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"SPIRIT OF 81": A first-timer's Impressions

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I arrived at Geneva Park on April 27, 1981 as a rookie at the 13th Intramural Director's Conference not totally unprepared for the next three days. A colleague of mine from Waterloo County was a member of the conference organizing committee and had attended in 1980, so he had prepared me (or so I thought) for the proceedings.

I expected to be able to steal one or two ideas that would put some life into what I thought was an adequate senior elementary intramural program. I expected to meet some energetic physical educators who would breathe new life into me for the "mad dash" over the final two months. I expected to mingle and have an opportunity to listen to intramural enthusiasts from high schools, community colleges and universities and get an over-all impression of the "state of the art." I expected to meet a happy moose-caller from somewhere called Haileybury who gathered together people at unusual hours to join in fellowship and "wooing of the moose."

Even with all these expectations I was overwhelmed during my three day stay by the organization and planning that must have taken place prior to April 27. From the quality of the major and mini-sessions to the diversity and ingenuity of the spirit games, this conference was extremely well-organized. Add to this efficient structure, the enthusiasm and friendliness of the delegates, and the result was the most active and worthwhile conference I have ever attended.

As someone who works with grade 7 and 8 students, I found it refreshing to be grouped with people from secondary and post-secondary areas and not be aware of what level of intramurals they were involved with. Unless they vol-

unteered this information or I asked, we went through the conference being Intramuralists, not elementary intramuralists or community college intramuralists. I found that ideas that worked at a secondary school also might work at a senior public school and a few of the concerns expressed by university people were ones that I shared.

The spirit games that were an on-going activity did much to make the conference so enjoyable. From the initiative needed at the "torture tasks" to the strong stomachs needed at the "Banana Bowl" to the clean underwear needed for the clothesline, the spirit games called on all members of the group to pull their share (but whose idea was that 7:00 a.m. spirit jog?) I have been told that the call for the wild and willing moose is an annual highlight of this conference. The expertise of the callers led by the Haileybury Miner, Aarne Hannikainen and his competition from the south, Don Panagapka, is something that has to be heard to be believed.

The quality of the presentations that I attended was first-rate. Many worthwhile ideas were picked up over the length of the conference. All in all, my expectations were nowhere close to the fantastic experiences at "Spirit of '81". The problem now exists that as word spreads about this particular conference more teachers will attend and it then becomes more difficult for me to return. Oh well, maybe if I disguise myself as a female moose



Teachers participate in the Spirit Games at the Intramural Director's Workshop (Spirit of 81) at Geneva Park. At left is the Team Song event and at right the Punctured Drum.



C.I.R.A. FEATURES O.I.R.A. EXPERTS IN PHILLY



Peter Hopkins, Past President of C.I.R.A. makes his opening remarks before presenting each delegate with a Canada Pin and making them Honorary Canadians at the recent "Intramurals Has No Borders" Conference in Philadelphia. Looking on are Gene Lamke (N.I.R.S.A. President) and Ian McGregor (C.I.R.A. President)

C.I.R.A. recently sent a team of O.I.R.A. experts to Philadelphia to conduct the first elementary high school workshop as part of the 32nd Annual National Intramural Recreational Sport Association Conference.

The team of Peter Hopkins (University of Waterloo), Joyce Potter (Kitchener-Waterloo C.V.I.) and Brian Cressman (Waterloo C.I.) conducted the Workshop around the theme "Intramurals has No Borders". Over 75 delegates enjoyed the Conference packet, Brian and Joyce's multi-presentations, free draws at each session and the voluminous handouts throughout the day.

The opening remarks by Gene Lamke (N.I.R.S.A. President) and Ian McGregor (C.I.R.A. President) was highlighted with a reading of a welcome letter by the Federal Minister of Sport, Gerald Regan and the exchange of Canada pins by each delegate.

The day was so successful that N.I.R.S.A. 1982 Conference Chairman has asked C.I.R.A. to organize the 2nd Workshop at their Annual Conference in Oregon, April 1982.

