

Color Night 1979

## Gregg, Farley top athletes of year

by John Younie

It was a Med Show with a difference.

Friday night, students from the faculty of Medicine won the lion's share of major athletic awards presented at the annual Color Nite Awards banquet, held at the MacDonald Hotel.

Randy Gregg, a fourth year med student, and all-everything for the Golden Bears hockey club for the past four years, carried off the Wilson Trophy, awarded to the outstanding male athlete.

Sue Farley, a first year student in medicine, and a fourth year veteran for Gabor Simonyi's track team was the deserving recipient of the Bakewell trophy for top female athlete of the year.

Dave Willox, a third year student in medicine received the Bill Woywitka memorial trophy as the Most Valuable Golden Bear Football Player and the Frank Morris Trophy as the Most Valuable Lineman on the football team.

Gregg's award capped a highly successful four-year career in Alberta.

"After winning the nationals for the last two years, it (the award) was a nice addition," said Randy afterwards. "The four years here have been tough, trying to combine medicine with hockey, and both suffered at times, but in the end things turned out okay."

The kingpin of Clare Drake's squad had an outstanding season, finishing as the top scoring defenceman in the Canada West league, being picked to the All-Canadian dream team, and was named the outstanding hockey player in the CIAU.

And what does the future hold for Randy Gregg?

"Hockey will be my first priority next year, because I really want the Olympic team to do well. I'll take my internship the year after."

Farley was the selection committee's choice as outstanding female athlete not just because of the past season's performance but because of her record over the past four seasons.

"Right now she's one of

Canada's premier hurdlers," commented U of A track coach Gabor Simonyi. "Her chances of gaining a spot on the Olympic team look pretty good."

Farley has had a lock on the Canada West 50 and 60 metre

hurdling titles for the last four years and has also set records at various invitational meets.

"I kind of thought something was going to happen tonight, because I planned to go to the Med formal and everyone

said I should go to Color Nite. Even though she is hoping of going to the 1980 Olympics, Sue plans on concentrating her studies for the immediate future.

"School comes first," said, "but I'm going to take things as they come. My time have been getting better, so spot on the Olympic team is entirely out of the question. One thing, I'd like to thank my coaches—Ken Porter, Diane and John Konihowski for helping me. I think part of this award should go to them."

Dave Willox's double award came as no real surprise. The gigantic football player is an outstanding final season, was Jim Donley's squad, being picked the outstanding lineman on the Canadian University football team named to the All-Canadian team and was defensive standout for Team Canada at the 2nd annual Can-Am bowl.

Outstanding contributor Awards for each team were:

Faith Rostad, Panda basketball

Brent Patterson, Bear basketball

Janice Turner, Panda cross country

Jean Mustard, Pandas football

Peggy Buread and Jan Dever, Pandas gymnastics

Gail MacDonald, Panda swimming

Mary Young, Panda volleyball

Terry Danyluk, Bear volleyball

Sue Bell, Pandas track and field

Listening to comments at the awards night, all concerned felt the cutting down on a number of awards had a beneficial effect on the overall quality of the banquet. In previous years, all team awards, whether it was for outstanding rookie, top scorer or whatever, were given out as part of the entire awards ceremony. This year, only the major awards were given out, with the minor team awards given out in the tea rooms.



U of A male athlete of the year, Randy Gregg. Photo by Jim Connell.



U of A female athlete of the year, Sue Farley. Photo by Jim Connell

## Super league Revamped hockey

MONTREAL (CUP) — Chances are "favourable" the structure of Canadian university hockey will be dramatically revamped to create a 12-team "super league".

All that remains for the change to take effect next year is for the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union to approve this proposal at its annual meeting this year in June.

The proposal was drawn up Mar. 17 during closed door talks involving Sports Canada, Hockey Canada and university hockey coaches.

Sources in attendance told *The Georgian*, a student newspaper of Concordia University, there was strong pressure from the Ministry of Fitness and Amateur Sport on the two government representatives to push for the formation of such a league.

It is believed the Ministry—directly as a result of past defeats of Canadian professional hockey teams by the Soviet Union—hopes to attract Canada's best junior talent to the universities, where new and more scientific approaches to the game can be explored.

Concordia Stinger hockey coach Paul Arsenault said yesterday Canadian coaches are "95% in favour of the league, primarily to avoid a situation like this year that saw strong teams frequently pitted against weak teams."

The proposal calls for two levels of competition. The Tier One "super league" would be comprised of two teams from the Maritimes, three from Quebec, four from Ontario and three from the Western provinces.

Tier Two would be regional divisions where the weaker teams

would play against each other.

At the start of each year, six bottom teams from Tier One of the previous year and the six top teams from Tier Two would play off against one another. The top six teams after this tournament would then play in Tier One that year.

Each member university of the CIAU will be represented at the June meeting by its athletic director.

Two wrinkles will have to be ironed out for the league to get off the ground. It remains to be seen who will sponsor the league and the question of athletic scholarships will require examination.

The Canadian government has in the past opposed the idea of athletic scholarships, but Lou Campagnola, minister of fitness and amateur sport, has recently come out in support of them.