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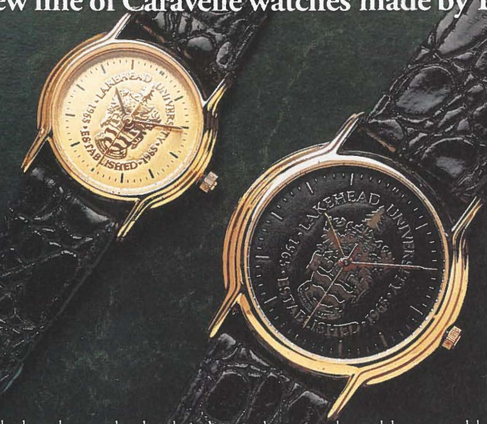
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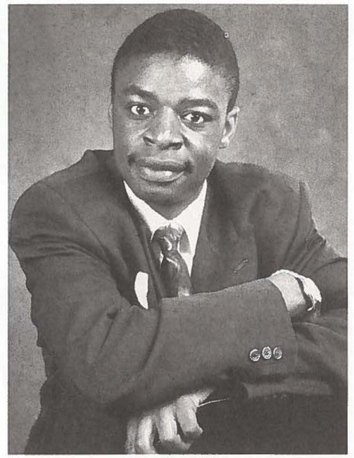
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Adam Molai HBComm'96



By Dinah Waddell, BA'73, BEd'75, MEd'85

When Adam Molai returns to Zimbabwe in September, he plans to start a business that will allow him to spend more time on his real passion — business consulting.

"My heart is in business consulting on any scale," he says. "It is a joy to work with entrepreneurs who have an idea, and then to see the business actually running."

Home for this international student is Marondera, Zimbabwe, south of the capital city Harare. After graduating from an Anglican boarding school, Molai spent a year studying business at the University of Buckingham in London, England, before looking through the calendars of Canadian universities in search of a new experience. He was delighted to receive his first response from Lakehead."I couldn't have made a better choice," he says.

Extra-curricular activities have included being advertising manager for the student newspaper, working as a telemarketer during the Alumni Association's annual fund-raising campaign, and serving as President of the African-Caribbean Students Association. But throughout, his overriding interest has been the Lakehead University Management Consulting Service where students, supervised by faculty, provide marketing management, strategic management, financial management, hardware and software expertise, and training courses to small and medium-sized businesses in Northwestern Ontario. As Senior Manager for the last three years, Molai has watched with pride as more than 50 business students involved with the Service have since found full-time employment.

During Molai's third and fourth years at Lakehead, he participated in the Queen's Intercollegiate Business Competition, a race that has come to be known as the "Stanley Cup of business schools."

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Toward the Next Millennium

Part Two

In the last issue of the Nor'Wester, we introduced you to a panel of seven Lakehead University faculty and staff members who had gathered last November to discuss the critical issues facing universities. Part One focussed on the value of a liberal arts education and the difficulties universities have in marketing scholarship. Part Two looks at the effect of the university funding crisis on teaching and research. Our thanks go to David Heald (BA'84) who served as moderator and Nancy Adderley (HBA'90) who taped and edited the panelists' comments.



Kerrie-Lee Clarke
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Political Science Professor

Technology and the Liberal Arts Education

Q: What the politicians may want and what the leaders of corporations may want could be drastically different from what society as a whole may need. Can you speak to this conflict between the value of a liberal arts education and the need for technical expertise?

Kerrie-Lee Clarke: "I really think that the politicians and civil servants are saying that we have to prepare people for this uncertain future and part of that is having some basic skills, a lot of which are going to come out of a liberal arts education.

But we also have to have the technical skills as well. Education is the foundation on which society is built. Society as we know it is built on the information and discoveries that have been made in universities, and unless we can get that message out, I think we're really going to be in trouble."

Connie Nelson: "What makes it so traumatic is that there are a number of issues facing universities at precisely the time that money is tight. The potential of technology to redefine the way we even approach the topic of learning is hitting universities head on. We are just tiptoeing to the door of dealing with this issue. It is not just an issue of delivering what we already know — the technology makes all kinds of new knowledge available to us, and we don't know how we are going to deal with this."

Laure Paquette: "The question that we are facing therefore, is what do we teach? For those of us in the social sciences, I don't need to tell students what the Canadian Constitution is anymore, they will be able to get that off the Internet instantly. I have to teach them the Internet is a dramatically uneven quality of information. I have to teach them how to judge that. So it's a question of not the content of what we teach, but what skills are we going to teach. And we can't strictly focus on the needs of the private sector, because that is a moving target."

Livio Di Matteo: "If this information revolution — this technological change — is really going to change the way we do things, you have to look at what is most easily automated at a university. And I guess what is most easily automated is probably a large portion of the teaching. However, it is still difficult to automate research. The crucial role for a university might become more heavily focussed on research. So if you are looking at what a university is going to evolve into over time, there are two possible models. We could go around teaching skills — how to access the Internet, how to work a spreadsheet. Or we could go around attracting quality faculty, creating a research environment where you generate new knowledge.

So, should the university become a destination point on the information highway, sort of a critical mass of scholars doing research and disseminating it, or are we going to just provide the "drivers' ed." courses?"

Research and Teaching: In Search of the Best Blend

Q: What are the pressures facing universities right now in terms of research?

Sher Ali Mirza: "In the professional faculty, the faculty members are tremendously underpaid, especially the younger ones. Coming soon, perhaps we will get salary cuts, and if that happens, we are going to see some of our younger, brighter faculty members taking off for industry. At this point, the faculty is aging and unless you bring in new blood, how is the renewal going to take place? Some of our faculty members are working 60 to 80 hours a week. There comes a point where they have to slow down because age catches up with them. And when that happens, their research is going to slip. Without new people to replace them, quality has to go down. In order for a faculty member to be energetic and provide up-to-date knowledge, to get a "spark" inside himself or herself, he or she has to do research. He or she has to be at the cutting edge of knowledge."

Connie Nelson: "We have typically viewed ourselves as an undergraduate institution, so we have hired to meet a breadth of needs. But I think there is a growing feeling out there that anybody who has a PhD should, for the most part, be able to teach the basic core concepts of their discipline regardless of what their specialization was. If we changed our thinking, we could hire in a way that would allow us to take these resources and do advanced training at the same time as we provide an undergraduate education. The outcome would be quite exciting."

