

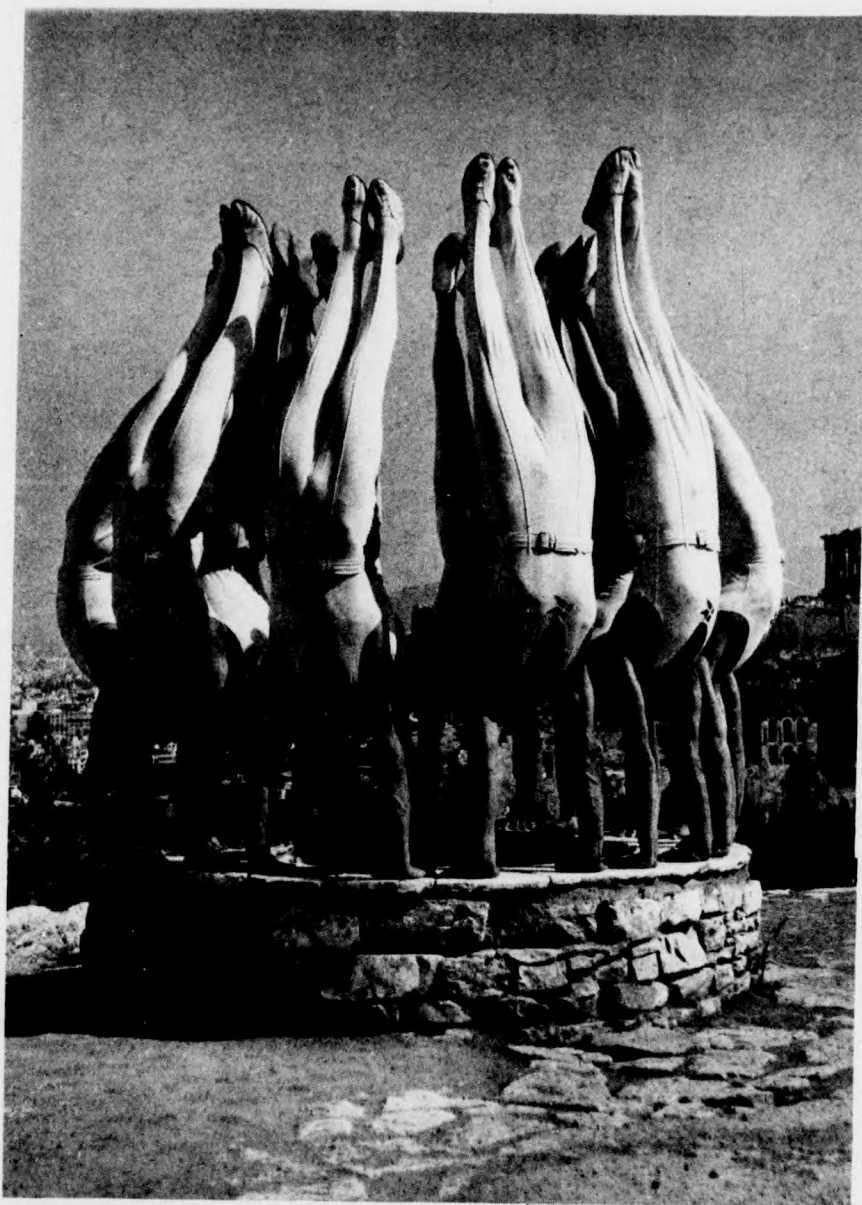
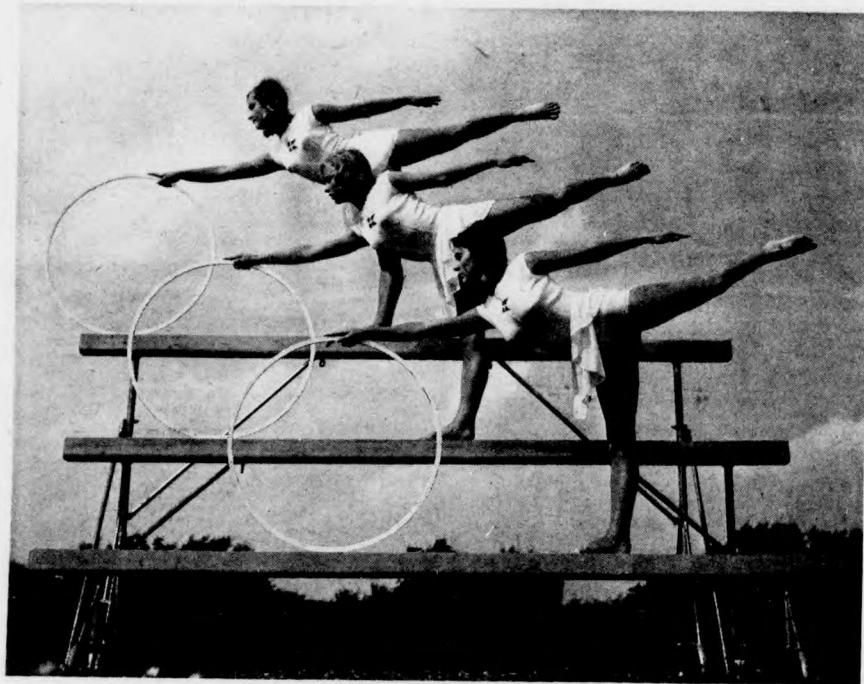
# SPORTS