Needless to say, Canada, C.I.R.A., O.I.R.A. were well represented by Brian, Joyce and Peter.

Congratulations.

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THANK GOODNESS FOR INTRAMURALS was the theme for the Waterloo County Board of Education's Student Staff Intramural Conference held at Conestoga College on Thursday, Apr.30.

Students and staff were present from all secondary schools in Waterloo County. The Physical Education Professional Development Committee was pleased to see 140 enthusiastic, screaming students and 25 keen intramural teachers.

The program was a co-operative effort by many schools. Mr. Steve Roberts, of Doon Public School and 20 senior elementary students started the program with a circuit of fun and challenging events. From Wexford Collegiate in Toronto, Mrs. Bev LeMieux and 8 of her W.I.T. students gave a presentation on their Intramural Program making ideas for organization, special events, fund



Students from Wexford Collegiate give a presentation on their Intramural Program emphasizing Fun, Spirit, Unity and Co-operation.

Under the direction of Intramural Director Lee Griffin, students participate in a kite building contest.

raising, and motivation. Mr. Brian Cressman of Waterloo C.I. gave an interesting talk on Competitive and Recreational Activities - A Need for Balance.

Mini presentations were given by both staff and students on topics as The Zoo, Feeder Nite, Summerfest, Mayflower Relays, and Fall Fair.

The students participated in kite building, European Handball using nerf balls, modified floor hockey, super team contest and a special clothes relay. All activities were co-educational as well as a lot of fun.

The day was very successful and the organizers are to be commended for their efforts. A special thanks goes to OIRA and the Student Councils of each school for their financial assistance.



PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

1. 10th Annual Post Secondary Student Intramural Conference.

Theme: "We've Created a Monster" - 100 pages

Sample Topics:

New Approach (Michel Duguay, University of Montreal)
Evaluation (University of Calgary)
Building Leaders (Nancy Falls, University of Waterloo)
Voucher System (Joe Marko)
Attracting Referees (Matt Wever, University of Waterloo)
Scheduling and Use of Facilities (University of Waterloo)

Plus 10 others.

Cost: \$2.50/copy

2. 11th Annual Post Secondary Student Intramural Conference

Theme: Everything You Wanted to Know About Intramurals but were NOT afraid to ask" - 120 pages

Sample Topics and Pictures:

Intramural Dreamers (Ian McGregor, Simon Fraser University)
Women in Recreation (Ian McGregor, Simon Fraser University)
Student Support for Facility Expense (R. Ernst, U of Guelph)
Competition - Deterent or Incentive (Sharon Bradly, U of Toronto)
Intramurals and Campus Recreation - The Dissolutions of one and the evolution of the other (Dr. Lloyd Heywood, U of Waterloo)

Plus 10 others

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Annual General Meeting Report by Jean Kennedy, Regional C.I.R.A. Director

The following is a summary of the motions passed at the Annual General Meeting held at Geneva Park, on April 29, 1981.

1. It was voted unanimously to become a formal organization - O.I.R.A. - Ontario Intramural and Recreational Association.
2. The blue OIRA logo was unanimously accepted.
3. A tentative constitution has been prepared to be read and commented on by the membership. The constitution will be presented in April 1982 at the general meeting. Members wishing a working copy of the constitution please write Meg Innes or Jean Kennedy.
4. The position of Regional Intramural Consultant is being established in already designated areas (OFSAA). There are some positions in some areas not yet filled. The consultant for the first year will find out when and where all levels of workshops are taking place and will request permission to have brochures, notices and flyers available as well as recommending speakers. They will also report as much information from their area to our OIRA newsletter. For more information write Jean Kennedy.
5. Dr. Bob Boucher, University of Windsor will be preparing a membership marketing campaign.
6. Joe Marko at Mohawk College is looking into preparing an Ontario Intramural slide presentation. If you have a super-slide send a copy to him.

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