

## Awards "sweepstakes"

## Spence, Arsenault, Hladki voted outstanding athletes



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York's Yeoman of the year, Ev Spence, receives the Murray G. Ross award in recognition of his feats which have made him the university's outstanding male athlete. Spence, a basketball and rugger star, was awarded the trophy at the men's Interuniversity athletic awards banquet Tuesday night. Lise Arsenault and Karen Hladki led women.

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

In the annual athletic awards sweepstakes, Lise Arsenault, Karen Hladki and Ev Spence were chosen as York's outstanding athletes for 1973-74.

It was the first time there was a split in the voting for the female athlete of the year. Arsenault, a member of the gymnastics squad, and Hladki, a track and field team member, were voted the honour by a committee consisting of coaches and the Women's Athletic Council.

Other nominees under consideration for the laurels were Jane Haist (track and field), Kathy Lane (diving), Sharon Tsukamoto (gymnastics) and Jan Bewley (swimming).

Similarly Spence, a member of both the basketball and rugger teams, was awarded the Murray G. Ross trophy by a vote of the Men's Inter-university Athletic Council in consultation with team coaches and captains.

Spence, a second-year student who was named to the Ontario Universities Athletic Association all-star basketball unit, was selected over Tim Ampleford (hockey), Neil Hendry (cross country), Dave Hunter (gymnastics) and Steve Ince (football).

## GOLD MEDALS

At the women's athletic banquet last Tuesday, Jane Haist was given a special award for capturing two gold medals for Canada at the Commonwealth Games in January. In winning the shot put event, Haist set a new Canadian record with a throw of 16.12 metres. The discus was her other

medal-winning event.

The Bryce M. Taylor award, which women's athletic co-ordinator Mary Lyons says is the most highly-regarded women's award, was not presented this year.

The Taylor award is given to the graduating students who throughout her undergraduate years has made outstanding contributions to inter-university athletics. In its four-year history, the award has been handed out only twice, to Sue Crawford and Jean Landa, both past presidents of WAC.

Merit awards were presented to playing coach Kathy Lane of the diving team and to Dianne Warriner, this

year's WAC president and a member of the badminton team.

Awards based on a point system where points are given for organizing or participating in inter-university activities were also distributed at the women's banquet. There were 26 winners at the junior level (20 points), 11 at the intermediate level (45 points) and none at the honours level (65 points).

At the men's gathering Tuesday night, a new prize was introduced for the most improved team. The winner this year was the ski team.

## MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Dave Hunter (gymnastics), Barry Jenkins (hockey) and Mark Poray (skiing) repeated as winners of most valuable player awards, voted by their fellow team members.

Other winners in the most valuable player category were Gierek Ksiakiewicz (badminton), Vince Santoro (basketball), Graham Samuels (diving), Grey Stirling (fencing), Steve Ince (football), John Page (golf), Jorge Comoric (judo), Humphrey Ho (soccer), Barry Barclay (squash), Bill Pavely (swimming), Kama Maharaj (table tennis), Vincent Lee (tennis), Larry Reynolds (track and field), John Eliashevsky (volleyball) and Ken Lenz (water polo).

The rugger award for the most improved player went to Tony De Thomas, last year's Yeoman of the years, while the Pat Smith memorial cross country award went to Neil Hendry.



Jane Haist

## Government snubs sports budgets

By ROSEMARY McCracken

The unstable nature of the federal government's financial commitment to sports reflects the relatively low status given to sports in Canada. Sports Canada's budget for 1973-74 was \$9.5 million of the federal government's total budget of \$20 billion.

Dr. Darwin Semotiuk, of the faculty of physical education at the University of Western Ontario, in a lecture last Friday at Stong College said that he deplored the lack of organized planned growth in Canadian sports.

Semotiuk divides sports agencies in Canada into two categories: the 22 committees on the national level of which the Department of Health and Welfare Sports Canada is a branch and the National Parks branch dominate; and the agencies which are the property of the private sector, including industry-sponsored

sports, the Red Cross and the Boy Scouts.

Traditionally the private sector's agencies were not sponsored by the federal government. It has only been in the last ten years that channels have been established for federal funding. Many of these agencies are reluctant to accept federal money for fear that this might curtail their freedom.

At present, the federal government is involved in most areas of sport.

Semotiuk opposes locking sports into the bureaucratic governmental system. Instead of being only a branch of the Department of Health and Welfare, Semotiuk feels that Sports Canada is important enough to have its own ministry.

"I maintain that the government has a responsibility to serve the people and that includes serving them in sports. The government has a responsibility to provide direction in both

financial and advisory capacities," he said.

Semotiuk feels that locking Sports Canada into the "system" makes the organization very vulnerable to political changes. Changes in ministers every four years weakens any long-range development or policy planning.

Semotiuk cites three reasons why a nation becomes involved in sports: as a socializing function, for national prestige and to create international good will.

## Torch error

The last issue of Excalibur featured a very unporting major error. An inter-college report identified Glendon as last year's winner of the York Torch, when in reality Stong won it, as they did this year. Excalibur regrets the error.

## Cahill says Northmen can co-exist with CFL

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

The World Football League (WFL) is "a reality" and there's no reason why it can't co-exist peacefully with the Canadian Football League, according to Leo Cahill.

Cahill, formerly coach of the Toronto Argonauts and currently general manager of the Toronto(?) Northmen, was the guest speaker at the York men's athletic banquet Tuesday night. He directed some of his remarks to the current controversy surrounding the entrance of the new league into Canada.

