

# Athletic conference termed rhetorical

By JOHN LIVINGSTON

York athletics representatives met last weekend at Geneva Park, Orillia for a discussion of the athletics scene at York.

The conference was organized by Arvo Tiidus and Carol Gluppe, co-directors of the York Inter-college athletics programme, in an attempt to create an awareness of the problems that currently plague York athletics and come up with suggestions and solutions.

Dr. Bryce Taylor, Director of Athletics at York, presented the group, which included representatives from seven undergraduate colleges, the MBA programme,

and Osgoode, with his views on the Report of the Presidential Committee on Physical Education and Athletics, as well as the present situation of Athletics at York.

The remainder of the weekend was taken up by small discussion groups and panel discussions on such topics as structure, leadership and communication and their importance in the successful operation of a University Athletics Programme.

The conference served to make the college representatives aware of problems faced by other colleges and each was able to help the others by offering suggestions and

outlining successful techniques.

It was evident, however, that Glendon, because of its much more closely knit structure possesses the most effective college athletics programme. Because Glendon is almost a university in itself, comparisons were made between Glendon's inter-college programme and the university varsity programme and between Glendon's intra-mural programme and the main campus inter-college programme.

One suggestion for the increased effectiveness of the main campus athletic organizations was the establishment of Glendon-like

athletic councils within the separate colleges; another was the transformation of the position of College Athletic Rep. into a salaried position with specific duties and responsibilities.

Another suggestion was that effort be concentrated on the strengthening and expansion of inter-college programmes, deferring any plans for an intra-mural programme. The idea that each college be allowed to enter more than one team in major participation sports was thought to be one way to strengthen inter-college athletics.

Most of those who attended the

conference, both staff and students, considered it helpful and constructive. Many issues, however, were rhetorical exercises rather than penetrating analyses. Many problems were presented and discussed without any positive or concrete suggestions emerging.

Although the conference was entirely athletics oriented, all participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The most commonly complained about aspect of the gathering was, however, the early rising on Sunday morning, — most people suffering the effects of their athletic endeavours (mostly boasting and bottle balancing) of the night before.

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The five enlisted men had been listening to loud stereo music when the officers walked by shortly after midnight last Friday, and stopped to tell them to keep the noise down.

The soldiers had complied, when the officers noted that two of them were from another unit, and told them to leave. According to New York Times sources, an argument followed. The stereo was turned back up by an enlisted man. One of the officers replied by unplugging the set.

The two soldiers were ordered out of the hut. It is not known whether they left voluntarily or were thrown out, but a major

remained in the doorway "to keep them from coming back in".

There were two shots and both officers fell, although it is not known whether the shots came from inside or outside the hut.

After the shootings, an early evening curfew was imposed on the Qyang Tri combat base, 19 miles south of the demilitarized zone, an infantry division HQ.

Three enlisted men were held for questioning, but it is not known whether charges have been laid. The Times called the shooting "another in a growing number of incidents in which enlisted men have attacked their leaders because of hostilities caused by racial problems, attitudes toward the Vietnam war and what seems to be an increasing antagonism toward unpopular officers and sergeants."

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