Laure Paquette: "Professors are hired to teach certain courses and to do research into a particular specialty. Traditionally, there has been a link in that you teach in your specialty. What Connie is suggesting is instead of doing that, let's get people who are very good and let's concentrate — get a critical mass of researchers in a particular area, knowing full well that they can teach the spectrum of undergraduate courses.

She's proposing this in the broader framework of a very important issue — what is the relationship between teaching and research. This relationship is going to come under heavy fire with all the budget cuts and all the changes that we foresee."

Intellectual Freedom?

Q: Will the shift in funding priorities compromise the standing principle of maintaining the administrative and intellectual freedom our institutions need?

Randy Nelsen: "The administrative and intellectual freedom, particularly the intellectual freedom, has already been well-compromised before any budget cuts... In terms of the budget cuts, what is already in pretty bad shape is going to get worse. Increasingly, we are going to have to find ways to raise our own money. So we are going to become more privatized, more like private entrepreneurs. I'm critical of this entrepreneurial system, and this university/big business partnership, because it takes us more into the system and doesn't allow us to stay at arm's length in a way that would allow us to remain critical.

Q: Is there any danger in a university becoming too closely associated with corporations, in order to receive funding dollars?

David Euler: "In our faculty (Forestry), we have people who are critical of corporate practices and we have people who support corporate practices. Naturally, the corporations, being self-interested, begin to support those faculty who support the things they do. That's a real problem — how to maintain this freedom to say what we think is right, in the face of incredible budget cuts." ❑

Jane Taylor

In Partnership with the Community

By Wendy Bourke

Jane Taylor's work is a testament to the good things that can be accomplished when educators, government, volunteers and stakeholders act together. Each year this Kinesiology professor finds placements for approximately 100 students in hospitals, schools and service agencies throughout Northwestern Ontario. In fact, there are many Lakehead University faculty like Taylor who are strengthening services across the region by their teaching and research.

When speaking with Jane Taylor it quickly becomes apparent she has an innate sensitivity and respect for people with disabilities. "I think my relationship with my brother Bruce, who has cerebral palsy, has had a lot to do with the way my life's work has unfolded," she says.

Taylor began her career as a high school physical education teacher at a school for students with learning disabilities in London, Ontario. It was there she realized how recreation mirrored what was going on in the rest of a child's life. Physically awkward children often exempted themselves or were excluded from activities, and in doing so, paid a terrible price in terms of their social skills development, emotional well-being and level of fitness.

While pursuing her studies at the University of Alberta, Taylor developed the criteria she would later use to evaluate motor skill issues. Under the guidance of her thesis advisor, Dr. Ted Wall, she opened the first Motor Development Clinic in Edmonton in 1981. Ten years later, she opened another one in Thunder Bay.

The Thunder Bay Clinic teams fourth-year Kinesiology students with children who have various motor skill problems. Its purpose is to give children who typically do not succeed the opportunity to develop excellence or at least adequacy in a skill.



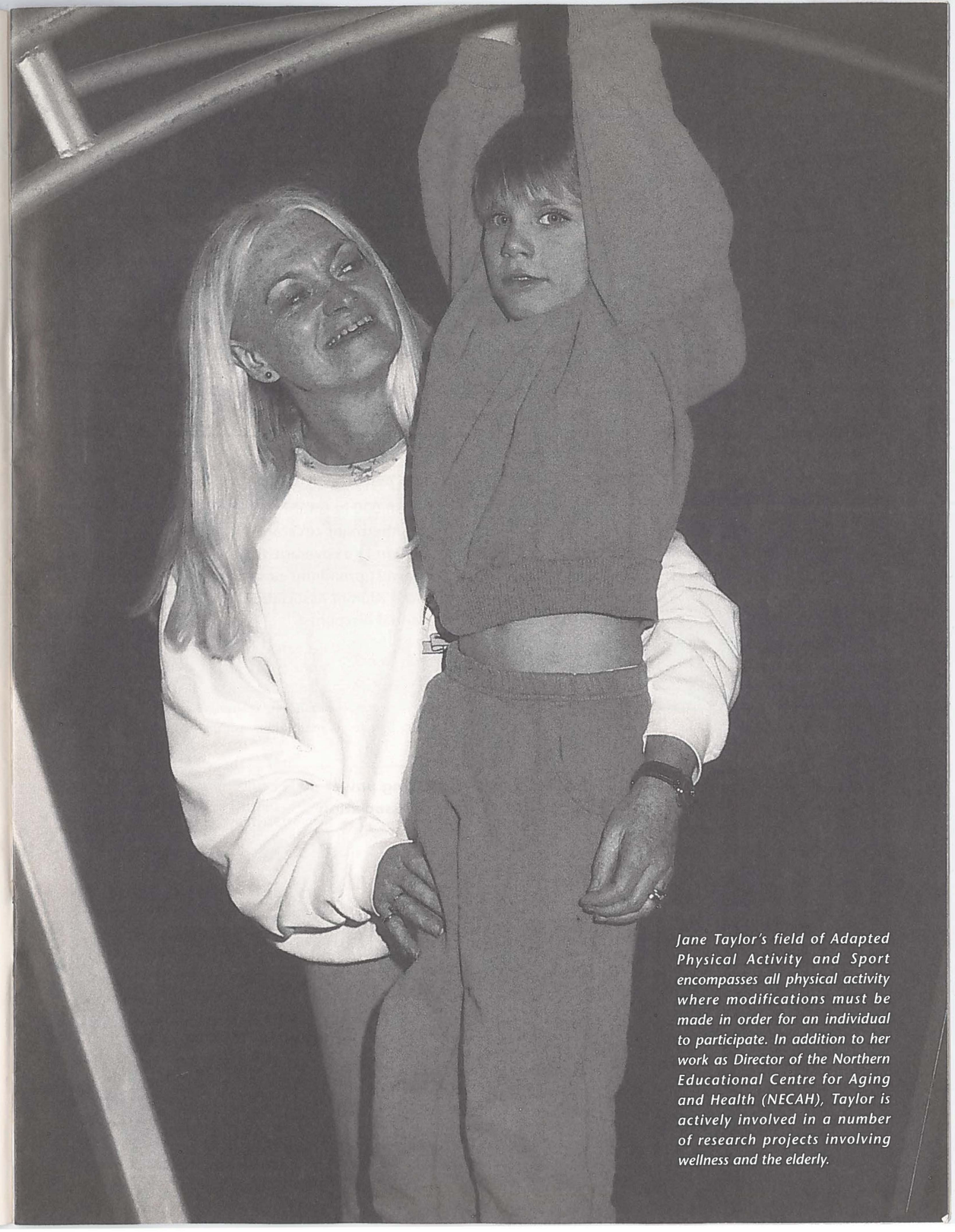
In addition to operating the Motor Development Clinic, Taylor helped develop and operate a Social Skills/Recreation Program in conjunction with Dr. Fred Schmidt, a psychologist at the Lakehead Regional Family Centre. The Social Skills/Recreation Program (initiated by the Learning Disabilities Association) has two parts: a social skills component in the classroom which centres on appropriate strategies and language for social competency, and an adapted physical activity program in the gymnasium which gives the participants an opportunity to apply their new skills in a recreational setting.

