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A NEWSLETTER FOR LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY STAFF & FACULTY



At a press conference last month Lakehead announced it would be the lead university for a Conservation and Community Outreach Project in Nepal. Attending the conference were (back row, l-r) Anne Klymenko, Dr. Ken Brown, Dr. Bob Rosehart, Dr. Stan Dromisky (front row, l-r) Dr. Rob Farmer, Dr. John Naysmith and Dr. Ulf Runesson.

NEPAL PROJECT RECEIVES CIDA FUNDING

The 1996 University Partnership competition sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) attracted 54 applications from universities across Canada. Lakehead's was ranked seventh best; only the top 12 were funded.

"The Nepal Resource Conservation and Community Outreach Project," which was awarded \$746,288, was developed by essentially the same small Lakehead team that was successful with the Ghana, West Africa project now in its fifth year. A Community Forestry Training Centre in Nepal is one of the Project's several components which will commence in the Himalayan Kingdom in the spring of 1997.

Lakehead will be the lead university in a team that includes the University of Guelph and Tribhuvan University in Nepal. CIDA has committed an additional \$2.3 million in support of other projects in which Lakehead University is the lead university.

Toy Story

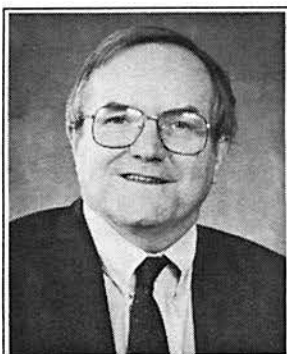


Ernon Williams, Theresa Sellers and Brent Evans were among the 50 residence students who collected 144 bags of clothing and toys in a city-wide campaign. The goods were distributed to Faye Peterson Transition House, Beendigen Inc., City Crisis Housing, Shelter House, and the Lakehead Regional Family Centre.

You're
Invited



Faculty
and staff
are invited to a
Holiday Celebration
on Friday,
December 20
in The Outpost
starting at
3:00 pm



Dr. Bob Rosehart
President
Lakehead University

Congratulations to the Faculty of Business

The Faculty continues to achieve external recognition for the success of its students and graduates. This past month, word was received that five of seven teams have qualified for the finals of the Queen's Intercollegiate Business Schools' Competition to be held in Kingston in January of 1997. As well, one Business student, Dan Parker, has been nominated by the Faculty to be a participant in the Prime Minister's Team Canada Mission to Asia in January. This mission will have education as one of its special focus areas.

This past week, the results of the uniform final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants arrived and seven of nine candidates were successful for a 78 per cent pass rate -- very much higher than the Ontario and national averages. Congratulations once again.

Faculty and Staff Challenged by LUSU to the Great Plasma Challenge

LUSU has issued a challenge to Lakehead University's Faculty and Staff to a competition for donations to the new Red Cross Plasma Centre between January 15 and February 15 of 1997. Obviously, the students outnumber us, so to make it fair, we have agreed to a multiple factor of 6 (ie. faculty and staff x 6) to compare with student donations. The winner is to receive a unique trophy to be created from recycled items.

Distinguished Awards

Dr. John Whitfield, Vice-President (Academic) has announced the following awards at the November Senate Meeting:

Distinguished Research Award (a tie)
Dr. R. Puttagunta, Chemical Engineering
Dr. M. Lankester, Department of Biology
Distinguished Instructor Award
Dr. Jane Taylor, School of Kinesiology

Special congratulations to all of the above.

College/University Consortium Proposals Accepted

In a recent competition, Lakehead University was successful in being awarded two of 15 successful provincial proposals. One of the successful Lakehead University proposals involves Confederation College and the design of an articulated collaborative nursing program. The other involves Lakehead University with the Durham University Centre of Durham College and the Lakehead University Bachelor of Engineering Degree. In the Durham project, major industrial partners will be involved. In total \$110,000 has been awarded for these projects.

Home Page on the Internet - Update

After much discussion recently in several committee meetings, action has been taken to develop policies to guide the further evolution of our Web Site. Carol Otte of CTRC has been assigned to

work with Dr. John Whitfield and Grant Walsh on this project. It is expected that significant progress will be made in this area by the end of the winter term. Dr. Whitfield is Chairing an Ad Hoc Web Committee, and this Committee will provide direction and consultation to the project. A significant concern is the great variation in departmental pages when you get past the basic Lakehead University pages. Part of this initiative will develop guidelines, direction and "help" to ensure that all participants in the official Lakehead University Web Site have access to the necessary protocols.

