

Residences compete in Olympics



Pyjama clad Yorkites at city hall

By Greg Saville

Once again Vanier college emerged victorious after five days of competition in the second annual George Tatham Inter-college Residence Competition. Nicknamed the "Rill Olympics", last week's competitions ran from October 25 to October 29 and were attended by six York colleges.

Founders claimed a very close second with Bethune climbing up one knotch from last year and placing third. Stong, McLaughlin and Winters followed in the standings consecutively.

The olympics are not only a sports competition but a series of 19 different, and sometimes bizarre, events. Points were awarded for each college's amount of participation and its number of wins.

In a very useful event, students gathered at the pedestrian tunnel-between Complex 1 and the Ross Humanities building to outpaint competing colleges and decorate the tunnel walls. Founders beat last year's winner, Vanier, but Vanier took revenge by winning the Mammoth Relay on Sunday.

There was also an entertainment-flavoured Talent Night and an intellectually motivated Reach for the Top, both of which Vanier won. Of course, traditional sports such as a Tug-of-War, won by Stong, and a Swim Meet, won by Founders, were also part of the olympics.

Of the other numerous events - chess, badminton, ping pong and backgammon to mention a few perhaps the most bizarre was the Cross Town Pyjama Hunt in which Vanier came out on top. The object of the hunt was to travel to various downtown Toronto locations such as the O'keefe Center, Union Station and City Hall, and locate certain posters and brochures. The entire event was completed by dozens of pyjama clad students

who continued undaunted past gaping onlookers.

Warren Rill, the food caterer for Complex 1, sponsored the event and said, this year's number of participants dropped from 900 to 600. Rill said he was disappointed that more of the college masters, residence tutors and dons did not take part but noted that "those who partook really enjoyed it."

According to Rill the olympics are an attempt to build up York students' spirit and morale for college events around the university. Along with Candy Miller, who was chairperson again this year, Rill said "it was really the students who ran the whole thing."

The first and second place colleges received scholarships, the main one of which was awarded to Vanier student Brian Helpz, and also a series of hockey and dinner tickets.

And what about next year?



Bethune womens' determined attempt to drag Complex 2 across campus in college relocation event

Rill said he expects it will be held a week after orientation and that he has set up the "mechanism for its continuance". But, he said, participation from more college masters, residence tutors and dons will be necessary to make it a success again next year.



Armi Ruhanen adds brushstrokes to Founder's prize painting

York's scuba club

trip to Nassau for a week so the students could get their three dives as well as have a bit of a holiday after the school year ended. This year, the group may take an inexpensive charter trip to Jamaica.

with them to get together during the summer or fall so they can get their dives in various quarries in Ontario, Georgian Bay or Lake Simcoe. Although the dives in these waters will prove to be much chillier than in Nassau or Jamaica,

frightening. But according to Leitch scuba diving is not dangerous. "But I say that in all due respect to the sport and the people... it's not dangerous if you use your head, set up the safety procedures the way they should be, and abide by the one cardinal rule that you never dive alone... then it's a very safe sport."

And of course, the main thing the students are taught on their underwater expeditions is never to touch anything they can't identify.

All scuba divers will probably mention the ineffability of their experiences under water, although one beginner diver, Tanya Anderson, spoke of her free-floating underwater experience as "euphoric."

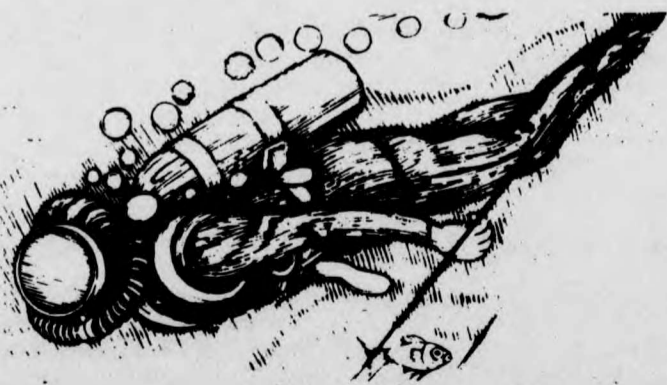
So if you're looking for adventure, a way to meet new people, are in fairly good physical health (and don't suffer from claustrophobia), then sign up with the York scuba diving club.

they will serve the same purpose.

If you're only acquainted with scuba diving through your television viewing of the adventures of Jacques Cousteau, scuba diving appears not only mysterious but somewhat

(By the way, the group takes a few 'tag-alongs', so keep this in mind if you're looking for a relatively inexpensive trip down south at the end of the year).

For those who can't make this trip, Leitch makes arrangements



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