



### Get Involved and Stay Active Playing Intramural Sports

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and is ready for an awesome second semester! Here at the athletics team we are already up and going with winter sports. We have broomball tournaments coming up and we would like to encourage everyone to join us and/or to try the sport out. Furthermore, other upcoming tournaments to look forward to include: ball hockey, cricket, indoor soccer, basketball, waterpolo, volleyball, squash and badminton. The good news is that many of these sports are gender specific. This means that along with there being a coed team, there are also separate teams available for men and women to join.

This is a great way to meet new people and to make friends. I can personally say that a perfect mix of academics and athletics changed my life. I went from not being involved in New College in one year to being the Vice President of Athletics the next. I have made many friends through this program, which I must mention is FREE for all students. That's right, it costs nothing and it is a great way to get active and interconnect with others. So please, if you are interested in playing any of the sports mentioned above or have any ideas or recommendations on how we can enhance your experience with athletics here at New College please send me an email. I hope to see many of you playing sports this semester and have a wonderful school year.



Email: [athletics@newcollegecouncil.com](mailto:athletics@newcollegecouncil.com).  
Also like our Facebook page "New College Athletics" for more details.

Top Left: Cosimo Barranca - Vice President of Athletics

Top Right: Jovannie Fangki - Director of Athletics  
Below: Anthony Divito - Athletic Rep

### Upcoming Events

- **Winter First Year Check In** will be held on February 4, 2015. For more details follow @NewCollegeYU, New College YU on Facebook or look for an e-mail on the list serv
- **Excel** Courses (beginner, intermediate and advanced) are now available for registration on <http://www.yorku.ca/newcollege/events.html>
- **HRSA** will be sponsoring Hump Day Café on February 11th, 2015.
- Students can sign up for **Rage Volleyball** between February 9-26, 2015 on imleagues. The tournament will take place on March 9, 2015.
- **PASS** sessions are available Monday through Thursday. Take a look online the New College website for session information and schedule.
- **Semi-Formal** is on March 14, 2015. Tickets will be on sale starting mid February.

### Club information: HRSA

I have a passion for empowering people, which by my definition means assisting individuals in developing their capabilities to help them attain their goals. This is one of the reasons why I chose Human Resources as my major and the primary thrust that drives me to be involved in so many activities. To this extent, I felt that the HRSA would be an excellent platform because it enables me to return the experiences and practical knowledge I have accumulated back to the York community. One of my favourite HRSA events was the HRIS seminar where HR students gained exposure to technology ubiquitously used in the HR workforce. My role in the HRSA is the "Executive Recruiter" where I work with other executives to deliver our new initiative: The HRSA Career Mentorship Program. HRSA is a club that I highly encourage students to get involved in if they have an interest in human resources.

Upcoming HRSA events to look forward to include:

- Feb 5th 2015- LinkedIn: Build Your Profile
- Feb 26th 2015- HRPA Info Session

By: James Chang (Fifth Year, BHRM)

### Trading in the Social Age

As a stock trader you're consistently looking for an edge. You're looking for better, faster and more information. A part-time day trader can easily spend 2-5 hours a day reading news on markets and analyzing stocks. Any tool that could aggregate all of that information, and make it easier to analyze could save a stock trader a couple of hours every day. That was precisely the problem I was having in December of 2013. I was spending 3 hours daily looking at different income statements and fundamentals, when I really should have been using that time to do homework or sleep. So with a group of my close friends we built StockRender.com by taking vast amounts of data and making it usable to the average stock trader. It took us about a year of work but on January 31st we released StockRender to the public and held a launch party. If you're interested you can join by becoming part of the StockRender page on facebook.

By: Mykyta Ponomarenko (Second Year, BAS: Business Management)

### The Power of Introverts

I read this book a couple of years ago and as an introvert I feel it continues to have an impact on my life. This is a well-researched book which provides compelling insight into an introvert's world. In Susan Cain's book, *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*, she writes about how society values extroversion. As she points out, one-third of the population are introverts. This is a significant amount of the American population but we don't see this because introverts do not need to interact with others to the same extent that extroverts do. In addition, there is a common belief that extroverts make the best leaders; Cain calls this the "Extrovert Ideal."

