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Cover

LUSU honours

Lorraine Harris Woman Extraordinaire

By Frank DeGagne
HBScF'95



Work with a new boss every year? Answer questions you've heard a million times? Provide a myriad of services to busy students? It's not as bad as it sounds, says Lorraine Harris, who has done just that for 20 years in her role as Administrative Assistant to the Lakehead University Student Union.

For Lakehead students, many of whom are new to the university experience, Harris's friendly nature was a fitting introduction to campus life. As countless numbers of them passed through the LUSU office, she came to know many as friends and fellow employees.

Lorraine Harris started working for LUSU in 1974 originally as a way of making ends meet. Her ability to manage a large family, and her volunteer work, helped to secure the position. "It gave them the idea that I could cope in chaos," she says, "and many times that's been the situation."

Her outstanding contribution to Lakehead has not gone unnoticed. Earlier this year the LUSU executive came up with the idea to name the newly constructed Student Centre in her honour. Lakehead's Board of Governors promptly endorsed the idea.

Harris accepts the recognition with a little hesitation. "I really have enjoyed my work with LUSU," says

the woman who has worked with 16 different student presidents over the years. "I wouldn't have lasted if it wasn't a really good place to work."

Harris is quick to point out that she had always planned to graduate from Lakehead, which she did in 1986. She took a classical arts approach which she enjoyed completely, fitting in classes in her already busy schedule. "I have a high energy level," she admits.

A few years ago Lorraine Harris received Thunder Bay's Giant Heart Award. That award is ironic says colleague and fellow graduate Katherine Shedden. "The lady with the troublesome pacemaker does indeed have a giant heart: she has quietly and modestly counselled hundreds of students, paying particular attention to the needs of international students and single parent students. She treats everyone with dignity, making each one feel special."

Many things have changed since Lorraine Harris started working at LUSU. She fondly remembers the many personal and private conversations with students at her desk in the early years before student enrolment at Lakehead began to increase. The office has now become a busy place where many students congregate and feel welcome to relax. "It's more a refuge now, and I like that," she said.

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Roch Letourneau, who was LUSU President in 1988-89, says Harris was the glue that held LUSU people together and her influence extended beyond the Student Union to touch the lives of many other students, staff, and faculty. "I think it's fabulous that they're naming the Student Centre after her," says Letourneau. "It's the perfect thing for her and really shows initiative."

Ian Middleton, LUSU President from 1990-92, agrees. To name the Student Centre after Lorraine Harris signifies her great contribution to the students as well as to the Lakehead University community, he says. "Lorraine really had a great effect on people on campus."

Although her work load has increased with the number of students attending Lakehead, Letourneau notes that Harris, an avid reader, always made time for other activities. "She's always been a student, taking courses, learning and never pretending to know it all." Her political savvy and wisdom were also appreciated. "There was no decision I would make before talking to Lorraine," he says.

Middleton recalls Harris's occasional role as political conscience of LUSU. She had suggested that they add "ageism" to a long list of "isms" in the LUSU Statement of Principles.

Harris's dinner parties, which she still frequently hosts for friends from the office, and her passion for late-night board games, such as *Scrabble*, helped to bring many people together. "She taught *Scrabble* to many people," says Middleton. "I'm sure it's the national game of Ghana by now."

For a time the student off-campus housing office was located in the LUSU office, and Harris used to say that if students were stuck and needed a place to stay, her door was always open. She recalls how her husband Ron, to whom she has been married for 42 years, would think nothing of coming home to find students at the kitchen table drinking tea. Her six children have also been very supportive and she proudly mentions her thirteen wonderful grandchildren.

Harris gives much of the credit to a successful career to her family, which helped her to "develop the ability to recoup my energies by being by myself in a crowd." She values her years of service and the people she met and worked with. "We had a lot of laughs, and some tears," she explained.

