

It's not violence, it's strategy!

by Adam Wessel

Combat Unlimited, is basically one of strategy, says one of its co-owners.

Combat Unlimited is co-owned by first year Arts student Don Phelan and first year Science student Larry Hulley.

The concept of strategy is opposed to the American survival games: "Their concept is to set guys out on their own. There is no element of strategy to it...no alliance. "Ours is highly structured. There's more a team effort."

Each team consists of twenty members. Ten of these are offensive and ten are defensive. Phelan it's even worse!

Brand new scrip plan

by Bruce Pollock

Students will have to wait until May to learn whether or not a controversial three tiered system of scrip will be approved.

Although students have long petitioned Housing and Food Services (HFS) for a tiered scrip system to take into account light eaters, this plan brings no relief.

The cheapest most minimal plan is more expensive than the scrip contract now in effect, under which large numbers of students are selling their scrip at appalling losses.

However, the Board of Governors will probably approve the plan since, except for a few unrelated details, the Board Finance Committee has already approved HFS's budget.

Students will be required to choose from three plans: light, medium, and heavy. The costs of the various plans are as follows:

- Plan 'A' \$1626.00 per year
- Plan 'B' \$1687.00 per year
- Plan 'C' \$1717.00 per year

These figures are for eight month contracts. At present a student sharing a double room is required to purchase an eight month contract for scrip worth \$1520.00.

says, "We have checkpoints. You can acquire points by reaching a checkpoint, by a hit, by capturing the opposition, by capturing the opposition's base point."

The day is an eight hour one. "Two hours of that will be travelling time." Each ten man unit, once there, will be headed by a sergeant and a corporal, chosen by lot.

Asked whether the game did not appeal to more than just strategists Phelan downplayed the individual violence as a motivation in the game. "They move as a unit." He even suggested that confrontation is not always desirable.

"Evasion of the enemy is a distinct tactical advantage." Reaching an objective can be

more valuable than a 'hit' and certainly more valuable than being hit, he said.

By the line "Kill or be killed...Experience the Ultimate Conflict," Phelan maintains, "All we're doing is coming out and blatantly saying what is the underlying theme in just about any game."

No real violence or contact of any sort will be tolerated. Says Phelan, "That point is stressed. There is to be no physical contact. Nothing that can be construed as offensive physically."

The organizers even go so far as to employ a metal detector to insure safety. As well they issue everything — for safety reasons and so as not to give any one person an unfair advantage.

Response to Combat Unlimited has been overwhelming. Phelan and Hulley have received inquiries from as far away as Calgary and are now considering setting up 'night-time combat exercises' to take care of the extra customers.

•A note: After my screaming critique in Thursday's paper the most violent aspect of my interview was not between myself and the interviewee. More violent yet was the person who destroyed a Combat Unlimited poster hanging overhead at Cafe Casablanca while myself and the two co-owners sat a few feet away. While that poster may offend some people even more offensive is the destruction of someone's personal property.

Teresa Gonzalez, SU VP External, is less than enthusiastic concerning the proposals. "This is really stupid. Students are trying to get rid of scrip now. We think it's quite ridiculous."

Gonzalez said that the Students' Union supports the idea of a three-tiered system but it does not support the price increase.

"If students are light eaters they will want less scrip. We don't feel that they are operating this system in a very practical manner," she stated.

According to Gonzalez, the Students' Union is urging the adoption of a computerized scrip system. Similar to the system currently in use at the University of Calgary it would be organized around the use of type of credit card.

As overhead (costs for machinery, service costs et al) expenses had already been included in the room charge students would then pay only for food costs (calculated in points).

The main benefit of such a system, according to Gonzalez, is that it would allow students to sell unused points back to the University.

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