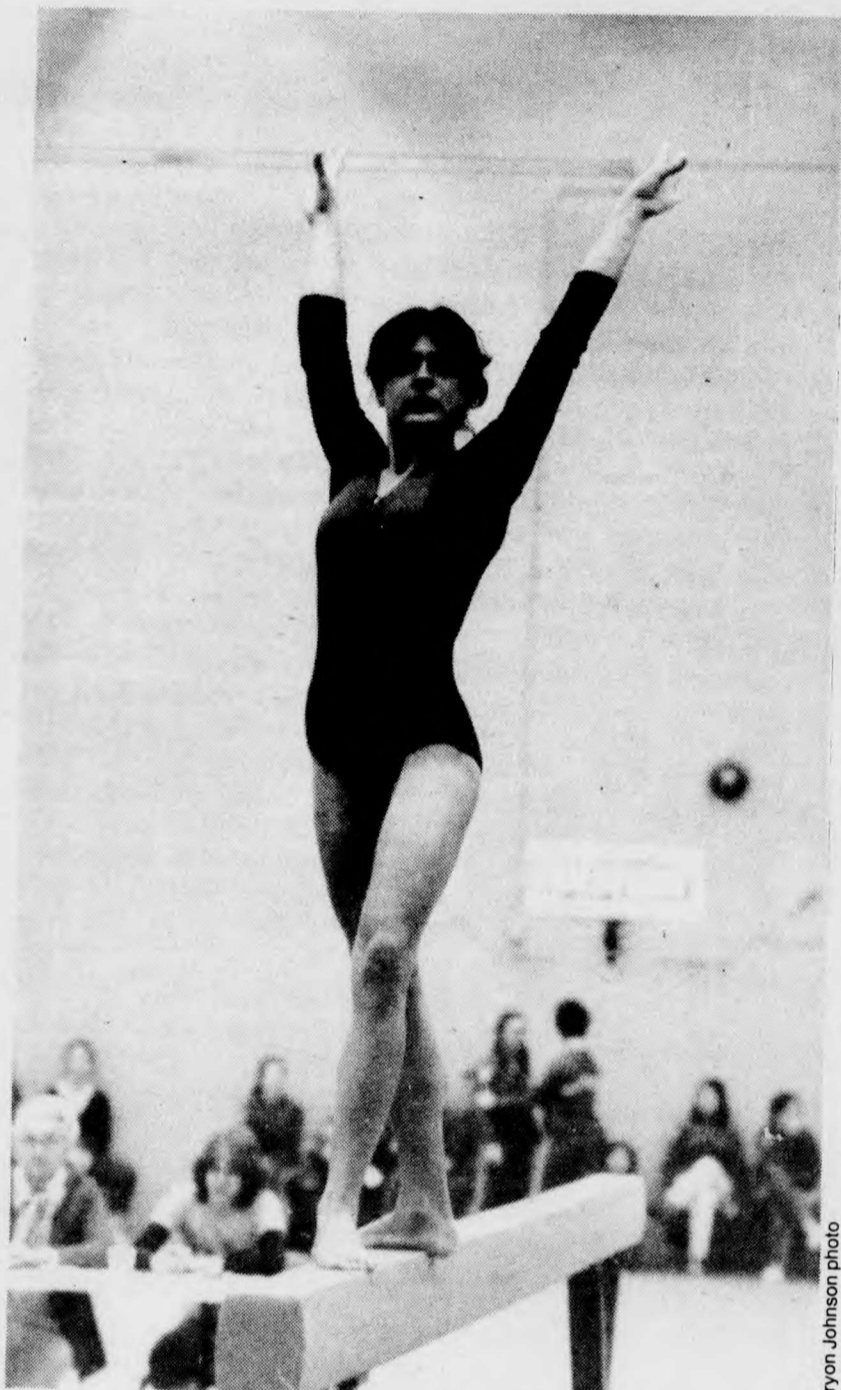


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## Harvey & McDonnell are Athletes of the Year

# York athletes honoured at awards banquet



Yeowoman-of-the-Year, Nancy McDonnell on the beam.

By Bruce Gates

Neil Harvey swam away with the Dr. Murray G. Ross Yeoman of the Year Award, and the Yeomen soccer team took the Molson's most improved team honours at the 10th annual Men's Inter-university Athletics Awards Night held at the Vanier College dining hall last Thursday night.

