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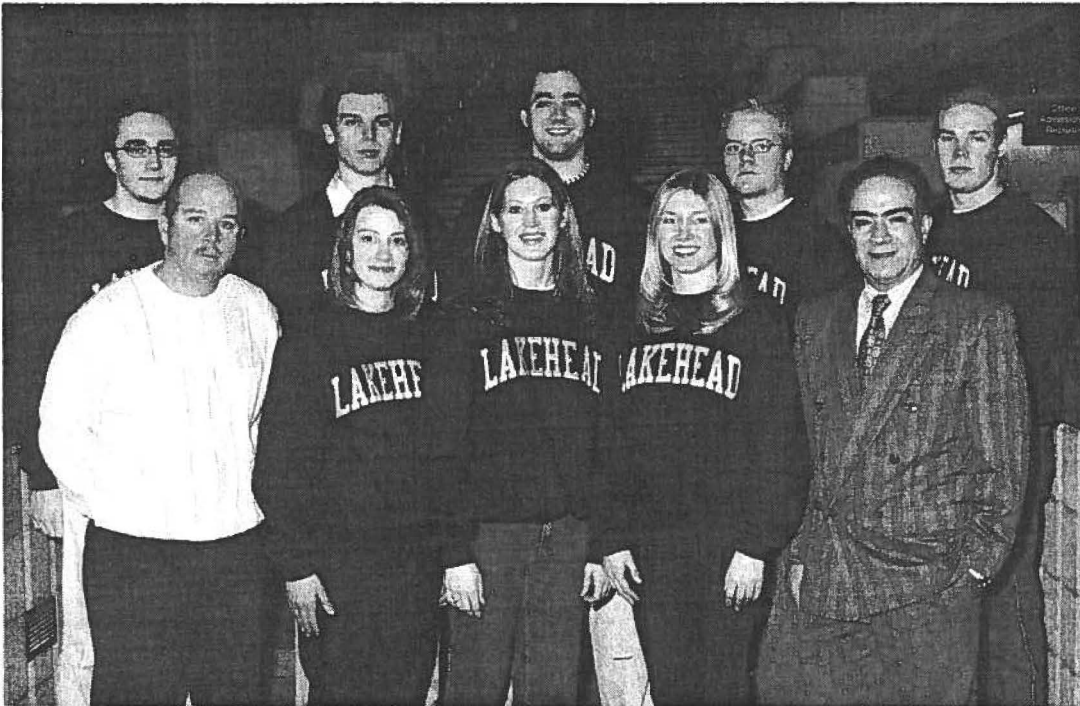


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Photo: Eight business administration students are competing in the final rounds of the 2003 Inter-Collegiate Business Competition (ICBC), at Queen's University, on January 10th and 11th.

Back Row (l-r): Camillo Lento, Christian Otte, Brad Buset, David Lod, Jay Dilley.

Front Row (l-r): Angelina Scalzo, Melanie Peterson, Anita Radochonski.

With them are the ICBC Faculty Advisor Dr. David Smith (front row left) and the Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration Dr. Bahram Dadgostar (front row right).

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1. From the President's Desk

A message from the President of Lakehead University, Dr. Fred Gilbert.

2. Two Campus Deans appointed by the Northern Ontario Medical School

Dr. Louis Francescutti has been appointed Campus Dean - Northwest and Dr. Tim Allen has been appointed Campus Dean - Northeast.

3. Canada Foundation for Innovation recognizes Four Lakehead Researchers

In December, Dr. Lionel Catalan, Dr. Abdelhamid Tayebi, Dr. Kam Leung and Dr. Carney Matheson were singled out for special recognition by the CFI.

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4. New Degree Program in Water Resource Science

Graduates of this new, multi-disciplinary bachelor of science degree program will be well positioned to work in the water resource sector, says Program Director Dr. Philip Fralick.

5. Towards Effective Medical Image Segmentation

Research by Dr. Sabah Mohammed into the development of new segmentation techniques for medical images will play an increasingly prominent role in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

6. Alumni Profile: The Irmo Marini Story

Dr. Irmo Marini (BA'82, HBA'84, MA'85) has distinguished himself both personally and professionally since his student days at Lakehead in the early 1980s.

7. Campus News

Business administration students compete with the best; ATAC Hard Hat Reception slated for January 23rd.

8. Honours, Awards, Appointments and Publications

Genesis Genomics places third in a national competition; Dr. Azim Mallik receives Grodzinski Award.

9. Welcome New Faculty and Staff

A listing of the new hires since September 2002.

10. Agora Online

Share your comments, news and information.

Events@Lakehead

Events@Lakehead is a weekly e-bulletin sent to all students, staff and faculty every Friday from September through May.

To receive Events@Lakehead, contact Marla Tomlinson by e-mail: communications@lakeheadu.ca

To have an event listed, please send the notice to Marla Tomlinson at least a week in advance of the event.

Alumni Profile: Irmo Marini

"When you apply yourself, miracles can happen."

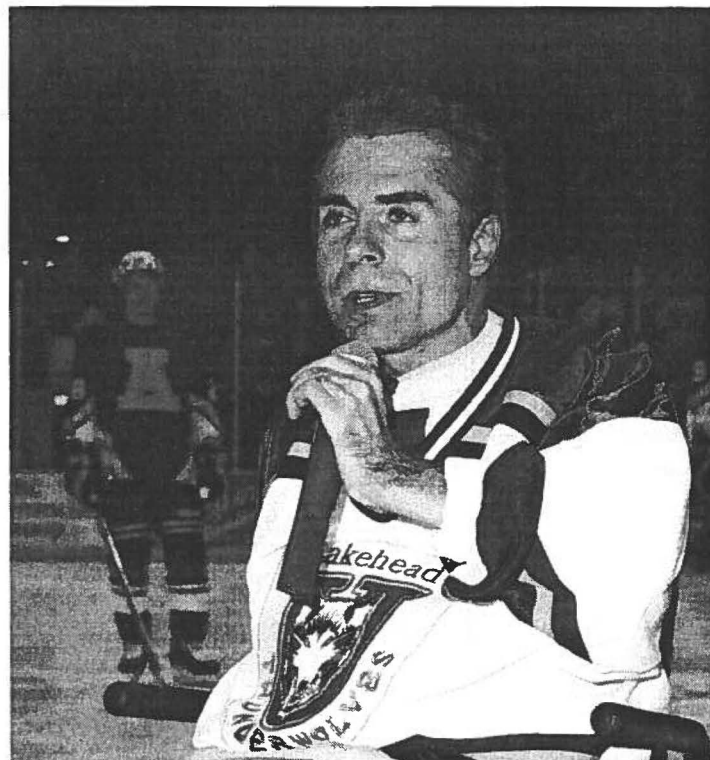


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Lakehead University graduate and former varsity hockey player Irmo Marini was honoured at the Fort William Gardens on Saturday January 4, 2003, in a pre-game ceremony during which his No. 7 jersey was officially retired.

Marini, now a Professor at the University of Texas-Pan American, suffered a serious injury in 1981 while playing hockey. The accident left him paralysed.

The support of his then girlfriend, now wife, Darlene (née Bragnalo), has been the key to his recovery and all the success he has achieved in his life so far.

"She inspired me to give life a shot again, especially since I thought it was over," says Marini. "I felt that if she wasn't going to give up on us, then I had no right to, as well. All my accomplishments since the accident have more or less been to prove that she was right. Every time I win an award, publish an article, or do well in my private practice, I do it more for her than for me."

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