

# Byrne stellar in support of women's teams

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that they can't? That's like telling a female student who wants to declare a journalism major that she can't because 45 percent of the students in the journalism college are already female."

In spite of his tremendous efforts to advance women, Byrne said, he refuses to reduce opportunities for men, a national trend over the past 20 years.

"I hate that," Byrne said. "That's not why I'm here, and it's not why I'm in this business. I'm here to offer opportunities, not to take them away."

Byrne's actions show evidence to that effect. To avoid cutting men's scholarships, he has added on the women's side. In addition to the soccer team, Byrne has promoted women's bowling (1997) and riflery (1998) to varsity status.

But more importantly, NU Women's Gymnastics Coach Dan Kendig said, Byrne has cultivated an environment in which women's programs can succeed on a national level. That success, Kendig said, helps the cause of the women's teams by generating more revenue

and fan interest.

"Women's athletics don't have the Scott Frosts and the faces everyone recognizes," Kendig said. "But a lot of people on this campus recognized Shelly Bartlett, and I think a lot will recognize Heather Brink before she's through. That's because of the commitment and the budget support that has been given to women's teams."

According to Gary Fouraker, the associate athletic director for business affairs, Byrne has spent \$1.5 million on facility improvements since 1993. He also dedicated \$3.49 million to the administrative aspect of women's sports, including sports information, ticketing and marketing.

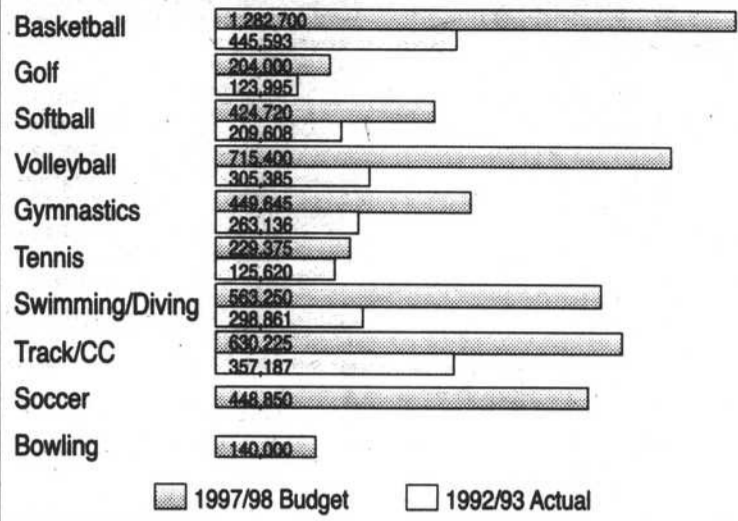
## Moving on up

Kendig describes Byrne as a man who "runs ahead of the game instead of reacting to it." And as the Athletic Department enters an age of even tougher Title IX regulation and NCAA restrictions, Byrne does not follow examples. He sets them.

With 24 sports, Nebraska owns the largest Athletic Department in the Big 12 Conference and offers more women's sports than any other

## Byrne bucks

All Nebraska athletic programs have seen an increase in spending since the arrival of Athletic Director Bill Byrne.



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school in the league.

Byrne continues to plan future women's facility improvements to benefit the softball, swimming, gymnastics, track and basketball teams.

And he maintains a good relationship with the men's and women's teams through honest communication and an open-door policy.

"I think anyone who comes in here and walks into this situation will just be blown away," Benson said. "You don't have to be a football player or a high-profile athlete to be

treated well."

Byrne wouldn't settle for anything less.

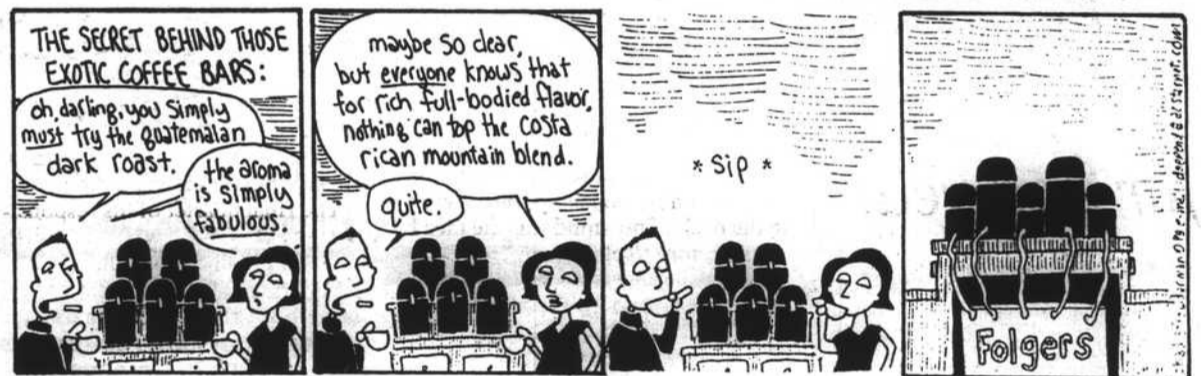
"I don't ever want some of our athletes to have something and not to have something else," Byrne said. "They deserve the same kind of promotion, marketing and support."

"If there is any talk or any resentment towards either men or women, I don't hear it. As far as I know, it doesn't exist. And if it does, the athletes know it better not get back to me."

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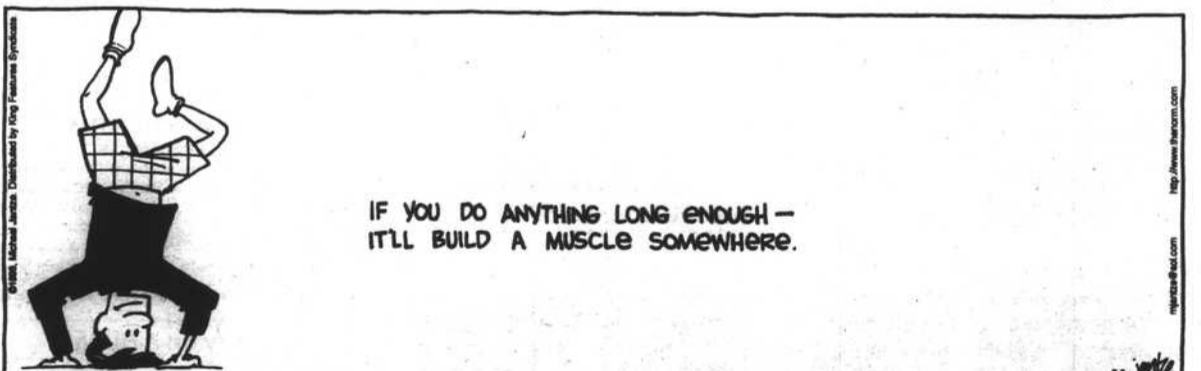
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