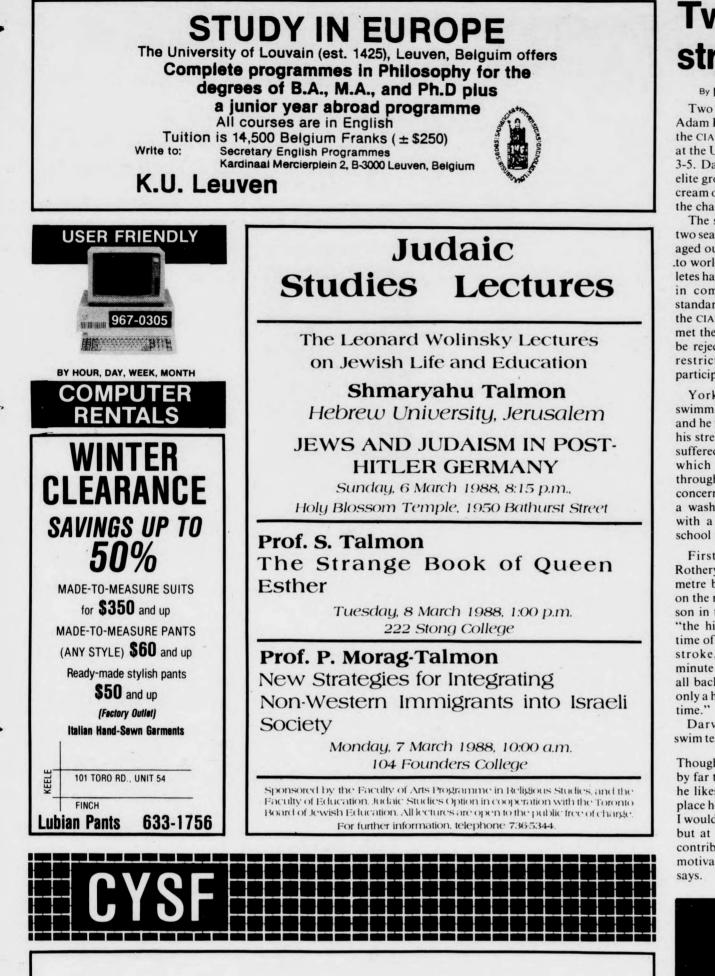
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## Two Yeoman swimmers stroke their way to CIAUs

**By MARIO PIETRANGELO** 

Two Yeomen, Peter Darvas and Adam Robertson, have qualified for the CIAU Championships, to be held at the University of Toronto, March 3-5. Darvas and Robertson join an elite group of swimmers, as only the cream of the crop are chosen to go to the championship.

The selection process is based on two season high performances, averaged out and then scaled in relation to world record standards. The athletes having the best percentage ratio in comparison to world record standards are invited to compete at the CIAU. This year, 25 athletes who met the qualifying standards had to be rejected because participation is restricted to a maximum of 85 participants.

York's Peter Darvas combined swimming and waterpolo this year and he feels this helped him improve his strength and endurance. Darvas suffered from a mysterious virus which kept him out of action throughout November. Darvas was concerned that this season would be a washout, but he has come back with a superb season, setting two school records in the process.

First, Darvas shattered Cam Rothery's 10-year record in the 100 metre butterfly. Then he improved on the record he set himself last season in the 200 metre butterfly. But "the highlight of the season is my time of 59.94 in the 100 metre backstroke," said Darvas. "The oneminute barrier is a standard which all backstrokers try to achieve, but only a handful can actually swim this time."

Darvas describes the Yeoman swim team as a hard-working group.

Though Darvas admits that U of T is by far the best team overall, he says he likes York, and says there is no place he would rather be. "At U of T I would be at the bottom of the pack, but at York I feel that I am really contributing to the team and this motivates me to train harder," he says. Darvas says his long-term goal in swimming is to represent Canada at the 1989 Maccabian Games in Israel. He feels that his strong performance this year has brought him one step closer towards this goal, and that a strong showing at the CIAU will virtually clinch him a place on the team.

Darvas' teammate Adam Robertson qualified for the CIAU in both the 50 metre and 100 metre freestyle. This is Robertson's final year, and he hopes to end his career as he puts it, "With a bang and not a whimper."

Robertson has had a distinguished career and is a former OFFSSAA Champion. He has consistently placed in the top five in the OUAA Championships, but he would like nothing more than winning a medal at the CIAU.

Robertson' has established target times of 23.2 in the 50 metre freestyle, and 50.8 in the 100 metre freestyle, which he would like to achieve. Robertson says that in the sprint events the start, turn and final touch are crucial elements to the race. "If I can be perfect on those three aspects, then I have a chance to win a medal."

Robertson says that the highlight of the season for him was the Esso Cup in November at which he swam some of this fastest times.

Robertson has the possibility of representing Barbados in the 1988 summer Olympics, but nothing has been finalized as of this moment.

Robertson was slightly disappointed with his showing at the OUAA, but he feels the additional rest this week will bring him back to his season peak. "I know that I am ready physically, I just have to get mentally psyched up to swim the race of my life this weekend," Robertson said.

York coach Carol Wilson indicated that Darvas and Robertson were the team leaders this year. Wilson was enthusiastic about the upcoming Canadian University Championship, and predicts the University of Calgary to win the men's division and the University of Toronto to win the women's division.



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