

Advocacy Update

December 13 – December 22, 2010

Officials at the University of California, Davis ordered to face Title IX suit (December 13) – A circuit court Judge ruled that four officials at the University of California, Davis will have to face Title IX charges in relation to a 2003 case involving female wrestlers. Among the individuals that will face charges are former SWA, Pam Gill-Fisher and Athletics Director Greg Warzecka. The suit charges that officials knowingly allowed gender discrimination within the athletics department to persist. [Read more.](#)

John Stossel Interview with Nancy Hogshead-Makar on Title IX (December 17) – John Stossel criticizes Title IX in this recent piece. The interesting segments begin at 12:00 into the video. [Watch it.](#)

University of California Cuts Men's Rugby (December 21) – The University of California, Berkeley has announced the elimination of 4 teams, Men's & Women's Gymnastics, Women's Lacrosse and Men's Rugby. The school cites budget cuts as the reason for the downsize. However, some are blaming Title IX for the cuts to men's teams. The Men's Rugby team has won numerous championships and has had some of the most success of any team at Berkeley. [Read more.](#)

University of Minnesota Discrimination Case (December 21) – Former Associate Women's Golf Coach at the University of Minnesota, Katie Brenny, is claiming that she was discriminated against and ultimately had to leave her position because she is a lesbian. Brenny is negotiating with Minnesota for a financial settlement. [Read more.](#)

Delaware State Title IX Lawsuit Decided (December 21) – A Delaware Judge has ruled that Delaware State University must reinstate its Women's Equestrian Team. The team was cut 11 months ago along with Men's Tennis in order to help the school save money. However, with a female enrollment of nearly 60% and only 44% of the schools athletes being female, a Title IX suit was filed. The team will be reinstated for the foreseeable future and Delaware State University is being forced to pay nearly \$500,000 in court and attorney fees. [Read more.](#)

Belmont Coach's Story Airs on Outside the Lines (December 19) - ESPN did a story on recently dismissed Women's Soccer Coach Lisa Howe. Howe was allegedly asked to leave when the administration discovered that she was a lesbian. [Watch it.](#)