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# Critics say SAT bias costs women jobs, scholarships

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By Wendy Warren

■ The Breeze  
James Madison U.

Biased questions on the Scholastic Aptitude Test may limit everything from scholarships to job opportunities for women, a spokesperson for a national test critic group claims.

"Girls do better in high school and college, yet score lower (than men) on the SAT," said Sarah Stockwell of FairTest, a Cambridge, Mass., watchdog group that monitors standardized tests.

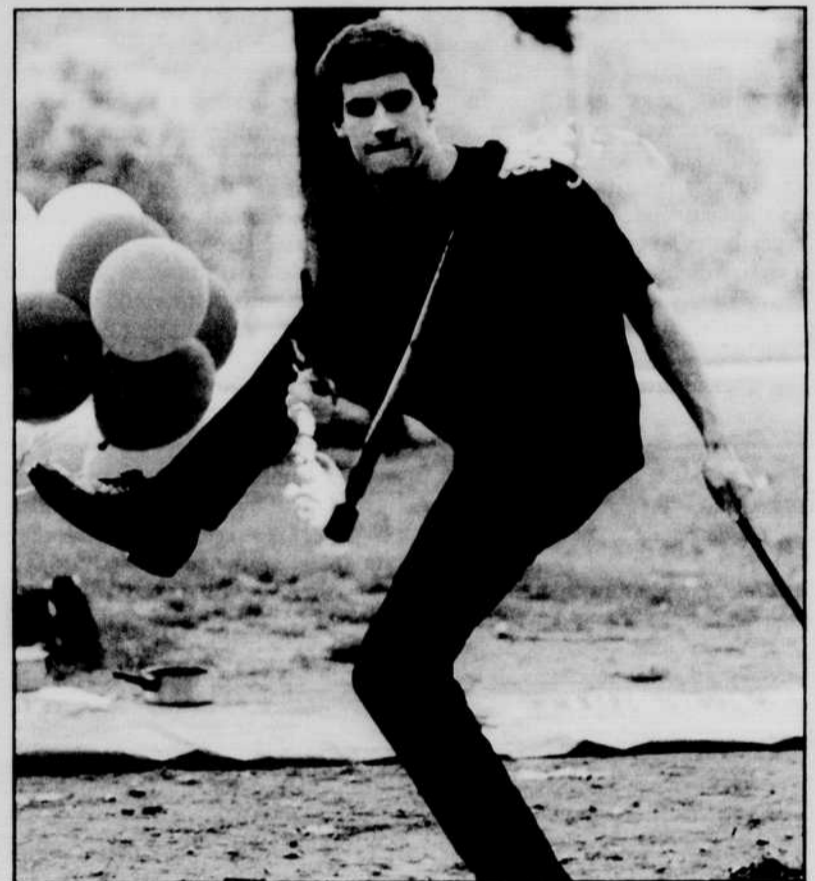
The claim comes on the heels of several other complaints about possible gender bias in the SAT, a test which is administered to most college applicants nationwide. However, representatives from Educational Testing Service, the organization which sponsors the SAT, denied the claims and said other studies have shown an absence of bias.

The bias shows up in the number of National Merit Scholarships given to high school seniors each spring, Stockwell said. Semifinalists for the scholarships are chosen solely on the scores of their Preliminary SATs, a shorter, slightly easier version of the SAT.

Of the 15,467 National Merit semifinalists announced this fall, FairTest reported 58 percent were male and 36 percent were female. The remaining students' genders could not be determined from their names.

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On the stick



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U. of Iowa Graduate student Bruce Wisenburn tosses a burning stick under his leg while giving a juggling exhibition. Wisenburn is a member of the Hawkeye Jugglers.

## Ruling could sound buzzer for game prayer

By Crystal Bernstein

■ The Daily Tar Heel  
U. of North Carolina

A federal court ruling may have sounded the final bell for the traditional pre-game prayer over the public address system.

ACLU Executive Director Hilary Chiz said although the ruling only directly governs Alabama, Florida and Georgia, its effects will be felt across the country.

"The ruling ought to send a signal



U. of Georgia President Charles Knapp opposed the decision.

to all schools nationwide that broadcast prayer is absolutely unconstitutional," Chiz said. "No school can be in the business of advancing any particular religion."

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## In college . . . with children

By Stacy Smith

■ University Daily Kansan  
U. of Kansas

When U. of Kansas senior David Harger thinks back to the fall finals period of his sophomore year, he can laugh about the C on his transcript which broke his perfect 4.0 grade point average.

The C doesn't bother Harger much when he looks at his 22-month-old daughter, Dene, and remembers the day she was born — the morning before his statistics final.

"It's kind of fun explaining why the C is there," he said. "When I interview for internships and mention it, people are in shock when I tell them. It's kind of an icebreaker."

Harger is one of 2,221 U. of Kansas students with children, 992 of whom are undergraduate students, according to fall '88 records from the office of institutional research and planning.

For the past year, Harger, 21, has been a single parent with joint custody of his daughter. Dene spends two weeks with him and then the next two weeks with her mother.

Although balancing the roles of student and parent are not easy, Harger has done both while maintaining a GPA above 3.5 in accounting and economics. He plans to attend law school after he graduates in the spring.

"It's really hard, because you've got a baby that stays up until 9 or 10 at night and you can't do homework," he said.

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