

The Sex Scrimmage

by Paul Perell

More vicious, more demanding, and more popular than any other sport (sorry Nobby) is the "sex scrimmage".

The popularity of this sport is to be pondered. Consider the rules and the combatants. On one side we have the offensive team of man. Under the normal rules this offensive team begins the game and has the responsibility of interesting the defensive team (women under the normal rules) in playing the game. This is the legendary first move.

Considered by many to be the most crucial move in the game, the first move unfortunately can be too easily recognized and categorized, thereby enabling the defensive team to counter and sometimes end the game. This is known as a "shot-down".

The other rules and terms of the game can be most easily understood by specific examples and case histories.

Fussy Fredricka. The dance floor has been the scene of many classic confrontations of sexual scrimmage. Some of the game's greatest competitors achieved their record breaking performances surrounded by admiring crowds of churning dancers.

It was at a Vanier dance that the defensive great, Fussy Fredricka, scored her greatest triumph. Fussy was devastating as she scorned the salvo of 35 "groovers" who tried their patented "grooving technique" of individualistic dancing. (The

body's appendages move independently without co-ordination.)

She was eviscerating as she rejected the advances of 20 golden Adonises and their visual approach. Garbed in athletic letter and muscle they failed to dazzle Fredericka with her square-jawed, short-haired virility.

And finally Fredericka was liquidating as she parried the thrusts of 27 fashion fiends, ignoring completely their Nehru suits, turtle neck sweaters, medallions and carefully selected personal fragrances of blended deodorant, cologne, mouthwash and shampoo. Eighty-two shot-downs for Fredericka.

Blind Billy. Blind Billy has 20-20 vision yet his friends insist he is blind. Billy meticulously chooses a member of the defense as his victim.

His primary prey are known under the nomenclature of the game as "dogs", and these girls are so overwhelmed by any positive attention that they have no defense for the first move.

Strangely, for all his success Billy is unappreciated by his offensive teammates who credit his success to victory by disqualification.

Charlie Brown. This young man is noted not for success but for continuous failure. He is a terrible "pitcher", losing in baseball and sexual scrimmage (Note: in sexual scrimmage a "pitch" is the verbal part of a first move.) The Little Red-

Headed Girl is a defensive great.

Heathcliff. An intense, truly aggressive and unscrupulous offensive great who refused to be shot down was Heathcliff.

This man achieved critical acclaim for the then unheard-of action of trying a first move on a ghost.

Unfortunately Heathcliff died young before he could reach full potential.

He did, however, leave behind in his writings his great offensive stratagem of negating the defense.

He suggested for instance that a "tease" (a defensive member who delays the shot-down for greater effect) must be made to lose her confidence.

Heathcliff was very successful in his application of this technique and is remembered with reverence by all offensive historians.

There are of course many more historically significant characters in the annals of sexual scrimmage. Among these are the Marquis de Sade, an offensive star who used kidnapping as a first move, and Adam, whose theory of isolating the defense set a successful precedent.

But these heroes and the others mentioned gained their fame primarily from their first moves and, as important as these initial encounters are, there is still more to the game of sexual scrimmage than just the first move.

If, after a first move by the offense, a shot-down is not ne-

gotiated, the game begins its second phase. In this new interaction, the purpose is to reach the outcome of the contest.

The outcome is the goal and the conclusion of the game, and it is a strange characteristic of sexual scrimmage that the purpose of the game and the outcome is to stop playing the game.

If this seems strange, one must only analyze the motive of the game which is sometimes crudely called 'satisfaction'.

This satisfaction is merely an amnesty in the conflict, an interlude in which both the offense and the defence reach an amiable compromise.

The terms of the compromise vary, and they may range through a talk over coffee, a good-night kiss, a make-out (strange term derived from an ancient Greek who was blind and thus could never make out what he was kissing), and a new game called Papal Encyclical.

Whatever the compromise, the second move of the game makes this agreement possible.

It is a move that can be initiated by either party, and its intent is to entertain, interest, fascinate, or mystify the opposition into desiring the amnesty.

This is the essence of sexual scrimmage. It is a rugged game, with repeated losses a common occurrence.

Many are discouraged and frustrated but, like the lemmings, hurl themselves into the ocean simply because they cannot stop. And who wants to?

Loney is under attack

Martin Loney, the President-elect of the Canadian Union of Students will be speaking to the students of York University today in the Vanier Common Room at 1:30. Mr. Loney, who is doing graduate work at Simon Fraser University, was the leader and instigator of the recent unrest at that campus which brought about the resignation of its president.

