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JOCK TALK

For the love of hockey

If you think you are beaten you are
If you think you dare not you don't
If you like to win but you think you can't
It is almost certain you won't
If you think you'll lose, you're lost

For out of the world we find that success
Begins with the fellow's will
It's all in the state of mind

Life's battles don't always go to the stronger
Or the faster man
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can

This poem excerpt hangs in a small black frame on the wall of Barb Boyes' room in Stong residence. Another copy - the original - lies in the wallet of Gary Carter, star catcher for the Montreal Expos. Boyes insisted that I read it because she felt it epitomized her outlook on athletics and that it would be a good way to summarize what she had been trying to express during the interview. This defensive specialist on the Yeowomen's hockey team couldn't have been more right. Barb Boyes is everything that poem describes--and more.

Except for the huge Smurf doll and cardboard Mickey Mouse hanging from the ceiling, the neat array of hockey sticks standing to attention by the front door and the odd shoulder and knee pad lying here and there give away Barb's love for hockey. Starting her third season with the Yeowomen, the 5' 10" easy-going Phys. Ed. major began her hockey career ten years ago by playing the sport with her brothers on a pond on the family farm in Pickering, Ontario. "Even though I've played and watched hockey ever since I could remember, it wasn't until I was 13 or 14 that I finally found a girl's team that I could play on."

And what did Barb's parents think when they discovered that their daughter wanted to play hockey, of all sports? "Unfortunately, the home games fell on Sundays, so my mother was a bit upset that I couldn't go to church," she explained with a smile. "But aside from that my parents fully supported me and always attended my games."

A versatile player, Boyes divides her time between playing defense with the Yeowomen, skating as a forward for the Agincourt team in the Central Ontario Women's Hockey League. The major difference between the two leagues is that the latter involves body contact, whereas inter-university hockey forbids it. With York, Boyes made the decision to play defense so she could develop a steady and controlled style of play. "I would describe myself as an aggressive, but not a dirty player. As a forward you need the

strength for checking and being able to take the man out, but when I'm on defense, I have to stay back and take the puck up. It's like playing two different games, but I play with the same intensity for both."

Although she stresses her defensive role with the Yeowomen, Boyes is also known for her scoring capabilities. It is not uncommon to see her name written several times on the game score sheet. But when asked about her individual triumphs, which include a few three-goal games, Barb is unable to recall any of her statistics. She is a very team-orientated player and it's that sort of attitude that she carries from game to game. "On our team we have no concept of individual statistics and that's why we work so well together. We are more concerned with the team's success on the whole rather than our own individual success."

"This team," she continued, "out of any other team I've ever played for is the most closely knit, and I credit our success to that." The 82/83 season has seen York rack up an excellent 6-1-1 record so far.

Despite the fact that women's hockey has certainly come into it own over the past few years, Boyes is aware that it still suffers from the stereotype of being a male-dominated sport. However, many of the well-established women's leagues have perpetuated the ideal that girls are no less feminine for wanting to play this sport. Thus, according to Boyes, younger girls who are just entering such a league are less exposed to the sexism and are able to feel more comfortable with the game.

But dealing with this problem is nothing new to Barb. In the off-season, she plays on a women's field lacrosse team that has travelled around Canada and the U.S., and finished third at the World Championships in London, England. Field lacrosse, played with 12 players on a football-sized field, is a fast-moving game of speed and endurance which requires no rough play, only highly skilled manoeuvres. More importantly, it is not to be confused with men's field lacrosse which is similar to the version of indoor box lacrosse. "Field lacrosse is not just a male sport, it's very female orientated," Boyes emphasized. "But because it has the name 'lacrosse,' people associate it as being male dominated. If it had a different name it would probably be more accepted."

Despite the stereotypes and the conflicts Boyes is confident about her participation in such sports. "It so happens that my sports are male-dominated. But I play because I want to. It's something I've thought a lot about. If you love the game so much, why give up something you love so much?"

Boyes talks very seriously about sports and is mainly concerned with the intensity of the game. "When you make the game intense, it's contagious. It keeps the team psyched up. Even if you don't have the talent, I believe that games can be won on intensity and spirit." Good hockey players, she says, have that intensity. "It's the ones that have to work for what they get, the ones that don't have all the natural talent in the world. That's why the player that I admire the most is 'Tiger' Williams. He's the one guy who had to work for everything he wanted."

Boyes' determination should serve her well. Although she would someday like to take on a coaching job, her main goal is to develop the sport of field lacrosse. "I want to be able to set up leagues and get it into the schools. It's such a fantastic game, it just has to grow!"

And knowing Barb, it will. Go get 'em kid!

York swimmers splash to nats

ALISON BRADSHAW

In Friday's swim meet against the fourth ranked Waterloo, two York rookies swam their way to the national finals which will be held in the first week of March.

First year backstroker Ann Bevan posted a time of 1:09 to win the 100 metre backstroke and a trip to the CIAU finals. Bruce Kaufman, another newcomer won the 50 metre freestyle with a time of 25.80 to qualify for the nationals. He also won the 100 metre freestyle, adding more points to the York cause.

York had just finished its tough Florida training camp, and the entire team swam well. Besides Kaufman, victories for the men's team included, Joe Skelly in the 100m. fly, and the men's 4x100m freestyle relay; and Keith Reynolds in the 100 and 200 metre backstroke. Chris Kozachenko added to York's point total, swimming the gruelling 400m. individual medley.

The women's squad saw fewer victories, but all of the swimmers recorded personal best times. The women's 4x100m relay team won it's first race, while freestyle swimmer Jeanette Wilkommer recorded a victory in the 400 m freestyle with a time of 5:00.

Water Marks: In their first meet of the new year against MacMaster, the York swimmers put together a strong field but were unable to overcome Mac's large team. Event winners against Mac were Ann Bevan in 100 and 200 metre back; Helena Sullivan in the 100 metre breast-stroke; and Jeanette Wilkommer in the 200 metre freestyle.

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