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Schleppe, Lanovaz take Athletic awards

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They came in full force, the better part of the faculty of Phys Ed along with almost every member of every University of Alberta intercollegiate team were in attendance. That doesn't include the vast number of coaches and parents that came out to see the annual hardware giveaway that is known as Color Night.

And walking away with the two most prestigious trophies were none other than a field hockey player and triple jump specialist. Schona Schleppe of the Pandas field hockey team and Danny Lanovaz of the Bears' track and field team walked off with the female and male Athlete of the Year awards in their respective categories.

But the show was stolen by Ray Kelly, who was awarded a block A sweater in honour of his 20 years of service as a trainer for several UofA athletic teams.

Kelly, who wiped away the tears as the lengthy list of his contributions to the UofA's athletic program was read, never did earn a degree in athletic therapy or anything of that nature, but stood on the sidelines of Alberta football games, running out on to the field to attend to injured players for two full decades. The emotion of the moment was such that after being named an honorary Golden Bear for life, Kelly was unable to say anything but a quick thank-you before

he and his wife walked off the podium to the sound of a standing ovation. He was later seen laughing, though, as some of the many stories were told and retold, especially the one about the time Kelly fielded a punt with his kisser before a game in Manitoba.

For Schona Schleppe it was an emotional event as well. The 22 year old national team member will graduate with her Education degree this year, after playing five years on the Panda squad. She closes out her career as the winner of the Audrey Bakewell award as the top female athlete at the UofA.

Schleppe had never played field hockey before coming to the UofA, but obviously learned the game well, as she was chosen both a CWUAA and CIAU All-Star this past season. She has been the captain of the Pandas for the past two years, and was the team's MVP this season.

Danny Lanovaz, an honors computer science student in his fourth year, capped off his best year ever on the Bears' track and field team by winning the Wilson Challenge trophy as the UofA's top male athlete.

This year's recipient of the award for the Outstanding Contribution to the Golden Bear track and field program, Lanovaz amazingly won every triple jump competition that he entered this season. At the CWUAA championships he was named the Outstanding Male Per-



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former, claiming a gold in the triple jump and bronze medals in both the high jump and the long jump. At the CIAU meet, Lanovaz won his second CIAU gold medal in the triple jump while placing fifth in the long jump. He is the first ever recipient of the Gabor Simonyi award recognizing his outstanding field performance.

Many other awards were given out at the Edmonton Inn last Thursday, and the list reads like this: the Dr. R.G. Glassford Coaching Award went to Dr. James Haddow who has assisted with the track and cross country programs since their inception at the UofA; the three Presidential Awards went to Heidi Ross in gymnastics, Ron Vertz in hockey, and Gerald Telidetzki in football.

In the various MVP Awards for the different sports, the trophies went to the following athletes: Pandas basketball - Annette Sanregret; Bears basketball - Mike Kornak and Gerry Cousins; Pandas Cross Country - Cindy Livingstone

and Marlene Jurgeleit; Bears Cross Country - Scott MacDonald; Bears football - Harold Reimer; Pandas Gymnastics - Heida Ross and Shelley Spaner; Bears Hockey - Dennis Cranston; Pandas Soccer - Angie Wildeman; Bears Soccer - Vince

Reda; Pandas Swimming - Tiffany Watson; Bears Swimming - Larry Schulhauser; Pandas Track - Nancy Gillis; Pandas Volleyball - Trudy Antoniuk; Bears Volleyball - John MacKinnon; Bears Wrestling - Mike Payette.

Gillis earns monthly honors with CIAU gold

Long jump specialist Nancy Gillis is the Sport Chek female athlete of the month for March.

At the CIAU Track and Field championships at the Butterdome, Gillis set a new University of Alberta standard in the long jump with a leap of 5.87 m, good for the gold medal. She also helped the Alberta women's 4x200 to a silver medal performance.

The highlight of her season was the CWUAA championships in Saskatoon, where Gillis was named

the meet's outstanding female performer.

In the CIAU's Gillis scored 16.5 points for her school, placing first in the long jump, third in high jump, fifth in the 60m, third in the 4x400 relay, and second in the 4x200.

Cranston tops in March

Golden Bear hockey player Dennis Cranston has been named Sport Chek male athlete of the month for March 1986.

Cranston, an assistant captain, was named tournament MVP in the recent CIAU championships in which Alberta won the national crown. In the Bears' opening game against the University of Moncton, Cranston had a pair of assists in Alberta's 5-4 victory in the semifinal matchup. In the final versus Trois Rivieres, the 5'8", 160 lbs. centre had an assist on Alberta's first goal of the game by Al Tarasuk.

Dennis, whose older brother Sid

missed a large part of the year with a knee injury, finished second on the Golden Bears in scoring this season (28, 50 - 78 pts in 54 games), just one point off the pace set by Craig Dill.

Alberta coach Clare Drake said after the year was over, "Dennis was probably our MVP over the course of the season." That was proven at last Thursday's colour night ceremonies where Cranston was awarded the Andy Purcell Hockey Trophy, which is symbolic of the most valuable player on the Golden Bears hockey team.

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