"I see my role as encouraging partnerships and providing the opportunity for growth and change to occur," says Taylor. "These programs are not a quick fix to self-esteem for children who are excluded and rejected by their peers. Sometimes when a child has success in the clinic, the real gain is that people who had previously given up, begin to work together again."

Everyone benefits when the program works well and students are often profoundly affected by the experience. According to Education student Sharon Askes, "Practical experience opens your eyes to what's going on out there, in a way that classwork never could. When you see what you're doing is making a difference, it's a wonderful feeling."

As budgets are cut, more and more agencies appreciate the practicum process as an important resource, and they value the effort and enthusiasm of the students. Over the years, Lakehead students have worked with more than 25 agencies including St. Joseph's Hospital, both local school boards, the George Jeffrey Children's Treatment Centre, Special Olympics, Superior Athletics, St. Joseph's Hospital Reactivation Unit and the Thunder Bay Therapeutic Riding Association. As well, Taylor's undergraduate students have spent many hours assisting at local homes for seniors such as Bethammi and Grandview, keeping the elderly active.

Placing and monitoring students in "real" situations takes tremendous commitment and effort on the part of busy faculty, but giving students this practical experience while benefiting others is showing itself to be well worth it. Says Taylor: "You can't learn enough about people with disabilities in a lecture setting. The whole premise of the adapted program is based on interaction. Without mutual respect, tolerance and knowing that we are striving for the same goals, our own programs could not flourish." ❑



Jane Taylor's field of Adapted Physical Activity and Sport encompasses all physical activity where modifications must be made in order for an individual to participate. In addition to her work as Director of the Northern Educational Centre for Aging and Health (NECAH), Taylor is actively involved in a number of research projects involving wellness and the elderly.

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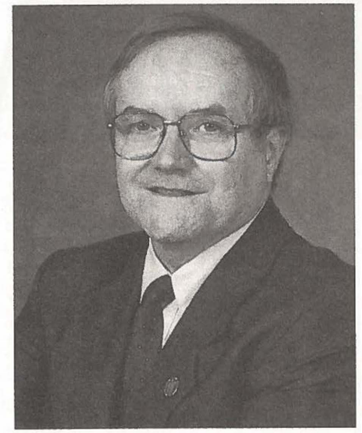
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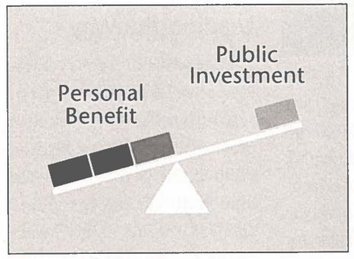
Dr. Robert G. Rosehart

"Back to the Future" The Increased Role for Alumni

By Dr. Robert G. Rosehart, President, Lakehead University

During this past year, the Ontario government has reduced operating grants to Ontario's public universities by more than 15 percent in one year. This is unprecedented and places Ontario's funding per university student as the lowest in Canada. In these most turbulent times, the title "Back to the Future" is really meant to imply that we need to look back increasingly to our alumni to help our future students at Lakehead University.

The question often asked by the public is "has there been a consensus developed around a fundamental shift in the value of a publicly-funded education system?" Although the long-standing argument in favour of a publicly-funded system stands today unchallenged, the recent practice in Ontario seems to signal a shift in the "Personal Benefit—Public Investment" equation.



A fundamental shift? Generally, society recognizes the value of a well-educated population to society as a whole, and it is widely recognized that a publicly-funded education system is one of the most effective social equalizers. For example, in the State of Georgia, lottery profits go to provide full tuition scholarships for worthy students and in Finland, one of our most progressive international competitors, tuition fees are non-existent. These issues will, no doubt, be debated when the Ontario government releases its long-awaited "White Paper" on post-secondary education. Accessibility and affordability are questions the public needs to be increasingly focussed upon.

One thing is certain about the future; it will not be like the past. In order to look to the future, it is useful to reflect upon where we have come from, and you may find the comparisons in the tables below of interest.

Several numbers stand out, and I have noted two with an asterisk. It is clear that, particularly in the 1984-1996 period, tuition fees have really escalated, to almost three times the 1984 levels. During this time, we have seen a long period of recession and, generally, a tough summer job market for the students. As well, debt loads have increased, and the post-graduation job market has become increasingly competitive.

Enough of the sobering past — the positive perspective is the significant increase in alumni giving to our Annual Fund, up by almost a factor of five from 1984. Your contributions are appreciated and will be even more important in the future as more of the financial burden of post-secondary education is moved to the students. This need is going to be particularly felt by students who need bursary support.

The Ontario government, in its May, 1996 Budget, recognized that more student aid was needed in Ontario universities, and they are permitting each university to establish a special student aid *(continued on page 19)*

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY'S GROWTH

	1970	1984	1996
Student Body *(Full-Time)*	2,900	3,695	5,800
Budget *(Millions)*	$7.5	$26.7	$48.1
Tuition	$560	$1,174	$3,250
Residence/Food	$1,035	$2,685	$4,600
Number of Alumni	1,654	12,303	25,278

How do we place some of the above in perspective? Let us look at some of the relative changes:

RELATIVE CHANGE — LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

	1970-1996	1984-1996
Student Body	2.0	1.6
Budget	6.4	1.8
Tuition	5.8	2.8*
Residence/Food	4.4	1.7
House Cost *(Thunder Bay)*	7.0	1.5
Intermediate Car Cost	6.3	1.8
Number of Alumni	15.2	2.1
Incremental Alumni Giving	(no fund)	4.8*

Campus News

Business Program Among the Best

Lakehead may not have the largest business school in Canada, but when it comes to quality, there is no question it ranks among the top five this year.

