

sports and recreation

Rooks and Steeper cop jock awards

By Lawrence Knox
Nancy Rooks, who had her track and field season cut short because of injuries, was honored as York University's female athlete of the Year last Thursday night at the athletic awards dinner.

Rooks, first year student finished fifth in the 3,000-m event last summer at the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton and finished first in the 800 and 1,500m run in the Ontario Woman's Intercollegiate Athletic Association outdoor games last November. She also finished third at the Toronto Star Indoor Games behind Jan Merrill of the U.S.A. and Mary Purcell of Ireland.

Graduating student David Steeper was honored as York's male athlete of the year for his achievements in gymnastics this past season.

Steeper, 22, finished second to teammate Mark Epprecht in the Canadian Intercollegiate Union's championships in Vancouver last month. He has been named to the past two Canadian national teams and was chosen by his teammates as the most valuable gymnastic member this year.

Elaine Kitchen was presented the Merit Award as the female graduating student who has made an all round contribution to the promotion of university athletics. Volleyball player, Larry Simpson, won the Charles Saundercook Trophy, which is presented to a male athlete within the men's interuniversity athletic programme who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship, enthusiasm for life and consideration for others.

The Molson's Most Improved

Team of the Year Award went to the 1978-79 Yeomen football team, which under the head coach Frank Cosentino gained their first winning record ever.

Coach of the Year Award went to gymnastic's Tom Zivic. In the past decade the men's gymnastic team has won the OUAA title ten times and brought back seven CIAU championships.



Gymnast Dave Steeper and runner Nancy Rooks hold coveted cups aloft at awards dinner.

Bain is searching for depth, defence

By Bruce Gates

The basketball season is now over for the Yeomen but coach Bob Bain's job is far from over as he hits the recruiting trail to try to find replacements for the six players who will not be with the team next season.

As it stands now, the team will have a solid core of five players next season, but there will not be that big centre to lob the ball to, for the easy bucket.

"There's not much height to choose from this year," Bain says, "but every team will be short next season as a result."

One player the Yeomen would love to get their hands on, but would face stiff competition in doing so, is 7 ft 1 in. centre Jon Antonides, a Grade 12 student playing for Ontario high school champion Sarnia Central Centaurs.

"There will be heavy competition from schools in the States for him," Bain concedes, adding that it would probably take a lot of convincing to get him to come to York when he's eligible.

Next season, Bain says York will

have to rely more on the defence limiting the number of shots taken by the opposing team and turning the ball over to the offence. As it stands now, York's offence will be in pretty good shape. The depth may not be there, but the talent is:

Ron Kaknevicus, at 6 ft. 6 in., has a good outside shot and plays well under pressure. His high-percentage shots are his key Paul Jones, 6 ft., gives the Yeomen speed at the guard spot, and he should be an excellent complement for Dave Coulthard, 6 ft. 2in., whose talents speak for themselves. Bo Pelech, 6ft. 4 in. has reliable outside and inside shots, and his defensive skills will be a key to next year's team success. Lester Smith, 6ft. 4 in, "has improved so much over the year," Bain enthuses. "He's really going to be counted on to go to the boards on the run."

If all of these players return, although it's been rumored that Dave Coulthard may not be able to return for 1979-80 if he makes Canada's olympic team, then the

Yeomen will still be a team to be reckoned with.

"We're number one now, and it'll be up to someone else in the East to knock us out of it," Bain challenges. "If we get to the nationals again that'll be great. Nobody would be looking for us next time."

Gym benefit

Members of Canada's national gymnastics teams present a combined demonstration of artistic, modern and trampoline routines at the Tait McKenzie gym on Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The demonstration will be held in conjunction with a benefit campaign for former national men's team member Rick Kinsman, presently undergoing rehabilitation for paralysis resulting from a critical neck injury.

Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students and may be purchased by calling the Ontario Gymnastics Federation at 964-8655.



Intercollege

Stong carries inter-college torch... again

By Greg Saville

Judging from mid-year standings in intercollege sports it seemed Stong college was to be dethroned as York Torch champion for the first time in eight years. McLaughlin was leading in the Women's division and in over-all standings in the York Torch Division. But it was not to be.

Stong college has once again won the York Torch division and has added the Coed Division title in intercollege sports.

Osgoode managed to take the Men's and Women's division, which is a first for York, and placed second over-all.

"Participation was the key," said Osgoode athletic rep Kathy MacDonald "We had a lot of people involved and kept our eye on the torch all year..... we were always checking the point standings."

She emphasized her point about participation by pointing out that Osgoode won only two women's sports, tennis and squash, but still managed to muster a narrow 27.5 points more than McLaughlin to finish first in the Women's division.

"It's funny," she mused, "we always managed to dig up people when we needed them."

McLaughlin seemed to run out of steam after Christmas and athletic rep Gary Coles thinks the problem was organization.

"We were ahead at Christmas but in the new year defaulted five different games," he said. "It's been really close all year. The same thing won't happen next year.... Mac's going to do it next year!"

According to Intercollege Athletics president, Ann Larkey, the past year has seen a change from the monopolization that has plagued York in past years. Glendon won the Torch from 1966 to 1971 and Stong has won it since.

"This year has appeared to be a turning point," she explained. "Stong realized they were not going to get the Torch on a silver platter."

She said the fact that McLaughlin was so competitive this year and that Osgoode won two of the four divisions illustrates the change in intercollege competition.

The 26 different athletic events have culminated in what we termed a very "successful year."

The York Torch awards banquet will be in the Winters dining hall, March 28.

YORK TORCH FINALS

Men's Division	
1. Osgoode	6150
2. Stong	5997.5
3. McLaughlin	5215
4. Calumet	4965
5. Alumni	4660
6. Founders	4455
7. Vanier	3132.5
8. Bethune	2765
9. Winters	2265
10. Glendon	1017.5
11. Grads	960
12. Atkinson	252.5
13. Business	165

Coed Division	
1. Stong	5467
2. McLaughlin	5237.5
3. Osgoode	5087.5
4. Alumni	5084
5. Founders	4205.5
6. Calumet	3875
7. Bethune	3237.5
8. Vanier	2425
9. Winters	2012.5
10. Grads	1087.5
11. Business	675
Glendon	0
Atkinson	0

Women's Division	
1. Osgoode	5557.5
2. McLaughlin	5530
3. Stong	5355
4. Calumet	4075
5. Founders	4052

6. Bethune	3680	2. Osgoode	10437
7. Alumni	2680.5	3. McLaughlin	9872
8. Vanier	2562.5	4. Calumet	8408
9. Winters	2350	5. Founders	7726.5
10. Grads	137.5	6. Alumni	7587
Glendon	0	7. Bethune	6597.5
Business	0	8. Vanier	5524.5
Atkinson	0	9. Winters	4949.5
		10. Grads	1548.5
		11. Glendon	1017.5
		12. Business	820
		13. Atkinson	158

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