As for her retirement, Harris plans to dedicate more time to her love of visual art and playing the piano. She finds that playing the piano is very soothing and gives her the chance to be alone, a chance that has not come often. "I play badly," she admits, "but all I hear is the music."



Open Letter to the University Community

I want to say thank you!

As my retirement from the Lakehead University Student Union approaches, and when I look back on more than 20 years spent working with and for the student body, my thoughts are tinged with nostalgia.

To those students, past and present, I thank you for making my job one that I was always happy to come in for each day. This includes LUSU Executive members, the Board of Directors and all the students who came into the office and added colour and dimension to the daily routine.

Some of you I still see, some drop in once in a while when you are in town, and some remain "islands of joy" who passed through my life in your academic years at Lakehead. You have taught me more than any formal education could have. You always allowed me to be myself -- a freedom much appreciated.

We shared a great deal of laughter and shed some tears together. The important thing was that whatever confronted us, we were for the most part "together."

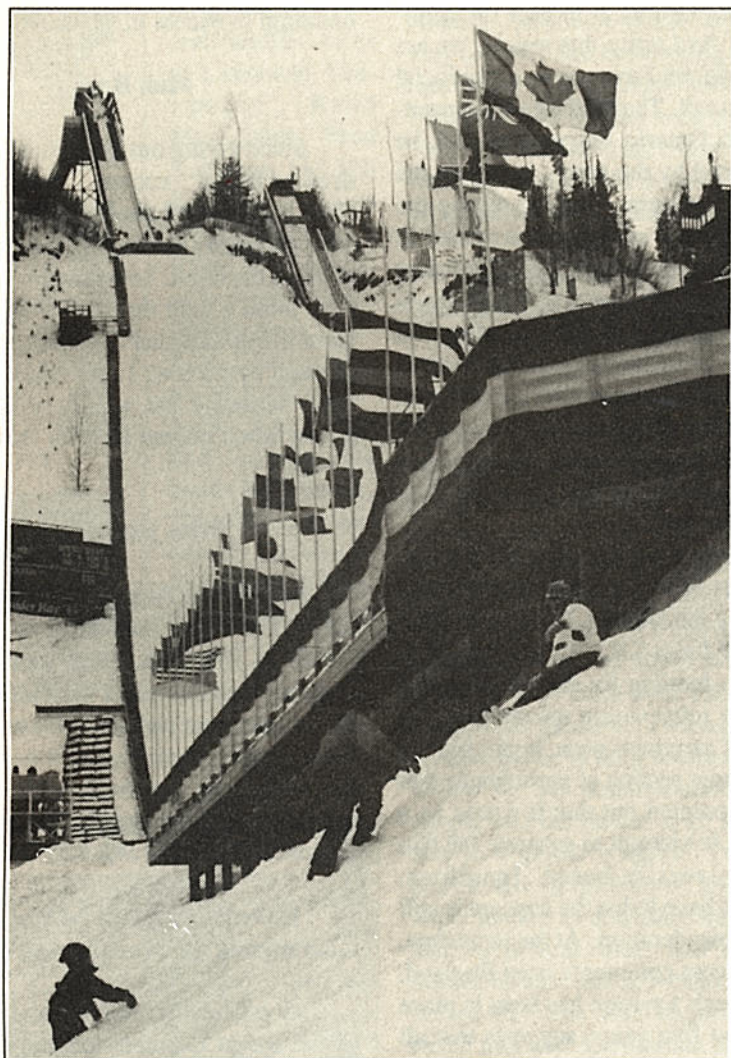
This thank you also goes to the members of the Faculty who were part of my lengthy progress in obtaining my degree, the Staff who daily made my life easier, and the Administration who acknowledged and respected the thrust of LUSU. I am very proud of being a member of Lakehead University and have made many friendships which I cherish.

Thank you all -- the bouquet goes to you!

