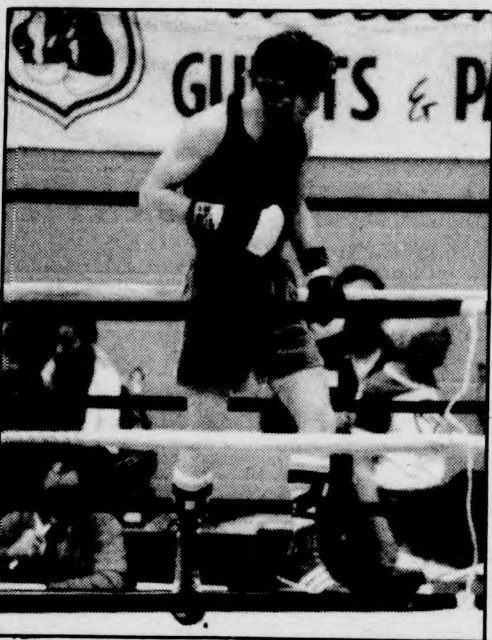


York boxer takes Ontario title on road to nationals

By DEBORAH KIRKWOOD

There is no other sport, in my opinion, that demands the ultimate both mentally and physically from its participants, like boxing does.

Consequently, in my opinion, there is no other sport that develops more determined or more competitive athletes.



Mark Loftus, Ontario featherweight champ

York University student and Bethune College resident Mark Loftus is just such an athlete. The second year Physical Education and Athletics student is the reigning Ontario featherweight (57 kilos and under) boxing champion.

Loftus captured this title at the recent Ontario Winter Games held in St. Catharines earlier this month. He won the title, but had to take the hard road to do so. Going into the competition Loftus was unseeded and consequently he had to face, and beat, number one-ranked Ralph Fortuna of Niagara Falls—not once but twice—if he wanted to take home the prestigious crown. The rest, as they say, is history.

Like all student athletes, Loftus finds life fairly routine. He trains six days per week, four to five hours per day. When you combine this regimen with his academic responsibilities and a job, you start to get a sense of the true meaning of the words dedication and sacrifice.

But Loftus says he doesn't mind all the hard work because he has set two important goals for himself, goals that make the work worth it. "First," Loftus proclaimed, "I want to win the Canadian nationals and represent Canada in the World Cup. That's my big goal."

"I would also like to compete in the Commonwealth Games for Canada," Loftus said, "but that's in the future. I've got the nationals now and that's where all my energy is directed."



York's Loftus (right) hopes to represent Canada in the World Cup.

The Canadian nationals are being held this weekend in Medicine Hat, Alberta. But before Loftus gets a chance to fight he will have to pass a medical because he suffered a "semi-serious" injury to his nose in his last fight.

To Loftus, or any other amateur athlete a Canadian title means more than just a position on the national squad. It also means that the

athlete can also become 'carded' (receive financial assistance from the government) which would eliminate some of the financial worry that many amateur athletes like Loftus face daily.

But for now, Loftus puts in his four hours a day at Scarborough's Clairlee Boxing Club, trying to turn a seven year dream into reality.

Athletics Dept. honors athletes at awards banquet

McLaren and Killingbeck chosen athletes of the year

By EDO VAN BELKOM

York's Department of Athletics honored the University's best athletes at an awards banquet held last Friday at the Ramada Inn 400/401.

It's been a great year in athletics for York with the women garnering two provincial titles and one national crown while the men won two Canadian and four Ontario crowns.

Women's athlete of the year is track and field star Molly Killingbeck, while men's athlete of the year was Yeomen hockey right-winger Don McLaren. The Yeomen hockey team also won the Labatt's Award as the most improved team.

York's Provost, Tom Meininger, who has been a staunch supporter of York's athletic programme, was the speaker at the men's portion of the banquet and presented a cheque in the amount of \$500 to the Yeomen rugby team for their great and enthusiastic support of all York teams. The way in which the money is used was left entirely up to the rugby team.

Meininger also mentioned the Rugby team's future trip to California, saying, "The Rugby team is off to California. Good Luck, California."

Other points of interest in the banquet included the presentation of a film, *Choose To Move*, which outlines all the athletic opportuni-

ties that York has to offer at both the varsity and recreational levels.

Wayne Shaw was the big winner on the men's side, winning both the Tony Muscato Trophy and the Charles Saundercook Memorial Award, which are both emblematic of an athlete who best displays the ideals of loyalty, effort, sportsmanship, and perseverance. Pat Rogers was the winner of the Tom Zivic Achievement Award (named after the Gymnastics coach), which is given to the gymnast who is exemplary both in gymnastics and academics.

The Bryce M. Taylor Trophy, which is given to the graduating student who has made the best all-round contribution to athletics, went to Gail Stewart, who played both ice and field hockey. The Merit Award was presented to Carmen Alexander, while Debbie Marinoff is this year's recipient of the Lily D'Urzo Memorial Bursary.

