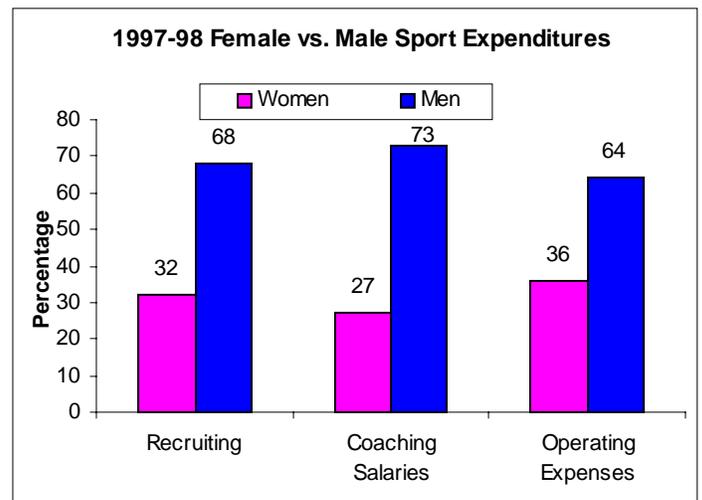


## Inequity in Women's Collegiate Sports

- On average women make up 53.2% of Division I undergraduate students. However, in the 1997-98 school year, women constituted only 40% of Division I athletes, up from 37% in 1996.
- Although the gap has narrowed, male athletes still receive 59% of Division I college scholarships, leaving only 41% to be allocated to women for the 1997-1998 school year.
- The median salary for 1996-97 Division I-A softball coaches (\$44,725) was 56% of the median salary for baseball coaches (\$79,570).
- Head coaches of NCAA Division I women's basketball teams make on average \$42,000, only 54.5% of the average base salary for men's teams of \$77,000.
- In 1996-1997, the median personnel expenditure for Division IA men's athletics topped \$1.9 million. However, the median personnel expenditure for Division IA women's athletics was only \$431,282, less than half of what was spent on football alone (\$890,330).
- In 1997-1998, women received a mere 32% of NCAA schools' recruiting budgets, and 36% of total team operating budgets. Coaches of women's teams received 28% of total salary expenditures on coaches' salaries.



### What you can do:

- Attend women's sporting events
- Support companies that advocate women's athletics.
- Encourage TV stations and newspapers to cover women's sports.
- Sign up to coach a girls sports team, whether at the recreational or high school level.
- Encourage young women to participate in sports.

Sources: Women's Sports Foundation, Working Woman Magazine, and The Chronicle for Higher Education.