

Sports changing

NEW YORK (CUPI) — Competitive sports are not a good way to grow hair on your chest. This qualified statement comes from two American psychologists who just completed a survey of 15,000 athletes and physical phenomena unique to sports combatants.

Based on the results of their eight-year survey, Dr. Bruce Ogilvie and Dr. Thomas Tutko of San Jose State College have found it is inherent rather than developed factors that enable an athlete to survive the high attrition rate associated with competition.

"Indeed," the researchers say, "there is evidence that athletic competition limits growth in some areas."

They conclude, "that the personality of the ideal athlete is not the result of any moulding process, but comes out of the ruthless selection that occurs at all levels of sport."

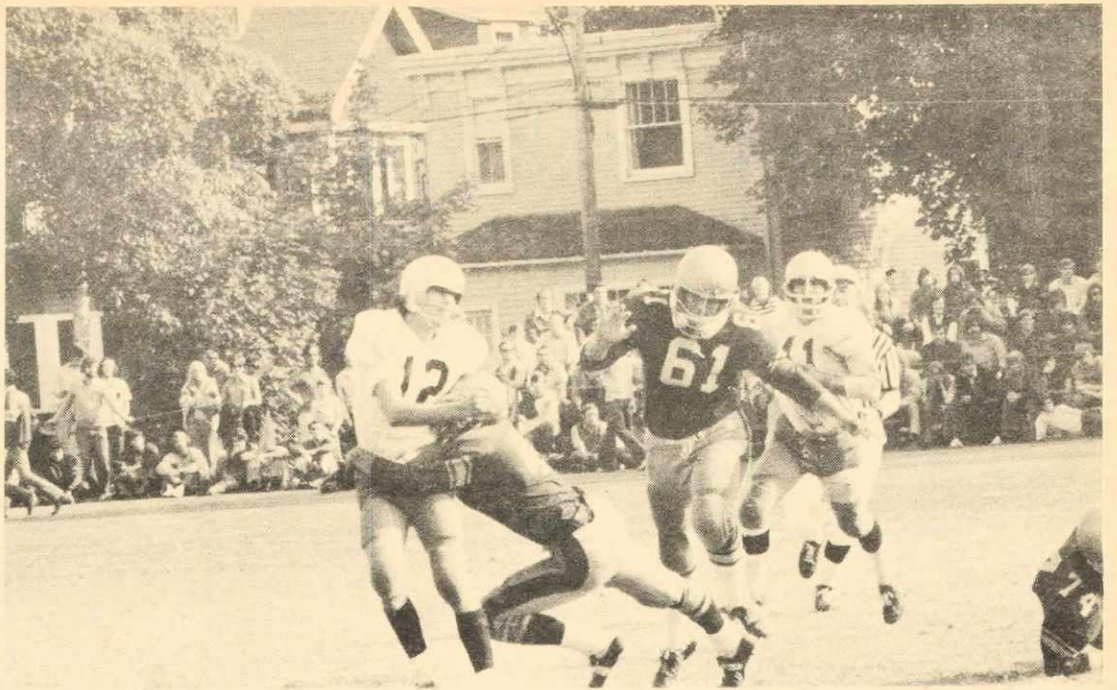
The study also indicates that women competitors are generally more independent, more introverted and have "a combination of qualities

suggesting that they are more creative than their male counterparts."

Athletics is changing with the times: "The cultural revolution has penetrated the last stronghold of the American myth — the locker room. Young athletes, having scaled new levels of consciousness, now challenge a long-standing article of faith — the belief that competition has intrinsic value."

These young athletes, the psychologists say, go into sports for their own personal experience, to enjoy the game, and they no longer accept the authoritarian structure of sports or the great emphasis on winning.

This change is hard on most coaches.



Another Dal player is smeared as Mount Allison Mounties romped to a 17-8 win over the Dal Tigers on October 2. The Mounties, in good spirits for the rematch with the local team, were aided by numerous and varied injuries they gave to Dal players. Among the wounded was Rick Rivers. His broken arm leaves Dal without a first string quarterback for the season.

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