Lorraine Harris

Community

Congratulations to the many Lakehead students, staff, faculty, and alumni volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make the 1995 Nordic World Ski Championships a success. For more information about our Nordics legacy -- the Sport Research and Testing Institute at the Big Thunder Sports Park -- stay tuned to the *Nor'Wester Magazine*.



Nordic Spirit



The President's Perspective

By Dr. Robert Rosehart
President, Lakehead University



Much water has gone under the bridge since my last column, and I have had some difficulty in forming my comments for this issue. University presidents tend to be pre-occupied by funding issues, and I try to promise myself to broaden my focus. Having said that, let me make a couple of comments related to the long-term funding of universities in the province. The Axworthy social policy reform, as far as post-secondary education goes, is dead and, as you have read in my previous columns, I feel that is a good ending. The Martin budget is tough, but most recognize that restraint had to come. The extent to which the federal transfer reductions will hit Ontario universities a year from now (1996-97) is too early to forecast. Factors include the state of the provincial economy and the degree of political support for universities, coupled with tuition fee policy. Fees have gone up over 40 percent during

the past five years in a relatively low inflationary period, and the levels of fees are starting to impact on enrolments. As I write this article, we are about one week away from a provincial election call. The funding and commitment to Ontario universities will be influenced by the party chosen by the voters to govern. Get out during the campaign and ask questions related to post-secondary education. The future wealth and prosperity of Ontarians is tied to having a first-class education system. Unfortunately, investments in post-secondary education are still seen by most politicians and political parties as a liability of the public purse, not as an investment in the future as they should be seen.

Another complicated issue in Ontario has been a government-directed study by the Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA) which looks at separate funding for the teaching and research roles within universities. In spite of province-wide input from a broad cross section of participants that clearly pointed out that it would be a mistake to attempt to separate the two key university-based functions, rumours have it that the concept is still under consideration. At the same time, some recent comments from England, where such a system has been in place for about five years, suggests that all may not be well and the approach may need to be reconsidered.

Good News -- Share our Northern Vision Campaign

After three-and-a-half-years of a scheduled five-year campaign, we are at the 95 percent level and have recently confirmed several major donations. The Campaign team has worked hard and will to continue to work to achieve not only the overall \$19.2 million objective, but also as many of the

individual projects as possible in the time available. Again, as alumni, if you have any ideas or contacts, don't be bashful. Get in touch with me. An initiative by a recent alumnus several years ago resulted in a single donation in excess of \$100,000.

Mail Box

Since giving out my e-mail address in a recent column (Bob.Rosehart@LakeheadU.ca), I have had many messages, and I appreciate the input. I must admit that I get more e-mail than letters from alumni, but Canada Post does come through with a few. I take all of the input seriously but will only take action when people identify themselves.

New Arrivals

Ray Rivard (Forestry, 1973) has joined Lakehead University in the Office of Research. Ray will be working with interested individuals and government partners who want to access the people and facilities at the University for their research, testing, and training needs. Ray can be reached at (807) 343-8223.

Government Acts on Royal Commission on Learning Report

As part of the implementation of the Royal Commission Report, several activities at Lakehead University are underway. First, our Faculty of Education is working on a pilot two-year teacher education program which may be introduced in limited form as early as the fall of 1996. Second, Mary Garbutt (of the Lakehead University Library and representing the Ontario Federation of Labour) and I have been appointed to the Secondary School Reform Reference Group which will oversee the reforms to the secondary school system.

Friends Pass On



Keith Muncaster



Ted Kurlick



Evelyn Halliday

The past few months have seen the alumni lose several familiar faces at Lakehead University: Keith Muncaster, Fred Robinson, and Ted Kurlick. Miss Evelyn Halliday, a friend of the physically disabled and a benefactor of Lakehead University, passed away recently after a long and courageous battle with illness. She will be remembered through Halliday Hall Residence named in her honour last spring.

Long-Time Friend of the Alumni Association Early Retirement

George Merrill, of the Department of English and a long-time friend of the Alumni Association, has announced very recently that he is opting for early retirement in June and a more relaxed lifestyle. George has been one of the "originals" at Lakehead University, and we wish him (and his Boston Red Sox) all the best in the years to come.