"It's been a good year for York University this year," Dr. Frank Cosentino, chairman and director of the Department of Physical Education, said before the evening's presentations began.

Dr Cosentino was part of the head table, which also included Nobby Wirkowski, York's men's athletics co-ordinator; Dave Steeper, vice-president of the Men's Interuniversity Athletics Council; Tony D'Agostino, M.I.A.C. president; Bill Farr, vice-president of York's administration; Dr. Kevin Jones, the master of ceremonies; and special guest, Dr. Art Johnson, a former vice-president of academic affairs of York and founder in 1960 of the men's basketball team.

Before the presentations formally started, Dr. Cosentino told Yeomen athletes that university sport, "if it isn't the top, it's near the top of any facet of sport in Canada," and being in that position will from time to time leave their performance open to criticism from the press. He read a quote from Theodore Roosevelt summing up the life of an athlete:

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and



Yeoman-of-the-Year, Neil Harvey receiving gold at swim meet.

again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his

place shall never be with the cold and timid wouls who know neither victory nor defeat."

And now, keeping that quote in mind, let's take a look at York's parade of stars and teams for 1977-1978 (see box below).

**BASKETBALL:** The Yeomen basketballers finished first in their conference, won several tournaments and the OUAA title and finished third in the national finals. Lonnie Ramati won the team MVP honours, Bob Bain was CIAU co-coach of the year, and Mike Willins received the Tony Moscato Trophy as the player who most "clearly represents the ideals of loyalty, effort, dedication and determination in the pursuit of excellence in basketball regardless of skill level."

**FOOTBALL:** Although suffering through a losing season, the footballers are confident better days lie ahead. Angelo Kioussis won the team MVP and was also an OUAA all star.

**GYMNASTICS:** Dave Steeper won MVP honours, and the gymnastics team this year took the OUAA and CIAU championships as well as a few invitationals. OUAA golds went to Marc Epprecht and Dave Steeper; Silvers went to Epprecht, Scott MacLeod and Steeper; Bronzes were won by Epprecht, MacLeod and Steve MacLean. CIAU golds went to Epprecht and Steeper; Silvers to Epprecht, Steeper and MacLeod; and Bronzes to Epprecht and Maclean. Marc Epprecht and Dave Steeper were also one-two as CIAU all-round champions.

**HOCKEY:** This was basically a rebuilding year for the Yeomen hockey club, but they can still take pride in their achievements. They were the only league team to beat the U of T Blues in regular-season play and they won the U of T Invitational tournament. The team was also an OUAA finalist.

Team Captain Dave Chalk won the MVP award and was also an OUAA East all-star, as was teammate Bob Schnurr.

**SKIING:** With a name like Snow you can bet he has something to do with skiing. Coach John Snow told everyone his team had a fairly good year, finishing fourth overall on the season and just missing the Can-Am event held in the U.S. Rudy Tomiczek took the skiing MVP award.

**SOCCER:** Winning the most improved team of the year award was appropriate for the Yeomen soccer team. It went undefeated in the OUAA this season, scoring more goals than anyone and allowing the fewest. And then it scored its way to the OUAA and CIAU titles. Magic Mac Musaby won the team's MVP, and Musaby was also selected as an all-Canadian this year. OUAA soccer all stars included Musaby, Mike Burke, Aldo D'Alfonso and Peter Landy.

**SWIMMING:** York swimmers finished third in the OUAA championships and the same in the CIAU's. Byron MacDonald was CIAU coach of the year. Gary MacDonald, who was selected as the CIAU outstanding swimmer, also swam away with team MVP honours.

Swimmer Mark Erwin set an OUAA record in the 50-metre freestyle 24.5 sec and won three league golds. Yeoman-of-the-year Neil Harvey set three OUAA records and took four golds. Gary MacDonald set an OUAA record and took three golds. Single

golds went to Graham Sutch, John Bevan and Gabor Mezo.

Mark Erwin won CIAU golds for the 400 and 800-metre freestyle relay, while Neil Harvey set two CIAU records and took golds in the 100- and 200-metre backstroke. Harvey also took a gold in the 800-metre freestyle relay. Gary MacDonald took the 50-, 100- and 200-metre freestyle golds and set CIAU records in the 400- and 800-metre freestyle relays. Gabor Mezo took the 400-metre gold, and Graham Sutch and Mark Erwin swam away with two golds apiece in CIAU action.

