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ference in revenue generated by men's and women's teams. The only two sports that make money are football and men's basketball, so they should be put in a category of their own. When the other five men's teams are compared to the seven women's teams, equality is nearly approached.

If the gender equity proposal is passed, it would be penalizing Oregon for the success of its football team. Football uses more scholarships than any other sport on campus, but it deserves to because it makes more money than any other sport.

Football is a popular and competitive sport in a difficult conference, and it should be rewarded for this. Instead, gender equity would force an already in debt athletic department to pay more bills because of the success of the football team.

Athletic funding has long been a problem at Oregon and

the new gender equity proposal would make it even harder for University athletics to succeed. The athletic department already has to find ways to fund the 12 sports that do not make money, it should not have to deal with another money-losing sport.

Considering that popular women's sports like basketball, softball and volleyball are not able to generate money, I doubt a sport like soccer or swimming would make money.

It is also unfair because, with the exception of track and field, women's sports are not as popular on campus as men's sports. I attended all but one home women's basketball game this season and there wasn't much excitement.

The Ducks drew more than 1,000 people to only two games and they probably counted players, coaches and security guards to get that number.

The volleyball team also failed to draw many people, and if the rain would ever stop, I am eagerly waiting to see how many people show up for softball games.

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sity Senate meets Wednesday it will not further hamper the athletic department's job of funding University sports. Oregon has taken the lead over the rest of the nation in the number of scholarships it gives to women, and it should be rewarded for this. Instead, if the proposed gender equity is put into effect, the athletic department will suffer yet another setback.

Instead of gender equity, it should be revenue equity that is important. Money is what makes intercollegiate sports happen, and like it or not, it must be top priority. Men's sports on campus generate more interest and revenue than women's sports and thus they deserve to have more scholarships.

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giate Athletic Committee calling for "true equity" within the athletic department. The resolution states that true equity will occur "when men's and women's athletics have equal numbers and qualities of scholarships, participation slots, facilities and coaches."

One of the major proposals of the resolution is the request for an additional women's team within five years, which would add 25 participation slots to the women's athletic program.

The resolution also suggests that "the most plausible way to create the financial restructuring necessary to achieve gender equity in intercollegiate athletics at the University of Oregon is to eliminate athletic scholarships for students who have no financial need."

Because Oregon would be

at a competitive disadvantage if it were to move to a need-based scholarship system, the resolution states that the policy would have to be implemented at the conference level and, ultimately, at the NCAA level.

Although the idea that the Pacific-10 Conference would ever eliminate athletic scholarships may seem unlikely, other major conferences have already made major commitments toward improving gender equity. The Big 10 Conference schools have agreed to provide at least 40 per cent of all athletic opportunities to women by 1997.

Even if backed by the University Senate, the endorsements stated in the resolution would not be binding to the athletic department. But support of the resolution would send a message to the department that "true equity" among the men's and women's athletic programs is a priority on campus.



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