

## TOO MANY LITTLE MINDS

There is something perverse about student organizations holding closed meetings. For several years students beat their collective heads against the Gibraltar Rock of the administrations mind to keep things quiet, closed and without the participation of students.

Years later all that changed and going to the Senate meeting is less trouble than attending the Playhouse -- you get your tickets, smile for the guard and you're in.

Not so it seems for the student commission meeting currently on the future operation of Radio UNB. Politely termed "in camera meetings" the members meet regularly to prepare a report to be delivered December 5, on what changes need to be made to the staggering radio stations terms of reference for campus service.

The commission is in itself a good idea for the future of close circuit radio station reaching only 2500 of the 5500 students on this campus. It certainly needs the discussion and the recommendations to be made by the commission.

However, this does in no small way justify the closing of these meetings to the campus press. For Hooterville student politicians to do such a thing while carrying on the legacy of pressing for open Board of Governors meeting approaches the insane.

Worse yet these collective investigators are discussing the future of an organization which has drawn heavily on the funds of students in years past to reach its current level of super technocracy.

In rough figures, nearly \$100,000 of students money is being discussed behind closed doors with students learning only what commission

### Hard Nosed Sports Attitude Harmful ?

We were intrigued with the letter to the editor last week referring to the apparent practices used by, what the letter writer thought was, crass sportsmanship in instructing potential basketball stars in the rudiments of discouraging putsuit while going for the jump shot. The instructor it appeared thought foul play was fair play.

Disturbed by what he thought he was seeing, the observer wrote us to express his dismay at the approach, used by the coach in a manner drenched with ill-concealed sarcasm.

The letter writer seems was wrong, according to the coach involved in the non-incident, he was only showing the "boys what not to do" when approached by an opposing team who the coach assumed would be using the "punchy tactics" against them.

We are pleased that the letter writer, realizing his mistaken identity in regards to sports training corrected the situation.

Yet something is still wrong, at least to our mind. Sports we feel builds character as well as brawn and for this reason we support it wholeheartedly but there is an element which is dangerous. Competition.

members want them to hear about what goes on.

The small time petty parochialism rampant within the STU executive and its President should not be allowed to go unreported or unheard within a meeting that determines the future of a campus cooperative radio station.

Such actions are indeed perverse.

If the commission is to meet behind closed doors for what they consider are good reasons then there is nothing that can be done except distain such action.

But the commission members had better remember that since they are not going to receive the feedback from students that press reporting would bring, then they must insure that campus opinion is heard on the issue of Radio UNB.

This commission must hold well advertised public forums for student opinion to be heard. It is their responsibility to seek out this opinion.

If STU students really want out of the station's coverage it should be determined why and possibly be remedied. Unless, as we suspect, the exclusion of Radio UNB from the STU campus is just a petty move by STU campus super patriots to prevent the publication of further UNB culture on their campus.

STU student politicians should be reminded that they have a duty to lead the people of the campus not to react to imagined evils of illusion that one member of the Tri-campus body is attempting to dominate or takeover another minority portion.

These are the thoughts of little minds much too concerned with their own importance to serve the students in their best interest.

We live in a competitive society, one that places winning over all, regardless of the cost. We disagree with this philosophy's more extreme forms for it dehumanizes.

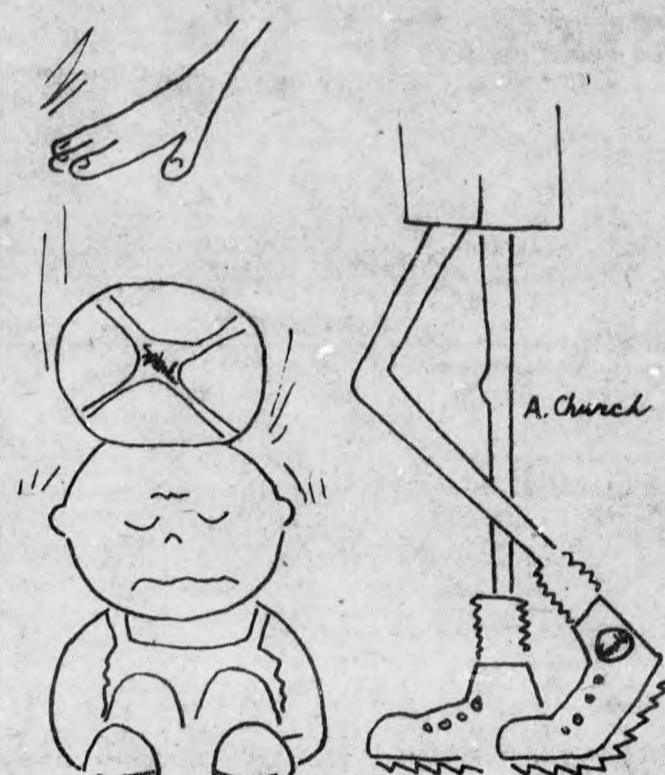
Extreme competitiveness in society or in sport creates the type of society that breeds individuals little concerned for their fellow man. This is a society that we do not want to see encouraged.

The avoidance tactics taught by the coach remind us too much of the advice given to small boys in pee-wee hockey or other physical sports by over-zealous parents caught up in the race to win at any cost.

"Hit 'em hard son, fight tough in the corners so you can make the team and remember you have no friends out there just the foe, the adversary. Play to win" a quote too often originating from parents and friends.

We realize full well that our sports knowledge is limited but this violence orientated sports instruction whether it be what not to do or how to avoid these tactics is not what we want on this campus or any other.

Competition for competition's sake is a poor means to an end.



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## FEEDBACKFEEDBAC

BUSINESS SOCIETY BLOWS IT WITH BEER BASH IN VILLAGE

Dear Sir:

On the night of Nov. 2nd during the Business Week Smoker, two flags and two pennants were stolen from the walls of the Silverwood Lions Club Hall. To this day, these articles have not been returned.

In order to get the hall this year, for the Business Week activities, the Bus. Society has to put up \$100 as a damage deposit. Although there was little damage done, the flags and pennants had great sentimental value to the people of Silverwood. "These people are concerned to the point where further action will be taken unless the flags and pennants are returned." We realize that students like to take these for souvenirs of good times but in this case they presently represent a greater value to their owners. As some bills are still to be paid from the Bus. Week activities, the Society needs the \$100 and will not get it back until the flags and pennants are returned.

Every year, the Society relies on places such as the Silverwood Hall to hold the Business

Week activities. Naturally, if they are abused, then our activities in the future, could suffer as a result of these acts such as stealing pennants etc. We would not want this situation to happen....

The Society is not interested in who took the flags, only that they are returned to their rightful owners. They can be left at the Bus Admin office or given to one if the executive of the Bus Society. However returned, we must have them back! I think about it... Was it worth the effort of taking them, at the expense of others? For our sake, we hope not...

George Brammer  
Pres. Bus Admin. Soc.

Re: Judo Classes Anyone?

It would appear that an apology is in order.

On Monday evening, I received a telephone call from Mr. Washburn, Director of Sports Activities at STU. He informed me that it had been he that I had seen in the Gym last Monday evening conducting a practice with the STU basketball team.

Moreover, he stated that I had misconstrued the situation, and had I arrived a couple of minutes earlier, I would have heard certain remarks with which he prefaced the demonstration I observed, which would have put the thing in its proper perspective. He said that he had been demonstrating to his players what he did not want to see done on the basketball floor.

If such be the case, I wish to extend my apologies to all those who feel they have been slighted in any way, shape or form.

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