

Rider juggles schedule between CYSF and Yeomen basketball

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CYSF activities have always carried a high profile in the York community, but the Financial Director in this year's government has garnered more than enough recognition outside of the office.

He is Tim Rider, and when he is not at work at CYSF's office in Central Square, or in the classroom, he is out on the basketball court representing the York Yeomen in CIAU play. The 6'7" power forward is now in his fifth and final year of eligibility.

A fourth-year Economics major, Rider co-captains the team along with point guard Mark Jones and forward Wayne Shaw. So far, after the first eight conference games, Rider has seen his scoring average hover around the 20-point mark.

Rider is no stranger to student government. He said, "At Pickering High School, from Grades 11 to 13, I was Treasurer, Athletic Rep, and House Rep (much like the College system at York)."

However, in the case of his decision to run for CYSF, Rider decided only last year to take on these responsibilities. "John Christie asked me if I was interested in running for it in last year's election. I looked into it and decided to run."

Presently, Rider is taking four courses. He divides his time load for a regular day at "2½ hours of class, two hours of basketball, and two hours of CYSF." He is also a Don at

Stong College Residence, so he finds that his homework time varies quite a bit.

As far as his work in the classroom goes, "This term is going very well," he said. "The first term wasn't as high-calibre as I'd have like it to be, but I'm in no danger of academic ineligibility. I feel that I might have misplaced my priorities, but I won't let that happen this term."

What Rider likes about working for CYSF is meeting a lot of people and encountering the new situations that go along with his position. "The work here covers all personalities," he said. "From dominant to passive, everyone works hard and gets the job done."

Rider describes CYSF President Reya Ali as "very demanding," but emphasizes that Ali works himself harder than any other member in the government. "We all work up to a level where we're capable of answering his requirements," Rider added.

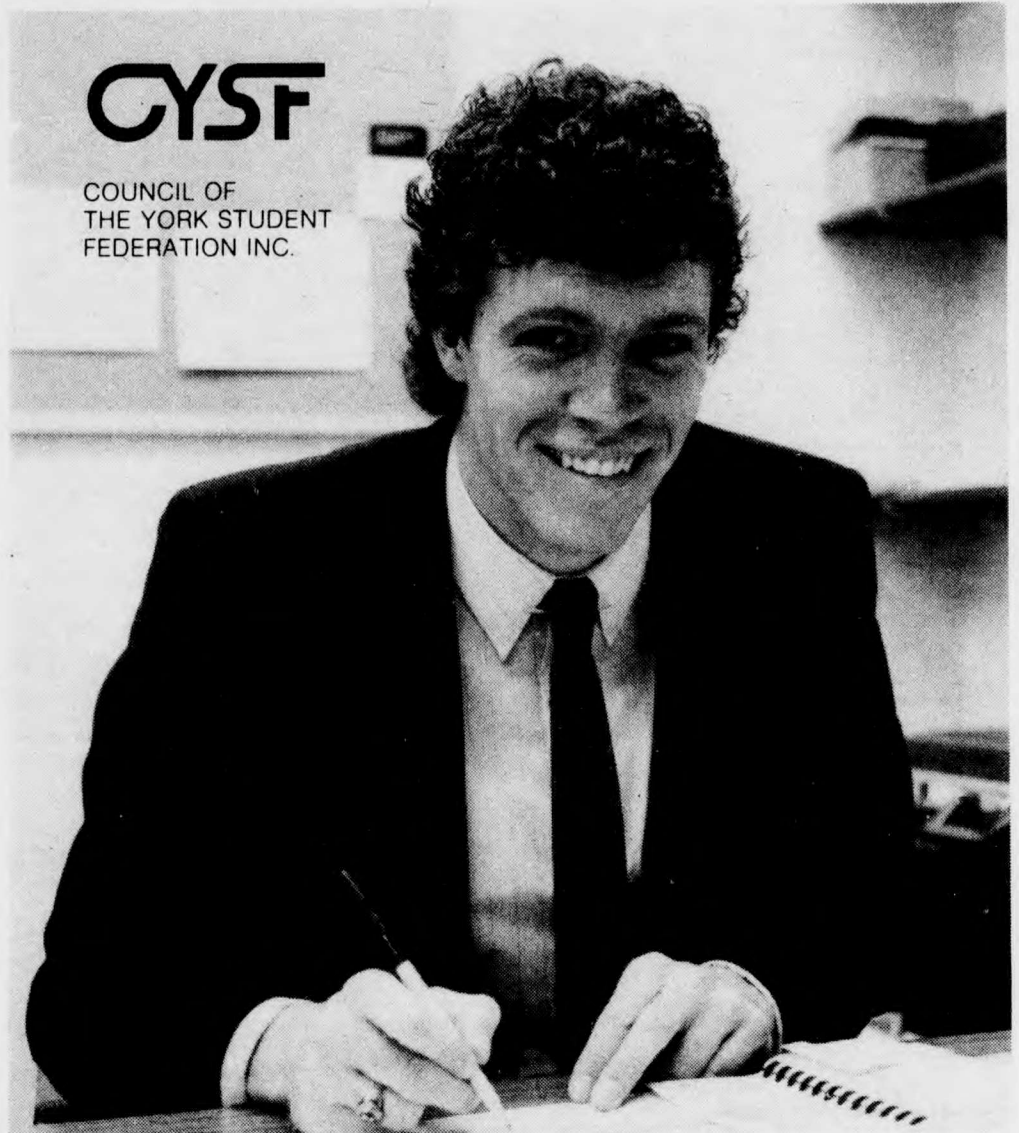
Ali describes Rider as a very efficient worker within CYSF. "Tim is straight to the point, which is very much appreciated," Ali said. "He has a very pleasant atmosphere with him, and that loosens everybody up."

