

Broitman proposes York Multicultural Olympics

If you are a regular reader of *Excalibur* (not just sports but the entire paper) you will have noticed the surfacing of the 'multicultural' dilemma here at York. There are quite obviously opposing views regarding the role of cultural groups in developing campus unity.

Regardless of which side of the fence you stand on, an overriding factor transcends both arguments. Opportunities for cultural groups to congregate contribute positively towards the feeling of a community spirit.

Last week's Multicultural Festival expressed York's diversity. Perhaps the only complaint might be that the event happens only once a year. The infectious energy (as one *Excal* scribe termed it) from the Festival should be tapped into more often.

The building block upon which the Multicultural Festival bases itself is a common ground. Certainly good food and music are loved by everyone. Pleasant tastes, smells and sounds are shared by all cultures. But let's not stop at dinner and dancing. How about extending our multicultural mosaic to sport?

As Michael Latchana, the Council of the York Student Federation's Social and Cultural Director, says, "We just don't want to stop with the Multicultural Festival, we have to try different things. The groups want to do a variety of events." Well, Michael, how about a York Olympics?



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Just as each group has its dancers and actors, they also have their sport enthusiasts. But a love of sport is no prerequisite. The Olympic Games capture our imagination because it brings the world together. Similarly, our goal at York is to explore avenues that will aid in the cultural understanding of our community. So why not sport?

Banding about ideas in my head, I conjure up a weekend extravaganza to be held in the fall, most likely in early October, and that would be both co-ed and segregated events.

Competition yes, but with the accent on fun and participation. If 10 teams compete, then let them play a number of times without the need to determine a champion. The truly international flavour of the match-ups such as China-Italy, India-Latin America, Croatia-Phillipines, Carribean-

Malaysia, would easily provide plenty of inspiration for the athletes.

It's not easy to find one's place in York's expansive campus. Cultural groups and colleges are supposed to offer smaller pieces that individuals can more readily relate to. The problem then becomes putting the pieces back together.

As Canadians we are very familiar with this problem. Our overwhelming land mass coupled with the dominance of provincial and regional associations, do not facilitate the establishment of a Canadian identity. Despite all this, have we ever felt more together as a country than on September 28, 1972? Paul Henderson's goal heightened the *Canadian* feeling to new horizons. And our coasts were once again united in 1976, when we hosted the Olympics in Montreal.

Sport plays its part in binding our communities, both large and small, and we at York need to foster that community feeling. Much of what ails our campus is in reality its potential greatness. Our challenge lies in fostering understanding between the many different peoples that populate the campus. The opportunity to galvanize our diverse backgrounds into a milieu of tolerance and communication may be York's prominent role in the multicultural nature of Toronto.

If you open up your eyes, you will notice that everyday at York is a Multicultural Festival. Our own Olympics may allow a few more of us to realize it.

Sports Briefs

By DAVID BUNDAS

SKATERS SHINE

The York figure skating team placed third overall just behind Waterloo and Queen's last weekend at the Second Annual University of Waterloo Figure Skating Invitational.

YEOMEN FENCING

The York fencing squad opened their 1986 season last weekend at the Royal Military College Invitational.

The sabre team of Warren Kotler, Scott Collins and Matt Pindera placed sixth in their event while the team of Tony Forsyth, Raffi Demerkjian, and Steven Ticky placed fifth in the epee category. Philip Saffe, Paul Young and Darren Osborne of the foil team placed tenth.

Throughout the tournament the Yeomen exhibited some excellent fencing skills. The men's sabre team almost upset the tournament by losing by only one point to the tournament's heavily favoured Royal Air Force (RAF) team from England. Prior to meeting the Yeomen, the RAF team had not lost a single bout. York coach Richard Polatynske was extremely pleased with his team's performance saying, "They showed great character and potential."

The Yeomen's next tournament will not be until the new year when they will travel to Carleton January 10 and 11.

TOURNEY RESULTS

The Yeomen basketball squad travelled to Halifax for the Dalhousie Invitational last weekend and took two of the three games, making them consolation champions. The team dropped the first game to University of Prince Edward Island 49-47 unable to protect three points with a minute and a half remaining in the game. The team went on to defeat the University of New Brunswick 62-53, and the University of Ottawa 55-47. A stand-out for the Yeomen. Throughout the weekend was their leading scorer Jean Graham. Graham netted 43 points in the tournament to lead the team, receiving assistance from Heather Reid, Anne Marie Thuss and Susan Derzyck.

"We're starting to win some ball games and play as a unit," commented coach Bill Pangos. "Our objective for the next tourney (the Tait Classic) will be to get into the final round."

YEOMEN WATER POLO

In their final weekend tournament the Yeomen, despite injuries and illness, played some of their best water polo this season.

In the first game York lost 14-7 to the powerful McMaster Marauders but played to top form in their second game and defeated the Western Mustangs by a score of 12-9.

Ross McDonald was outstanding for York, scoring seven goals in the tournament, three against McMaster and four against Western. Other goal scorers for York were Richard Wells, who scored six against the Mustangs, Jon Smith had three on the day while Jon Lissus, who played a strong game on defence, scored one each game.

Goalkeeper John Dawson, although injured, played two strong games in goal for the Yeomen. Other strong performers of note were Peter Darvas, Mike Hicksteen, Gord Baker, Stephane Collin, and Bobby Haggart. They are all returning next season and should give the Yeomen a good nucleus on which to build a strong team.

The Yeomen finished third in the OUAA western division with a record of 5-6-1.

WESMAN INVITATIONAL

The volleyball Yeowomen came up fourth at a tournament at the University of Winnipeg. The host team were the winners with the Universities of Manitoba and Sherbrooke coming in second and third respectively. The women, currently ranked number six, take their show on the road again this weekend, playing regular season games against Ottawa, Carleton, Queens, and RMC.

INTRAMURAL ROUND-UP

STANDINGS: THIS WEEK

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Founders	10	8	1	1	53	23	17
Bethune	9	7	1	1	41	21	15
Calumet	10	6	4	0	37	36	12
Vanier	9	4	4	1	42	40	9
Glendon	8	4	3	1	30	28	9
Osgoode	11	3	7	1	33	50	7
Mac	9	3	6	1	32	45	7
Winters	9	1	8	0	27	53	2

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

THIS WEEK:
Founders 7 Mac 1
Stong 6 Bethune 1

TORCH HOCKEY

Vanier 4 Calumet 0
Osgoode 5 Mac 5
Bethune 7 Glendon 1
Calumet 4 Founders 2
Winters 6 Osgoode 3

ORL HOCKEY

Sockets 2 Calumet 1
Alumni 6 Mac 0
Oldies 6 Scorpion 4
Terminator 2 Osgoode 1
Bethune 7 YBS 3
Grads 8 Vanier 0

INNERTUBE WATERPOLO

Aquaslugs 7 Calumet 7
Mac 15 Stong 3
Osgoode 9 Alumni 7

BASKETBALL

MENS
Bethune 39 Osgoode 25
Winters 45 Alumni 35
Stong 76 Grads 39
Founders 49 Calumet 24
Winters 50 Vanier 30
Winters 46 Calumet 30
Bethune 78 Grads 36
Womens
Bethune 19 Osgoode 16
Founders 21 Calumet 13
Bethune 47 YBS 12

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