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## UMass woman ponders role

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As far as Dr. Vivian Barfield is concerned an AAD could be an Armenian Anteater Disease.

But it stands for Assistant Athletic Director...a position Barfield has held at the University of Massachusetts since January, 1975.

Barfield, in a soft Texas accent, told The Recorder that she has been misled...told to stay in her office...told to butt out...been treated unprofessionally...and been ignored since she assumed her duties 14 months ago.

"I don't know if there has been a misunderstanding or if they just don't have a job for me," she said.

She left an athletic administrative position at Colorado Women's College to accept the Amherst job on the verbal understanding that she would be responsible for both men's and women's sports.

Frank McInerney, Head of the UMass Department of Athletics, faces the brunt of her charges.

"I accepted his verbal description of the position and I had no reason not to trust him," she said, "I haven't been permitted to learn anything about the men's programs. I was never even told when the men had policy meetings."

A self-professed advocate of women's athletic rights, Barfield said she was "shocked" when McInerney—who was not available for comment—refused to officially list women's field hockey and basketball coach Carol Albert as a head athletic coach under the Athletic Department.

According to Barfield, McInerney said he'd name her an assistant coach. Barfield said that McInerney was depriving Albert of a "state title that would mean more money."

"I wanted her given an appropriate title," Barfield said, "She's not an assistant athletic coach. The state title goes on your record for payroll purposes. They told me that it doesn't make any difference."

Barfield, who believes that the whole salary structure of women coaches should be examined, said she sent a memorandum to McInerney's office and asked for further explanation.

"No one ever responded to my memorandum. My main question is why wouldn't they sit down and meet with me about it," she said, "I think it's because they don't give a damn."

At this point, Barfield requested an official job description but she has yet to receive a satisfactory response.

"I'm wondering if the position ever existed, if it exists or if it will ever exist," Barfield said, "Now I'm being told that I should stay at my desk. I don't believe that the higher administration can tolerate this situation much longer. I think they better get their act together."