By reading this book introverts who are feeling estranged because of this idea of an "Extrovert Ideal" society may begin to feel less isolated. This is because Cain does an excellent job of showing what positive behaviours are attributed to introverts. So regardless of whether you are an introvert or extrovert I think you should pick up a copy and give it a try. I am sure it will captivate all audiences and provide insight into an introvert's world.

By Alexa Lopreiato (Third year, BHRM)



### Faculty Spotlight

I grew up in Vienna, the capital of Austria (*and classical music*). As a boy, I got to know Toronto when I was touring through the world with the Vienna Boys Choir. I knew very early on that I wanted to go to a business school, but never planned to go to academia. It was my Master's thesis at Vienna University of Economics and Business, the largest business school in Europe, which made me discover my interest in scholarly research, and so I added a doctoral and then a post-doctoral degree in business. As an assistant prof, I discovered my passion for teaching and worked with companies in Europe on their brand strategy. Then, at a conference visit, I fell in love with Toronto, and so I applied to the School of Administrative Studies when they posted a position in Brand Management. I was immediately fascinated by York's multi-cultural atmosphere. I enjoy teaching as much as helping students in my new role as an Academic Life Coordinator at New College.

By: Andreas Strebinger, College Academic Life Coordinator, New College

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### Getting Involved at New College is very important for your professional career!

Especially for Business and IT students there is a lot of truth in the saying that 50% of your success in job hunts and career comes from your academic achievements and knowledge, and the other 50% is your personality, your network, and your social skills. New College is here to help you with these other 50%. You can build your networking skills and a network in your professional field with our clubs in Accounting, Finance, HR, IT, Management & Consulting, and Marketing; you can work as a PASS leader or volunteer in various roles to help other students and build the leadership skills which employers are looking for so strongly. The fun events organized by the New College Council or our Global House at Pond Residence will also help you in building your social skills. So why don't you join us at ATK140 to have both success and fun?

By: Andreas Strebinger

### YU Connect

YUConnect provides a panel for managing student involvement and co-curricular activities. Through this database students can learn about the various clubs York University has to offer and find one that personally is of interest to them. Besides building an individual's leadership and interpersonal skills it helps to build a person's resume. This is especially beneficial for students who do not have much working experience. Furthermore, if someone volunteers as an executive or holds an executive position they should record how many hours they contribute to their club through YUConnect. They should also remember to include their personal reflections because co-circular records include the former and they show what position someone has held and where in one downloadable document.

So, find yourself a student organization that you're interested in and get involved today!

YU Connect Link: <http://yuconnect.yorku.ca/>

By: Ming Kan Leung (Second Year, B.A. Information Technology)

### YU Trivia Questions

- 1) How many schools is New College affiliated with?
- 2) How many student clubs are a part of New College?
- 3) What are the names of the various student clubs within New College?
- 4) How many libraries are located on York University's Keele Campus?
- 5) What is Las Nubes?

By: Vikul Malhotra (First year, BAS: Accounting)

\* Answers to be provided in the March issue

### Alumni Article

Joining Frosh and getting involved with New College Council (NCC) were two of the best decisions I ever made during my time at York University and essentially in my life. New College dramatically enhanced my education and fostered a supportive network that continues to grow with me today. Looking back on all the memories I have of when New College was in its first year and just starting out are priceless. Since my graduation I have come to realize that many of the things we take for granted in university seriously only happen once in a lifetime.

Being Director of Academic Affairs and VP Finance helped me tremendously in my professional development and continues to be a frequent focus from recruiters. Since graduating every interview I have attended has included questions about my time and experience at New College. Furthermore, the responsibility, insight and determination displayed through my involvement with NCC has been widely admired by all the employers I have conversed with.

Currently, I am working for the largest risk management/insurance brokerage in the world and I just want to make it perfectly clear, that I would have never got here without the experiences, support and friends I gained from New College!



By: Amit Deonarain (BAS: Accounting, 2013)

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