Four student teams made it to the final round of the Queen's Intercollegiate Business Competition, and Lakehead placed first in the Management Information Systems (MIS) category, beating out Calgary, Wilfrid Laurier, Carleton, Memorial and Queen's.

Lakehead graduates continue to perform with excellence in the professional educational programs offered by the professional accounting associations. Last year 10 out of 10 first-time writers were successful in the Uniform Final Examinations for the Chartered Accountant designation in Ontario. As well, Lakehead students continue to show equally strong levels of performance in the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) program in Ontario.

Thumbs up for the LU Travel Program

Lakehead University, working in conjunction with the City of Thunder Bay, has put together a travel package that is drawing praise from parents. Sandi McCabe from London, Ontario, writes: "My husband and I took advantage of the Canadian Holiday's package and came to Thunder Bay to visit our son, Jamie. We had a wonderful time! The Valhalla Inn was first-class and the car rental worked out very well. We even went skiing on the Saturday in near perfect conditions. We were very impressed with the campus and the attitude of the students. It is no wonder that you make it easy for parents to visit." For information contact Tourism Thunder Bay at 1-800-667-8386.



Norma Gibson

Voice of Lakehead Retires

For the last 26 years, Norma Gibson has been greeting callers with a cheery "Lake-head Un-i-ver-sity" from her post at the University's Switchboard. Although retiring this year, she'll be remembered as the first recipient of the Lakehead University Community Recognition Award. "With the many summer picnics and Christmas and Halloween parties she has organized in conjunction with the LU Community Council, Norma has ensured that children feel good about Lakehead University and could see where their parents work," says Joy Himmelman, Director of Student Services and Community Relations and Chair of the selection committee, "She has made the campus a real place for families."

To Boldly Go

When most people hear the words "high-tech" and "Lucas" together, they probably imagine something like Star Wars, the classic movie that gave us incredible special effects by director George Lucas. But Lakehead University has an impressive LUCAS right here on campus with fascinating technology of its own: LUCAS is the Lakehead University Centre for Analytical Services.

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Building Confidence

Members of the Lakehead Rotary Club are helping students brush up their interviewing skills. Last March volunteers took part in mock interviews offered by the University's Student Placement and Co-operative Education Centre. The interviews were part of a larger Employment Readiness Program which included sessions on job search strategy, effective resume writing, and successful interview skills.

Leading the Way

Lakehead's Emergency First Response Team earned first, second and third place at a provincial competition held on campus this year. Director Ian Blanchard credits his team's success to the many hours spent in training alongside Thunder Bay's Emergency Health Services which includes Thunder Bay Ambulance and Thunder Bay Regional Hospital — McKellar Campus. The Emergency First Response team provides around-the-clock first aid service for everyone on campus.

A Big Heart and a Brilliant Mind

Retiring history professor Ernst Zimmermann was showered with good wishes at a fundraising dinner held in March to establish an endowment for an annual award to a senior student in history.



Ernst Zimmermann

During his 29-year career at Lakehead, Zimmermann served as Chair of the Department of History, Dean of Arts, President of the Faculty Association, and member of both the Senate and the Board of Governors.

Among the many friends who spoke that evening was colleague Vic Smith who suggested Zimmermann's initials (E.R.) might stand for Ernst Robert, but they could just as easily stand for "extremely rambunctious," "excessively rude," "equally respectful," "energetically restive," and "entirely relentless."

President of Lakehead Bob Rosehart praised Zimmermann saying he was one of the original 'Team Lakehead' members, "committed, challenging, and always interesting... an extremely dedicated teacher, and an ardent unionist."

Other faculty retiring this year include: Henry Akervall and Lisle Thomson (Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism); Andre Cloutier (Languages); Emil David, Robert Day, Robert Farmer, and Tom Hazenberg (Forestry); Douglas Alexander, Maria Fine, Bill Honey and Arthur Hensel (Business Administration); Richard Freitag and George Ozburn (Biology); David Hughes (Physics); Henry North, Dennis Roddy, Murray Patterson, Martin Oosterveld (Engineering); Thomas Song (Kinesiology); Peter Rutherford (Education); Alan Hughes and Ian Hoodless (Chemistry); and Anita Chen (Sociology).

The Zimmermann Scholarship Fund now totals over $12,000. If you wish to make a contribution, contact Jo-Anne Silverman at (807) 343-8910.

The Will to Share

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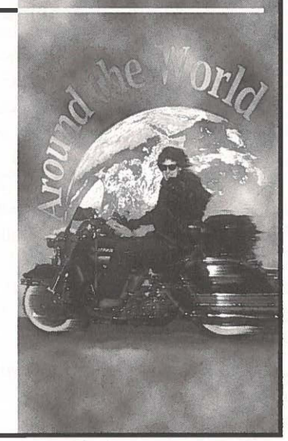
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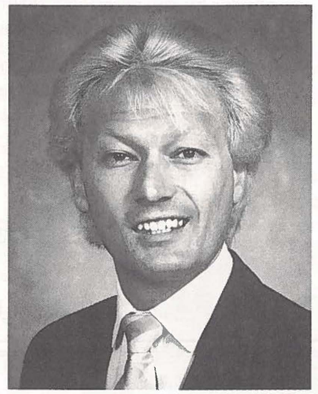
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Report from the Board

This issue of the Nor'Wester comes to you as I begin my first year as President of the Alumni Association of Lakehead University. The Board of Directors has accomplished much under the guidance of Past-president Bill Bartley, and we thank him for the hard work and leadership he has displayed during the last two years. In essence, the Board is undergoing a changing of the guard, but we will not be resting on our laurels for there are many projects in the works.



Jim Kalyta - President, Alumni Association

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome the graduating class of 1996 to the Alumni Association. Finally, after many years of hard work, you have been rewarded with this wonderful accomplishment. Let it be known that we value your interest and involvement with Lakehead University and with our students of the future. Please remember your alma mater as you move on to the next challenge in your lives.

