



FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Kathy Kangas

Winning athlete of the year honors is nothing new to Kathy Kangas, the 1970 selection as Thunder Bay Female Athlete of the Year. She won Athlete of the Year honors in her graduating year at the University of Western Ontario in 1967. She graduated from Western with an honors B.A. in physical education and is currently an assistant professor in the department of health, physical education and recreation at the University of Buffalo. And she is also head coach of the university's women's gymnastics team.

An all-round athlete she got the vote as 1970 Thunder Bay Female Athlete of the Year for her success in her latest activity — sport parachuting or skydiving.

She placed second last July at the Canadian championship and qualified for the 10-member Canadian team (five women and five men) which represent Canada at the world championships in Bled, Yugoslavia. Canada placed third in the world event among 28 competing nations and Kathy placed second among the five Canadian women at that global event.

Kathy is 25 and she has competed in numerous other sports in the past including softball, tenpin bowling, track and field and gymnastics. In 1969 she and Terry Hynna teamed up to win the Thunder Bay tenpin doubles championship and she has twice been named the all-round champion at the Finnish-Canadian track and field championships in which she competed in broad jump, shot put and sprint events.

In addition she was a member of Thunder Bay's Canadian Ski Patrol system during 1969-70. She is a former assistant to the director of athletics in charge of Lakehead University's women's athletic program.