

Maessen and Wilson chosen Athletes of the Year

by Sandy Smith

The annual Dalhousie Athletic Banquet was held last Wednesday night with some surprises and some things that just weren't that surprising at all. Karin Maessen was rather matter of factly named female athlete of the year while Greg Wilson, a fifth year wrestler and player-coach of Dal's wrestling team was named male athlete of the year.

Maessen was a fairly obvious choice as her list of accomplishments this past year alone is somewhat awe inspiring. This past year she was a first team all-Canadian in volleyball, AUAA MVP in women's volleyball, MVP of both the Waterloo Invitational Tournament and the Dal Volleyball Classic, and, to top it off she was co-captain and team MVP of the Tigers. While not with the volleyball team or winning either a silver or gold medal in all five of the events she entered in the AUAA track and field championships or being named a tournament all-star at the national senior women's basketball championship, Maessen, either practices with the national senior women's volleyball team or studies physical education here at Dal. Maessen also provided the comic relief at last week's banquet by way of her taped phone conversation with Director of Athletics Kenn Bellemare, in which she was told



match wrestling for Dalhousie in AUAA competition. His record this year, 32-0, pushed his career total to 203-0, rather impressive.

Wilson has been to the national finals in each of his five years at Dal and has never returned with worse than a fifth place finish. His best finish at such championships was second place. In addition, Wilson twice served as captain of the wrestling team, once as assistant coach, and for the past



Coach of the year — Peter Esdale, hockey.

Most Valuable Player Awards

Men's basketball — Alastair MacDonald.

Women's basketball — Carol Rosenthal.

Cross Country — men, John Regan; women, Pam Currie.

Diving — Marcel Arsenault.

Gymnastics — Shawn Healey.

Field Hockey — Pam Taylor.

Hockey — John Kibyuk.

Soccer — John Evans.

Swimming — men, Brian Jessop; women, Susan Mason.

Bev Piers, a local tennis and badminton coach and one time standout player, was honoured with the Dalhousie Award which is presented annually to a person who has made outstanding contributions to sport in Nova Scotia. Included below is a list of all of the other athletes honoured last week at the banquet.

Major Awards

Male Athlete of the year — Climo Award, Greg Wilson.

Female athlete of the Year — Class of '55 award, Karin Maessen.

Volleyball — men, Phil Perrin; women, Karin Maessen.

Wrestling — Greg Wilson.

Varsity Awards

Badminton — Bruce Rawding, Mary Brydon.

Women's basketball and cross country — Anna Pendergast.

Men's basketball — Tim Crowell, Everett Hanson, Chuck Judson.

Curling — Mary Mattatall.

Field Hockey — Mary Delmas, Anne Ingraham, Becky MacKinnon, Lori Anne Moore, Brenda Ogilvie, Pam Taylor, Jane Vincent, Carrie Wheadon.

Gymnastics — Paul Brousseau, Cheryl Murphy.

Hockey — Shawn MacDonald, Don Woodworth; hockey and soccer, John Ready.

Soccer — Greg Forbes, Phil Hill.

Swimming — Brian Jessop, Sandy Houston, Susan Mason, Stuart MacLennan, Tom Schiebelhut, Ron Stegen, Janice Sutherland, Peter Webster.

Men's volleyball — Eric LeDrew, Jan Prsata Jr.

Wrestling — Blaise Landry, Tom Matheson, Frank Vassallo.

Manager's Award

Men's basketball — Marvin Eutsey.

Women's basketball — Brenda Ogilvie.

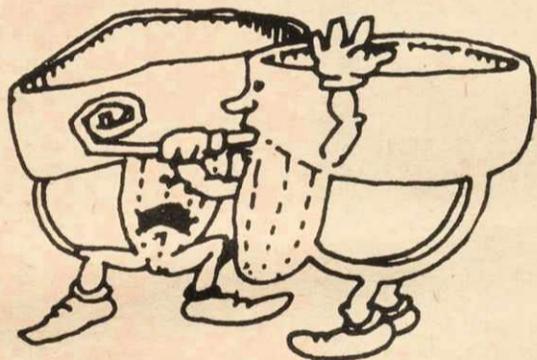
Hockey — David Leck.

Soccer — Glen Hooper.

Swimming — Paul Rafuse.

Women's volleyball — Sandra Foley.

Hockey — Brian Tomie.



she had been named athlete of the year here at Dal for the second time. After Bellemare had introduced himself on the phone and explained why he was calling and had told Maessen she won the Class of '55 Award for the second time, Maessen could do no better than to reply "Oh?"

Wilson's recognition, while much deserved, must have been a difficult one to arrive at as Brian Jessop had completed his third very successful year as a Dal swimmer, Allistair MacDonald had completed his fifth year as an immensely popular player with the men's basketball Tigers, Phil Perrin had dominated the AUAA volleyball circles in an impressive way, and Rick McCallum finished his hockey career here at Dal as the third all time leading scorer with the Tigers by virtue of his two-point per game season this year. Wilson, nevertheless, proved deserving as a look at his career will vividly illustrate. His winning of the Climo Award is apt when one realizes that Wilson never lost a

two years has been player-coach of the team.

Peter Esdale, coach of the hockey Tigers, was chosen by his peers to be the coach of the year.

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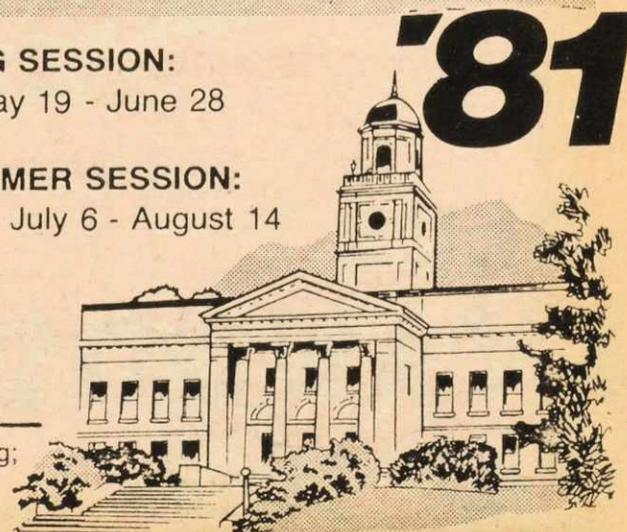
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