

Rah, rah, rah!

Image not a problem for new York cheerleaders

Rose Crawford

Brenda Robb, Zelma Badu and Michelle Arbour are three of the gutsiest people around. They've taken it upon themselves to try and inject York University with a healthy shot of school spirit by way of cheerleading.

The task itself is difficult enough, but when one considers the image that cheerleaders have it becomes almost impossible.

This is no deterrent to the trio. They strongly feel that the York cheerleaders are a team representing the university, much like a volleyball or basketball team. They are very aware of the image problem, but they feel that it will be easily

overcome by the degree of professionalism they intend to incorporate in their dance routines. Zelma Badu, a talented second-year dance student, is the choreographer as well as a member of the cheerleading squad.

"Having Zelma really helps. Our routines look very professional and colourful. I think people will be surprised when they see us," explains Robb.

These sentiments are shared by some of the other members of the squad. Debbie Spanner, a first-year Physical Education student, feels that when the fans see the cheerleaders perform the

unfavourable image will no longer be a factor.

"I think people will forget all about the image when they see us."

According to Robb, the main reason behind the project is to liven things up at York.

"Michelle (Arbour) and myself were both head cheerleaders at our high schools. When we came here (to York) we couldn't believe how boring it was at York games, so we decided to do something about it.

"Zelma heard about the idea and told us she was very much interested in helping with the dancing and also in participating," Robb recalls.



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"People want to go to games...if they see us they'll join in."

Asked if she felt that cheerleaders would really help to generate school spirit Robb replied, "I definitely think so. People want to go to the games, but there's always so few fans. If they see us there and hear us cheering, they'll come over and join in."

Like everything else nowadays, the cheering business is very costly. Thus far, the York

cheerleaders have not received any kind of financial aid. All the girls in the squad will be paying \$52.00 out of their own pockets for their uniforms and Robb and Badu have dished out a total of

\$800.00 to pay for the shakers.

Robb has approached the Mary Kay Cosmetics Company for possible sponsorship, but so far no definite agreement has been reached.

Play-Off Hopes Alive For Soccer Yeomen

The soccer Yeomen's record fell to 2-3-2 following a weekend 3-0 loss to Guelph and a 1-1 tie with Waterloo. "We were very flat on Saturday and came to play on Sunday" commented coach Eric Willis, adding that the midfielders Nader Jamali and George Katsuras were missing from Saturday's game.

The tie with the 5th ranked Warriors keeps York's playoff hopes alive and proved to the players that they can play even with the best in the league. Waterloo had just come off a 1-0 upset win over number 1 ranked Laurier on Wednesday. The Yeomen travel to Laurentian this weekend and finish the season at home to Queen's and R.M.C. Oct. 24 & 25.

Americans feel the wrath of York

Canada's second ranked Yeowomen field hockey team continues to have success against the scholarship-laden American teams. In Iowa this weekend York remained undefeated with six victories. The team scored 34 goals while only allowing 4. Sheila Forshaw scored 13 goals, Laura Branchaud had 10 and Laurie Lambert 6.

Shortstops

This weekend on Campus

For those of you who don't know it yet, this will be York's Homecoming weekend and in keeping with tradition, there are quite a number of sports events scheduled over the three days.

The York Yeowomen basketball team will play host to eight of the top high school girls basketball teams in the province and to three top university teams in the annual Red 'n White Tournament, which will run October 10-18 in the Tait McKenzie Centre gym. The high school teams include last year's winner, Agincourt Collegiate.

The Yeowomen will be looking to defend their title against last year's runner-up, University of Guelph, Ottawa U., and McMaster....the York Yeowomen field hockey team will host the second and final round-robin field hockey tournament for five Tier 1 teams on Saturday and Sunday, October 17-18. This tournament will determine the four finalists and the site for the 1981 OWIAA Field Hockey Championships. Barring any major upsets, it is expected that the Yeowomen (defending Ontario champions) will battle with the U. of T. Blues (previous Ontario Champions 1961-1979) for the first place spot in Ontario. Play will begin Saturday, October 17 at 9 a.m. with York squaring off against McGill. On Sunday, play gets under way again at 9 a.m. with U. of T. going up against McGill...the York football Yeomen are in action this Saturday against the Guelph Gryphons. The Yeomen have to win this game to keep their play off hopes alive. Kick-off time is scheduled for 2 p.m. The York cheer leaders will be making their debut during this game...York's Rugby Yeomen will take to the field against the Brock Badgers. The game will be played Saturday, October 17 at 2 p.m....

The Yeomen and Yeowomen Swim teams will get their season underway with a meet against Alumni teams. The action begins at 10:00 a.m....Also in the pool, the Yeomen Waterpolo team take on the University of Toronto Blues at 1 pm on Saturday, October 17....One other event scheduled for the Homecoming weekend is the Sports Hall of Fame Dinner, to be held Friday, October 16. Two former York athletes and a former York administrator have been chosen for induction.

Athletes of the Week

Yeomen running back Nord Williams is *Excalibur's* choice for **Male Athlete of the Week**. In last week's game against U. of T., Williams accumulated 142 yards on 16 carries. In his first year with the Yeomen football team, he has already shown tremendous talent and has established himself as a football star at York.

The honours for **Female Athlete of the Week** go to the York Cheerleaders for their valiant effort in the cheerleaders' strip race during the York-U. of T. challenge.

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