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## A fresh face for Nursing at Vanier!

**October 29, 2009.** *Talk about leveling the playing field: Karim El-Sebai, a 17-year old, first year Vanier College Nursing student, sees no paradox in studying Nursing and playing AAA College football.*



First year Nursing teachers, Melodie Hicks and Michelina Catalozzi with Karim El-Sebai #93

Karim played football for the Laval Bulldogs and is currently playing for the Vanier Cheetahs. Standing at 6'2" and 260 lbs, this gentle giant is proving that athletics and nursing do mix.

Although he is excelling in a caring career, his opponents should expect no mercy on the field. Whether it's as a member of the defensive line on the football team or as one of sixteen male students in his nursing class, Karim gives it his all.

The Cheetahs have done extremely well this season and it looks like they will be playing in the "Bol D'or in Sherbrooke on Nov.14th. And there's no question but that when Number 93 steps onto the playing field, he may have his own rambunctious cheering section of Vanier Nursing students and teachers!

"Karim is very comfortable in his own skin," says Nursing teacher Melodie Hicks, "and would like to encourage other young men to consider a career in Nursing."

She goes on to say, "You know they practice until 10:30 at night out there on the field these cold, dark nights. I had no idea how dedicated these athletes were and what a commitment they had to make. I asked Karim when he had time to study and he said he takes advantage of every spare moment!"

That's not only the kind of dedication you want in an athlete, it's what you prize in a Nurse!