

'Bizarre' endurance test a serious health hazard

By CAROL ANDERSON

There is a new variation of an old pastime happening in the pubs and residences of York these days, a bizarre way of testing physical endurance and social interaction skills, and perhaps a way of relieving the monotony inherent in being a student. This unique phenomenon has been dubbed "Sport Hump."

The sport requires five or six players. One person, the leader, falls or places himself upon the floor, the next person jumps on top of him, another falls on the person who is the leader and so on in this fashion until a large pile of bodies has been formed.

It does not seem to be clear what the object of the game actually is, but the participants, mostly male feel

that it is great fun and a harmless way to pass the time.

Nurse Heather Ingham of Health Services, however, does not share the opinion that this is a harmless pastime. A pub manager, who asked not to be identified, points out that in no way does he promote or approve of this kind of activity. They all stress that "Sport Hump" has a high potential for personal injury, including suffocation, injured backs and limbs, and, in extreme cases, death.

At least one person has already been treated for injuries resulting from this game, and it is feared that unless students realize the hazards of participating in this activity more serious injuries may occur.

Ingham pointed out that the activity often begins spontaneously after

students have had a few alcoholic beverages and their senses are dulled, thus making them less aware of the danger of the game.

"Sport Hump" is not a new activity. It is more common as an elementary school game (in fact, it has even been immortalized in a satirical Bill Cosby monologue). One of the other numerous names given to the game is "buck-buck," and involves the leader leaning against a wall, a group

of people forming a chain behind him, and the last person (or group of persons) running and then leaping on top of the group in an attempt to break the chain. There are many other variations as well.

Though Ingham stated that alcohol is usually involved in "Sport Hump," one student involved in the game said drinking does not necessarily occur. Often the activity occurs in the residences where none of the participants have been indulging.

Lectures discuss Canadian legal system

By DOUGLAS STEWART

Your rights in the workplace, environmental protection law, and civil liberties law are three examples of topics being discussed in a centre for Continuing Education series entitled "The Law and You," which runs from October 19 until April 2, 1986.

The series, comprised of 21 sessions, is being offered in conjunction with the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

The "Law and You" programme is designed to help individuals and citizen groups become familiar with the Canadian legal system and the implications of the law with regard to their daily lives. It should enable

people to know how to act when confronted by situations involving certain legal restraints.

At a recent lecture, "Your Rights In The Workplace," Anita Chaiton, a lawyer and instructor at Centennial College, provided an informative overview of the complicated network of Federal and Provincial legislation pertaining to such issues as discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful dismissal and affirmative action programmes.

Chaiton commented, "I am just trying to heighten awareness to the fact that very few people know what their rights are."

Chaiton's comment echoes the

theme of the series which is accessible to anyone who wishes to take advantage of a broader understanding of the legal background pertinent to subjects including 'Income Tax Law,' 'Estate Planning and Administration,' 'Real Estate Law,' or 'Small Claims Court and The Cost of Justice.' Next week's seminar will discuss Civil Liberties law.

There is a fee for each series that ranges from thirty to forty dollars.

The "Law and You" programme runs from October 19, until April 2, 1986. Each session lasts three hours beginning at seven o'clock every Wednesday evening at Osgoode Hall.

CYSF to make decision on YSMAA eligibility

By SHELLY WEISFELD

A motion will be introduced at next Wednesday's Council of York Student Federation (CYSF) meeting to de-affiliate the York Student Movement Against Apartheid (YSMAA), on the grounds that the group is political in nature.

CYSF Director of Social and Cultural Affairs Vicky Fusca said she has decided to make the motion because she believes the YSMAA does not fulfill the criteria for affiliation set out in the CYSF constitution.

Specifically, Fusca pointed out Section 3.8 of the resolution that governs student clubs, which restricts the membership of "political" clubs, where "political" is defined as "having to do with organization or action of individuals, parties or interests that seek to control appointment or action of those who manage affairs of state."

"When you look at it, that's exactly what the YSMAA is trying to do," Fusca said.

Fusca added that "this move in no

way is saying that CYSF has a stand on apartheid either way. The issue is that the anti-apartheid group is political by our definition, and therefore we can't have them as an affiliated group."

David Himbara, spokesperson for the YSMAA, said that he will wait until after hearing the results of the motion before deciding how to respond.

Himbara said he believes all clubs that CYSF funds can be seen as political in nature.

"What is not political?" Himbara said. "Is taking a stand against Nazism political or is it humanitarian? We are no more political than the other organizations."

Last week Himbara threatened to hold a sit-in at the CYSF office if the YSMAA was refused funding on the basis of being considered a political organization. The threat was recinded.

The YSMAA was formally given affiliation with the CYSF on November 6.

Former York student arrested in Geneva sit-in

By SUSAN SPERLING

A York University and Osgoode Hall alumnus was arrested Tuesday in Geneva for participating in a sit-in at an Aeroflot office.

Moshe Ronen, who graduated from Osgoode in 1984, was among five demonstrators who were charged with trespassing and are being held in the Champs-Dollon jail until it is decided whether the case will go to trial.

The five protesters arrived at the Geneva office of the Soviet airline at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday asking to purchase tickets to Moscow so that they could take the places of five imprisoned Soviet dissidents, including, Anatoly Shcharansky. When

they were refused, they staged the sit-in and began singing.

Ronen was active at the Jewish Student Federation during his day at York. Among his activities was the organization of a symposium on Nazi war criminals. In 1982, he was elected Canadian president of the Jewish Students Network. After holding that position for one year, he was elected president of the North American Jewish Students Network, a position he still holds.

Ronen was one of the many students who travelled to Germany earlier this year to protest US President Ronald Reagan's visit to Bitburg, a cemetery which contains the graves of Nazi soldiers.

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