Board Development

The Board of Directors has been busy over the course of the last few months setting goals and objectives for the future. Results from those meetings will be communicated to you in my next column, but if we could identify one main point that has resulted from our discussions, it is the fact that we continue to need the assistance and expertise of our alumni from all walks of life and professional backgrounds. If you are interested in becoming involved, please write to me care of the Alumni Services Office.

Annual General Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Evening

Approximately 60 alumni, volunteers and friends attended the Annual General Meeting in conjunction with our Volunteer Appreciation Evening on May 2, 1996. Dr. Bob Rosehart, the President of Lakehead, was the keynote speaker and he delivered an entertaining and informative talk on the future of Lakehead University and the importance of its alumni. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Centra Gas Ontario Inc. who co-sponsored the Volunteer Appreciation dinner.

Your new executive committee for 1996-97 is comprised of: President: Jim Kalyta (BAdmin '82), Past-president: Bill Bartley (BA '72), President-elect: John Friday (HBComm '81), Treasurer: Mark Tilbury (HBComm '94), and Member-at-large: Lynne Peters (BPE '78, BEd '82, MEd '92).

Board members continuing their terms of office are Ben Kaminski (BA '82), David Heald (BA '84), and Mary Sacco (BA '87). Past-president Betty Coates (BScN '69) will be our representative to the Board of Governors for 1997-2000, replacing Joseph Baratta (BA '70, BEd '75, MEd '80). A special thanks to Joe for holding this position over the past three years.

Vacancies

At present, we are completing our Board development process and we invite interested alumni to join the Board. We currently have four vacancies which need appointments. If you think you might have skills to enhance the Board, please write to me or contact Rob Zuback, Manager, Alumni Services.

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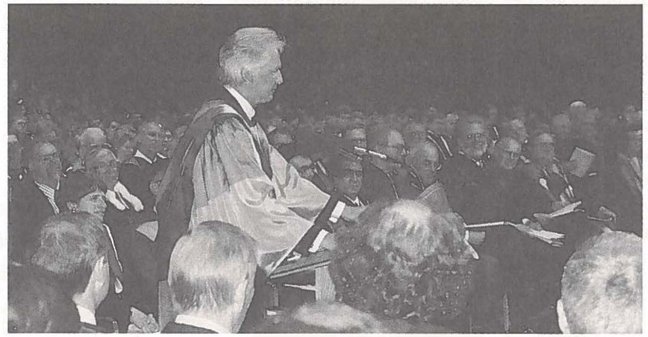
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Convocation '96



In his speech to the graduating class, honorary degree recipient Lorne Everett (HBSc'68) spoke about the early choices he made in becoming an expert on hazardous waste and groundwater monitoring. "Don't compromise your ethics," he advised. "Take the high road, and if there is ever a problem, you can walk away with your credibility intact."



Mary Anderson (BA'66, HBSW'82) assists Valerie Lellava, the Dean of Arts & Science medal winner for the highest-ranking student in the Honours Bachelor of Social Work program.

Honorary Degree Recipients

Louis Dudek — Poet, Author and Teacher
Lorne G. Everett — Scientist
Lenore Untinen — Women's Advocate
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Ronald Ristimaki — Businessman and Entrepreneur

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Mae Katt — Health Director

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Adam Molai, BComm (Hons)

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David William Maijala, Dipl Eng Tech, BEng
Adam Molai, BComm (Hons)
Julie Ann Nisbett, BA/BEd

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Calendar of Events

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Volunteers for Admissions and Recruitment

The Alumni Services Office is working with the Admissions Office of Lakehead University to establish a joint Alumni Admissions Program. This program, if instituted, would enlist the assistance of alumni in the recruitment of new students for Lakehead. If you are interested in volunteering for such a program in your city, call the Alumni Services Office at (807) 343-8155 or toll free at 1-800-832-8076.

Lucky Winner

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Class of '81 Nursing Reunion

Marja Pehkonen and Noel Stout are planning an informal reunion in Thunder Bay on August 2-3, 1996, and plan to contact grads directly by mail and by phone. To the "lost grads" whose current addresses are not available, they write, "Dear Heather, Sonya, Nancy, Noel, Pamela, Kathryn, Cindy, Anna, Laurene, Alison, Pat, Cathy, Angela, Lorraine, Marja, Kathy, Loretta, Pam, Wendy, Cheryl, Brenda and Debra. We'd love to hear from you at which time we will promptly send you information regarding location and times of getting together. If you can't make it, please send us a little note and we'll share it at the reunion."

Contact Marja (Kraft) Pehkonen, RR #1, Kaministiquia, Ont. POT 1XO or Noel (Presio) Stout, 122 Cottonwood Crescent, Thunder Bay, Ont. P7A 3L9.

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Recently, it has been brought to our attention that certain individuals have been contacting Lakehead grads, claiming to be doing so on behalf of the Alumni Association, and then attempting to sell products and services. Should you receive any solicitations you believe are unauthorized, contact Rob Zuback, Manager of Alumni Services at (807) 343-8916. ❑

For information about any of the events listed above, contact:

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Class News

1960s

John Schelling (BA'69) retired on December 13, 1995, as principal of St. Margaret Catholic School.

1970s

Neil R. Campling (HBSc'73) is residing with his wife Linda in Darlington, England, where he works as North Yorkshire County Archaeologist.

Donald Scarcello (Bus.Dip'74, BA'75) was one of 10 individuals this year to receive the Certified General Accountants (CGA) Association of Ontario's Distinguished Service Award. He is Assistant Director of Revenue Collection with Revenue Canada Taxation in Windsor and lives in London with his wife Lea (LeMarbe) and their daughters Karen, 19, and Katie, 15.

Al Lagadin (BSc/BEd'75) is employed with the Municipal Gas Corporation of Aurora, Ont. and has recently been appointed to the position of Market Development and Sales for Northwestern Ontario.

Janet Sillman (HBA'76) and husband Tom Walters recently saw the safe arrival of their fourth child, Alina Helen Sillman Walters. "Ali" was born on August 23, 1995.

Nick Joblin (HBComm'77) and his wife Jackie have moved from Edmonton to Vancouver where he is employed with Siemens Electric Ltd.

Barry Gural (BA'77, BEd'81) is religious education curriculum chairperson at St. Patrick's High School in Thunder Bay. He recently received the Bishop Reding Award as the Secondary School Outstanding Teacher for the Northwest Region.

