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Next month we've got an eye-popping interview with training guru Dante, originator of Doggcrapp, or DC, training, which has developed a cult following on the Web. Pro bodybuilder David Henry swears by it, and not since Heavy Duty has a training system created so much buzz. Exciting stuff! Then Jerry Brainum looks at tanning. Is it safe? How much is too much? Are our muscles destined to be covered by a pasty, white shroud? Plus, our resident registered hypnotist Pete Siegel tells you now to ratchet up your intensity to Category 5, our TEG men take you further into the X-treme lean zone, and we'll have a titanic triceps workout that will turn your guns into cannons. Watch for the so-fly July IRON MAN on newsstands the first week of June.

## John Balik's Publisher's Letter

### We Know Training

Fifty years ago this month I picked up my first barbell as a 100-pound eighth grader. Training consisted of simply lifting the barbell. I queried my uncle, whose barbell I was borrowing, and he said that when he was a teenager, he and his friends believed that anything they lifted was good for them. Just the act of lifting the barbell was seen as productive.

Even then I knew that there was more to it. Just prior to my starting to lift, my mother had bought me a copy of *Iron Man*. I knew by reading that 1956 issue that there was more to training than just lifting. I read the other magazines in the field in an attempt to gather



as much information as possible in my quest to get bigger and stronger. Though I was only 14, I appreciated the personal touch Peary and Mabel Rader gave to *Iron Man*. The people they featured were real; the information felt authentic and was. Back then *Iron Man* was about training as defined by the Raders. In many editorials and articles Peary would talk about the facets of training. For him it was much more than just lifting a barbell. He stressed getting good nutrition, eating six meals a day and developing consistent personal habits that contributed to the health benefits of the lifestyle. In fact, he advocated an integrated approach long before *lifestyle* entered our vocabulary. He talked about the psychological and spiritual aspects of training as well.

With the advent of modern food supplements (Rheo Blair Protein and so on), Peary became an early advocate of what was later tagged sports nutrition. He was the first to alert the world to the dangers of steroids—in 1963—and always stressed the fact that the so-called champs' routines were not necessarily the most effective for us genetically average trainees.

I was hooked on *Iron Man*, and 30 years later I became the publisher and owner of the icon that started me on my own lifelong involvement with training. While the world has changed greatly, the basic tenets of Peary and Mabel Rader still echo in every issue.

*Iron Man* has always been about the broader definition of training, a true lifestyle approach to personal development. It's aimed at people who want to be bigger, faster and stronger for themselves. We're not a fan magazine, even though we cover some bodybuilding competitions (for thousands of contest photos go to GraphicMuscle.com). Our focus is on you and helping you realize your training goals and dreams. When you scan the table of contents, you'll see that about 80 percent of the editorial pages are dedicated to all aspects of training.

For inspiration and motivation we add unusual and/or special pictorials on the art of bodybuilding. They may have a female focus, like our feature on the work of Bill Dobbins in this issue, or simply be one man's sculptural vision of the human body—the photography of David Paul, for example. They also include our celebration of the winner of our annual Art Zeller Award for Artistic Excellence. This year's recipient is Bob Gardner, whose photography will be featured in the July issue. Male or female, the intrinsic beauty of the human body has moved and inspired humankind throughout history.

We strive to make every issue as packed with information and motivation as possible. Let me know how we're doing. Send comments or suggestions to me via e-mail at ironleader@aol.com.

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