

Research Stat from the Center's research archives:

Past research conducted on moral reasoning indicated that women and girls scored significantly higher than males in their ability to use moral reasoning, regardless of revenue generated.

Currently, we are seeing a rapid decline in female scores. The Center predicts females scores will converge with the men's scores if no intervention program is implemented.

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Monthly Discussion

QUESTION: COLLEGIATE 1-A PLAYOFF, WILL IT WORK?

The Bowl Championship Series was implemented into collegiate football in 1998 to crown a "true" national champion annually. Over the past decade, cries have been heard from coast to coast about the laundry list of flaws within the BCS, whether it is the computer ranking system to the bias of each individual voter. Many individuals believe the only way to determine a national champion is through the creation of a playoff system, possibly including the 6 best football teams in

the nation.

As in collegiate basketball, the NCAA tournament gives 65 teams a chance to play in the post season for a dream of winning a national championship. The college football schedule is currently 12 regular season games, a possible conference championship, and a final bowl game in December and January. Yes, a playoff system would solve the BCS dilemma, but how will it affect the academics of the athlete? With the regular season concluding at the end of November, final examinations are just around the corner at most if not all institutions.

The playoff system could potentially run through December and into early January. Practicing during dead week and finals week leaves less time for the athletes to properly prepare for finals. The commercialization of collegiate sport has reduced the emphasis on academics and enhanced the need to win.

Many of these young individuals will go into something other than professional sports and preservation of an advanced education is essential. What's more important to you? An education or the glory of winning.

American Football Coaches Association

The American Football Coaches Association held its annual convention in Anaheim, California, earlier this month with over 6,000 coaches in attendance. Doctoral Assistant David Brunner and Center Director Dr. Sharon Stoll attended the three day conference on behalf of Winning With Character and the Center for ETHICS*. Brunner, Stoll, and University of Georgia Football Coaches Mark Richt and Bobby Lankford gave multiple presentations on how to develop team unity and moral character. Within the presenta-

tion was an emphasis on the Center's development of a Servant Leadership Program for coaches, conceptualized by the Center and its staff. The program is developed around the idea that effective leadership must be modeled by both the coaching staff and players who assume the leadership role. Servant leadership is founded on the idea that we lead to serve the needs of others through the ethical use of power. Collaboration and trust within your athletes will

help you to increase teamwork and create a powerful relationship that promotes ethical growth from the foundation up. "It was our desire to demystify how to create a culture of values in football programs which would promote generalized excellence over time," Brunner said. The Servant Leadership Program is an online CEU course that is open for enrollment. Visit the Center's website for more information. http://www.educ.uidaho.edu/center_for_ethics