Yeomen basketball coach Bob Bain says Rider is a player who leads "by example" on the basketball court. "He is vocal and task-oriented," Bain said. "He gets frustrated with those who don't get it done. But people do get infected with his desire to get the job done, and I like that."

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ON THE COURT: Rider leads the Yeomen in rebounds and second in total points.



ON THE JOB: Rider is CYSF's financial director.

Bain cites as an example of Rider's intensity, the last game that York played against the Blues at Varsity Arena. "Tim got up and said, I've been here for four years and never lost to U of T, and I'm not going to start now." That statement was made on the weekend prior to that game. Aware of the cross-town rivalry, and the fact that this team could upset them, the Yeomen defeated the Blues 68-58 and Rider led the charge with 22 points.

Regarding the progress of Rider's overall game during his tenure as a player, Bain stresses that Rider's shooting has always been his mainstay. He can sink the 15-foot jumper, and also hit a turnaround from six to 10 feet away from the hoop. In addition, he can bang inside the paint.

Bain also feels that Rider's shooting is more under control this year than in previous years. He has worked on his defensive responsibilities, and his rebounding has improved as well. "Tim has had to rebound more because of (All-star centre) John Christensen's absence," Bain said. "Originally, rebounding was not one of Tim's strong suits."

Although he carries heavy responsibilities with both CYSF and the team, Rider finds no similarities between the two outfits. In fact, CYSF and the basketball team tend to be polar

opposites.

Rider said, "The team is really a group of individuals brought together with the same goal in mind, whether in a game or a tournament. In CYSF, the goals are diverse. So far, the closest we have come to a 'team' atmosphere is the issue of pulling out of OFS."

Rider does not mind all of the juggling he has to do with his schedule. The problems occur when activities are slated at the same time. However, when necessary, Ali and Bain have accommodated Rider's needs. Rider and the other Stong College Dons have covered for each other in the past as well.

To justify this hectic schedule, Rider said, "I get bored just sitting around in my apartment. Nine out of 10 times, I enjoy getting things done. On the tenth time, I'll just try to do the best I can to get that job done."

However, he does have to make sacrifices. "I've missed some of the social activities," he said. "I don't get to go to movies, or go out with my girlfriend whenever I want to. I need to schedule these things in advance."

As far as his plans after York, Rider has nothing definite. He is interested in sales and marketing, and he is presently looking into four firms. Rider also hopes to continue his basketball by playing for the Estonians Senior Men's team, but that depends on his future job and the time constraints.

Individual Statistics (Cumulative) Tim Rider

G	FG%	FT%	TP	P/G	TR.	
29	47	78*	439**	15.0	242*	*1st on the Yeomen **2nd on the Yeomen

Bob Bain: Coach's Report

"agile and physical play often intimidates players into making mistakes . . . accurate marksman from the perimeter . . . two-time OUA A all-star"

CYSF REPORT CARD:

Coaches rating out of a possible 100 points per category.

CYSF Exec. attendance	*75 points
CYSF Council attendance	*75 points
Portfolio performance	95 points
Table allotment	**107 points
CYSF services management	95 points
	447/500

*due to away games and out of town tournaments

**extra points for sportsmanlike conduct.

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