

# Canadian standards trip up York athletes

By MARK PETERS

York athletes were well represented at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic games, but a number of prominent amateurs didn't make the trip. The controversy centred around the Canadian Olympic Association (COA) standards that were used to select the team.

The COA standards were significantly higher than the international standards approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The Canadian standards are set with the hope that an athlete will finish in the top 16 in international competition if they meet COA standards. This process could inhibit the development of athletes at internationally competitive levels. Some coaches believe promising athletes benefit from Olympic exposure even if they don't place in the top 16.

Rose Haunch, the 26-year-old Chesterville, Ontario native, is the women's national shot-put champion. However, because of her failures to meet COA standards, she did not represent Canada at LA. Last summer Dave Ried, a Yeomen track member (1500 metres), didn't make the team. To do so he would have had to break the existing Canadian record. When the Olympic track team was being selected Ried was Canada's best, although he was injured.

"It think that if you're the best in your country, you should be going to

the Olympics, no matter what," Ried stated.

"The COA is not sufficiently equipped to handle the task. The final selection should not be handled by non-experts," said Hugh Fraserk, Chairman of the Track and Field Association of Canada.

York's Marina van der Merwe, Canada's Olympic coach for the women's field hockey team, and COA selection committee members field hockey team, and COA selection committee member, supports the COA standards.

"Everyone criticizes the present system without submitting a viable alternative. The Olympic Games are a showcase. There are hundreds of national and international tournaments which allow an athlete to test his or her ability. You don't go to a showcase tournament to get blown out of the park. The athletes must embody the symbol of the viable representation according to COA standards. There must be a chance that the athlete can do well... a genuine effort is made to be consistent, fair, and to identify who will gain from the Olympic experience and who will lose from it."

A large problem lies in the failure of the track and field establishment to filter down accurate information to the athletes, says York's Ried. "I figured anyone who had international Olympic standards would be going to LA," said Ried.

## York sports briefs York greats

• The 1984 York University Sports Hall of Fame induction dinner will be held this Friday October 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vanier Dining Hall. The inductees are Bill Purcell, Douglas Dunsmuir, and Sandra Silver.

Purcell was the founder of York's hockey program. During his seven year reign the Yeomen captured an Ontario championship along with a national consolation championship in 1970. Purcell now coaches in Whitby.

Dunsmuir, an outstanding left winger for the Yeomen hockey squad, was chosen All-Canadian leftwinger, OUAA first team all-year, and Yeoman of the Year in his career. Along with his athletic performance, Dunsmuir also collected his BA, MBA and LLB.

Silver was a guiding force on the Yeowomen volleyball teams from 1975-1979. In 1979 the Yeowomen finished first in the Ontario finals and placed second in the national championships.

### award winners

• The Labatt's Yeoman and Yeowoman of the Month have also been announced. The September recipients are cornerback Dominic Cugliari and cross-country runner Carolyn Lee. Cugliari, 22, Physical Education/History

major was also chosen the Toronto Sun Amateur Athlete of the week. Lee, 19, ran first in the York Invitational and placed third at the McMaster Invitational.

• Just-released national rankings have the Yeowomen field hockey team at number five while the Yeomen football squad is ranked number six.

### football

• Better late than never. George Ganas was named CIAU Male Player of the Week for last week. Ganas rushed for 270 yards on 10 carries against the Varsity Blues. Gaining most of his yards in the second half, Ganas became York's primary running back, after the season ending injury to Terry Douglas.

• Players of the game from last weekend's Yeomen football loss to McMaster are Al Irwin, Colin Woon Sam, Steve Del Zotto, Norby Wirkowski, George Ganas, Joe Pariselli, Mike Chesson, Joe Philip, and Mike Boyd.

• Homecoming celebrations this weekend include a ceremonial opening kickoff by York's acting president William Found holding the ball with North York's Mayor Mel Lastman doing the kicking. Don't miss, Mel.

### hockey

• The Yewomen Ice Hockey team opened their 1984-85 season last Thursday with an awesome display of offensive power destroying King City 10-1 here at York.

This year's squad seems determined to avenge the lack-luster performance of last year's team.

