
Outstanding athletes

World Cup skier Ken Read and swimming gold medallist Graham Smith have been named co-winners of the Lou Marsh Trophy for Canada's outstanding athlete of 1978.

There were 23 nominations representing 15 sports ranging from hockey to gymnastics.

Other finalists were Cathy Sherk, winner of the Canadian, U.S. and world women's amateur golf championships; trap-shooter Susan Nattrass; pentathlon star Diane Jones Konihowski; Montreal Canadiens' hockey star Guy Lafleur; Ottawa Rough Riders' Tony Gabriel and Grand Prix auto racing driver Gilles Villeneuve.

The award was established in 1936 in memory of the late sports editor of the *Toronto Star*.

Canadian students design playgrounds in Athens

Twenty second- and third-year students from the University of British Columbia's School of Architecture left Vancouver for Athens early in January to take part in a project of the Greek Government related to the United Nations' International Year of the Child.

The students and assistant architecture professor John Gaitanakis will be in the Greek capital until the end of April to carry out a proposal made in 1973 by Mr. Gaitanakis to close off a number of streets in central Athens and create pedestrian malls and playgrounds for children.

The Greek ministry of public works has just decided to implement the 1973 proposal as part of its contribution to the International Year of the Child by closing 265 streets to create play areas for children. It has asked for the assistance of the UBC school.

The school decided to respond to the request as part of a credit course — Architecture 460 — entitled "Study of Architecture Abroad" which provides students with opportunities to undertake supervised studies in "a particular city or locality in which a unique quality of architecture and specific architectural problems are to be found".

Mr. Gaitanakis said the group would live and work in a small hotel in central

Athens, where they will design and work on converting one or two streets into play areas. The areas created by the students will serve as models for the conversion of other streets and also provide the students with practical design and construction experience.

The UN's International Year of the Child, which will continue throughout 1979, is designed to focus on the needs and problems of children in countries throughout the world. The UBC project fits neatly into a UN General Assembly resolution which says in part that "far too many children are...deprived of the elementary amenities of life".

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More Newfie names

It is doubtful whether any place on earth approaches Newfoundland in its geographical nomenclature, says Claude R. Lemieux, writing for the Canadian Government Office of Tourism.

There are more than 25 Kingstons, Plymouths and Windsors on the North American continent alone and Berlins, Frankfurts, Portlands and Winchesters are not far behind. It is safe to say, however, that only in Newfoundland can anyone find a Stinking Cove, an Empty Basket or a L'Anse Amour.

Although the island has towns known as Great Paradise and Little Paradise, it wasn't always an Eden for sailors so they named Grand Dismal Cove, Breakheart Point, The Sunker, Bloody Reach and Lousy Rock. Deadman's Bay, Wreck Cove and Coffin Island were no doubt born of tragedy while Gallows Cove, Mount Misery and Slaughter House Cove arouse curiosity. The wise sailor also stays clear of Useless Bay, Hit or Miss Point, Intricate Harbour or Fair and False Bay.

Two small islands in the Bay of Exploits are called All-in-the-Way Island and Right-in-the-Road Island.

Geographical names can't be much more descriptive than these, unless it is the small lake that feeds the North River which flows into Conception Bay at Clarke's Beach, known as The-Pond-That-Feeds-The-Brook.

Church hierarchy has been remembered in Lord's Pond, Little Friars Cove, Pope's Harbour, Bishop's Gully, Parson's Hill and The Sisters Rocks. There's also

Holy Water Pond and Baptist Cove, Harbour-My-God and Holystone Gullies, Church Pond and Chapel Arm. Devil's Point, L'Anse au Diable and Damnable Bay serve as a warning to sinners and even nonconformists have had their say with Heretic Hill.

More than 80 various animals, birds or fish figure in the province's place names including camels, yaks and penguins, none of them indigenous to the area.

Bread and Cheese, Bareneed, Empty Storehouse, Hungry Grove and Famine Point attest to the early settlers' preoccupation with food and drink. Grog, Molson, Beer and Scotch are Newfoundland ponds, while Dram and The Brandies are islands. Newfoundland dipsomaniacs, if there are any, can brag about Ginpicker Hill, Lushes Bight, Drunkard's Point and Big Head.

Other Newfoundland geographical features bear such amusing names as Pick Eyes, Spread Eagle, Shuffle Board, Ireland's Eye and Jerry's Nose.

There's also a Downward Hill, an Open Hall, Lord and Lady Islands, a Wych Hazel Pond, a Cuckhold's Head, and an Unknown Pond.

\$1-billion contract good for Canada

Nine hundred and thirty-eight million dollars will be spent in Canada by Lockheed and its subcontractors mainly in the area of aerospace and electronics subcontracts: \$588 million associated with the construction of the 18 *Aurora* antisubmarine patrol aircraft Canada is buying from Lockheed and \$350 million on other antisubmarine warfare or military transport projects. The total cost of the 18 planes to Canada (including ground supports systems and other logistics materiel) is \$1.03 billion.

Minister of Supply and Services Pierre De Bané, responsible for defence procurement, stated in Burbank, California, recently, that the costs for repairs and overhaul during the life of the aircraft may amount to a further \$1 billion and that he would try to ensure that repair and overhaul work was carried out in Canada.

More than 200 Canadian firms — 75 per cent small businesses — will be involved in the contract, many of them in high technology work.