The move for a university sports mascot was also revealed at the banquet. Buttons are now being sold that read 'Mascot Mania' and plans are in the works for a dance to be held sometime this year to raise money for the mascot's design and construction. The first appearance of the mascot is rumored to be at the first home football game of the 1985 season.



Provost Tom Meininger presents trophy to Yeoman athlete of the year Don McLaren.

Former York student on thin ice after opening Ryerson pub Sunday for York hockey celebration

By EDO VAN BELKOM

It seems that the York hockey team has been getting a lot of coverage in many of the university newspapers around town. Of course there are numerous stories on their winning the Canadian university hockey championships, but the team also made it into the pages of Ryerson's *Eyeopener* for the time and place in which they did their celebrating.

After the team won the Canadian title, York graduate Craig Hildebrant, who is now the



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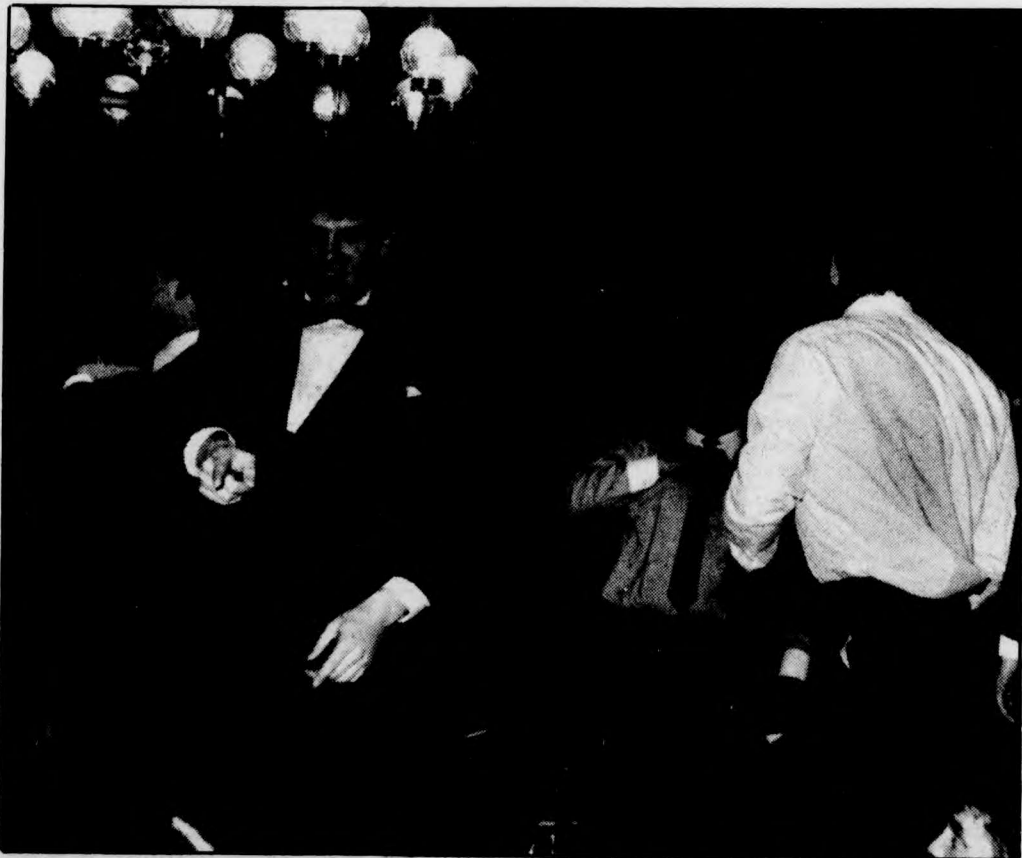
manager of Ryerson's Filling Station pub, opened the doors of the pub on Sunday night for the benefit of the team members and their friends. This action, reads a story in the *Eyeopener*, goes against Liquor Control Board regulations as well as Ryerson student council (SURPI) guidelines.

Hildebrant does not feel he was breaking the law because the doors of the pub were not open to the general public, and that the pub was being used for private party.

Many people at Ryerson are concerned because the pub may lose its licence over the ordeal, but much of the furor was a result of the hockey team and entourage consuming 15 cases of beer, causing the pub, which had been very well stocked with Canadian beer, to run out the following Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Hildebrant said that he had not been reprimanded and wasn't sure if he would be receiving one, as promised by SURPI president Gerry Jeffcott.

The *Eyeopener* editorial for the same week was also about Hildebrant and the hockey team, and stated, "... the school's reputation is on the line. The only way out is to resign." Hildebrant said he was definitely not going to resign, and said the whole incident was overblown.



ALL TOGETHER NOW: Yeomen rugby team rose to the occasion and belted out a stirring (!) rendition of "Sunshine Mountain." They also received \$500 from Provost Meininger, but not for their singing ability.