

## Yeowomen receive new uniforms for 1989-90

By ELVIS PRESLEY

The Yeowomen have a new look for 1989-90.

In an attempt to increase gate receipts and combat student apathy at Yeowomen athletic events, the Department of Varsity Sports has decided to go with an 'all bikini' format for next year's Yeowomen teams.

In an unprecedented move, the Department of Athletic Uniform Design (a lesser known branch of York's Phys. Ed. Department), called upon renounced Monoco lingerie designer Castora Magna to design next year's Yeowomen uniforms.

According to Nigel Tuffins, Chairman-elect of the Phys. Ed. department, moving to bikinis was a

necessary measure. "We had to bring more exposure to Yeowomen athletics. After reading through *The Sun*, it struck me; what better way than to outfit all Yeowomen teams in skimpy bikinis.

Designing athletic uniforms was a new experience for the designer as well.

"I was quite surprised that the university commissioned me to design their uniforms," explained Magna at last Thursday's unveiling of the new outfits.

"The administrators didn't seem to care that I have zero experience, zero aptitude and zero knowledge of sports. They said they wanted something that would sell! sell! sell! I just hope my wonderful creations will propel the Yeowomen to yet another Super Bowl win," said Magna.

The bikinis will come in both home and away colours. The home colours are the traditional solid red, while the away style is a bright red with black polka dots (modeled above by York tennis ace Barbie "the Brain" Vacuumhead) so that the teams will stand out on the courts, fields and ice around the OUAA.

York President Bea Arthurs was outraged over the new uniforms. "I hate the solid red, but the little polka

dotted number is a knockout."

All of the Yeowomen teams are slated to don their new uniforms next year, except the swim team who are provisionally allowed to stick to their one-piece format (why break tradition?).

A key issue surrounding the new uniforms is their practicality. Although the outfits may be functional for water sports such as synchronized swimming, innertube water polo, and beer commercials, they would appear to be ineffective for such sports as field and ice hockey.

"How the hell are we supposed to fit the damn bikini over our shoulder pads?!" exclaimed Hockey Yeowomen forward, Broom Hilda. "We're gonna freeze our asses off skating around in bikinis! But, we'll try anything to get people to come out to the games."

When asked about the new uniforms' impracticality, Magna simply stated: "Practicality? What do I know from practicality? All I know is that some real smart lookin' guy gave me a pile of money and said: 'design a uniform for our sports team'."

"The only sport in Monaco is sunbathing, and the only uniform we wear is a bikini. Hell, I originally

designed it topless," explained Magna.

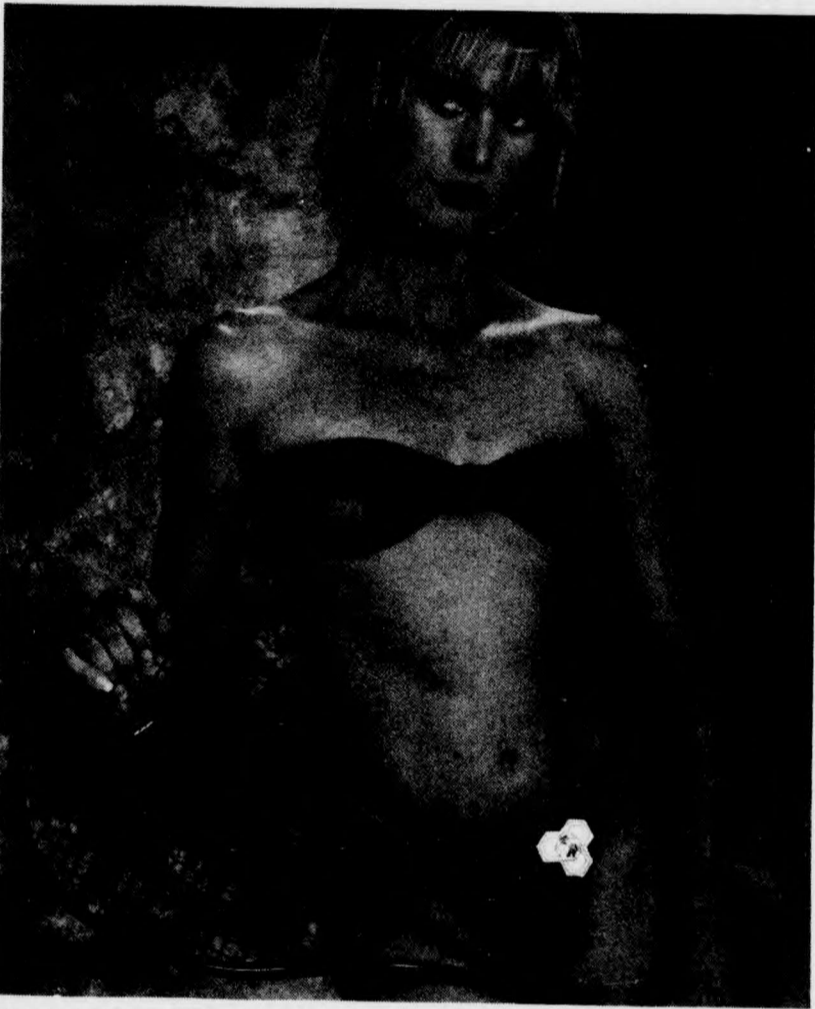
Tuffins rationalized the apparent impracticality of the uniforms. "After the dough we blew on that damn French guy's idea of a uniform, I could give a shit if the Yeowomen had to play in the raw. Hey! Wait a minute, I think I'm on to something," said Tuffins.