Landings (hard or soft), Debt, Interest Rates, Currency Markets, Inflation, Quebec Referendum, etc., etc., etc.

You may recognize some of the above terms as they seem to represent the public policy focus of our media and attention as Canadians. This past month, I visited our sister institution in Gifu, Japan and, as well, participated in a study looking at how Finnish universities have involved themselves in the forest industry from both training and research perspectives. I will not go into the details but, in both countries, I was struck by the determination of the people and the nation to be competitive in a global context. Trade, research and development, and excellence tended to dominate the agenda and, in general, there was a feeling that, to be successful, we have to do it ourselves. One visit included a detailed tour and discussions at a major Toyota auto assembly plant. One had to be particularly impressed, not just with the quality of the autos coming off the line, but, as well, with the degree to which the company and the organized employees committed themselves to the enterprise. If I could be permitted an editorial opinion, it would seem, in our country (at least through the eyes and ears of the media) we spend more time running ourselves down and explaining why we can't succeed rather than, to use the "Nike" expression,

"just get on with it". These recent experiences further reinforce the deep commitment (both moral and financial) that our industrial partners (and competitors) have to post-secondary education and research and development.

We must all work hard to influence our business, industrial and political leaders to adopt progressive long-term policy strategies that will return Canada to the forefront of the competitive pack of industrial nations. If we don't, we will see further erosion on our standard of living and will watch from the side of the road as the "joggers" pass us by.

Birthday Celebrations

Lakehead University extends a special invitation to all its graduates to attend the 30th Birthday Celebration of Lakehead University which will coincide with the Silver Anniversary of the City of Thunder Bay. The celebration will be held around Lake Tamblyn at 12:00 noon on Convocation Day, Saturday, May 27, 1995. Saul Laskin, the Founding Mayor of the City of Thunder Bay, will receive an Honorary Degree from Lakehead University at our Convocation and will be a special guest at our celebrations.



Professor Fred Robinson (left) tests a steam Wankel engine of his own design, while Prince Phillip (centre) looks on.

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Report from the Alumni Association

By Bill Bartley, BA'72
President



The last six months have been a very exciting time for me as President of your Association. The Alumni Association is undergoing a period of rapid growth and advancement and it has been a challenge for all of us on the Board of Directors to respond to this change.

We have witnessed a complete change in our staff in the Alumni Services Office, a new Director of External Relations, the addition of three new and enthusiastic Board members, and the establishment of a number of new and worthwhile benefits for our membership. You may be interested to know that we now have over 24,000 members whom we continue to track. Please keep us informed of where you are and what you are doing.

I would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire Alumni Association, to wish Jeff Crocco, one of our longtime Board members, our sincere best

wishes. Jeff has left Thunder Bay and the Valhalla Inn to pursue a new endeavour with Peninsula Travel in St. Catharines, Ontario. We wish Jeff well and thank him for all the hard work and effort he has displayed on behalf of the Alumni Association over the years. Although the Association is sad to see Jeff leave, we are happy to announce the appointment of James Lindsay who will replace him. James is a 1994 Commerce graduate and I am sure he will bring strong business skills to the Board.

The Board of Directors is in the process of making some much-needed changes to the *Nor'Wester Magazine* and we would appreciate any com-

ments and suggestions you may have. If you appreciate getting the magazine, please consider a voluntary sub-

scription of \$10, \$20 or more. It would assist us greatly with production costs and you will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

Your continued support will be crucial to Lakehead University. I look forward to working and speaking with many of you during the remainder of my term as President.

Alumni Curling Bonspiel



Jennifer Carr, Jackie Hendrickson, Jocelyn Popien, and Kelly Tolien swept their way to success at the annual Alumni Bonspiel and are joined by their friend Frank Macchi for a group photo.

