AIAW's Motion 18 may set women's athletics back in the Dark Ages

Several years ago Congress enacted Title IX in an effort to give women the same educational opportunities enjoyed by men. As the legislation encompassed all dimensions of the educational process, women's sports suddenly were something to attend to-not scoff at-in university athletic departments.

A month ago the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women passed another piece of legislation-Motion 18-that has taken away a large portion of that opportunity and stature that women have worked so long for.

Effective August 1978, scholarships for women athletes will be limited to tuition and fees only, as opposed to the "full rides"-which include tuition, fees, room, board and booksthat men are allowed.

The AlAW claims that the new rule will keep all of its members on an even competitive level, reasoning that small schools with limited resources can afford to give at least several tuition and fees scholorships a year. Permit

schools to give full scholarships, the AIAW argues, and large schools with lots of money will get all the quality athletes and leave the small school programs floundering in their wake.

Speculation also holds that the AIAW enacted the rule not only to keep the large schools at bay, but also to keep women's athletics in general from ballooning into the big-business stature that men's programs hold.

Regardless of the reason, the action could eventually set women's athletics back to a point not much better than the one they held when women received no financial aid.

Fortunately for the women, however, there's a good chance the rule won't be around in a year and a half when it's set to go into effect. Among those casting the women's plight in a hopeful light are UNC Athletic Director Bill Cobey, UNC's Women Athletic Director Frances Hogan and UNC Head Women's Basketball Coach Angela Lumpkin.

"I think the AIAW will get sued," Lumpkin

says. "There's no way it will stand because it violates Title IX. The only way it could stand would be for the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) to give only tuition and fees. And the day that happens is the day the world comes to an end."

Although Cobey does not see the NCAA reducing aid for men to tuition and fees, he agrees that Motion 18 might very well endure a short life.

"I don't think it will hold up. I don't think it can stand the test of the courts," Cobey says.

The action is in conflict with Title IX, all three agree, but it will take the effort from an individual to challenge it in court, "some girl with a lot of athletic ability that wants a full scholarship and whose daddy's a lawyer," Lumpkin suggests.

The rule, admittedly, is unfair. But unlike other cases of discrimination against women, where the oppostion has come from the men, the women here have no one to fault but themselves.

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or, more specifically, the structure of their own governing body.

The AIWA is composed of all schools nationwide which participate in intercollegiate the AIAW. athletics and serves much the same purpose as the NCAA does for the men.

three separate divisions, according to size and individual athletic needs, the AIAW is still one massive unit, with each school—big and little having equal say in the governing of its members.

Athletics are much like anything else in that one always looks out for oneself first and

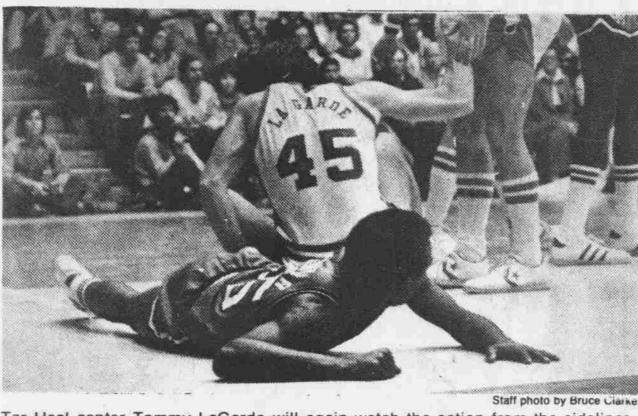
foremost. The smaller schools tend to clump to the same side on issues; they're in favor of anything that limits spending. The larger schools take the other side; they want to spend.

And when the little guys outnumber the big ones, it's a simple case of mathematics: the small schools win.

That's the reason for Motion 18 and the reason the AlAW needs to realign itself. The group is moving in that direction, however, as Hogan was recently named one of five members of a committee to study the possible restructuring of

The group needs to follow the lead of the NCAA and structure itself so that institutions of But where the NCAA has aligned itself into similar interests and programs have sole

authority over matters concerning themselves. The courts will likely bail the AlAW out of its present predicament, but without swift efforts to organize itself into a more workable format, the AIAW might thrust women's athletics back into the Dark Ages.



Tar Heel center Tommy LaGarde will again watch the action from the sidelines tonight. The 6-foot-10 senior injured his knee in practice Friday and missed the Tulane game Saturday night. Early reports indicated that LaGarde may play against Virginia Sunday.

points, pulled off a surprise women's basketball victory over North

Freeman's 15-footer with 49 seconds left were the last points of the

game. The Tar Heels, however, missed five shots in the remaining

time, the last when Joan Leggett's 10-footer rolled off the rim as the

game as the jubilant Minges Coliseum crowd surrounded her on the

court. "We needed it. I know they needed it, but we needed it so bad

with two kids (starters Linda McClellan and Rosie Thompson) out."

The win pushed the Lady Pirates into fourth place as they ended

their division play. ECU finished 2-6, ahead of last place UNC-

Greensboro, which would up 1-7 after its 81-49 loss to N.C. State

Tuesday night in Raleigh.

"Just thank God," ECU Coach Catherine Bolton said after the

Carolina, 68-67, in a Division I game here Tuesday night.