Richard Hicks (MA'78) is employed at General Motors in St. Catharines and would enjoy hearing from his old friends in the graduate program. He asks, "Does anyone know what became of Dr. French?" You can write to Richard at 32 Strada Blvd., St. Catharines, Ont., L2S 3L8 or phone (905) 685-7401.

Valerie Bristowe RN (BA'78) is employed at Banker's Hall Health Complex as a Health Promotion Consultant teaching fitness classes and arthritis management, and training fitness specialty leaders. She is pursuing post-graduate nursing studies at Athabasca University in Alberta.

David Chadwick (Lib.Tech'79, BA'81) is happy to announce that he and spouse Georgina Garrett had their third son Peter in July, 1995. David is working at the Manitoba legislature and Georgina practices law at the firm Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson in Winnipeg.

1980s

Heather Lauder (BA/BEd'81) is residing in Spencerville, Ont., and working for the Leeds and Granville County Board of Education as a part-time art teacher. She gave birth to twin boys, Kirk and Neil, in December, 1995. They are brothers to Kris and Kelly.

Former Coordinator of Counselling Services at LU, **Irmo Marini** (BA'82, HBA'84, MA'85), earned his PhD in Rehabilitation at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, winning two awards for outstanding academic achievement. He now has a tenure-track position at Arkansas State University as Assistant Professor in Counselor Education and Psychology. His wife Darlene is a freshman at ASU majoring in Communicative Disorders. He can be reached at P. O. Box 2805, State University, AR 72467, U.S.A., telephone: (501) 931-5246.

Scott Tozer (Eng.Tech'82) married Lucille (nee Schaaf) in 1986. They have two children: Tanis, 6, and Graydon, 1. Since graduation, Scott has been working as a Project Manager specializing in geotechnical engineering for DST Consulting Engineers Inc., a Northwestern Ontario based international consulting firm. During the summer of 1995, Scott took on an assignment in their overseas office located in Beirut, Lebanon.

Wendy Mauracher (HBPHE'82), her husband Rob and their three girls are now living in Kingston, Jamaica. Rob works for Air Jamaica and Wendy will be involved in activities at the American-Canadian International School which their children attend.

David Tarjan (HBScF'84) is residing in Switzerland where he works as an evangelist for the Church of Christ and as a research assistant at the Swiss Federal Research Institute. He was married in 1990 to Kirsten Ulrich and they have two children: Jessica, born in 1992, and Timothy, born in 1994.

Dee (nee Hurlston) (BA'85) and **Rob Bennett** (HBSc'82, BEd'85) are residing in the Cayman Islands. Rob is self-employed as a landscaping consultant and is also working part-time on their Cayman Islands Botanic Park project. Dee teaches five-year-olds and is head of infants at a government school.

Since graduation, **Rudy E. Rawlins** (BEng'86) worked for Schlumberger Industries in Toronto and College Station in Texas and was promoted to the position of Engineering Manager for Digital Fault Recorders. He is now a Design Engineer for Hardware Maintenance and Diagnostics at Northern Telecom in Toronto.

Coleen Doerksen (nee Finlayson) (MA'86) is married and living in Morden, Man., on a 40-acre hobby farm. She works in two school divisions as a school psychologist.

Since 1989, **Pat** (HBA'86, BEd'88) and **John Lychek** (LTI'57) have been living in Hanover, Ont., where Pat is employed by the Bruce-Grey Roman Catholic Separate School Board and John is retired. They will be relocating to Sydney, Australia, where Pat will be working as a teacher in 1996 as part of the Ontario Federation for Educational Exchange.

Lori (nee Wilson) **Vander Ploeg** (HBScN'87) married firefighter, Robert, in 1991. They are the proud parents of two sons: Jacob, born in February, 1992, and William, born in August, 1993. Lori is working part-time at Thunder Bay Regional Hospital — McKellar Campus, on the Pediatrics Floor.

David L. Nicol (HBSc'87, MSc'91) and his wife, Marilyn of Carrot River, Sask., were married on October 22, 1994. David works as a geological consultant in oil and gas exploration while Marilyn is an Executive Secretary with Ranger Oil Ltd. They reside on an acreage near Calgary with their dogs Tracker and Shasta.

Gary K. T. Sim (BSc'87, HBSc'89, MSc'92) is working for Motorola in Penang, Malaysia, as a Surface Mount Technology Engineer making mobile telecommunication products (walkie-talkies). He has been surfing the Internet and says he is happy to see that Lakehead looks "forever young." He really enjoyed life at LU and sends regards to the Physics Department (especially Joan).

Dr. Joseph P. McMullin (MA'87) graduated from McMaster University in 1994 with his MD degree. He is now living in Hamilton and enrolled in the Internal Medicine residency program at McMaster.

Nina Morrow (nee Ariganello) (BA/BEd'89) and husband Michael are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Jonathan Michael. The newest "Montreal Canadiens' fan" was born December 15, 1996. Nina is employed by the Lakehead District Separate School Board as a French teacher.

Patrick Matakala (HBScF'89, MSc'91) completed his PhD in Forestry at UBC in August, 1995. Since September, 1995, he has been employed as a Sessional Lecturer at UBC teaching four courses: Protected Areas Planning & Management; Recreation Resource Administration & Management; Recreation Resource Planning; and International Forestry.

Harold Harkonen (BEng'89) married Tammy Gauvreau in September, 1993. Their daughter Kira was born December 4, 1994, and they were expecting their second child in June. Harold transferred from the Kimberly-Clark mill in Terrace Bay, Ont., to Coosa Pines, Alabama, in January, 1996, and they are making their home in Birmingham. He writes, "Any former classmates attending the IEEE Pulp and Paper Conference or the Olympics this summer are invited to look us up. Best wishes to the class of 1989!" (*continued on page 16*)

IN MEMORIAM

Lakehead University extends condolences to the family and friends of the following:

Cop, Jack James (BA'66), October 11, 1995

Godecki, Anthony Mark 'Tony' (BA'73), February 13, 1996

Menzies, Clifford Lendon (HBA'71), February 14, 1996

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1990s

Armin F. Cansino (BAdmin'90) married Chandra Nisbet in 1995 and would like to thank **Robert Bertolin** (BAdmin'90) who represented Lakehead alumni at the wedding. He is self-employed at a furniture and appliance store in Belize. He sends greetings to all his friends and encourages them to call him if they're ever in the country.