The "new look" uniforms have been met with mixed reactions throughout the York community.

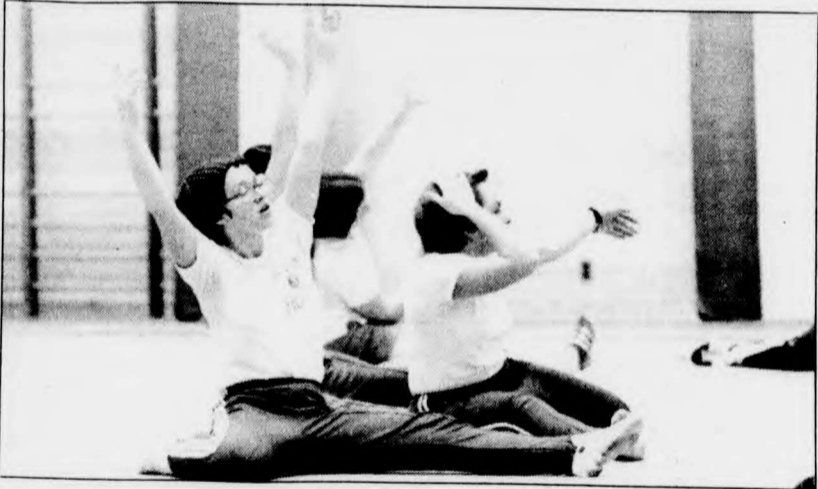
"It is completely sexist," said Gloria Steinstein, a fourth year Women's Study Major. "The whole idea of women athletes parading around in bikinis epitomizes our overbearing, oppressive, patriarchal society, bent on the objectification of women."

When asked if the new uniforms were sexist, first year Phys. Ed. major Alkie Steriopolis replied, "Sexy? What's wrong with being sexy?"

The prospect of seeing bikini clad Yeowomen appears to have already achieved the desired results. Numerous enquiries have been made regarding seasons tickets for next year as well as a flood of applications which have arrived at the Phys. Ed. department for trainer and equipment manager positions.



**NEW LOOK FOR YEOWOMEN:** Yeowomen tennis ace Barbie Vacuumhead models the new uniforms which the Yeowomen will be wearing next year. The uniforms were introduced in order to gain much needed exposure for Yeowomen athletics.



**BULGARIAN RECRUITS WARM UP:** The Bulgarian gymnastics team was called in to replace the outraged Yeowomen who promptly quit after seeing their new bikini uniforms.

## Specialty teams demand parity

By PAMMY J.

That's all York's "special status" teams are looking for. The skipping, hopscotch, hide'n'seek, and tiddlywinks teams, along with the 3-person dinghy crew are seeking varisty status for the coming year.

"We're not asking for much, our equipment costs are ridiculously low," said Thumper, the hopscotch captain. "We're simply asking for some recognition from the Department of Athletics so we can officially represent York."

Although York is famous for its cramped athletic facilities, practice space is not a huge concern for any of the special status (below club or varsity, rather nonexistent) teams. The skipping team shares hopscotch space in the upper Tait hallway only when Central Square is too crowded (daily). The dinghy crew utilizes Stong Pond. The hide'n'seekers revel in the bowels of the Tait boiler room and the tiddlywinks team — well, head tiddlywinker Howie Marrtin couldn't be reached for comment. Marrtin was last seen heading to the boiler room to watch his girlfriend, HNS captain Frederica Krooger, practice.

Thumper admitted that hopscotch

practice space becomes somewhat limited when they have to share with the skipping teams. "Their hair really fills up the hallway and it gets hard to breath with all that hairspray. We've had to move a few practices to Merry Lions' (head of sport-ochicks) parking space."

The skippers claimed that special teams are the unsung heroes and heroines of York and their results are often altogether ignored by the university's population at large.

"Like, we just want a chewing gum fund, okay? Our daddies can pay for all our hairspray, y'know," said head skipper Muffy Alberto L'oreal. "Like we're gonna be professionals okay? I mean, Candi Finnessini won the Double Dutch Duel with me last week. Ohmigod, she's got like her Level 3 skipper's now!"

Finnessini agreed that her team is viewed as a joke among varsity teams and physical education insiders. "We train really hard, for sure! Well, like we don't sweat (groans and squeals from other teammates) or anything. But we're like athletes, okay — like foxy boxers or mud wrestlers. Like, skipping would be such an excellently cool job!" said Finnessini.

The three-person dinghy crew has been very excited since the announcement that Stong Pond may be used as an auxiliary site for watersports at the Toronto Olympics.

"Oh, we're so-o excited. It's better than dinner with the (yawn) Kennedys," said Cape Cod transfer student Sperry Docksider, who rows bow. "When the pond smells too bad, we hit Black Creek for rough-water practice."

Hanlon Evinrude, in the stroke end, rows for the challenge fit. "All my relatives rowed varsity crew at U of T," said Evinrude. "It's much too far to get to the Lakeshore from York for morning practices, so we're trying to start a grassroots programme here with the available facilities. It's a bit tricky in the winter though."

The third member of the crew, alternate Susie Manhuntstone, hasn't been seen since she discovered the men's boathouse and changeroom facility at the Laurentien University regatta.

The special status teams will be keeping the pressure on the York administration as they continue to train during the summer months. All they want is a little respect, just a little bit.

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