

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO SCHOOL SPIRIT ?

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"Nobby feels that football will

Let's talk football

by Dave Crocker

It hurts to be a football player. This fact was made abundantly clear on a recent visit to Coach Nobby Wirkowski's office. He was in discussion with some of his walking wounded. Crutches, casts, and bandages, the results of football training, were certainly in evidence.

The coaching staff is taking training very seriously; it has been tough. Work has continued until sweat poured from the participants - blocking, passing, tackling, catching, running and running 'til it hurts. It's not easy, especially since the team isn't counting on winning many games this year. This makes it hurt all the more.

This is the first year that York has had a football team. It takes more than one year to build a football team. Not only must all obvious things be done, but all these things must be moulded and rounded into a team. A group of individuals, however well schooled, isn't enough. This is going to be the coaching staff's biggest problem. The process

give a lot of students the chance to feel a part of York, through mass rallies, game support, and

takes time. This is the reason why York doesn't figure to win on many occasions this year.

The problems of creating a team from a group of individuals is going to cause a great deal of hurt. It will hurt Wirkowski because it will mean the difference between winning and losing on more than one occasion. It will hurt the members of the team because it will make all the physical hurts that much more painful. It will hurt the fans who want a winning team. Physically and psychologically football is definitely a game of hurts.

There is a way to ease these hurts. Your support will be a miracle painkiller. Boost your team! Believe in what they are doing! Be patient and wait for the victories - they'll come. When they do, cheer them loudly. They will be the result of many hurts.

This reporter will bring back the story of York's inaugural football game from Sudbury. Remember the hurts this game represents. Can it be anything but a success in this light!

interest in the team."

Mr. Wirkowski seems to have witnessed such enthusiastic responses at a real university, not around the sawdust covered walls of York. We of this university, and it is the students that make any university real or unreal, are, in our own estimation, a cut or two above hooting and hollering. It is uncivilized.

The teams of York have, in the past, generally had a capacity crowd at their games of one or two mothers, a sprinkling of workmen, and a male Florence Nightingale of the St. John's Ambulance. This certainly must give the players a sense of pride in their fellow students and supporters. Yet we have the unmitigated gall to call the U of T a factory.

I've heard some say that when York starts producing winning teams they will be the first ones to cheer them on. How in hell can students follow a bandwagon

that they had no part in building? And how will the teams respond to them then.

I've heard some say when York provides proper spectator facilities, then they'll be the first ones to go out and cheer. Why should the administration go to the expense of building stadiums and the like for non-existent enthusiasts?

At the Varsity Blues football games, there is generally a crowd numbering well into the thousands. These people cheer wildly, drink heartily, and, on the whole, have one hell of a good time. Can this be called uncivilized? From any point of view, the participation of the University of Toronto students cannot be classified as factory-produced at all.

In my eyes, a factory-type university is one in which there is little communication or binding force among students, their contemporaries, and faculty. This, I

apologize for saying, is what is far too evident here at York. Here each person seems truly an island unto himself.

If you would risk the wrath of 250 lb. football players, starved for affection, and tactfully avoid getting involved in anything other than yourselves, then do not be surprised someday when entering Vanier, to find a 250 lb. sports editor fish-flopping on the floor, with gigantic beautiful tears in his eyes, attempting to beat the floor into submission. He hates to stand alone.

I do not want, and am rather disgusted with the idea, that your only realization of sports at this place should be what you read whilst vigorously thumbing the pages of this paper.

QUICK NOTE

This year the York soccer team and gymnastics squad will be under the able direction of Tom Zivic.

With Tom, the soccer team may be able to overcome the hurdle from second to first place in the league, and our gymnas-

tics team, should shortly be one of the best in the country. I understand that the women's team is looking very good this year.

These prospects lead us to issuing Tom a warm welcome to York. May we both benefit from each other in this and other years.

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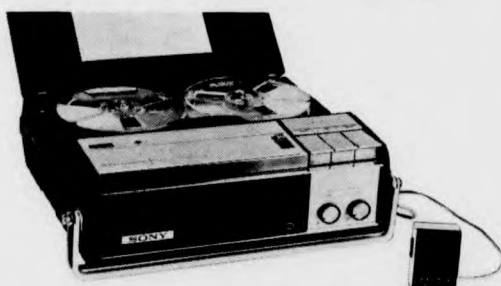
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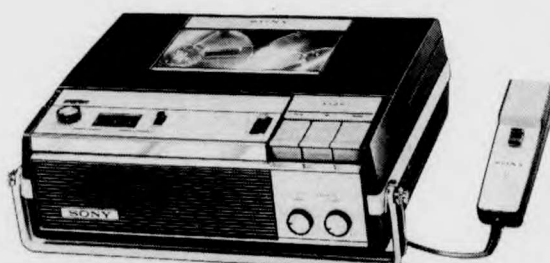
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