Beth Potter (nee Dougan) (BA'90) and her husband, Mike, welcomed the arrival of a baby brother for four-year-old Meghan at the end of January. Owen arrived on the first anniversary of Beth's company, For Immediate Release Communications Inc., which specializes in media relations and promotion of special events and trade shows in the Greater Toronto Area. The family is living in Ajax, Ont.

Kelly (nee Fettes) (BA'90) and **David Litt** (BAdmin'91) were married in July, 1995. After graduation, Kelly went to Confederation College to study Travel & Tourism. She graduated on the Dean's List in 1994 and started work with Bayway Tours of Thunder Bay as Tour Assistant. She was promoted in 1995 to Tour Co-ordinator. In November, 1995, Bayway merged with Happy Time Tours, so she is now with Happy Time/Bayway Tours. David is Store Manager of Mark's Work Wearhouse.

Lana (nee Bresele) (BEd'90, MSc'90) and **Rob Foster** (HBSc'89) were married at Pukaskwa National Park in 1990. They lived in Tansania for two-and-a-half years while Rob worked on his D.Phil. in Zoology. Since completing his degree in 1993 they have been residing in Thunder Bay where Lana is teaching with the Lakehead Board of Education and Rob is a founding partner of Northern Bioscience, an ecological consulting firm. They are pleased to announce the birth of their baby "Dung Beetle," Megan Marie Bresele Foster, on February 14, 1996. They can be reached by E-mail at: rfoster@norlink.net.

Laura (nee Favot) (HBScN'91) and **Terry Prodanyk** (BSc'92, BEd'93) had their first child, Monica Laura, in November, 1995. Terry is working for North Star Electric and Laura is on maternity leave from the Maternal/Newborn Service at Thunder Bay Regional Hospital — McKellar Campus.

Margaret Saxe (nee MacLeod) (HBScN'91) was married in January, 1996, to Charles S. Saxe, Jr., an industrial engineer and graduate of Texas A&M University. She is living in Victoria, Texas, and will be travelling across the country with her husband's company. She is currently working in a cardiothoracic ICU and is pursuing a career in research and ethics.

Frank (Francesco) Carpino (HBPE'92, BEd'94) married **Lori-Ann Newman** (BA/BEd '93) in April, 1995. He is employed as a Kinesiologist at the Thunder Bay Physiotherapy Centre and supply teaches for the Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

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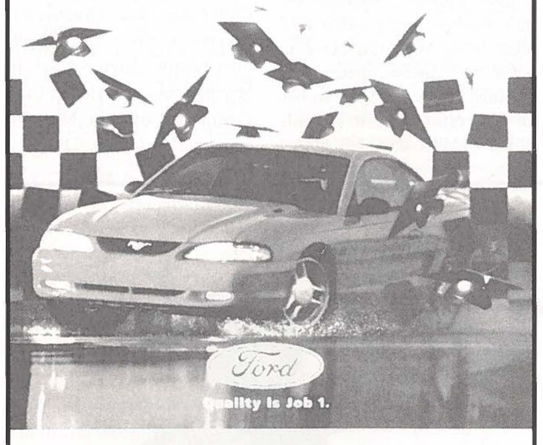
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Alumni Profile

Helmut Eckhardt

PEng (BEng'74)

By Kathy McGowan



Helm Eckhardt has made a niche for himself in the construction industry.

He is working as an Industrial Technology Advisor with the Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) of the National Research Council of Canada, and his services are provided through a contribution agreement between the Canadian Manufactured Housing Association and IRAP.

IRAP assists small and medium-sized industries with competitive strategies in technology research and development to help them become more competitive and profitable. Eckhardt's mandate is to promote the acquisition, development and use of technology and to raise the technological awareness and capabilities of Canadian enterprises.

One success story involved six firms from across Canada who went to Germany recently to meet with members of the German Building and Recycling Industry Association. These firms became aware of the scope and magnitude of opportunities that are available in the construction material recycling industries. Some of these businesses are now key players in large-scale project decommissioning and construction waste demolition management.

The project had special meaning to Eckhardt, who spent three years (1988-91) in Germany as European Branch Manager of a Canadian crown corporation, providing infrastructure services to the Canadian Forces.

Another recent success was the restructuring of a Cornwall insulation manufacturer, providing a more marketable product and assuring approximately 40 jobs.

Given Eckhardt's expertise and diverse background in the technology sector, it is easy to understand why these projects prospered.

Eckhardt met his wife Christine in Calgary where he was a project consultant for the $207 million twin-tower Petro Canada Centre. He was also involved, over a 10-year period, in shaping the Calgary commercial skyline.

Eckhardt, his wife and three children live in Ottawa, Ontario. He invites members of his graduating class to contact him. His E-mail address is helm.eckhardt@irap.nrc.ca.

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Glen Burns (HBComm'92) obtained his CA designation in December, 1995. He is a senior staff accountant at Ernst & Young in Thunder Bay.

Colleen (nee Burr) (BA/BEd'95) and **Kevin O'Dair** (BAdmin'93) were married on July 8, 1995. They reside in Cornwall and Kevin commutes to his work with Nortel in Brockville. Colleen is looking for a full-time teaching position and has her hands full with Ellen, 3. They are expecting a baby in July.

One year after graduation, **Michelle Guitard** (HBA'93) started working with the Addiction Research Foundation and moved to the Kenora office a few months later. Her husband is **Robert Ott** (HBSW/BA'95).

Geoff Hill (BSc'94) achieved a "first-time ever" accomplishment at The University of Western Ontario in London. He earned 100 percent in his second-year chemistry class where he is enrolled in a PhD (chemistry) program. During his four years at Lakehead, he earned 100 percent in five classes and graduated with first-class standing, receiving the Dean of Arts and Science Medal for the highest graduating science marks. He is married to the former Amy Williamson.

Cynthia Scott (BAdmin'94) and Steven Heimbecker are to be married on August 10, 1996. She is a Network Support Analyst for CP Rail in Toronto. Cynthia thanks all of the professors who helped her see her real potential. She says she owes her career success to them and the business program at Lakehead.