## Danish Gymnastic Team Arrives Oct. 6, 7

Next Friday and Saturday (Oct. 6,7), York University will host another in a growing series of international events. At 8:30 pm on these two nights, you will have an opportunity to see one of the world's most famous Gym Teams in action at the Tait McKenzie Physical Education Building on York Campus, Steeles Ave. at Keele St.

This team is on tour across North America and the reviews that they have already received for previous performances are excellent. Tickets are on sale at the Physical Education Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

This will be another event that nobody should miss. Come out and see whether the Danish team presents a better exhibition than the Russian team did last year. It will be well worth it!



The Danish National Gymnastic team will provide two exhibitions of "Gymnastics, including Rhythmic, Folk Dances, Posture, Vaulting, Tumbling, and all other forms of apparatus skills." In addition to this, there will be a workshop at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning for all those interested.

## Tackle Football To Come

There has been considerable speculation in the past few weeks regarding the status of tackle football at York. This speculation approached hysteria in some quarters with the circulation of a petition by Fred Halpern, President of the Founders College Athletic Association. Mr. Halpern told this reporter that a varsity football team is absolutely essential to the creation of the kind of spirit necessary to unite all students, both residents and day-hops.

He went on to say that he hoped York will field both an inter-college league, next fall, and a varsity team as soon as possible, despite the absence of any suitable stadium for hosting other teams at this time. He feels that the varsity team, if properly coached, (by Ralph Sazio, perhaps) can jump right into the Ontario-Quebec Athletic Association which includes the University of Toronto, Western, McGill, and Queens.

Admitting that the team might receive some severe beatings, Mr. Halpern asserted that this was the highest competition worthy of "the fastest growing university in North America."

A more august view of tackle football at York was given by Dr. John Conway, Master of Founders College, who was, for some years, on the faculty of Harvard, an Ivy League school. Having witnessed such events as the annual Yale-Harvard classic, he has strong opinions regarding tackle football. It serves, Dr. Conway feels as a psychological outlet for all students, both players and spectators. It is also an important source of non-resident involvement in university affairs.

In expressing his support, Dr. Conway strongly urged the institution of intercollege tackle football next fall. This could certainly be a source of college rivalry since there will be five colleges.

He did not think it was realistic to hope for a varsity team next year because of the administrative and technical problems involved. However, he did foresee a varsity team in the near future. He made

it clear that he was not promoting bigtime, Grey Cup-type football but feels that university football has a definite place in eastern Canada, and at York.

For opposition, Dr. Conway said that the team would have to start by playing against some of the smaller universities such as Laurentian, Waterloo, and McMaster.

With this scholarly opinion in mind, Excalibur approached the Physical Education offices for facts with which to dispel rumours. Since Dr. Taylor was unavailable, the information was obtained from Larry Nancekeville, Assistant Director of Men's Athletics.

He assured the writer that there will definitely be an inter-college tackle football league in 1968. The cost of outfitting these teams for the first season will be approximately \$2,500.00 each.

There will definitely not be a varsity football team in 1968 and probably not in 1969. Hopefully a varsity team will be fielded in 1970. The cost of outfitting the team will be from \$22,000.00 to \$28,000.00 exclusive of stadium costs, coaching, medical services etc.

Regarding the football stadium, plans originally called for completion about 1972. This has been moved up the list of priorities but since construction delays are inevitable, the stadium will not likely be ready any earlier. Assuming that there will be a varsity team before this, some arrangement will be made for temporary bleachers.

The coach of the Varsity team would not be a full-time professional coach, but would certainly be a full-time member of the athletic department and could devote the football season to that activity.

For the first few seasons the team will play the weaker teams of the Central Ontario League. Hopefully this will provide some close games, perhaps some victories. Only time and experience will tell when York can reasonably take on the U. of T. at tackle football.