Erwin, Harvey, MacDonald, Mezo, Cam Rothery, Sutch, and Martin Tiidus made the CIAU All-Canadian Team. At the Canadian winter short course swimming championships in New Westminster, B.C. last week, the York A team set a Canadian record in the men's 200-metre freestyle 1:35.01.

**TENNIS:** Pat Gamey aced his way to team MVP. He and Peter McCarter were doubles finalists at the OUAA East Section finals this year.

**TRACK AND FIELD INDOOR:** York finished fourth overall this year. Andy Buckstein won the MVP honours and took a silver in the 300-metre this season, while teammate Mike Housley took a silver in the 600-metres. Bill Milley took an OUAA bronze in the shot put.

**TRACK OUTDOOR:** York finished sixth overall this year, and took an OUAA silver 200 m, and two bronzes.

**VOLLEYBALL:** The team finished third overall in the OUAA East. It was also the first OUAA team ever to compete in the prestigious Ontario Open. John Vares was an OUAA All Star, and Wayne Daniels was the MVP.

**WRESTLING:** York wrestlers finished fourth overall in the OUAA. Jim Stitt won the OUAA and CIAU gold for the 118 lb. class. Bob Bradberry took an OUAA silver in the 190 lb. class. Carlos Moniz took the MVP. John Pickard was OUAA coach of the year.

**CURLING:** First-year awards went to Mike Davidson, Ken Rutherford, Bob Cooper, John Loverseed and Paul Schultze.

**WATER POLO:** The team is already looking forward to a successful 1978. Neil Harvey was the team's MVP.

**SQUASH:** The team finished fourth in the OUAA. Dave Jenkins won MVP honours.

**RUGGER:** "We were the best team in Canada with a four and four record," quipped coach Mike Dinning. "Unfortunately we were the only team in Canada with a four and four record." Jonathan Bell was team MVP.

**GOLF:** Fourth-year awards went to Don Burton, Bob Farrell, Steve Hayles, Larry Hurri, Ian Oglesby and Tony Robinson.

**BADMINTON:** Tony D'Agostino won a participation award. He graduates this year.

**FENCING:** Yeomen fencers places second at the York Invitational this season. Mike Stein was the MVP.

Well, there you have them. If we've left anyone out we're sorry. Congratulations one and all.

## Lively evening for women athletes

By Lisa Woo

York's women varsity athletes gathered for their annual awards banquet last Thursday in Founders College dining hall. The evening was lively and entertaining, punctuated with team skits, jokes and lots of good cheer.

A toast to the coaches and the athletes followed a synopsis of the year's events. In the midst of festivities, the awards were presented.

The Yeowoman Athlete of the Year is gymnast Nancy McDonnell, participant of the 1972 and 1976 Olympics and all-round gymnast at the Canadian Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships. McDonnell came out of retirement this year to compete for York.

The Bryce M. Taylor Award is the highest attainable award granted to a graduating student who has shown extraordinary leadership and participation in inter-university athletics.

The award, not necessarily granted every year, was presented by Dr. Bryce M. Taylor, former chairman of the department of athletics at York. This year's recipient was Lily Durzo, vice-president of the Women's Athletic Council (WAC) and member of the varsity tennis and squash teams. Durzo was the initiator of the women's squash team at York. The team, only officially in existence for two years, won the Ontario university championships both years.

Speed swimmer Chris Lovett-Doust and McDonnell were recipients of silver rings, specially

awarded for excellent performance in the CWIAA championships. Lovett-Doust placed second in the Canadian university swimming championships in the 200 metre butterfly, only one-tenth of a second behind the first place finisher.

Merit awards were received by Mary Deveaux, 1977-78 WAC president and varsity field hockey and basketball player, and Margo Wallace, track and field and cross country runner and convenor. Merit awards honour athletes who have devoted time and effort to the promotion of inter-university athletics.

Special gifts were also given to Sue Kirkland and Carol Gluppe for their behind-the-scenes contributions to women's athletics.

Unlike the men's awards celebration, (held in the adjacent Vanier Dining Hall on the same night) the women had a chicken dinner which was subsidized by WAC. The council sold rugby shirts at the beginning of the year and the \$500 profits from the sales went towards the banquet. After the awards presentations the Yeomen and Yeowomen joined together and finished off the evening with drinking and dancing.



Bryce M. Taylor Award recipient, Lily Durzo.