

A
BRIEF
TO THE
SENATE OF LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
CONCERNING
THE LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY REVIEW

The Lakehead University Review was conceived some five months ago by the authors of this brief.

We reflected on the apparent lack of success of previous attempts to produce a journal, the then Chairman of the Publications Committee having deemed the task "impossible". We further reflected on the somewhat embarrassing situation created by the fact that the students had taken the initiative in this field by publishing the widely-circulated Essays from Lakehead.

By mid-August we had decided that the publication of a scholarly journal at Lakehead University would not be impossible. We agreed that in the short-run, the Review would contribute to the academic life of the University and the intellectual development of the area; in the long-run, it could take its place among the major Canadian interdisciplinary reviews.

Having decided that the idea was academically feasible, we then had informal discussions with a commercial printer to determine the approximate cost of printing and binding a journal of some one hundred pages. With this data, we prepared a preliminary budget which we then presented to the President who encouraged us to pursue the idea even further.

We decided not to involve the University officially until we were certain that the content of the first number would warrant Senate endorsement. Therefore, we decided to undertake the preparation of the Review independently with the intention that when the first number was ready to go to press, we would seek the support of the University by requesting that the Senate select an editorial board.

We also decided that the Review should be a biannual publication. With a target date of March, 1968 (the second number to appear in October, 1968) in mind, it seemed pointless to invite manuscripts from the entire faculty of the University. Firstly, many were not available in the late summer and were not expected back on campus until mid-September. Secondly, we felt that many potential contributors would be unwilling to devote time and energy to preparing a scholarly paper for a journal which at this stage existed only in our minds. Thirdly, if we were to adhere to the somewhat strict timetable imposed by the printer, we needed to know who was willing to contribute for the first number and provide them with rather exacting deadlines.

With this in mind, we approached several members of the faculty whom we knew had recently completed some research

and discussed with them the idea of publishing their results in the Review. We were further encouraged by the enthusiasm with which the idea was received, and we greatly appreciate the efforts put forth by these persons on such short notice.

As a result, we now feel that we have assembled an excellent initial number, one which will undoubtedly set the standard for future issues. The contents of this number would include the following articles:

Elizabeth Arthur - The Landing and the Plot

John G. Rideout - Shelley's Image of Mother and Child

Lewis Smith - The Indian and Negro in Mark Twain: Stereotype or Reality?

Douglas R. Lindsay - Migration and Persistence of Certain Arctic-Alpine Plants in the Lake Superior Region of Ontario

George J. Merrill - The Pre-Armada Years: Literature of Patriotic Sentiment

We also contacted numerous publishing companies and invited them to contribute books for review. The book review section will include:

T. B. Miller - Canada -- Unity in Diversity, by P. G. Cornell et al

P. G. Panikar - Economic History of Europe, by M. Postan

- A. Alexander - 1867: Disraeli, Gladstone and Revolution, by Maurice Cowling
- E. Eager - Mitch Hepburn, by Neil McKentey
- I. G. Davies - Pullman - an Experiment in Industrial Order and Community Planning, by Stanley Buder
- A. O. Menhart - Cry Ararat, by P. K. Page
- G. J. Merrill - Fools of Time, by Northrop Frye

Initially we had intended to have this first number published at Lakehead University, but now that the contents have been assembled and negotiations with the printer completed, we sincerely feel that it is worthy of publication by Lakehead University.

We now solicit the support of the Senate of Lakehead University for this undertaking. In addition, as we should like to send out requests for manuscripts for the second number to all faculty in the very near future, we ask that the Senate appoint an Editorial Board to review the quality of future submissions to ensure that standards remain high.

Respectfully submitted,

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