

York mourns loss of founding father Bryce Taylor

By JAMES HOGGETT

York is mourning the loss of one of its founding fathers.

Dr. Bryce Malcolm Taylor, one of Canada's leading sports figures, and founder of York's physical education programme, died of cancer last Thursday evening at Sunnybrook Medical Centre. He was 55.

Taylor also suffered from the narrowing of his arteries and he had undergone two heart bypass operations.

"The University community sadly notes the passing of Dr. Bryce Taylor," said York provost Tom Meining. "He was one of York's truly inspirational founders and early leaders."

Taylor was well known and respected across Canada for his work as an educator and sports administrator.

A native of Saskatchewan, he first applied to York for a teaching position after graduating from the University of British Columbia with a masters degree in physical education. However, it wasn't until two years later — and the third time he applied for the job — that he was granted an interview. By that time,

Taylor had graduated from Springfield College in Massachusetts with a PhD in physical education.

As founding director of York's Phys. Ed Programme, Taylor's established a philosophy of purpose for the programme and planned the construction of the ice arena and the Tait McKenzie Building. He was also in charge of the hiring and supervision of over 75 full- and part-time faculty and staff.

One of the first people Taylor hired was Norm Gledhill, who is currently the Director of Physical Education and Athletics.

"He'll be missed by many people," said Gledhill of Taylor's passing, "not just in the department, but all across the country, because of the leadership that he has shown the advancement of physical education and amateur sport."

"You don't realize the impact he had on you until you are out in the workforce," said Rob Martellacci, Athletic Events Manager and former student of Taylor.

"He definitely was an inspiration to all of us."

Men's Co-ordinator of Athletics, Dave Chambers said "He was

responsible for giving us our jobs and establishing a philosophy for our programme. We owe him a lot."

Taylor was also involved in the initiation and completion of co-operative efforts between metropolitan, provincial, and federal governments, national sports associations, and York — the result of which saw the including the \$1 million international tennis complex and the \$4.5 million indoor/outdoor track and field complex.

He also established a sports seminar programme that has

achieved international recognition by athletes, coaches, officials, and governments.

As well as contributing to York, Taylor also served as a member of numerous organizations and executive committees — such as the Coaching Association of Canada, the Canadian Gymnastic Federation, the Canadian Olympic Association, and the Toronto Olympic Committee, which is trying to bring the 1996 summer Olympics to Toronto.

But Taylor's interests covered

much more than sport. He was also a recognized authority on the dances and stories of the North American Indian, and had presented over 1,000 performances.

Taylor leaves his parents Everett and Elsie, brother Victor, wife Cheryl, daughter Bryche, ex-wife Patricia, and daughter Deborah, Barbara and Nancy.

Expressions of sympathy and remembrances can be forwarded to the "Bryce M. Taylor Memorial Endowment," care of Student Awards.

Ten profs awarded fellowships

By FARHAD DESAI

Ten York professors were awarded a Canada Research Fellowship (CRF) in the third annual CRF competition.

No other university won as many as York, as the York professors won a quarter of all the fellowships issued.

The winners of the fellowships will receive \$35,000 a year for three years, plus a \$4,000 research allowance.

Professor Gordon Flett, an award winner from the psychology department, was pleased to see the fellowship go to so many at York, especially to the psychology department, which received three awards "in one department across Canada is outstanding."

Professor Paul Lovejoy, associate Vice President (Research) at York, felt the awards were "another example of how far research has come at York."

Forty fellowships were awarded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Winners were chosen from 94 candidates who were nominated by 29

universities across the nation.

The CRF programme started in 1986 and is intended to improve career opportunities for promising researchers in the social sciences and humanities, according to the SSHRC. It also ensures an adequate supply of qualified Canadian researchers and teachers to keep pace with the expected demand for faculty and research appointments in Canada

throughout the next decade.

The SSHRC is a federal government agency which administers funds for research in the social sciences and humanities. It distributes about \$75 million each year in fellowships, research grants and subsidies to publications and conferences.

The Canadian Research Fellowship is valid only at a Canadian university.

CHRY awarded \$3,000 grant

By ELAN KATTSIR

York-based radio station CHRY was granted \$3,000 by North York's Executive Committee last week in order to update its equipment.

"We're thrilled," said station manager Dani Zaretsky, adding that he was particularly gratified with the circumstances through which the station's grant application was approved.

"It was something that we weren't expecting since the likelihood of success on appeal isn't great."

He explained that the original application under the Grant-in-Aid

Programme, which helps community organizations in North York, made last December, was rejected. But in the appeal hearing, one councillor said that even though it doesn't fit precisely into the programme, it deserves support.

Ward 3 Councillor Peter LiPreti agreed, saying that he listens to the station, had appeared on it as a guest several times, and suggested that CHRY be granted \$3,000.

The motion was quickly voted on and approved.

The grant's approval must still be ratified by North York Council.



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BRYCE TAYLOR (centre) pictured above with Athletics Events Manager Rob Martellacci (right) and an unidentified student.

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