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*New director says:*

## Integration is the goal

The new director of the Centre for Handicapped Students at York intends to make it the most up to date and effective centre in North America.

Patrick Cluskey (M.E.S. York 1983) says the centre's aim will be "to develop abilities, not the disability" of York students. Cluskey's goal is the total integration of disabled persons into the university system and ultimately into society.

"Every client is asked to assist their peers," states Cluskey, explaining how the formation of "learning cells" helps disabled people assist and support one another. This is an important area of their education and is a vehicle for the development of social skills.

Previous to his new position at York, which began in August 1984, Cluskey taught managers and counsellors essential management skills in workshops run for Goodwill Services.

Cluskey has witnessed positive changes in the level of co-operation and understanding of the disabled persons at the university in the short period of time since he earned his degree.

The centre is a program of the Counselling and Development Centre and the support received from Dr. Sandra Pyke, Chairperson of the Counselling and Development Centre, has been encouraging.

"In order for us to achieve integration, her cooperation is

necessary and we have been getting it. Her staff are very helpful," says Cluskey.

Approximately 140 disabled people use the centre's resources. These include tutoring, counselling, advocacy, mobility counselling and the resource centre. The greatest need at the moment is for volunteers from the York community. With only two full time staff and one placement student it is difficult to keep up with the workload while trying to increase the services offered.

Volunteers in the past have come from all faculties. Cluskey feels the centre can offer relevant experience for almost any area of study.

Volunteers are needed in the areas of tutoring, office help, computer operation, mobility tours and some research in selected areas.

"We like to think we can be of service to any handicapped students who come in whether they are deaf, learning disabled...we don't turn anyone away," Cluskey emphasizes. "But we can't do it alone. We are relying on the support of the university community to help us meet our goals."

To volunteer or to inquire about the services offered, contact the office in room 101E, Behavioural Sciences Building or call 667-3312. The office is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Women's library to open

November 15 will mark the formal dedication of the Nellie Langford Rowell Library at York.

Thanks to a generous gift by Mary Jackman through the Jackman Foundation, York now owns the library (formerly the York/YWCA Women's Resource Collection), previously on loan from the YWCA.

The opening of the library will take place at 4:30 p.m. in Founders Senior Common Room with a representative from the University receiving the library from Mrs. Jackman, daughter of Nellie

Langford Rowell.

Located in Founders College, the Nellie Langford Rowell Library is easily accessible to the general public as well as students and faculty. Its value as a unique resource of current information on women is augmented by assembling this information, which crosses many disciplines, in a single collection. In addition, the archival nature of its journal and pamphlet collections makes it an invaluable resource for primary research on women's issues.

## New facility to be built

The sounds of construction are to be with us at least until August 1985. That's when a new building dedicated to the Ecology Section of the Department of Biology and the Faculty of Environmental Studies will open. The building is designed to provide additional space to relieve some of the overcrowding in the Faculty of Science. In Scott Library, the area vacated by Environmental Studies will be

used for library stacks and graduate study uses.

The York fund's contribution to the building includes \$1.5 million from undesignated campaign funds and the University is committed to providing an additional \$1 million. Matching funds of \$3.5 million are provided by the BILD program through the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to total a capital project budget of \$6 million.



York's Desai Williams passing the baton to Sterling Hinds.

## York athletes bring home silver and bronze medals

A solid showing by York athletes at the Olympics this summer reflected hard work and determination by the competi-

tors and coaches, and the quality of York's facilities.

Our athletes captured a total of four medals. Silver medals were won by Molly Killingbeck in the 4 x 400 relay and former student Angella Taylor in the 4 x 100 metre relay. Bronzes were earned by Desai Williams in the 4 x 100 metre relay and alumnus Anthony Sharpe in the 4 x 100 metre relay.

It was a close contest for Mark McKoy who came in fourth in the 110 metre hurdles less than five-thousandths behind bronze medal winner Arto Briggara of Finland.

Meanwhile, the Women's Field Hockey team, coached by Marina van der Merwe, managed a third place finish but was denied a medal on goal average.

### "No big deal"

Williams described the Olympics as "no big deal" as he had competed against most of the other participants before and knew who he would have to beat. He didn't even think about the Olympic games until he arrived for the opening ceremonies, he says, adding, "I didn't want to get nervous too soon before the games."

Williams gives credit to his coaches, York's training facilities, and fellow athlete Mark McKoy for contributing to his excellent showing against international competition. "Without York's facilities there would be no fall or winter training. York has helped a lot in the progression," he said.

The Canadian team missed out on a better showing because of a bad hand off during the race. "It doesn't matter if you have the fastest guys. If you bobble the stick you lose. We had two good sticks and one bad...That cost us the silver," quipped Williams.

Desai is not thinking four years down the road to the next Olympics, instead preferring to take one day at a time. He suggested he might leave competition if the right kind of challenge came along. For the moment he is "Thinking about training and running. I'm taking everything in stride and enjoying it. I just can't drop out."

Mark McKoy echoed Williams sentiments about a lack of excitement during the competition. "You run against the same people so often that it's not like meeting everybody fresh," he said. "But it was an experience I wouldn't have missed, a great experience."

Describing his loss to Brigara of Finland, McKoy lamented, "I ran against him last year and beat him in the semi-finals and then he came back to beat me."

### Facilities credited

McKoy also credits York's facilities as making a considerable contribution to his good showing. In terms of athletic facilities, "You couldn't ask for more. Because it's at school, it's very convenient. Everything is here."

"Brian Maraj (his coach) helps in any way possible." At times, he is called upon to liaise with his athlete's professors, making explanations for missed classes, especially in the fall when competitions and practice occupy the athletes' time.

Williams and McKoy worked very closely to train for the Olympics. They coached each other, relying on mutual support to try harder. "We are so close to the top but when you get exhausted you need the support," said Williams.

Did he feel let down after failing to take a medal? McKoy confided that it was a "big disappointment but you can't let it get you down. The first days afterwards I did feel a little down. Other competitors told me to hang in there and hope to do better!"

Other York athletes who competed include Karen Nelson in the 100 metre hurdles, Rob Gray (discus); the Women's Field Hockey Team members Laura Branchaud, Laurie Lambert, Sheila Forshaw, Sharon Creelman, Sharon Hayes and Karen Hewlett and assistant coach Kathy Broderick; in gymnastics Brad Peters (37th), Dan Gaudet (43rd), Frank Nutzenberger (49th) and Allan Reddon (51st).

## Warming trend in Ice Palace

Ice Palace got you blue? Well, shiver no longer.

Seventy-five thousand dollars are being spent to "make the Ice Arena more comfortable and make it a spectator facility," says Tom Graham, Facilities Coordinator of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics.

Gas fired box heaters are being installed to take the chill off the air, in combination with the raising and covering of the bleachers.

Seating capacity has been increased from 600 to 900 with the installation of bleacher seats in the corner of the arena. The additional height should also provide a better view for the spectators.

A new press box with room for 18 reporters or professional scouts will encourage better coverage from the dailies.

The players' benches have been separated and placed at opposite ends of the arena. They have been enclosed in boards and glass for additional safety for the players. The penalty box has also been enclosed.

The existing control room will be renovated to provide office space for Dave Chambers, who is the Varsity Men's Hockey Coach, and minor upgrading of the sound system should provide additional clarity.

Future plans, if monies become available, include improving the lobby area to provide space for equipment storage, a skate sharpening area and a concession stand. This should provide easier access to the facility making it more inviting for the spectators to come out and enjoy the featured teams.