More than 120 alumni and friends turned out at the Fort William Curling Club last February for the 1995 Annual Alumni Curling Bonspiel. Sponsored once again by Bob Thompson of Financial Concept Group and AGF Mutual Funds, the event was a great success and raised \$2700 for the Alumni Association to be used in support of ongoing programs and services.

After four hours of great (and not-so-great) curling, the prizes were awarded to each team. The team of Jennifer Carr, Jocelyn Popien, Kelly Tolien and Jackie Hendrickson came out on top, proving that even in curling, youthfulness counts for something! The top three teams were rounded out by Janice and Frank Macchi and Dave and Dianne MacBride, and in third place the team of Debbie Kowalczyk, Kelly Legros, Monique Barnett, and Derek Jackson. Absolutely no one went home empty-handed thanks to the generous support of the donors listed on page 7. Special mention must be made of John Rose of Versa Team 1, who was awarded the "Clean up your Act Award" (a cleaning kit from Humphrey Sanitation) for repeatedly trying to bribe the official scorekeeper.



Jeff Crocco



James Lindsay

The Alumni Association would like to thank the important core group of volunteers and staff without whom it would not have been able to carry out the event: Meseret Abebe, Mary Sacco, Lorraine Seppala, Vivian Hay, Eileen Isbester, Cathy Trojan, Kenny Sundell (who was instrumental in preparing the draw and the official rules) Serka Sundell, Sharon Bjorklund, Katherine Shedden, and Kristine Carey.

Special thanks also go to alumnus Rick Lang who took a few moments out of training for the Brier to come and supervise the "Draw to the Button" contest (performed in their stocking feet), won by master curler Linda Wood (yes, she even outdrew Rick!). For her efforts Linda won a curling broom signed by Northern Ontario's Rick Lang, Al Hackner, Art Lappalainen and Aaron Skillen. We look forward to seeing all of you at next year's event.

-- Rob Zuback, HBComm'88,
Manager, Alumni Services

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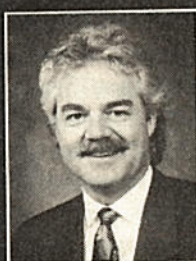
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Teaching & Research

Anthropology, Chemistry and Wild Rice

By Robyne Wilock

Interdisciplinary research has moved into uncharted territory at the Instrumentation Lab of Lakehead University.

Last year Della Saunders (HBA'93) worked with the assistance of Lakehead staff and faculty to conduct research that combines analytical organic analysis and archaeological study. There are only a few individuals throughout the world who have tapped into the use of similar analyses to complement traditional archaeological methods. This may be attributable, in part, to the lengthy and complicated nature of the process.

Saunders's work involved the use of gas chromatography-mass spectrometry to discern the composition of food deposits found upon sherds of pottery excavated from Nestor Falls in Northwestern Ontario and Big Rice Lake in Northern Minnesota. The first step, gas chromatography, is conducted to determine if the sherd extract contains sufficient material to provide reliable evidence. If so, the components of the extract are separated and a mass spectrum obtained for each component.

Essentially, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry enables one to identify the molecular signature of a compound. Every organic compound has its own molecular makeup; the signature that displays this makeup acts like a fingerprint to differentiate it from most other compounds. It is for this reason that the process is useful in the domain of archaeology.

Biochemical analysis can allow archaeologists to provide a more complete picture of the societies they attempt to reconstruct from material evidence. For example, most accounts of Native communities by fur traders and explorers describe methods of food preparation where everything was thrown together in a pot and cooked like a stew. However, in the four pots that she examined, Saunders only discovered chemical evidence of plant material. This suggests that food preparation



While working on her Master's degree in Anthropology at the University of Toronto, Della Saunders came back to Lakehead University to work with staff and faculty in the Instrumentation Lab.

may have been much more complex than is documented, and additionally points to the possibility of erroneous conclusions when extrapolating historical data.

