

## Awards presentations honor top UNB athletes

The top male athlete and top female athlete awards this year went to two graduating students. Rod Bell, a letter holder in both football and wrestling won the men's honors and Liz Johnson, a starting player for the women's volleyball team for the last four years took the laurels in the women's department.

This year's awards presentations were a radical departure from past years in that it didn't have the banquet format that had

been used in previous years. A wine and cheese reception was followed by the presentation of awards by various coaches, and a disco.

Guests of honor included Dr. John Anderson, UNB president, Dr. Garth Paton, dean of the faculty of physical education and currently UNB athletic director; Mr. Lery Washburn, athletics director of St. Thomas University; and Diane Potvin, coordinator of intercollegiate athletics.

Following the presentation of the male and female athlete of the year awards, a special award was presented to Peter Kelly Sr. by the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association for long and honored service to the university athletic community.

One highlight of the evening was the fact that Jim Born, head football and wrestling coach and a noted long speech maker, kept his presentations down to a respectable length of time.

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Peake Memorial Trophy Ralph Freeze

**GYMNASTICS**  
Gymnast of the year Ken Salmon

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Letter winners (read by coach) Slyvia Blumfeld  
All-conference players Cathy Maxwell Lois Scott

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
M.V.P. player Andy Cheam

**WRESTLING**  
m.v.p. Phil Knox



Liz Johnson and Rod Bell

Rod Bell, male athlete of the year, did not have else to say after he was announced as the recipient of the award but that he was "pretty happy after four years."

Bell was also selected as top offensive player on the football team. Some of his athletic achievements this year include being named to the AUSA all-conference football team, winning the AUSA title as heavy-weight wrestler and wrestling in the CIAU collegiate nationals.

Last year Bell wrestled in the CIAU meet and was the only member of the AUSA squad to win a medal. He finished third in the meet to win the bronze.

Bell said he wished to thank Jim Born, wrestling and football coach, for the great amount of help he had provided both athletically and academically.

He said he had enjoyed his four years here and that although he regretted some aspects about the university and there had been some disappointments, overall he was happy with his stay here.

He indicated that he hoped to contribute to the university athletics fund.

Bell was a draft choice for the Ottawa Rough Riders in the Canadian Football League.

With future plans for Bell lying in the direction of pro football, he feels he will have a great deal of hard work ahead of him during the summer. He added that he would probably be training at UNB because of the good facilities that are fairly inexpensive to use.

According to Bell, a Montreal native, one of the important factors influencing his decision to attend UNB was the fact that his father had studied here in the fifties. He said he also liked the new B.Ed program that was being initiated at the time he was considering applying to UNB.

He said that he admired Born because he had helped him "get into studying more" and because "he helped me get out of some messes."

He wished to thank UNB very much and he hoped UNB would continue to improve.

**FIELD HOCKEY**  
M.V.P. player Lola Montgomery  
All-conference players Janet Miller

Lois Scott  
Sue Wishalt

**Diving**  
CIAU mention John Thompson

**MEN'S SWIMMING**  
Gilman Leach Memorial Award  
M.V.P. Mike Brown

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**  
M.V.P. Kathy Gaul

**FOOTBALL**  
Most valuable offense Rod Bell  
Most valuable defense Greg Conrad

Kaplinsky award Chris McKenna  
Rookie of the year Stuart Fraser

**HOCKEY**  
W.W. Laskey Award - M.V.P. Dave Kent

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
all-conference players Monica Hitchcock  
Liz Johnson

**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
M.V.P. Sonny Phillips

**SOCCER**  
Canon J. Clarke Award - forward Robert MacFarlane  
Canon W.J. Clarke Award - defense Winston Ayeni

**SPECIAL AWARDS**  
Distinction Winners - presented by Dr. Paton, Athletic Director  
Female Athlete of the Year - Colin B. MacKay Award presented by

Surprised is the only way to describe Liz Johnson's reaction when she was named recipient of the Colin B. MacKay award for the female athlete of the year. She has played on the women's volleyball team for four years.

Johnson, a fourth year biology major, was presented the award by Dean of Science Dr. Mervyn Franklin who said that this year's winner was indicative that students from all faculties can become involved in sports at UNB and still maintain a high academic standing. He added that Liz would be attending medical school at Dalhousie University next year.

Johnson said that she was surprised that she had won the award and modestly added that she questioned whether she was the best choice. She said that this year's choice must have been difficult and that it was "questionable whether one deserved it over another."

She also said "the habit of giving awards is good but the person should be really deserving. Otherwise, forget it."

Although her studies will consume a great deal of her time, she

said that she was interested in forming a club-team in Halifax so that she could play when time permitted.

She said that the women's volleyball program at UNB was "great" and added that this year, when the team finished second, was the first time in six years that she had been on a losing team. The final match of the championship lasted over two hours and the team narrowly missed defeating their opponents.

"The relationships with the people on the team mean a lot to me," she said "they're my closest friends". She also said that coach Kaiva Celdoma of the team was a very dedicated worker who put much time into helping the team and its members.

After she finishes her program at Dalhousie, Johnson said that she would like to work as a general practitioner in a rural area of the Maritimes. She said that she liked the people and lifestyle of this area.

"It's the first trophy that I have ever won," she said about the award, "It's a nice honor to have."



Peter Kelly Sr.