# Cross-country team tops OIAA; nationals next

retained the OIAA league crosscountry championships. The positions. championships held last Saturday Led by York squad is the powerhouse of the York team scored 21 points,

For the fourth consecutive year with the race taking the first three place Laurentian. Following Dave the York cross-country team places as well as having its first five runners in the top eight

Led by veteran Dave Smith, who in High Park over a five-mile won his fourth consecutive league course proved once again that the title as well as his fourth team title, the league as it literally ran away some 27 points ahead of second

across the line were first year star Ken Hamilton in second place and Ashley Deans in third. Both ran their best races too late in this meet. Another freshman runner, Larry Reynolds, pounded home in seventh place with team captain Malcolm Smith in hot pursuit for

eighth place. Rounding out the York team were John Blackstone in 17th and Greg Barnett in 18th

Having started this season with only three regulars, the Smith Brothers and John Blackstone, the outlook did not look too bright. But with the addition of the two freshmen - Hamilton and Reynolds plus import Deans and the return of Barnett the team has jelled into perhaps the best cross-country

team that has represented York to

Having won the league title the York team will now represent the OIAA league this Saturday in the Canadian Intercollegiate championships being held at the University of British Columbia. Although the team will come up against the toughest competition it has faced yet it is hoped that the York squad can finish in the top

## York curlers win in Kitchener

York placed first last Saturday and finished with high point total of and was a standout among all other bonspiel held in Kitchener. The a 43 point total.

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in the Waterloo University mixed 45, edging out a Waterloo rink with curlers.

team of Tom Blackwell, Shirley Best individual performance was Thomas, Tom Kane and Joyce given by vice Thomas, who Whitehead won all three games completed 85 per cent of her shots

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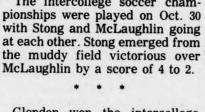
A second York team of Bill Schultz, Suzanne Naeyaert and Robbie Maddock finished the day with two wins and one loss. The bonspiel trophy was presented to the York team by Bert Mathews, president of Waterloo.

#### Sports shorts

Flag football came to an end on Oct. 30 with the inter-college championship game between Glendon and Winters. The game was scheduled as an installation event in honor of the new president. Weather and field conditions were rather bad due to the rain. Regardless, the game was played well with Winters defeating Glendon by a score of 27 to 18.

The intercollege soccer championships were played on Oct. 30 with Stong and McLaughlin going at each other. Stong emerged from the muddy field victorious over

Glendon won the intercollege



tennis championships led by John Payne who won the men's singles and Helen Sinclair who won the women's singles. Founders came second to Glendon's 182 points with a score of 157. SEEING'S BELIEVING



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What West Germany's Doing About Choked Highways The roads of Europe are rapidly reaching intolerable levels of congestion, yet automotive production keeps skyrocketing, and so do accident rates. The German government is the first to take positive steps to do something major about the situation and has announced that starting in 1970, the long-distance hauling of "most bulk goods" will be outlawed. What will take the place of these hundreds of millions of tons of annual trucking? The trains, Like most European countries, Germany has a large railway system which is operating only at a fraction of its capacity. The effect of the new law will be disastrous for truckers, of course, but a boon to motorists and a windfall for the State-owned railroads. The new plan could not have been approved if the need were not truly desperate. Similar crises are shaping up all over Europe and if the German plan can be made to work at all successfully it is certain to be initiated elsewhere. WE GET LETTERS

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One reason some cars behave differently on wet roads is the phenomenon called hydroplaning. It is the cause of a lot of accidents by skidding.

At speeds up to 30 m.p.h. most tires "wipe" the road surface in much the same way a windshield wiper clears the windshield. But, as speed increases, tires cannot "wipe" the road well. They start to ride up on a film of water like water skis. And at speeds of 55 m.p.h. and over, the tires don't touch the road surface at all! This means no friction is available to brake, corner or accelerate. A gust of wind, or a slight turn in the road can create an uncontrollable skid and disaster.

The State of California, which had long been plagued with wetweather pile-ups, decided to do something about it in 1963. The immediate reason for its decision was a report published by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the problem of hydroplaning on aircraft runways. The report mentioned several successful experiments in which tiny grooves had been cut into the pavement. The theory was the surface water and water spun off moving tires would collect in the grooves and so prevent hydroplaning. Not long after, California tried the same experiments in two locations where hydroplaning had been causing frequent and serious accidents. The results were remarkable. After evaluating the test, highway officials decided to "groove" dangerous spots on all California highways. When word got around, a federally sponsored program was soon instituted on a national

Here's a tip for wet weather driving:

Pump the brakes when you have to stop suddenly; don't just slam them on. Off-on action on the brakes prevents skidding and brings the car to a halt much more quickly and straighter. Slamming on the brakes simply turns the vehicle into an uncontrollable missile. And always be sure your tires are in top condition. Or if you do a lot of driving in wet weather, get special rain tires. LOOKING FOR A "USED" SMALL CAR

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