

Sports and Recreation



Gary Hershorn

York's varsity season has come to a close, but the sporting spirit lives on. This Yorkite is undoubtedly in training for the world frisbee-balancing championships.

Athletes have a voice in MIAC

Gary Cohen

Recently, the Men's Interuniversity Athletic Council (MIAC) held its annual elections to appoint a new executive staff. Despite the fact that to many who are unaware of MIAC and its function this does not present itself as earth-shattering news, Dave Turner, MIAC's acting president, feels that the elections and the council itself can have an important effect on York's athletic community.

The function of MIAC is actually two-fold. It is involved in the promotion of participation in interuniversity athletics and in providing representation for the student athlete in athletic council decisions.

"In September MIAC sought to re-establish a reputation which it had lost in recent years," explained Turner. "With the help of coaches we formed a hard-working, cohesive unit. We hoped to achieve responsible representation which would promote the council and its aims."

And this year the dedication has paid off. As some of you may have noticed, the Toronto dailies have given York athletic teams ample coverage this season and Turner traces some of this prestigious exposure back to the efforts of MIAC.

"Working closely with Lynn Cornett (York's Information Officer), a means of communication was set up whereby she was more informed and, in turn, York athletics, could be better promoted on campus and across the city."

Another area in which the council has been and can continue to be influential is that of athletic funding and budgeting.

"Budget cutbacks have become prevalent and Physical Education is no exception," Turner points out. "We are already working on a barely-adequate budget and it is very important that student athletes be well represented in council to prevent further cutbacks. And if cutbacks are unavoidable, they

should not go by without objection."

The council has also been instrumental in determining the allocation of funds available to athletics. "A system of guidelines was set-up this year whereby programmes or respective sports will be evaluated as to their funding status in future years," said Turner.

Replacing Turner as next year's council president will be Dave Carmichael, a member of the wrestling team. Larry Simpson (volleyball team) will move from his post as secretary-treasurer to replace Erwin as president, while Tony Cosentino, another wrestler, will take over Simpson's position. Farooq Shabbar (track) will serve as publicity director and, in a newly-founded capacity, Jeff Carmichael (track and football) will be the director of fund-raising.

Participation in MIAC is open to all Physical Education students. For those interested, all inquiries can be directed to Nobby Wirkowski at 667-3734.

York cricket enters second decade

Few will believe that it has been almost a decade since the establishment of the York University Cricket Club, whose early members included such persons as Professor Peter Harriet-Jones and Mr. George Dunn, head of security at York. Started primarily as an organization to provide social and recreational activity, the Y.C.C. has become one of the most successful sports clubs at York.

Until two years ago, all the team's games were basically friendly matches against clubs such as Ajax, Orillia, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Orangeville and Guelph University.

"Our success was so great in these friendly games, that there was near unanimous clamour for entry into the competitive field under the Toronto District Cricket League," says the club's president Eugene Rollins.

The first year in the league resulted in a fourth-place finish, which is considered respectable for beginners in the league. The 1979 season was more successful as York just missed the Division Cup and had to settle for second place.

"There will be no denying us for the 1980 summer," says Rollins, "as it will be our main objective to bring the Division Cup to York."

Apart from the physical aspect of cricket, the club will be looking at a couple of trips abroad, possibly to the USA or the West Indies. The team is hoping to increase its membership this year to make these plans more attainable, and would welcome all

newcomers. Applications should be made to Eugene Rollins at 534-0885 or Ken Simon at 241-5437.

It should be noted that the one essential element of the Y.C.C. is the warmth and team spirit within the Club and this, above all, makes the game of cricket just a little bit more enjoyable.



Esther Marks

Cricket, anyone? Handling a sticky wicket

THE CITY HAS GOT THE SUBURBS LICKED

If last Saturday's Sunday Star Metro high school basketball game is any indication, the city has the suburbs licked when it comes to putting the ball through the hoop.

The match, hosted by York and held in the Tait gym, saw the City All-Stars demolish their suburban counterparts by a convincing 129-65 score. Oakwood Barons' guard Norman Clarke, selected as the game's MVP, and centre Tony Brown of Parkdale, led City with 20 points each. Roger Rollocks of Lester B. Pearson Bengals was the hot shooter for the Suburban All-Stars, sinking 17 points.

City's victory was the most lopsided in the event's 10-year history, and for all practical purposes they had put the game on ice by the half, building up a 66-33 spread. The City stars now hold a 7-3 series edge over the Suburban sparklers.

Shortstops

NINE RECORDS SET AT NEW TRACK FACILITY

The York University invitational high school indoor track and field meet saw nine competitors surpass the old standards in their events to establish new records.

Before the competition, record-breaking performances were expected in abundance due to the faster track which the new York complex sports (a banked four-lane 200-metre Chevron oval). And the splendid, new track facility did not let the athletes or the prognosticators down.

On the track five new record-setters emerged, including Sabeena Horne of West Ferris (junior girls' 1500m); Alaine Boucher of Algonquin (junior boys' 1500m); George Vanier's Paul Scarlett (junior boys' 400m); Carolyn Crabtree representing Vanier (senior girls' 1500m); and Mount Forest's Donna Grant (junior girls' 400m).

In the field records were set by South Carleton's George Bodoni (junior boys' high jump); Donovan's Karen Nelson (senior girls' long jump); Mike Purbille of George Harvey (senior boys' long jump); and Glenn Hopkins of North Park (senior boys' high jump).

BASKETBALL BENEFITS

On Friday, April 11, York will host a benefit basketball game for the Ontario March of Dimes featuring members of our own Yeomen football team in action against some of Toronto's dearly beloved Argonauts.

Proceeds from the game will be contributed to two schools for the handicapped—the Lucy McCormack School for the Retarded and the Sunny Park Centre for the Handicapped.

Featured for the Argonauts will be running back extraordinaire Terry Metcalfe and tight-end Peter Mueller. Starring for York will be All-Canadian Dave Coulthard, last week voted York's male athlete of the year.

After the game, there will be a dance in the Bethune Dining Hall which will be attended by all the participants. Those bearing ticket stubs from the game will be given free admission to the dance, providing a full night of entertainment for even the most ambitious York socialites.

Admission to the game is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for high school students. You are also asked to hold onto your ticket stubs—door prizes will be awarded to the lucky ticket holders. Tickets are available at 302 Tait McKenzie.

If you want to get a preview of the action, there will be a pre-game feature aired on Peter Gross' sports report on CITY/TV on Thursday, April 10.

Way to go, Pete!