Yeomen floating to Maritimes for Nationals

The York Yeomen — wet edition left town yesterday afternoon to go to the national championships being held at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton tomorrow and Saturday. York will have the largest team - 11 swimmers and a diver — at Fredericton and coach Larry Nancekivill is hopeful that York's fish will improve on last year's sixth place finish and make it to at least

The nationals bring together swimmers representing all the athletic conferences in Canada. To

Jim Elder a member of

Canada's gold medal winning

equestrian team will be the guest

speaker at the Awards Banquet to

All the members of the men's

and womens university athletic

teams have been invited and total

attendance may exceed 300 peo-

to athletes on university teams

who have been chosen by their

coaches to have made a superior

Varsity letters will be awarded

be held on Friday March 14.

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Gold medalist to speak

qualify for the nationals York's swimmers competed in the OIAA championships in February; a win or at least a performance good enough to indicate that the swimmer is competitive was needed to make the OIAA team. York dominated the championships and has taken 12 of the 21 places on the team. Swimmers going to the nationsls are: Neil Abrey, Joe Schwartz, Doug Bell, Rob Donaldson, Jeff Ramson, Ted Bilvea, Murray Young, Glen McClocklin, Paul Harding, Andy Stodart, Pat Flynn, and Paul Codner: Gault McTaggart also qualified but has

As well four new Men's and

Women's Athletic Council Awards

will be established. The Yeoman

of the Year will be chosen on the

basis of which senior male student

is considered to have attained the

highest achievement during his

since retired from the team while diver Tom Kinsman is passing up this championship in order to compete in a gymnastics meet at McMaster University in Hamil-

York is facing tough competition from a number of schools at the nationals. Besides perennial favourite University of Toronto. McGill is sending a very strong, very fast, six man team which will undoubtedly place swimmers in the final of just about every event it enters. Sir George Williams is also likely to have a strong team, while Royal Military College always has a few strong swimmers.

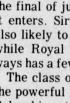
The class of Western Canada is the powerful University of British Columbia team while other schools including Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta are also strong. Simon Fraser University is not eligible since it gives sports scholarships and is an independent member of the NCAA of the United States.

In such fine competition what are York's chances? Most of York's swimmers have a good chance to crack the top twelve and thus earn points toward the team championship while two swimmers, Murray Young and Glen McClocklin, have a chance to win or at least be in the top 3 or 4 in their respective events. Each swimmer can compete in four events including relays. Young's choices will likely include the 500 yard freestyle and the 200 yard butterfly with his best chance in the 500. McClocklin will likely pick the 100 yard breaststroke, the 200 yard breaststroke and the 400 yard individual medley.

number of places in the nationals - 18 swimmers and 3 divers. This appears very inequitable when one considers that a strong conference like the OQAA may have 4 or 5 swimmers in an event faster than the best man in a weaker conference like the St. Lawrence-Ottawa River. The OQAA has threatened to withdraw from the nationals unless a fairer way of selecting the participants is found. They suggest the establishment of time standards to determine who qualifies for the nationals. Thus a swimmer would only get to the nationals by being one of the best in his event in the country and not by some quirk of geography or the fact the universities in a given region consider swimming a major sport while those in another do not. Without the participation of the OQAA the nationals would be a sham so that the governing body of inter-collegiate swimming would be well advised to consider changes which would keep the OQAA in and as well make the nationals a more representative championship.

Whatever the future of the nationals, York's future as a major swimming power in Canada seems excellent both in the short-run and in the long-run. Next year York loses only two swimmers: Murray Young and Paul Codner who will be graduating. If Coach Nancekivill and athletics director Nobby Wirkowski can find suitable replacements among the many fine swimmers in the high schools of the Toronto area then York can continue its growth in swimming.

In the long run (over the next 4-5 years) as knowledge of York's fine coaching and facilities becomes widespread swimmers will come here in much the same way that they now go to the University of Toronto and the York swimming Yeomen will continue to be one of this university's most successful



university career in athletics, scholarship, and college life. Also Player of the Year Awards will be presented to a member of the varsity basketball hockey and swimming teams who has been judged most valuable to his team

> There has been much criticism primarily by schools in the OQAA (i.e.-Toronto, Western, Guelph, McGill, Windsor etc.) of the format of the nationals. Under present regulations each conference regardless of size or level of achievement is allotted the same

Varsity athletic banquet

The inter-university athletic banquet is being held on Friday March 14, at 6:30 pm in the Vanier dining hall.

All those who have competed in inter-university athletics are invited. Invitations are being

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WAC Elections '69-70

ccess: The women's Athletic Council has united the women of York in an effort that has received admiration from both fellow students and fellow universities.

The W.A.C. members have worked hard this year presenting WAC night to you, drawing up a constitution, an awards system, and hosting universities in our league in Sports Days and in Gymnastic Meets.

And so the foundations were laid for a continuing successful council.

But the time has come to choose our 1969-1970 council. We are looking for energetic, enterprising, and enthusiastic people to bring new ideas to our council.

The nominations for positions begin February 27 and end

March 7 with the election on March 11. The positions open include the executive (vice-president-who

becomes president in the next year, secretary, treasurer, public relations and two awards co-chairmen) and sports convenors (one for tennis and badminton, and one for each of the following sports, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, swimming, field hockey, and ice hockey).

Nomination forms will be found throughout the colleges beginning February 27.

The signature of the nominee, the signature of the nominator and that of any present W.A.C. member are needed on the nomina-

You may contact any one of the following people for their signature: Karen Junke - Winters, Room 347, Sue Fretts - Founders, Room B321, Kathy Williams - McLaughlin, Room 104, Jan Upton -Vanier, and Sandi Stevens - Glendon.

We are not necessarily looking for people who have participated extensively in athletics, but those who are interested in the organization aspect.

So come on girls. Become a part of THE progressive, liberal, and non-apathetic council of York.

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For further information contact the Co-ordinator of Women's Athletics at 635-2289

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