### volleyball

• York's Tait McKenzie gym will host the High School Boys Volleyball Invitational Tournament this weekend, October 19 and 20. The ninth annual tournament will see the defending OFSAA champions David and Mary Thompson and the defending York tournament champions, Malvern Black Nights, battle for this year's title. Round robin play starts Friday with the Consolation and Championship match on Saturday evening.

• The Tait McKenzie Volleyball Classic is back. This tournament is designed to showcase nationally ranked teams in top calibre pre-season action.

The first round of the women's volleyball series runs Friday and Saturday, October 26-27 featuring some of Canada's best squads, including defending CIAU and two-time Tait Classic champions, Winnipeg Lady Wesmen.

## More

### Open letter of protest

The following is an open letter to the University, addressed to acting President William Found.

Dear Mr. Found:  
I am being forced to cross picket lines. This is contrary to expressed policy of the University "to protect the freedom of choice" with regard to the strike, and to the intent of the Senate motion passed on October 3 of this year.

As a student in business administration where classes are continuing more or less normally, I have at least two and frequently more assignments due each week. As is normal, the professor requires that these assignments be handed in on the actual day of class. Even if the mail could be relied upon, the lead time required for mailing in such assignments is greater than the time between classes. These assignments count toward every student's final mark.

By not crossing picket lines, I may not be informed of additions or changes to the required assignments, and may even miss important information about the upcoming mid-term exams.

In addition, professors have considerable discretion as to their methods of awarding marks, some of which are awarded simply for class attendance. I have no doubt that some of my professors consider non-attendance, even during a strike, to be a matter of truancy, rather than a matter of principle. We will never know how far professors use this prerogative to penalize students who choose to respect a legal picket line.

More important however, is that I have paid in advance for the educational services of the University in my tuition and in my taxes, and I am not now receiving these services. How will I be compensated for the lost class time, for the inability to use the library, and other services? Am I not being penalized for respecting a legal picket line simply by the fact

that no make-up classes will be made available?

For the reasons stated above, I protest the administration's current policies as contrary to the principles of freedom of choice, and tantamount to the use of its academic powers to extort particular political behaviour from students, i.e. strike-breaking.

—M. Jake Brooks

### Shafted

Editor:

I am a very irate student because of the way the administration is handling strike negotiations with the several unions (YUSA, CUEW, Faculty, and CUPE). I think that they should not have left negotiations until the last minute. I also think there must be a better way of nego-

tiating rather than marathon bargaining sessions where decisions are made on almost no sleep.

The administration should not be allowed to shaft the students by being so terribly adamant about refusing YUSA's and CUEW's fairly reasonable demands. We students do not spend the whole summer working our butts off for tuition to have the teachers and staff walk out on us.

—Nora Hoyer

## letters

### UNIVERSITY STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH CUEW

Mediation of the current contract negotiations between CUEW and the University will continue on Wednesday, October 17, 1984. The objective of the University throughout negotiations has been, and continues to be, to reach a settlement with CUEW on terms consistent with the 1984-85 budget policy of the Board of Governors and the need to retain workable non-monetary contract language.

#### IN THE EVENT OF A STRIKE

The University's primary objective must be to maintain its teaching and research functions for the benefit of the more than 35,000 York University students.

In the event that our efforts at settlement mediation prove unsuccessful, and that strike action follows, the University intends to continue to operate. Employees in the CUEW bargaining units (I & II) who continue to perform their normal duties will continue to be paid; those who fail to perform their normal duties will not be paid.

Employees not in the bargaining unit are expected to carry out their duties as usual. The University Policy Committee and the Board of Governors have confirmed that individuals not in the striking union who fail to perform their normal duties, including the meeting of scheduled classes at the normal times and places, will not be paid, and will be subject to possible disciplinary action.

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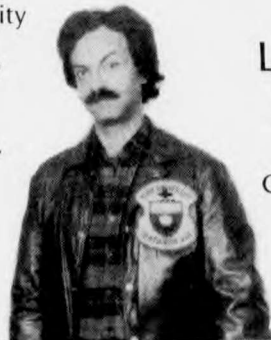
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