

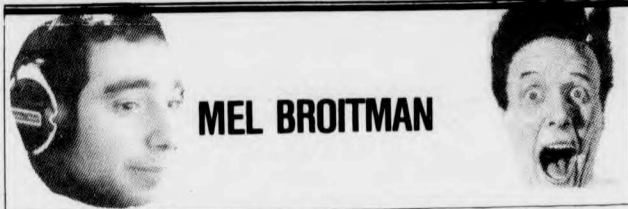
Information on athletics can be difficult to find

In my last column, I berated the York University community for its lacklustre support of the Yeomen hockey team and Varsity athletics in general. However, this is a two-way street. The powers that be in the Administration of University athletics have left much to be desired in the promotion of York's athletes and teams.

"A lot of people refer to the Administration of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics as dinosaurs," says Steve Manweiler, president of the Inter-College Athletic Council.

It's not hard to find evidence of incompetence. Due to a lack of communication regarding funding, the programs for both the men's hockey and basketball teams only recently arrived. The hockey program came out in late January with just four home games remaining (out of 12) on the schedule. With more playoff encounters on the horizon, the programs may actually be worth the time and investment. The basketball Yeomen were not so fortunate. Their cherished bios and stats showed up for the last weekend of the season—four days from the conclusion of the regular schedule. I wonder which garbage bin those programs are in now?

How about that joke of a sound system at the Tait McKenzie gym? Two years ago, Angelo Kioussis began importing a speaker system from York's own Department of Instructional Aid Resources (DIAR). For a minimal overhead cost, Yeomen basketball games became an entertaining event. Taped music, inserted at breaks in play, filled the usual deadened air with some colour and excitement. There can be no



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question that even this slightest innovation to the existing facility was a major success.

So what happened? Kioussis was lured away to the University of Toronto (they recognized his value) and the speakers, music and excitement were filled away by our resident dinosaurs.

I remember Kioussis telling me that the future of athletic promotion lay in the communication and co-operation with the colleges and residences. However, that understanding also left with him. As Manweiler says, "They (the Department of Physical Education) don't understand the college system or the structure of student organizations." According to Manweiler, the athletic people just throw information out into the community, but don't follow up.

Why has there not been a concentrated effort to work with colleges and residences? Kioussis is doing it at U of T. U of T also permits its students into their athletic events for free. Such a strategy would make good sense at York.

Have you ever tried to get information regarding York athletics? A starting time of a game? A clarification of the

schedule? A final score? Forget it. Not even the campus media (*Excal* and *Radio York*) are updated on this privileged information. Someone must be shredding all relevant documentation.

One would think that with the recent technological explosion at York, a light bulb might be turned on at a Tait McKenzie office. Our new phone system allows for the installation of an excellent message service. For a measly 10 bucks a month, a Yeomen and Yeowomen calendar could be updated daily and made available after office hours. Anybody listening?

Statistics anyone? Accurate up-to-date standings? Yes, they do exist. I've noticed plenty of bare wall space at Tait McKenzie and the Ice Palace. Just maybe somebody could post information.

Hey remember the pizza sales that showed up for a Yeomen hockey game earlier this season. It's supposed to return for the playoffs. Maybe next year someone will wake up and entertain the notion of offering other confections at the remaining 92 percent of home games. At the very least, a reliable vending machine would be appreciated. It's one thing to get people down to the Ice Palace on a cold winter night. Giving them the opportunity to purchase a hot cup of coffee would be an honourable allowance.

Athletics is about participants and spectators. Both parties are legitimate components in the appreciation of sport. Unfortunately, here at York, the spectators are still waiting to be recognized.

Sports Briefs

By DAVID BUNDAS

FENCING

The men's fencing squad traveled to Brock University last weekend to compete in the OUAA championships. In the individual team events York placed well, winning a gold and silver medal. In the overall team events, however, York placed a disappointing third, as they were favoured to finish first.

The foil team of Paul Younge, Philip Soffe and Darrin Osborne won the gold medal while the sabre team of Warren Kotler, Mat Pindera and Scott Martell took the silver.

The Yeomen were hurt most in the overall team standings by poor performances in the individual events. Here, Warren Kotler, who was

favoured to finish second at the very worst, placed sixth.

Overall, the team has greatly improved since last year. This year York was the only university to have a team qualified in all three events: the foil, sabre and epee. At last year's OUAA championships, only one Yeoman, Warren Kotler, qualified for the individuals.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIM

The Yeowomen Synchronized Swimming team captured second place at the OWIAA championships at

Queen's University in Kingston over the break.