That ain't no bull Heels get shot at USF

by Grant Vosburgh Sports Editor

The folks in Tampa, Fla., are suffering from an identity crisis these days. The reason is the sudden emergence of a basketball power on the West Coast which has reigned atop the polls of the national rankings.

In the Golden Gate City, there is a school called the University of San Francisco. The Dons are 23-0 and a household name around hardcourts. In Tampa, there is a school called the University of South Florida. The Brahman Bulls are 8-13 this season and are hardly considered prime prospects for the

The trouble comes when sports writers, as sports writers are apt to do, abbreviate the school's name and refer to destructive Dons simply as "USF." Unfortunately, those are also the Bulls' call-letters, good buddy.

left to play. The Tar Heels, though, reeled off eight straight points to

Freeman hit one of her many outside shots to make it 67-66. UNC's

Cathey Daniels then missed for UNC but got her own rebound. A Leggett shot was blocked by Freeman, but ECU had a circle violation

Carolina held the ball until 10 seconds were left, then Leggett and

Daniels each missed a shot. Regina Lacey rebounded for the Lady

Pirates, but Daniels tied her up with two seconds left. Daniels tapped

the ball to Leggett and hers was the final shot that rolled off the rim.

Carolina's scoring leaders were Daniels with 17, while McGlade and

Besides Freeman's 30, Gail Kerbaugh had 17 points for ECU.

Bernadette McGlade missed two foul shots with 1:05 left, and

Freeman came down to hit again on her game-winner.

on the ensuing jump ball with 23 seconds left.

take a 67-64 lead with 1:36 left.

It must make for much confusion and surprise for a Brahman Bull fan when he picks up the morning paper over a wake-up cup of coffee and reads where "USF squeaks by Loyola," or "USF remains unbeaten despite late Pepperdine rally.

Tomorrow's morning paper, however, no doubt will carry a headline about Tampa's USF, and this time it will be about a national basketball elitist. The Bulls, however, will not be the team in the spotlight. Their opponent, the Tar Heels of UNC (that's North Carolina and not Newton-Conover) will be the team of national note.

The Bulls who will lead the stampede into Carmichael tonight at 8-are juniors Penny Greene and Cal Glover, a pair of six-foot guards. Both average 8.5 points per game. Forwards Rick Wagner and Newton Fairweather stand 6-5 and 6-3, respectively. and total 10 rebounds and 12 points per game, collectively. At center, the Bulls feature 6-foot-11 Steve Sanford, who is billed in the USF brochure as "the first truly big man ever to play" for South Florida. He averages 5.6 rebounds and 7.6 points an

These are not exactly the statistics of a San Francisco. But as John Renneker, the Bulls' sports information director, said Wednesday, Tampa's USF has fun with the occasional mayhem that the name-game spawns. Tonight, however, the Bulls of USF will have to play like the Dons of the same initals. If not, the 11th-ranked Tar Heels of UNC may run USF out of the SRO crowd at Carmichael...PDO



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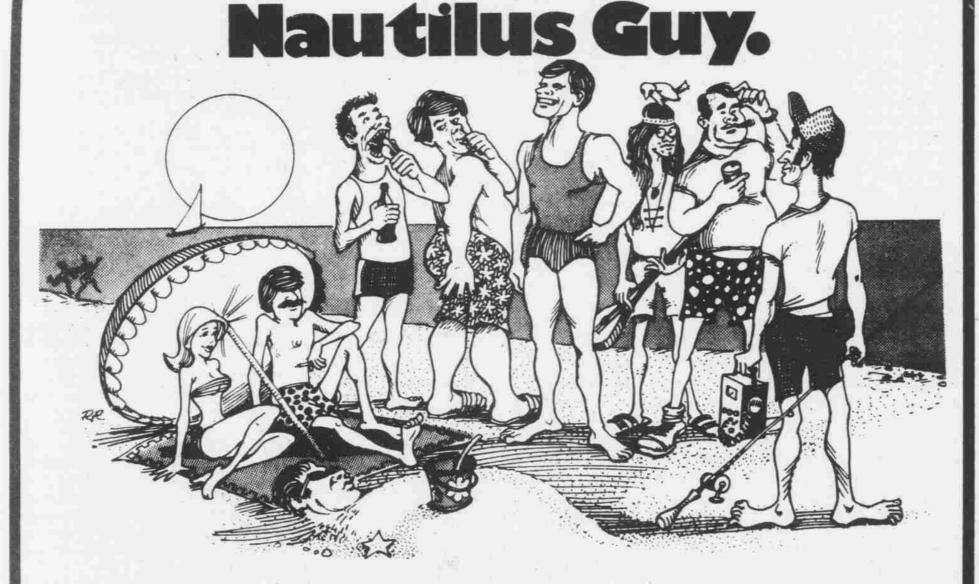
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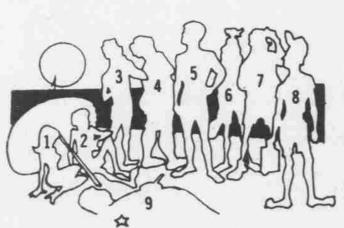




Leggett each added 14. The Tar Heels are now 4-3 in division play and must defeat State Saturday in Chapel Hill to tie Appalachian State for second place. -Will Wilson Guess which is the

Last shot rolls out; ECU nips Heels, 68-67





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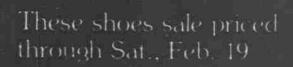
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