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EIGHTH ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY AT SALVE REGINA-
THE NEWPORT COLLEGE HONORS TOP ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Christopher Perrotti of Newport, and Connie Bettencourt of Swansea, Mass., were named male and female athletes of the year at the eighth annual Sports Awards Ceremony at Salve Regina - The Newport College.

In all, more than 100 men and women were recognized for their contributions to the growing sports program at Salve. Just last fall, the College began participating in athletic competition as an NCAA -- Division Three contender.

Perrotti, a junior majoring in Religious Studies, won this year's

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award for his diversified athletic contributions to the College, the intramural program and the Newport community.

He has lettered the last two years in basketball at Salve, and was captain of the 1981-82 squad. In intramurals, he officiated basketball games and was captain of the students' softball team. Perrotti was also a volunteer basketball coach for the Newport community's Catholic Youth Organization, and took his team to the state championships.

Bettencourt is a graduating senior majoring in Special Education. She was a member of the varsity soccer, basketball and track teams. As a member of the fledgling track team, Bettencourt's performance in the dashes and other track events was consistent and team-oriented. Her specialty however, was the long jump, and she holds the school record in this event.

For their contributions, Perrotti and Bettencourt were each presented trophies by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians - Division One. The Newport group has sponsored this award for the past five years.

Guest speaker for the event held in Ochre Court, was Dick Reynolds, retired sports writer for the Providence Journal-Bulletin.