tried to escape by killing herself. Even if she decided, out of selfishness, that she didn't want to be "forced to raise an unwanted child," there are plenty of good adoption agencies.

"Closed Mind" asks why should a homosexual be any more worried about public opinion than a guy sleeping with someone else's wife? He shouldn't, they're both equally wrong. After thinking about the effects of their actions, they may realize that to selfishly pursue their desires would hurt someone else.

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