Part-Time Studies

Much attention in the national media recently has focussed on the trend to the declining part-time student body. This is particularly true in Ontario and is clearly the trend at Lakehead. To turn this around is going to require a re-thinking of our approach to part-time studies. This is an area in which we need to initiate some internal debate in the next few months. As well as programming, our approach to student assistance for the part-time student will need to be examined.

Government Relations: Rumours of the Week

- Smith Commission Report will be out December 16, 1996
- Minister will make tuition and funding announcement for universities on December 17, 1996!

LU Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund

The response to this matching program (\$1 donated = \$1 matched by the Ontario Government) has been outstanding. With Geography showing the way, several other Departments have quickly come on board including Mathematical Sciences, Social Work, Sociology and English as well as four individuals from the Faculty of Engineering. To get on board, call Jo-Anne Silverman at 343-8910. The pledged totals continue to grow, and it is onward and upward from here until March 31, 1997. Remember, all of this money is endowed for needy students and the payments can be made as late as March 31, 1999, as long as it is pledged by this coming March 31, 1997.

Special Recognition for Lyn McLeod

On Friday, November 29, 1996, the Ontario Liberal Party presented to Lakehead University a special Student Award of Merit in the name of the retiring leader. The award falls under the LU-OSOTF Program above.

Workplace Incidents on Campus

In recent years, we have made great strides in reducing our workplace incidents on campus and all of our employees need to be congratulated for their efforts. In recent weeks, a couple of disturbing incidents have occurred which necessitate the need for a gentle reminder. Employees must report any incident *immediately* to their supervisors. If the immediate supervisor cannot be contacted, phone Human Resources at 8334 (after hours, report to Security at 8369). Supervisors must contact Human Resources as soon as possible after having been notified of an injury or incident.

CANCOPY Issue

As most of you know, as part of the Copyright Laws of Canada,
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President's Report (continued from p.2)

Lakehead University has an agreement with the licensing agent, CANCOPY, which governs our ability to copy and use such materials for educational purposes. Under our agreement, we pay participation fees and are subject to the CANCOPY contract stipulations. From time to time, examples are pointed out internally and even by CANCOPY on occasion that would suggest isolated lack of adherence to the CANCOPY contract stipulations. I need not remind the reader of the necessity and value of being able to copy print materials, and I would suggest that, if you have any questions in this regard about adherence to the CANCOPY contract, you should consult with your Dean.

Happy Holidays

As we are about to enter the holidays, I would like to wish all of you and your families a safe and happy festive season. My Christmas wish would be a return to "positive" grant increases from the Ontario Government. See you in 1997.

P.S. -- Remember to close all office windows before you leave for the Christmas break.



LIBRARY CLASSES

The Reference and Information Services Department at The Chancellor Paterson Library offers specialized library research classes in any subject area. These classes, available upon request, will be tailored to meet the needs of your students. The Library's goal is to ensure that students are aware of and can make the best possible use of the resources in the Library. To arrange for a session, call 343-8147 or e-mail: gisella.scalese@lakeheadu.ca

IMASCO SCHOLARSHIP

Jim Smithers was one of 19 students to receive financial assistance through the Imasco Scholarship Fund for Disabled Students for the 1996-97 academic year. The \$2,000 scholarship will allow Smithers to pursue his undergraduate studies at Lakehead in psychology. Administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), the decisions of the independent selection committee appointed by the AUCC are based on the academic background, motivation, maturity and extent of disability of the candidates.

ABORIGINAL ENROLMENT EXPECTED TO RISE

By Nova Lawson
Coordinator of Aboriginal Initiatives/
Community Liaison

During the week of September 16, 1996, Liaison Officer Colleen McLean and I toured secondary schools around North-western Ontario. It is the usual practice of the University to meet with students in the fall to discuss university education, particularly at Lakehead. What made this tour unique was the added inclusion of Aboriginal controlled institutes.

Visits to high schools in Ignace, Dryden, Sioux Lookout, Kenora, Rainy River, Fort Frances, Atikokan and Red Lake along with the Aboriginal schools in Pelican Falls, Ear Falls, Nestor Falls and the Rainy Lake High School, revealed that secondary level students are headed to university.

The trend predicts that Lakehead University may experience tremendous growth of its Aboriginal population in the next three to five years. This encouraging news is based on current enrolment figures obtained from Aboriginal controlled institutes after the tour, which do not include enrollment in mainstream schools.

