

Athletes competitive with who?

Dear Editor:

I'd like to make a few comments about your editorial (UNB Athletes Competitive).

Vending machines a farce

Dear Editor:

Recently I had the rather unfortunate experience of depositing change into the, if I may use the term, vending machine situated in the Harriet Irving Library - Kierstead Tunnel. Not only did I not receive my desired item, but I received a screw for change! Will I ever learn?

I noticed that there has been a sandwich machine standing empty for the past six months or so - I presume to remind students of what they're missing. If one turns to the coffee machine you will find that you get only half a cup (that is if you're lucky and get a paper cup first). The third machine will give you a wide range of

First of all I'd like to know who we are competitive with. On a national level we certainly aren't up to par. Our soccer team, bless their golden toes,

won the big one. However, when was the last time they were at the nationals? How many key players do they have graduating? In other words

selections such as an oatmeal cookie or box of chocolate covered raisins. If you get bored with that variety you can always drop money in and just watch the machinery move in the other empty compartments. If you have any problems (what else is new?) you can walk over to the funny little lady with the vouchers in the tiny office in the SUB. She'll fill out a form, refund your money, and refuse to offer any indication of when the machines will be replaced (call me if you need parts!!)

One comes away realizing that the machines are not the only items in need of help.

Certainly, the university community benefits from the machines, and it is in our best interests to see that they are

maintained and sufficiently stocked. The machines have served us well, and perhaps it is time to put them to rest with replacements (at least the 1950 version would be an improvement).

I suggest that the person responsible seriously consider replacing them now or perhaps before their contract is up for renewal. Otherwise I may have to put them out of their misery myself!! Stand in line please.

Sincerely,
Louis Roberts

will they be there again next year? By and large our girls teams are much more competitive than our mens team, having gone to the nationals many times over the past years. Looking back though how many times have they won there? The UNB Wrestling team on the men's side has sent 27 wrestlers to the CIAU in the past 10 years and have come home with one bronze medal. Are we really competitive where it matters most to the athlete - the Canadian University Championships? The answer is shown by a lack of Canadian championship trophies in our trophy case.

One of the reasons you gave for not having quality athletes is that we do not "woo" out-of-Maritime athletes by being top ranked. Here you are arguing against yourself. We are not top ranked! We are inferior to

other teams (i.e. we are not competitive). You can't impress a good prospect with a non competitive record.

With our Salvation Army budget and new faces we still can't get to the big leagues with our major sports and anyone who believes it is a fool. We need money! Money to send our teams where the competition is, money to bring the competition in, money to buy equipment and money to provide the coaches in necessary quality and quantity. It is tough aspiring to be number one when you know your opponents have the best of everything that money can buy. I am surprised we have done as well as we have so don't look for any miracles in UNB sports. We really can't afford a winner.

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guitars, and then the vocals. Drummond sings, "this is the root of all music...this is reggae music," and he's actually right.

Throughout the album Black Slate's enthusiasm for what they are doing comes shining through. One can almost see the smiles on their faces and the ardent hopping around and

cavorting on the stage as the band performs such numbers as "Sticks Man" which was their first hit in the UK.

Indeed, reggae is breaking into North America. Strong albums like Black Slate's *Amigo* will certainly aid reggae's quest for a strong following here.

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Further, the board passed a motion four years ago which would reduce the then yearly deficit of \$400,000 by \$50,000 a year. Condon said this worked for two years, but has been impossible since.

"We're having trouble cutting another \$50,000" Condon said. (The residence deficit is a calculated gamble.) "The occupancy rate is running very well right now."

Asked if the board had discussed the residence bar closure, Condon replied, "No, we didn't. I only know what I read in the Brunswickan."

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