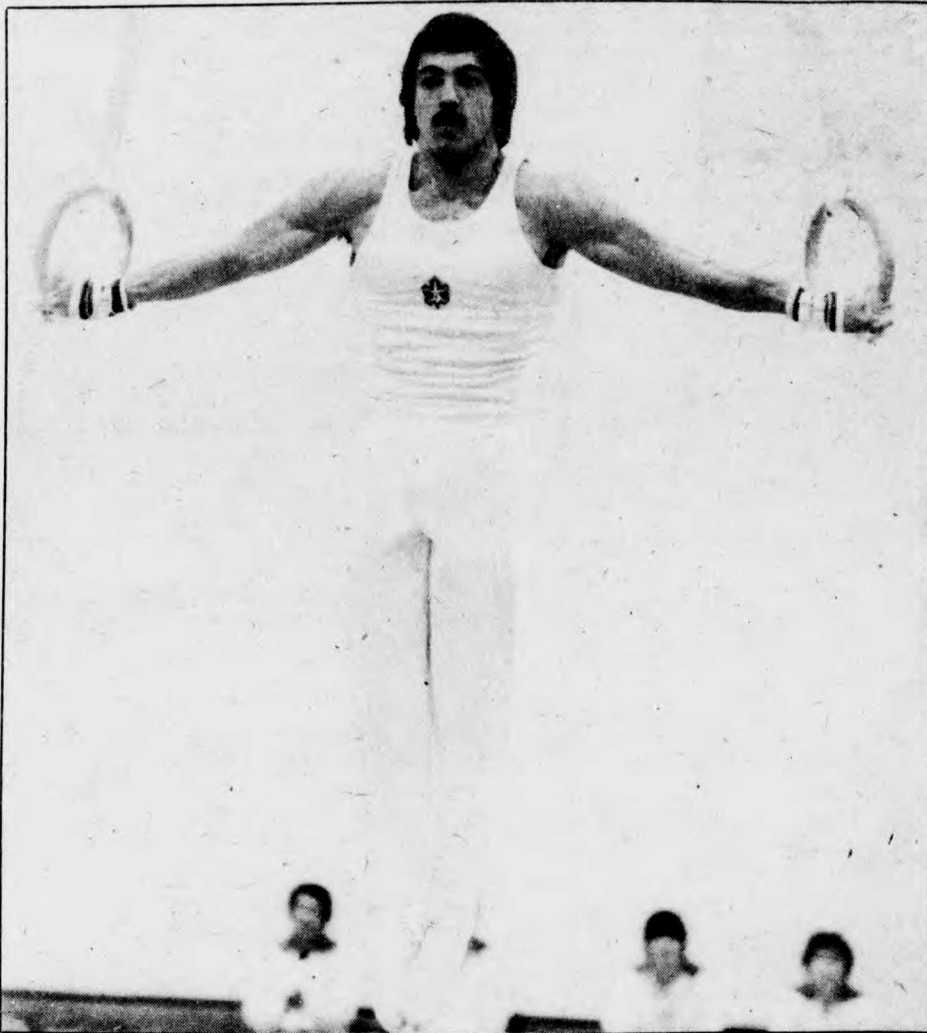


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York's Dan Gaudet captured the 1982 national university men's gymnastics title for his third consecutive year. York, the national training centre for men's gymnastics, has dominated the sport for the past decade.

York's world-class athletes vie for top honours

Seven of York's athletic teams have hit their stride this year as they compete in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union Championships this month at centres across the country. No other university has ever qualified so many teams for this competition.

Six of the teams (men's and women's basketball, men's and women's volleyball, men's gymnastics, and women's field hockey) are Ontario university champions.

So far, York has shown impressive results in national competition with the men's gymnastics team picking up its ninth consecutive national title earlier this month in Manitoba. Women's gymnastics placed fourth overall and field hockey and women's basketball placed fifth and seventh respectively. The men's basketball team will fight for the national title next weekend in Victoria. In track and field competition this weekend, York's Tony Sharpe set records in the men's 60 and 300 metre races and Mark McKoy won the 60 metre hurdle sprint.

Students compete internationally

York is also gaining momentum at the national and international level of competition with several students representing Canada at meets around the world.

As testimony to the rapidly developing strength in York's track and field athletics, several students are top-rated world-class competitors.

Desai Williams is a three-time

national champion in both the 100 and 200 metre events and holds the Canadian record at 200 metres. He has been a member of the national team since 1979.

The 1981 Canadian champion in the 400 metre indoors, Molly Killingbeck is ranked number one in the world indoors at 500 metres and Nancy Rooks is one of the premier cross-country runners in Canada. In 1978 she was the Canadian women's senior champion.