Secondary Level Aboriginal Institutes

(18 institutes reporting as of Oct.1996)

Grade Enrolment	
9	464
10	517
11	380
12	243
OAC	4
Independent Learning (mature students)	155

Students currently enrolled in secondary programs are gearing for higher levels of education. There has been a shift from general academic programs to the advanced level -- for the purposes of university.

Almost all high school students said they have considered attending Lakehead University when they graduate. This is due to familiarity with the campus and Thunder Bay, close proximity of the campus to their home communities, attractive academic programs, support service network, current Aboriginal student population on campus, academic preparedness giving rise to their levels of confidence, and the fact that they will be role-models for the families, friends and communities.

ASKING DIFFERENT QUESTIONS

by Frances Harding
Publications Officer

A new NFB film about women in science featuring Lakehead Biology professor Dr. Peggy Tripp-Knowles had its Thunder Bay premiere at the Northern Woman's Book Store on November 29, 1996.

Among the women profiled in the film were Dr. Ursula Franklin, who became the first female engineering professor at the University of Toronto; Dr. Karen Messing, a geneticist and occupational health specialist with Université du Québec à Montréal; Dr. Rosalind Cairncross, an environmentalist originally from South Africa; and Dr. Peggy Tripp-Knowles whose expertise is in Forest Genetics and Feminist Science Critique.

The film's title, "Asking Different Questions," summarized an opinion shared by all of the women featured in the film: that women bring distinctly different perspectives to bear on questions about science and research.

In the film, Tripp-Knowles discusses why she became a scientist and how her research has changed over the course of her career at Lakehead.

EXHIBITION OF WORKS

Thunder Bay Art Gallery
January 17- March 2, 1997

An installation exhibition by Roly Martin at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery will be based on aspects of logging incorporating wooden leaves on the floor and chainsaw drawings of figures on the wall in a mural-like configuration. Martin is Assistant Professor of Art at Lakehead University and has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from James Madison University, Harrisburg, Virginia.

A TIME TO REMEMBER

Staff, faculty and students gathered in the Agora on December 6 to remember the same day in 1989 when 14 female engineering students at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal were shot and killed by a lone gunman. The Montreal Memorial Service was sponsored by the Status of Women Committee and the Gender Issues Centre/LUSU.

NUCLEAR FUEL WASTE PUBLIC HEARING

An Environmental Assessment Panel on Nuclear Fuel Waste Disposal will be holding public hearings in Thunder Bay on January 29, 1997. Members of all sectors of the public are invited to register to make short presentations to the panel. For an information package, contact Anne Wiles at (613) 256-2447 or by fax at (613) 256-6660. A variety of review documents are available at <http://www.ceaa.gc.ca>

The fact sheet from Anne Wiles will be available at Graduate Studies and Research.

BIOLOGY SEMINAR SERIES

January 16 Thursday 11:30 AM
Linda Spooner, Regional Health Laboratory:
UC 0050 "Genetic counseling."

January 23 Thursday 11:30 AM
Lada Malek, Biology: UC 0050: "Plant desiccation tolerance: a dry topic for biophysics?"

January 30 Thursday 7:00 PM
I. Smith, LUSTR Co-op: Regional Centre 0005: "LUSTR Co-op and New Technologies for Production of Forestry Seedlings."

February 6 Thursday 11:30 AM
Jake Vander Wal, Ont. Min. Envir. UC 0050: "How Science is becoming less important in Society."

February 13 Thursday 11:30 AM
Inderjit Nirdosh, Biology: UC 0050: "Allelopathy in Annual and Perennial weeds."

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Holiday Hours

Dec. 17-20	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 21-22	CLOSED
Dec. 23	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 24	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 NOON
Dec. 25-26	CLOSED
Dec. 27	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 28-29	CLOSED
Dec. 30-31	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 1	CLOSED
Jan. 2-3	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 4-5	CLOSED

REGULAR HOURS RESUME ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1997

NEWS FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

Upcoming EAP Courses and Workshops:

Team Building

Jan. 22

Enhancing Your Performance

Jan. 30, Feb 6, 13

Stress and Wellness

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Parenting Skills for Pre-Teens

April 9

Parenting Skills for Teens

April 16

Register early - Courses fill quickly

New Year's Resolution

"I will be sure to submit my 1996 medical, dental and vision claims to Prudential/London Life before March, 1997."



Season's Greetings

Deadline for submissions
to the January Agora:
January 6, 1997

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC LUMINA CONCERT SERIES

*Concerts are held in the Jean McNulty
Recital Hall Music and Visual Arts Centre
12:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*

January 16

Alexander Tselyakov, piano

February 4

Harold Wevers, bassoon

Joy Fahrenbrück, piano

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