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Women's basketball: a 'slap in the face?'

By Anne Snuffer

"It's like a slap in the face to my girls." That's what Coach Ellen Evans said about the name given the cheerleaders for the women's basketball team.

Even though the women are a varsity college team, the four cheerleaders that cheer for their games are called junior varsity cheerleaders.

And if that's not enough, the junior varsity cheerleaders don't receive a penny from the Campus Commission, and the varsity team, which cheers for the men's games, does.

Evans said that Vice-Chancellor for student affairs Eric Iovacchini said the reason the varsity cheerleaders received money "was because they (the men's team) have more people at their games."

Shirley Snyder, Vice-President of the Booster Club disagrees. "The girls are turning in just as big a crowd as the boys," she said.

Snyder has taken the junior varsity cheerleaders under her wing, furnishing transportation and gas to away games, and also buying their food.

"We're being treated unfairly. It's humiliating," she added.

Snyder and Evans are also upset over the fact that there are only four cheerleaders for the junior varsity squad, while the varsity squad has seven members.

"It's embarrassing to walk in a gym at an away game with a national championship team and have no support," said Snyder.

Snyder said she doesn't mind paying for the junior varsity cheerleaders "because as long as the women's team carries the national title, we need to back them 100 percent."

Athletic Director Ed Harris said the cheerleaders aren't considered part of the athletic department.

He said any money the varsity cheerleaders re-

ceived "came from the Campus Commission because they requested it."

Evans feels some of that money should go to the junior varsity cheerleaders for travel and lodging.

She added that it was discrimination to make a distinction between the junior varsity and varsity cheerleader since both groups cheer for varsity teams.

Iovacchini and Harris have scheduled a meeting today to discuss a possible solution to the controversy.

Iovacchini said they will look at three possible alternatives.

One would involve getting more money from the Campus Commission, "but that doesn't seem very promising since the cheerleaders aren't a high priority," he said.

Another alternative would prohibit travel to away games for either cheerleading squad. The money would be used for cheerleader equipment, recruiting, and training.



Staff photo by Sylvia Hawkins

LADY BULLDOGS take the ball down the court in last Thursday's game against Barber-Scotia.

The last alternative, and the one Iovacchini feels is the most viable, would allow both squads to travel to a few selected double-header basketball games.

And what about the distinction between junior varsity and varsity?

"As far as I'm concerned, I've always referred to the junior var-

sity as the women's cheerleaders and the varsity as the men's cheerleaders," Harris said.

"Both squads should be equal," said Evans. She added that the women must receive the same opportunities as the men.

Snyder agrees. "As long as we have a women's team, we should be supported like all the other teams at UNCA."

Exterminators and Harvey Wallbangers reign

By Joan Sterk

The Exterminators and the Harvey Wallbangers reigned as champions for the intramural indoor soccer play-offs held Tuesday night.

The women's championship matched Ivan Cohen's team, the Exterminators, one of three women's teams from the UNCA indoor soccer club, against the Booters, a group of coaches and volleyball players.

This championship was a "finely balanced game with excellent soccer," said Cohen.

The game was in a deadlock for most of the 24 minutes of play, but when April Stocker, a player for the Exterminators, got by the Booters' goalkeeper with a little over one minute to play, the Booters were unable to retaliate and the Exterminators won, 1-0.

This defeat was the first loss for the Booters who had beaten all three of Cohen's teams in the play-offs, including the Exterminators.

The Exterminators had experience from playing on Cohen's teams, but for the Booters, Sara Orozco was the only experienced soccer player. The rest of the team was "out there just to have a good time," said Helen Carroll, a player for the Booters.

The men's division had two divisions due to "one of the best turnouts for an intramural event," said Helen Carroll, director of intramurals and recreation.

In the quarter finals for the men, the Faculty

defeated the Head Hunters, 4-1.

Alan Comer, UNCA biology professor, scored two goals in this game, bringing his total to 10 for the whole tournament. Cohen called Comer "a goal machine."

In another quarter final, the Goalbusters, Hank Komodowski's team, with several students, lost to the Harvey Wallbangers, a team of students, 3-2.

The semi-finals matched the Mud 500 Club against the Faculty. Mud won 3-2, sealing a spot for the finals held immediately after this victory.

Cohen said Gary "Killer" Klonicki had "a tussle with the Mud goalkeeper, Mark Wright" in this semi-final game. Klonicki's knee accidentally made

contact with Wright's head, leaving a cut that required stitches.


The other semi-final game pitted the Harvey Wallbangers against the Goalbusters. The victors in this match were the Harvey Wallbangers by a 2-1 margin.

These play-offs resulted in the championship game between the Harvey Wallbangers and the Mud 500 Club. The Wallbangers defeated the Mud, 3-2, winning the title of intramural indoor soccer champions.



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