High jumper Noel McIntyre represented Canada as a member of the national junior team competing in Mexico and in the Pan American Junior Championships in 1980, and Rob Gray, a discus competitor, has qualified for the Commonwealth Games, won the Canadian championship and earned berths on the Pan American, Olympic and Pacific Games teams.

York is now the national training centre in men's gymnastics, a sport York has dominated for the past decade. In 1981, Dan Gaudet, Frank Nutzenberger, Rob Wild and Pat Rogers were selected to the national team and competed for Canada at the 1981 World Gym Championships in Moscow where they placed 14th overall.

Three members of the Yeowomen field hockey team are current members of the Canadian national team. Sheila Forshaw is recognized as one of the best field hockey players in the country and along with Laurie Lambert and Laura Branchaud, was a member of the Canadian team that finished fifth in the World Cup in 1981.

In women's volleyball three athletes have represented Canada in international competition. Trisha Barnes,

Donna Kastelic and Andrea Williams were part of the Canadian team that vied for the World Junior Volleyball Championships last October. They placed tenth overall.

York's JoAnn Beckwith was the number one ranked woman in the university squash competition and was ranked eighth in Canada in 1981. The assistant coach of York's squash team, Pam Davidson, is head professional at the Scarborough Squash Club and is the number four player on the national team. Both JoAnn Beckwith and Pam Davidson qualified for the draw in the World Championships — a feat recognized as equivalent to making the draw for Wimbledon in tennis.

Doug Whittaker, a member of York's interuniversity squash team was the Canadian Junior Softball champion in both 1978 and 1979. He represented Canada as a member of the national team at the World Championships in 1978 and 1979. He won the Canadian Men's Amateur Squash Championships in 1981 and represented Canada at the World Championships in Sweden.

Summer Studies

Program expands to include Arts of France

This year York's summer studies program will expand to include a new Fine Arts course on the Arts of France. Based in Paris and Bordeaux, the program will examine forms and ideas in theatre, music, art and architecture, dance and film. The first half of the course will look at the arts of France prior to 1789; the second half from

French Studies offers new certificate

Can you conjugate French verbs into the *passé simple* with consummate ease? Do you know the difference between a *calque* and an *emprunt*, or carry out fluent dialogue with a native speaker of Canada's other official language?

Providing formal acknowledgement of competence in the French language is the stimulus behind the new Certificate in French Proficiency that will be offered by the Faculty of Arts' French Studies Department beginning this spring. The certificate is meant to "attest to a high level of proficiency in French," according to Prof. Gwenda Echard, Chairman of the French Studies Department, and she hopes it will elicit a standard recognition of practical French skills from other institutions and employers.

With bilingualism becoming an ever-valuable asset in the business world and beyond, having the certificate represents another qualification to add to a resumé, and may mean the difference between getting the job or not.

The test is unique in that it is not related to specific French courses in the curriculum and candidates from any segment of the community are eligible to sit for it. Whether you are a fine

arts major, business student or budding lawyer you may still obtain the certificate.

According to Prof. Echard and professor of French, Alain Favrod, who originated the idea, response to the test has been encouraging. For the Faculty's two hundred French majors the certificate will mean more formal accreditation of their practical abilities, and for other students, faculty and staff it will provide a complement to skills acquired in other areas.

The stringent ten-hour test, taken over a period of three days, comprises a battery of items that examines oral proficiency, reading comprehension, grammar, translation, and writing. "Because it is so comprehensive we hope it will be highly regarded in outside circles," Prof. Favrod explains. Both Profs. Echard and Favrod feel it is important to make employers aware of the scope of the test in order that it may be universally recognized as a mark of achievement. A committee is now in the process of elaborating the exam.

This year the test will be held at the beginning of May, although in subsequent years it will take place in February. For information and applications inquire at the French Department, 667-2400

York takes on CFTO in benefit hockey match

Seventeen members of York's faculty and staff will take to the ice against the CFTO-TV Bassett Hounds for a benefit hockey game at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 21 at York's ice arena.

The \$1.00 admission will go to the Canadian Special Olympics for Mentally Handicapped Athletes Fund.

The York Collection features such stars as President H. Ian Macdonald, political scientist James Laxer and Yeomen

varsity hockey coach Chris Kostka. York Collection coach is Nobby Wirkowski, coordinator of men's athletics at York. The CFTO-TV Bassett Hounds are led by weatherman Dave Devall.

A highlight of the game will be the opening face-off and awards presentation featuring Miss Canada, Ontario's Karen Baldwin.

Further information may be obtained by calling 667-2413.