

Senators- I understand that a hearing on the topic of restoring the men's indoor track and field program at the University of Minnesota is tentatively scheduled for February 15th. It is tentative because Mark Coyle is doing all he can to get it canceled.

As a former track and field athlete and current meet official at the University of Minnesota I have been closely involved with the program for decades. I hope you will at least listen to our positions related to the untrue statements by AD Coyle, both related to Title IX and the program costs.

You will be surprised to learn that one of the effects of dropping this program as well as tennis and gymnastics was the elimination of many women from rosters, ironically in the name of Title IX equity. And you will learn that the cost of restoring this program is about the same as 2 of the many sets of football helmets provided to the 115 team members each season.

Your willingness to listen would be appreciated.

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