Students, students, lend me your ears I have an announcement to make and spread across the halls and rooms of York. York is great! We have spirit! Do not listen to all disturbers who proclaim in unintelligent soliloquies that York is a dead institution of unspirited, uncaring students. They are Lies! Lies! York is alive with a spirit of growth. We are a young institution with a fantastic potential and we will reach that potential very soon. And what is that potential? It is to be the greatest, the most exciting and have the best students of any university not only in Toronto, but Ontario as well. Wait! Why minimize our potential? We will be the greatest in Canada.

This weeks question I asked of only first year students for two main reasons. First, they comprise the greatest number of students of any year at York campus. Second, because I am under the hopeful impression that all those who have passed the grind of first year have already a definite spirit and a definite knowledge of university life.

Before I continue I must make confession. Before I asked this weeks question I had a very definite idea of what the answers would be like. In fact I was so sure of the type of answers I was going to receive that I had already written a very sarcastic article blasting the lack of life at York and also the coldness of first year students. I thought everybody would make nasty statements such as -- 'Spirit, what

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spirit?' 'This place is for the birds' 'I wish I would have gone to U. of T.' But to my happy surprise most answers were the complete opposite. True, no-one said that York is a bulging balloon of spirit. But they definitely did say that York has spirit. It is under the surface and it is growing. That is the most imstatement--Spirit is portant growing.

For my lack of faith in York students and for my prejudiced ideas before writing this article, I hereby apologize and to punish myself for my lack of faith in York students I take an oath that I will not smoke my usual cigarette after supper tonight.

First year students I think your great. I am sure when you realize what time each of your subjects allow, that you will give your extra time to promoting York. Our only problem is people who say we have no university life and no spirit. YEA YORK!

Ques .-- Are you satisfied with university life and spirit at York.

Harvey Parkes VI

It's all I envisioned it would be. I worked for a year and I'm very happy to be here. I think it's pretty good. Of course it's dead in a way because of a lack of a football team. A school needs one to get behind it and cheer. I'm disappointed in a way because York did not do enough for the United Appeal. I think more people should get behind activities. But as I said before I am quite happy here.

Bruce Norman VI

I came knowing it won't be as lively as U. of T. Social life is important for university life and therefore it was not a shock to see how dead things are here. But life is picking up. There is a definite movement for school spirit. I haven't joined anything yet, but a few activities will get my support. I want to first see how much time I have to give to my studies and once I realize what I can afford to give to the university I'll give it.

Kathy Ballantyne VI

University is not as different as I thought it would be. I live in residence and my whole life is centred around the university. I tend to forget about the outside world. School spirit and life is good. My only problem is that I'm not a joiner.

Grace Rajnovich VI

York is twice as good as McGill. I think spirit is great. I am very happy that I came here.

Marshall Snyder VI

I think it's tremendous here. University life is great. Spirit leaves something to be desired. It's here but it is not evident because we need a team so people can go out and scream. Students are just getting untract from work. They'll start screaming soon.

Whoever wants to get involved can find York great. Before every student comes to university he always builds up the myth of college life. But when he is actually in he realizes that you have to buckle down. There is not enough spirit here but that is due to the lack of sports activities. Once first year students realize how much work they have to give to each subject, then they can join in. But we need a football team, something to scream for, a figurehead to look up to.

Ian Baillie FI

It's school work and that's all. There is a certainfreeness here. There isn't enough spirit but the university is growing. I think we need an initiation here. We also need more public address announcements to know what is going on.

Danny Bellan FI

I think it's a great experience. I like the courses. I like the professors and I like the students. I like everything about York. It's a new university and it takes a while for spirit to become evident. Once York becomes extablished it will be better than U. of T. and have plenty of spirit.

Diane Bridges FI

Communication is not so good. I didn't know about elections and the people running. The union between students and the student council is not so good. But there is a definite movement for school spirit.

dear sir:

Dear Sir:

I must take exception with the editorial on the last page of the October 21, issue. In this editorial Jim Richardson outlines a plan to introduce tackle football to York. He states that 'Canadian students do not identify with sports like rugger'. If he is correct, then it is a reflection on the students. Rugger, by virtue of its continuous play, is much more exciting to watch than football, and has as much body contact and the accompanying injuries. Soccer is easily recognized to be a game of infinitely more skill than football.

Mr. Richardson is sadly mistaken when he states that Canadian students do identify themselves with baton-twirling, cymbal-clashing, banner-waving football'. He is also painfully misinformed if he really thinks that football is 'an integral part of university life'. It certainly is not a part of university life for most of the students I know at York.