Paul McCausland (BAdmin'94) is working as an Auditing Technician with the accounting firm Humpage Taylor McDonald in Peterborough, Ont. He and his wife, Jennifer, were expecting the birth of their first child in the spring.

Derek Serianni (BA'94) is working with Tri-Media in Welland, Ont., in charge of computer systems and Internet services. He owns a computer consulting business called Virtual Media and on weekends he works as a DJ. He and Andrea Gledhill are planning to get married in a couple of years.

Mark Wilhelm (BAdmin'94) and Paula Petsche are getting married on August 17, 1996, and they have bought a house in Waterdown. Mark works for Arrow Electronics Canada and was awarded "top sales rep" in a product category at the Arrow National Sales Conference in South Carolina.

Richard Snyder (BEng'94) is residing in Courtenay, B.C. , and recently began a new job with the Levelton Association.

Richard Darke (BEd'94) married Tania Toop on October 7, 1995. They bought a house in Dundas, Ont., where they live with their yellow lab "Mac" and cat "Tigger." Richard has joined Tania's father in the family business.

Julia Wolst (nee Belleghem) (BA'94, BEd'95) married Steven on August 12, 1995, after a year apart while she finished her education in Thunder Bay and he prepared for his Paramedic I training at Humber College in Toronto. A month after the wedding, she was hired to teach Grade 6-7 at Uptergrove Public School in Orillia. She met **Len Dunkley** (BA'94, BEd'95) at a Simcoe County Conference for new teachers, and wonders who else from her grad class is employed? Anyone interested in sharing stories can write to her at Uptergrove Public School, R R #7, Orillia, Ont., L3V 6H7.

J. Karen Reynolds (MEd'94) is living in Vancouver and writing her dissertation entitled, "A Case Study of the Practice of Assessment in One Intermediate Elementary School Classroom." She has held a SSHRC Fellowship for the past three years and received the Faculty of Education Graduate Student Award for Research in British Columbia.

Maxine Brown (BA/BEd'94) started a new job as a math teacher at Canterbury High School in Ottawa. Her partner **Jonathan Hare** (HBA'94) is currently attending an Education program at the University of Western Sydney in Australia.

Solomon (BA/BEd'95) and **Debbie Kakagamic** (BA'95) are pleased to announce the birth of their son Solomon Wind-Walker Kakagamic on November 1, 1995. He is a brother (finally) for sisters, Candi, Melanie, Amy, Rebecca, Cheyenne and Shoshonee! Solomon works at Pelican Falls First Nations High School. In March, Debbie was elected Band Councillor of Lake Nipigon Ojibway First Nation. ❑

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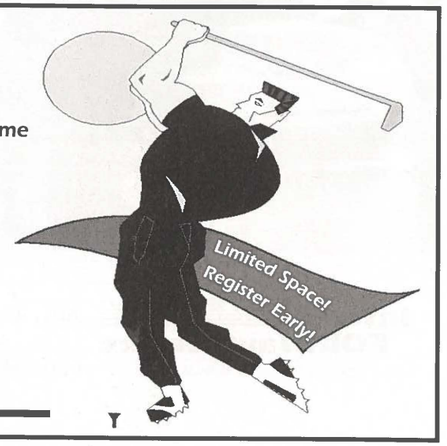
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Adam Molai

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In the final round of competition, the top five student teams in Canada are chosen to compete in the categories of marketing, finance, labour relations, management information systems, and debating. Molai, who is reported to have developed into a "star debater," praises Lakehead University saying, "Compared to the ICBC competitors from other universities, I could see that my education at Lakehead University has been superior."

As a parting gift to the University, Adam Molai established an endowment that will see an annual award of $500 go to a third-year or fourth-year business student who has been involved with the students' club (LUBA), the Queen's Intercollegiate Business Competition (ICBC), or the LU Management Consulting Service.

Oh, and the business he plans to start in Zimbabwe? He and fellow LU graduate John Rajala (HBComm'96) are going to market electrical equipment used in the production of solar and wind energy in Zimbabwe, South Africa and Mozambique. Their prototype, featured on the cover, is currently being manufactured in Northwestern Ontario but their long-range plan is to move production to Zimbabwe. Now that's technology transfer! ❑

At Convocation in May, Adam Molai received two awards: the Poulin Award for outstanding citizenship and for contributing most to the welfare of the University, and the President's Award for students who, by their activities and achievements, have earned the gratitude of the University.

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(continued from page 7) fund. In Lakehead University's case, it will be called "The Lakehead University Student Opportunity Trust Fund." For each dollar donated to this Fund between May 7, 1996 and March 31, 1997, the Ontario government will match the funding dollar for dollar. This is a great opportunity for us to seek out an endowed base of student aid for our future students, since your financial support will be matched 100 percent. Within the Fund, awards can still be named and designated and very few restrictions will apply other than the donated and matched money must be endowed, and only interest and investment income will be used to support awards. Within the next few weeks, Lakehead University will be officially launching our Lakehead University Student Opportunity Trust Fund as a Share Our Northern Vision project, and I would encourage all of you to give this initiative special consideration this next year. As well, please direct us to your corporate and business offices if you feel a call would be appropriate. The Student Opportunity Trust Fund would also make an excellent project for service clubs.

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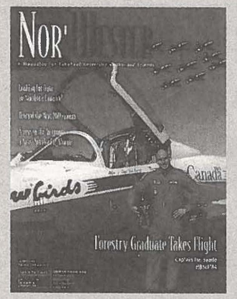
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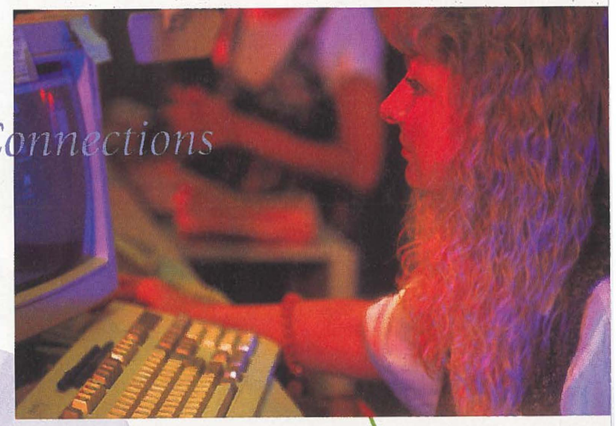
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