



Van Belkom after a few hours at the gym.

Rambo van Belkom shoots from the hip

By RAMBO VAN BELKOM

Now that the year has come to its close and I will be off to join the ranks of the real world, there are still a few loose ends that have to be tended to. Here then is a list of all the things I had every good intention of writing about but never had the time to do the job properly.

When are we going to get the new athletic facilities our athletes and students so desperately need. York is the third largest university in Canada and we deserve much better. With packed houses for hockey and basketball it is obvious we need top flight facilities for our teams, not to mention the

value of good facilities for student recreation. If the government can afford 4.3 million for a new fine arts building, and Lottario can give U of T 6 million for renovations for Varsity Arena there is no reason why we can't get the funds to get the project started. I predict a new gymnasium begun within five years and a new arena within 10.

When will the York student body learn about their varsity teams. We have some of the best teams in the country playing right under our noses and the entertainment value can't be beat.



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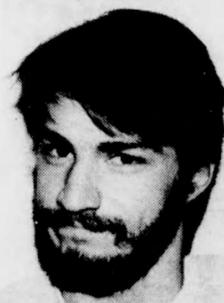
My apologies to the Yeomen gymnastics team. You gentlemen are certainly the finest and most successful team in York's history and deserve better coverage from myself and the paper. The problem lies in your continued excellence over the years. It is far more interesting reporting the struggle to attain excellence instead of the maintaining of it. If you want more coverage in *Excalibur*, lose a meet and watch everyone come around ask 'why?' But seriously, keep winning and hope that my successor treats you as you deserve.

Who will be replacing Stu Robbins as the Chairman of the Athletics Department? Probably some guy who is all full of the maintaining a balance between academics and athletics. Those things will take care of themselves, the institution is structured that way. I'd like to see someone who can help promote the teams, make a pitch for new facilities and maybe fill the stands for the crucial games. 'Here we are, come and see us play' just doesn't work anymore.

Where was the much ballyhooed mascot. Money was set aside at the athletic banquet two years ago and a mascot was supposed to make its debut at the first football home game of the year. Needless to say, it didn't materialize. Sports in this day and age needs that kind of thing to promote a university, U of T, Western, Alberta, UQTR, and Waterloo all have mascots. The time has come for the Yeoman.

And finally, thanks, to all the athletes and coaches who made York teams winning teams. Winning makes reporting easier to do, and easier to find stories of human interest amidst all the sweat and toil. Once again, thank you from myself, Roberta, and the rest of the staff of *Excalibur* sports.

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Rambo says: "Bye for now."