SPORTS

Phys. Ed. students jet to Israel

By JAMES HOGGETT

This summer, York University has added a new classroom site to its Keele and Glendon campuses. The Department of Physical Education is holding the course—"Sport, Recreation and Leisure in Israel"—as close to the subject matter one can get: Israel.

The trip, which is organized by Dr. Joseph Levy, professor of Recreation at York University, runs from August 18 to September 8 and costs \$3,000 per person. The students will be staying at the Wingate Institute (near Netanya), which is the only university outside the Eastern Bloc devoted solely to physical education

Originally Levy hoped to take at least 15 students on the trip, but he is not fazed by the low turnout. "I'm actually quite pleased with only taking five students," said Levy. "This is the first time I've done this type of thing so I think it's good to start off small."

Levy felt that one possible reason for the low turnout was due to the increased tension in the Middle East. "Some parents," Levy said, "might be reluctant to pay that kind of money to send their sons and daughters over the Israel due to the increase in terrorism."

During the students' stay they will tour Jerusalem, seeing such tourist attractions as the Via Dolorosa, the Old City, Mount Scopus, Mount of Olives, Mount Herzl, and the Hebrew University. As well, they will be visiting many sport and recreation sites during their stay in Israel.

"We will be visiting hospitals, nursing homes, community recreation centres, outdoor recreation centres and places related to sport tourism," said Dr. Levy. "The students will be observing front line recreation work with many of the immigrants in Israel."

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immigrants coming into the country every year and Israel is much the same, according to Levy, "Many people do not know that Israel, like Canada, has a great variety of immigrants," Levy remarked. "Now how does one go about integrating them and introducing recreation to these people who had no such thing back in their home country? That is one of the topics that the students will be observing," Levy added.

The students' schedule is very intense. On top of touring the sites they will also be attending an international seminar and workshop on outdoor education, recreation and sport tourism at the Wingate Institute. There they will meet with officials from countries such as Russia, Germany, and Japan to discuss the recreation programs of their societies. In addition they will be meeting with

the Israeli Minister of Education.

"The whole point of the trip," said Levy, "is to find out what role recreation and leisure play in the life of Israeli society. It is just a coincidence that this international seminar is taking place at the same time as our trip, which makes it a nice added event for the students."

Levy has also been asked to be one of the speakers at the seminar. This comes as no surprise as Levy is by no means a stranger in Israel. In 1979 he was asked to be a consultant to the Israeli government where his main function is to advise the government on their national policy on Sport and Leisure.

"It is because of my ties here (in Israel) that I organized this trip to Israel," Levy said. "And if all goes well, there may be another trip planned for next year."

York's Johnson beats Lewis at Moscow Goodwill Games

By JAMES HOGGETT

Ben Johnson, a member of the York Optimist Track and Field Club, defeated American Carl Lewis in the 100 metre race at the Goodwill Games in Moscow earlier this month. This confirms his status as the fastest human in the world at this time. Johnson's clocking of 9.95 seconds is the second fastest time ever and is the fastest for a 100 metre run at low altitude.

It was Johnson's second consecutive outdoor victory over Lewis this year, and third overall against the 1984 Olympic quadruple gold medalist.

In 1985, Johnson defeated Lewis

at Zurich and Lewis finished ahead of Johnson at Cologne (the last time Johnson has lost) in their only head-to-head confrontation. But in the world rankings at the end of the year, Lewis was listed number one and Johnson second. Johnson disagreed with the number two ranking and felt he deserved to be number one.

Johnson's next goal is to win three gold medals in the 100 and 200 metre races as well as the 4x100 metre relay at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, Scotland being July 24 to August 2. He has already accomplished one third of this task, winning the 100 metre run on Sunday (July 28) despite a poor start.



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