York had medal winners in each of the four events. In the figure competition each swimmer must perform six basic manoeuvres (similar to the compulsory event in figure skating) which are divided in difficulty between senior, intermediate and novice swimmers. York's Cathy Clark took second place in the seniors with Lee Anne Harrison fourth, and Cheryl Thompson was fourth in the novice.

The solo, duet and team competitions are free routines set to music, with eight squad members partici-

pating in the team event. In the solo, Cathy Clark was an impressive second place finisher with Nicole Karwacki in fifth. Lee Anne Harrison combined with Nicole Karwacki to take third place in the duet and the York squad took third place in the team competition. Congratulations to all team members and coach Pat Murray for a fine season.

FIGURE SKATING

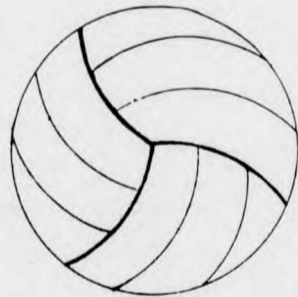
The Yeowomen figure skating team ended up in the middle of the pack at the OWIAA final at Queen's, taking fourth spot in the eight team competition. The host team took the over-

all championship with Western and Waterloo coming in second and third.

Here is a list of the York participants and their respective results: *Novice Similar*—Jill Morton and Jane Griffith third; *Intermediate Solo Dance*—Tracey Woodhead second; *Senior Solo Dance*—Donna Martini second; *Format Fourteenstep*—team of Martini, Woodhead, Tracey McCague, and Michelle Karruthers placed second; *Novice Single*—Adonica Grimmer third; *Open Interpretative*—Martini third; *Junior Single*—Jill Morton first; *Senior Single*—Christine Bischof first; and *Precision*—the team placed third using only 12 swimmers.

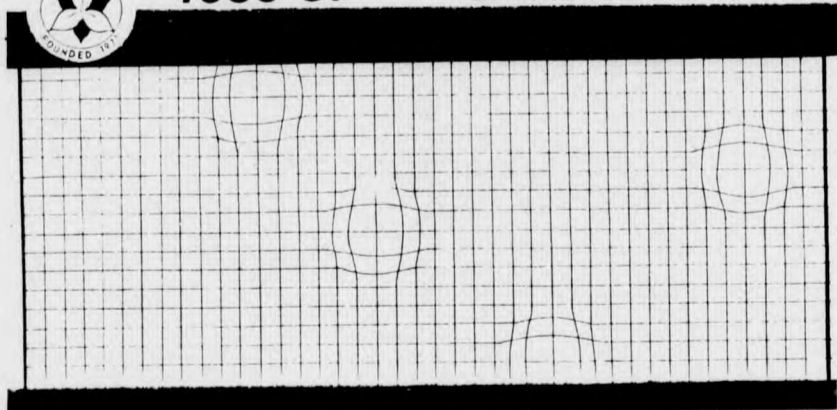
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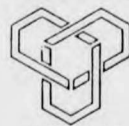


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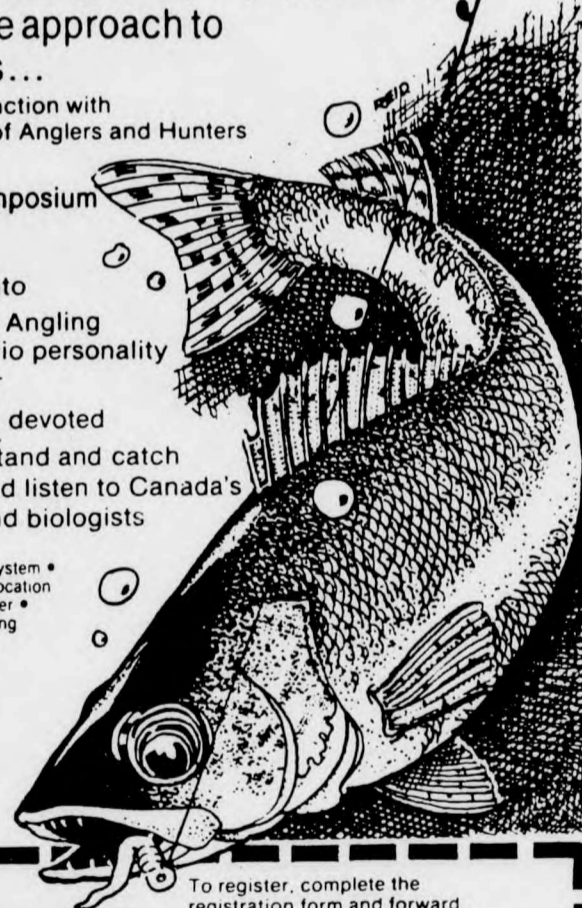
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