After opening with barbed comments directed at some of his favourite targets such as the city of Hamilton ("You know it's a tough place when they have a mayor by the name of Copps") and Argonaut general manager John Barrow ("I had heard he was big, dumb, and ugly but he's not big at all"), Cahill spoke about the WFL.

Commenting on the WFL's drafting of Canadian players, Cahill said that it "would have been a slight" to the fan in Canada and the Canadian Players Association, if no Canadian talent had been drafted.

"Drafting football players is not stealing football players," he said. "It's no act on our part to pirate the CFL but at the same time I feel it would have been real hypocrisy not to draft from the CFL."

## EXTRA DIMENSION

"I think the Northmen can give an extra dimension to football in Toronto, fulfilling the needs of the football fans who go to Hamilton and Buffalo

to watch games. The situation would be 'no different than the Expos in Montreal," Cahill said.

Cahill said that the CFL would "prevail" and "be better because of the competition."

When asked after the banquet about the proposed federal intervention to block the Northmen's operation in Toronto, Cahill replied, "If they do, it will be a first. I'm sure their intentions are good but it would be a drastic step for them to take."

One of the other arguments used in the proposal to block the Northmen was that they would adversely affect the Argonaut's contribution to the CFL gate equalization plan, a share-the-wealth scheme designed to keep all teams financially solvent.

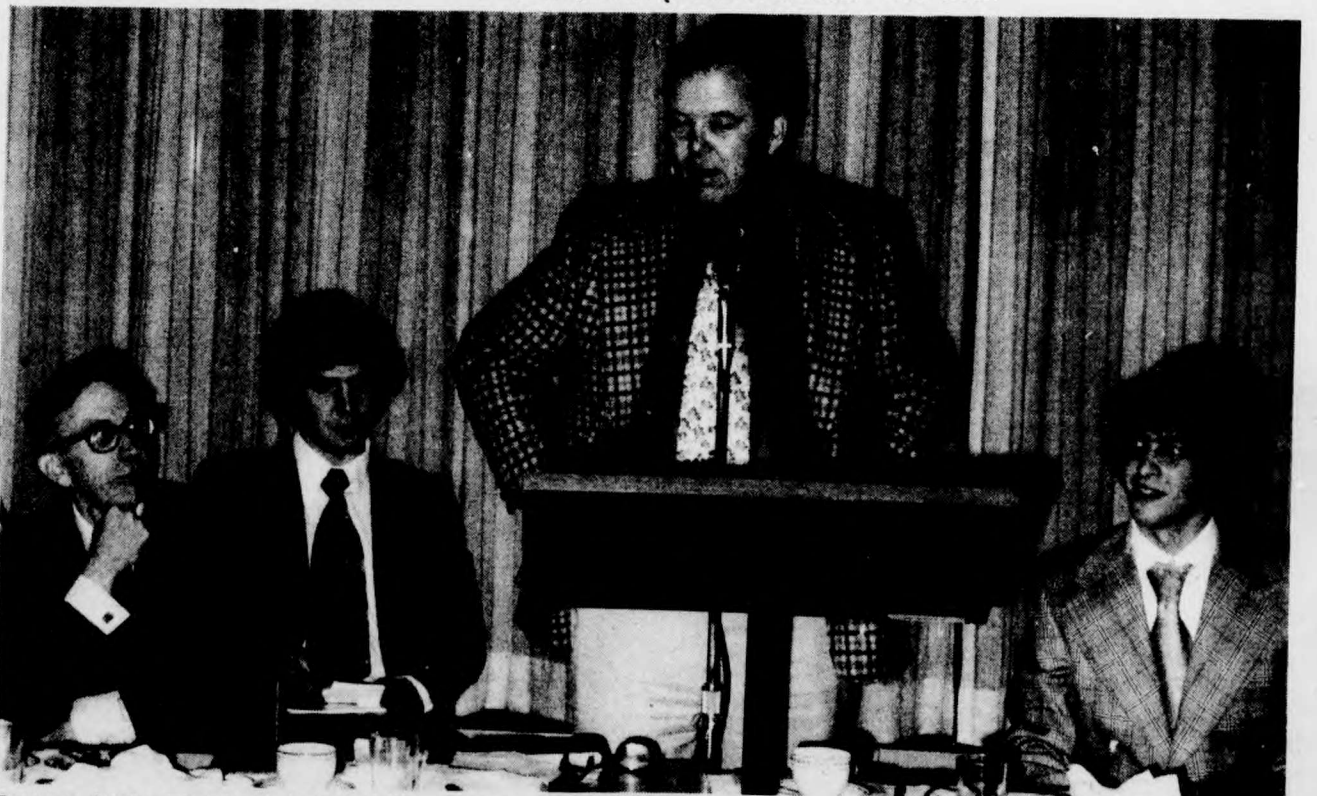
Cahill said that co-owner Johnny Bassett has offered to underwrite any deficit incurred in the Argonaut's contribution to the program.

## No gay blades yet but skate gig soon

Figure skating is not alive and well at York, but two students would like to make it so.

Raymond Naismith and Lindsay Histrop are trying to form a York inter-collegiate figure skating team to compete with a small number of other Ontario universities. There are only a few places on this team, so prospective Toller Cranstons or Karen Magnussens are requested to make their presence known soon.

Naismith may be reached at 493-2190.



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Former Argonaut coach Leo Cahill, now the general manager of the World Football League Northmen, was the guest speaker at the men's athletic awards

banquet. Flanking Cahill are, from left to right, York University's acting president John Yolton, Ted Abbott, and Robert Cohl. Cahill spoke on WFL.