National Girls And Women in Sport Symposium
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The 1994 National Girls and Women in Sport Symposium, directed by Laurel Dagnon of Slippery Rock University, established a tradition steeped in provocative discussions and debates on gender and health issues for the female sport participant. Participants acquired an incredible sense of empowerment, as well as enjoying comradery with the other participants. This stems largely from the overflow of debate and deliberations over dinner or in the hospitality room. It was here, after the days events that participants gather in a common area and candidly discussed issues focusing on women’s participation in sport. Students, professors, sport administrators, and business executives spanning the ages openly shared personal experiences of what it was like to be a sport participant or athletic director in the 60s, 70s, and 80s.

For the first time, many women born after the year 1960 sat side-by-side with prominent women who fought for Title IX facing Congressional hearing-after-hearing to advocate equity in sport for women. Established scholars and researchers sat on the floor with graduate students and spoke of their work and challenged the students to openly confront situations that continue to hinder the female sport experience. As one graduate student responded, “It was the most incredible experience I have ever had. Here I was having a drink talking with these women I had only read about, hearing first hand about their lives in
This dynamic symposium, sponsored by the Women's Institute on Sport and Education Foundation, highlighted topics on gender issues and health concerns for the female sport participant. Selected presentations of interest to WSPAJ readers are listed below. Three of these presentations were video- or audio-taped (**) and may be obtained by contacting the Director of the Symposium: Laurel Dagnon, P.O. Box 11, Slippery Rock PA 16057; tel 1 412 738-2030.

**Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions about women's sports, plus some other thoughts on male idiots, enemies, and allies  Mariah Burton Nelson, Author

Out for a change: Using an educational video for learning about homophobia in women in sport  Pat Griffin, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Women's Sport: Women's Space  Susan Birrell, University of Iowa

Power plays against women in sports: What we are not allowed to see and hear will harm us  Mary Jo Kane, University of Minnesota

**Why is TV and Business expressing new interest in Women's Sports?  Donna Lopiano, Women's Sports Foundation

**The development of a compliance plan  Christine Grant, University of Iowa

USOC assistance and grants for emerging sports  Pat Milkovich, USOC Training Center

Anterior cruciate ligament injury: A predisposition to total knee replacement  Marjorie Albohm, Center of Hip and Knee Surgery

Conditioning practices and injury histories of experienced senior female athletes  Connie McCloy, Slippery Rock University

Sports drink for the female athlete: Should she or shouldn't she?  Marcy Leeds, Slippery Rock University

Faculty stress, the female experience: Implications for leadership in the 21st century  Elizabeth Thorsen, University of Toronto

Sport and the African American and Nez Perce athlete: An examination of masculine and feminine concepts  Marcia Karwas and Karen