

SPORTS

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I find it quite amazing how the only time of year that women are on the cover of the Sports Illustrated is during the swim issue.

It wouldn't be too bad if women athletes were placed on the cover during basketball season, the Olympics, or even Horseback Riding season. But for women to be on the front once in a year is ridiculous.

The message I receive from such a cover is that women are only good enough to be on the front if they are showing some flesh.

First of all, I see it as exploiting women, secondly, I find it highly offensive to the women athletes who day in and day out are training hard to be as good and in some cases better than men, and Third, most men will never take women athletics serious because the only see women as sexy bodies and the swim issue keeps reinforcing the matter.

Sure, some of you probably don't or won't agree with me but take a minute (you'll need more time I'm sure) and recall the last women athlete to be on the front cover of an SI issue.

I bet you couldn't name one. The only one that comes to my mind is Olympic Track runner Mary

Decker-Slaney who was tripped during competition in the 1984 Summer Games. It was not a pretty sight but at least SI did give a women athlete some exposure.

Sports Illustrated also visually exploits women. On the SI television commercial that deals with the SI video there is a man that says he enjoys reading all the issues but the swim issue is the "icing on the cake." Now if that isn't disgusting I don't know what is.

So what if the swim issue generates the most money for SI! I would also think that placing a woman Olympian on the cover would bring in a nice amount of dollars for the publication.

I don't know who makes the decision of what goes on the cover, but Editor-in-Chief Jason McManus should be a bit more equal of putting men and women on the cover of the magazine.

Women athletes on the cover of SI in my opinion would make a louder statement about women in athletics than showing the world that women can only look good.

One improvement SI have made is that they have written more stories on women's athletics in their issues.

If the can make one change I'm sure placing more than one woman on the cover during a year will only attract more readers.

Lady Rebels third in PCAA

by rebecca reynolds

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With six Pacific Coast Athletic Association games remaining the UNLV Women's Basketball team is in third place in the conference.

This Saturday at 7:30 in the South Gym the Lady Rebels will square off against the Aztecs of San Diego State. The Aztecs have one less loss than the Lady Rebels to hold second place.

Going into Saturday's game the Lady Rebels are ranked 23rd by the USA Today polls.

Women's PCAA Standings as of Feb.15

Team	Conference	Overall
LBSU	11-0	14-5
SDSU	10-3	18-8
UNLV	10-4	16-5
CSF	9-4	14-5
UH	7-5	13-8
UCI	7-6	9-12
FSU	5-7	10-11
UCSB	2-10	9-11
UOP	2-10	7-14
SJSU	0-14	1-22

WEEKEND SPORTS

Friday 19th

Women's Tennis: UNLV vs UCI - 1:30
Baseball: Hustlin Rebels vs New Mexico - 2:30
Track: Lady Rebels at L.A. Times Invitational

Saturday 20th

Basketball: Rebels vs San Jose State - 1pm T&M
Lady Rebels vs San Diego State - 7:30 S. Gym
Women's Tennis: UNLV vs Pacific - 10 a.m.
Men's Tennis: UNLV vs Long Beach St. - Noon
Baseball: Hustlin Rebels vs New Mexico - Noon
Track: Lady Rebels at L.A. Times Invitational

Sunday 21st

Women's Tennis: UNLV vs Texas A&M - 1pm
Baseball: Hustlin Rebels vs New Mexico - Noon

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