Mr. Richardson must also be aware of the ridiculous cost per man of outfitting a football team. As an equal member of this university I would protest very vigourously the expenditure of a great deal of money for the physical pleasure of a disproportionately small number of indi-viduals. This money could be used to provide facilities for many more participants in more worthwhile activities. The cost of equipment for rugger, soccer, hockey, basketball, water polo

etc. is so much more reasonable. Finally, Mr. Richardson feels that enthusiasm engendered by football would spread to other sports. Experience has shown that it has just the opposite effect: it distracts attention from other more significant activities.

Sorry Mr. Richardson, you're offside.

Sincerely, Brian Knowles FII

Yo Yo's Loses by Inches

On Saturday McMaster was to play host at the E.C.I.R.A. regatta but because of the strong winds, the regatta moved to St. Catherines. As result of this shift, York was forced to use an unfamiliar shell but this failed to dismay the sturdy crew.

York had a good start and after about 1/2 mile of rowing they were amongst the top 3 crews. They then pulled ahead of the other crews only to lose to Brock in the end by inches. The Freshman crew was composed of Ted Collis, Don Givens, Bob Keats, Wayne Harris, Terry Ruffle, John Maniesso, Fred Halpern, Ian Fairly and Bob Whiltan.

Immediately following this race the Freshman crew with two changes rowed Jr. Varsity.

In this race York's tired but stalwart team rowed against fresh teams from the other universities.

Despite this handicap, York managed to place second. Larry Appleby, Don Givens, Bob Keats, Wayne Harris, Terry Ruffle, Ken Murray, Fred Halpern, Ian Fair-ly, and Bob Whittan rowed for Ir. Varsity Team.

Western University plays host to the E.C.I.R.A. championship tomorrow. All are welcome.

Results of the races were: Freshman Jr. Varsity 1 Brock 1 Brock 2 York 2 York 3 Western 3 McMaster 4 Western

5 Toronto

6 McMaster

FRI. NOV. 4 Varsity Hockey--York at Ryerson Men's Varsity Basketball--

York vs. University College at Glendon 8:30 PM

SAT. NOV. 5 Rowing--Championship gatta at London Rowing Club, Fanshawe Lake, London Ont. -- races begin at 1 PM

Soccer--H.I.T. at York --North-west Field at



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THE SCRUM or 'I suppose your wondering why I called this meeting together . . .'

Williams paces Rugger Team to Victory

Conditions were ideal for the rugger game between York and McMaster here last Wednesday. York started the game a man short, enabling McMaster to keep the ball in our end from the start. However, only a goal-post prevented Tony Williams' field-goal attempt from giving York an early 3 point lead.

When Murray Young entered the game for York to fill in the vacant spot on the team, York gained momentum. The result was a try by Tony Williams after a quick break on a scrum from 25 yards out. Williams reached the goal-line just in time to stave off annihilation by half the McMaster team. He missed the convert. Score, 3-0.

McMaster rebounded to tie the game temporarily with a fieldgoal. But, York pressed again. Murray Young reached the goalline but somehow was pushed back

MON. NOV. 7 Womens' Intercollegiate Basket, Founders vs. Glendon at

ll AM Flag-Football--Intercollege, Vanier vs. Founders at Glendon MON. NOV. 7

Glendon 7:30 pm

Mens Varsity Volleyball --practises 6-8 pm; Beverley Hts. Junior High, 26 Troutebrooke Dr. (Sheppard & Keele) --tryouts during practice--12 players in squad.

by Jim Richardson and tackled. Ken Hogg got the ball on the scrum and scored easily from a couple of yards away. The convert was missed. Score York 6, McMaster 3.

Before the end of the half, Larry Nancekivell drove his way for 3 more points from a scrum ten yards out. Tony Williams converted to make it 11-3 at the half. It was obvious to all, more painfully to the McMaster team, that York's lead was the result of more inspired play.

The game was marred by an injury to Ed Davis at the start of the second half. He was carried off the field with a mild concussion but fortunately, it should not keep him out of action too long. Play remained near midfield for the rest of the contest with the exception of an unconverted try by McMaster near the end of the match.

WED. NOV. 10 Womens' Intercollege Basketball; Vanier vs. Founders at York: 7:30 pm.

EXHIBITION HOCKEY

York's varsity hockey team defeated Guelph 5-3 Saturday at Guelph in an exhibition game. Eric McGlening, Mike Tumpane, Fred Pollard, Paul Erickson and Kent Pollard scored for York. Laurie Ego fired two for Guelph and Dick Findlay potted one.