This leading student radical who has been labelled the "Dublin Socialist" was the outspoken critic of university administration at the 1968 CUS National Congress at Guelph. He has already overshadowed the presence of President Peter Warrian across the nation, through his attacks on the corporate representation on the board of governors, the absence of universal accessibility in Canadian universities, the degree of faculty and administrative control of course curriculum, and the degree of US imperialism in Canadian studies.

But he differs from many student leaders in the methods by which the ends can be achieved. He has stated publicly that where all other means fail, he is not opposed to introducing violent tactics.

We at York are presently caught up in a struggle between the students and the distant administrators. The Senate offered a token representation of five students to sit on their powerful body. Last year only two of these students were undergraduates of York campus. The board of governors has offered two seats to faculty but has blatantly ignored the requests to hold similar positions, despite the articles, this summer in the Toronto newspapers. But do the students care?

This jazz is Loney's bag and for sure he's not going to pull any punches. He and Warrian ran on a "let it all hang out" platform. Loney calls York the common reactionary campus. Is he right???

by Bill Novak

Here we go again for another six-month spree, and this is only the beginning. And no matter what eventually happens in this column, I do want to start with something halfway relevant, although you're probably sick of hearing about The Graduate. So let this be the last word on the subject. Since it is, after all, as important to the screen as Sgt. Pepper is to the disc, I had no qualms about seeing the film for a third time. Which is, after all, three times more than most films deserve.

To clear up some small points, since you asked. The traffic on the San Francisco bridge is going the wrong way, and was indeed changed for the film. The long and tiring drive to Santa Barbara could have been avoided by a United Airlines flight — student standby at that. Not only would it have been a lot faster, but a good deal cheaper as well. This way Benjamin wouldn't have arrived after the marriage, and would have been saved from

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a second adulterous affair. And for those of you who still don't believe it, Elaine Robinson was definitely pregnant by the end of the film. Like mother, like fun.

Still, this glorious mixture of supreme comedy and national tragedy has its larger dimensions. And although it deals in vivid and highly coloured extremes — hardly a single character is real — the portrayals are universal enough so that, for instance, literally hundreds of thousands of guys really thought that they were Benjamin, even hoped they were like him. But if the young people were stereotyped, the adults were totally unbelievable. But by no means unreal. They are more to be pitied than censured. The generation gap, in its various manifestations, is all too tragic for this film to be regarded as strictly comic, while the "happy ending" will deceive only the most com-

fortably gullible among us.

There was some talk a while back about all the McCarthy people voting for Wallace, but it was not exactly taken seriously by anyone. But if those who feel that we are indeed faced by an echo, not a choice, this should be a prime consideration. Imagine if the disheartened supporters of Rockefeller, Kennedy and McCarthy all got together in numbers large enough to defeat both Humphrey and Nixon. Imagine if they would in effect form the strangest coalition in history to elect George Wallace. Before you scream, consider the alternative. With Wallace, we would at least know where we stand. Moderates would have no choice but to polarize, as they did under Andrew Johnson a century ago. And most would drift to the left. So, while we would not have a progressive executive, there would at least be a president handcuffed by an angry and (of necessity) forward-looking Congress. Not such a bad idea after all.

Business booms at Osgoode

Osgoode Hall Law School, tentatively set to establish itself on York Campus in July, has a total enrolment of 597 students. Of these 232 are First Year, 201 Second Year, 164 are Third Year. Twelve students are registered in the graduate program, 2 of which are Doctor of Jurisprudence candidates.

There has been an increase in

applications for entrance and for admittance to advanced standing, but only after relocation at York Campus will there be adequate facilities for increased enrolment. An increase of approximately 100 first year students is expected after the move.

Resident students will use the college residences.



Buy now - die later

Excalibur's Managing Editor (Rolly Stroeter, seated) was the first student on campus to participate in Canadian Premier's Life Insurance Plan (does he really think his life is that valuable?). Picture shows Rolly signing his life away to Rich Bennett, Canadian Premier Life Representative for York Campus. Mr. Bennett will be available for interviews on campus. For appointment call: 366-5811 or 741-8689 (after 7 P.M.)

Anyone can run - elect a caretaker

McLaughlin College will hold elections Oct. 16 for a ten-member interim college.

All undergraduates, graduate students, dons and fellows of the college will be eligible for election. Each councillor will have an equal voice on council. The

candidate with the highest number of votes will chair the first meeting.

No date has yet been set for the meeting.

An unconfirmed report said the college would refuse to join the York Student Council.

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Saturday night

October 5, 1968 9pm.

Founders House will be open
on Saturday night from
8pm. to 1am.