What is the significance of food? Why is this research important? Della Saunders suggests that although eating practices may not reveal everything about a culture or community, these practices are intimately connected to some significant considerations. "What we eat is closely related to what we do: how we schedule our time, how we mobilize ourselves, and who we trade with." Vessels such as those which Saunders used have previously been reconstructed and studied primarily for their aesthetic and technological properties and for chronological studies. Through organic analysis, hypotheses regarding their usage (ie. ceremonial, storage, cooking) can be made more exact.

Robyne Wilock is one of several students participating in SPARK-Lakehead, a student writing program sponsored by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).



Visiting Scholars take part in the Native Philosophy Project



Dr. Laura Donaldson, Gordon Christie and Deborah Doxtator are the first three visiting scholars to take part in an exciting new program that has attracted the attention of the prestigious Rockefeller Foundation.

The Native Philosophy Project is the idea of Dennis McPherson and Dr. Douglas Rabb who teach an interdisciplinary course on Native Canadian World Views.

"This project really brings home the mission of Lakehead University," says the Chair of Lakehead's Department of Indigenous Learning, Dennis McPherson. "We are a University in and for the North."

Lakehead's Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Connie Nelson, was instrumental in securing \$250,000 (U.S.) from the Rockefeller Foundation to fund the project.

"Our philosophical perspective drives how we behave, our value base and the way we interpret the world around us," says Dr. Nelson. "This project will naturally lead to the establishment of an Aboriginal World Views Centre that will ensure that Lakehead University faculty, graduate students, and community scholars have a world-class opportunity to ground their research in a truly Native perspective."

Did you know Lakehead University is a leader among Canadian universities when it comes to Indigenous Learning? Over 800 Native students are enrolled in a variety of graduate and undergraduate programs including the Department of Indigenous Learning, the Native Teacher Education Program and the Native Language Instructors' Program.

Campus News

-- Education and Training Minister Dave Cooke visited the campus last February to announce the Ontario government is providing \$2.8 million in jobsOntario Capital support toward the completion of renovations to Chancellor Paterson Library. Renovations will include upgrading the computer system for enhanced electronic access.



-- Dr. Margaret E. Johnston of the Centre for Northern Studies and the Department of Geography has been appointed to the Academic Advisory Committee of the Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA). Dr. Bruce Muirhead of the Department of History has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).



Having Dr. Muirhead on SSHRC will give Lakehead the opportunity to present both the challenges and opportunities of Social Science and Humanities research from a regional university. As for Dr. Johnston's appointment, she joins an esteemed group of academic scholars whose decisions are highly regarded in terms of whether new programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels meet the criteria for funding.



-- Lakehead will host an International Biomechanics in Sport Conference from July 18 -22, 1995. Delegates from around the globe will be coming to Thunder Bay to discuss sport biomechanics, coaching and teaching, sport and special populations, training and rehabilitation and equipment design. For information call (807) 343-8110.

1st Annual Visions Dinner

The CNIB and the Alumni Association present a special fundraising dinner featuring "The Wit and Witticism of Arthur Black", Tuesday, June 20, 1995, at the Italian Centennial Hall. Tickets are \$30. For information call (807) 345-3341.



The most popular event of "Beyond Borders -- International Days '95" was a panel discussion with some of Lakehead's international students. Azharuddin Sahil (Indonesia), Kalsom Ghazalli (Malaysia), Henry Bulley (Ghana), Meseret Abebe (Ethiopia) and Thomas Melde (Germany) shared their views on studying in Canada with other students, faculty and staff.

Last February a variety of lectures, films, displays and discussions were held on campus to celebrate the diversity of cultures at Lakehead University.

Of all the activities during "Beyond Borders -- International Days '95", the event that generated the most interest was a panel discussion featuring six of Lakehead's 115 international students.

We thought that many of the points made by the international students said a lot about Lakehead University, the community of Thunder Bay, and the experiences of those who step beyond their own borders to follow their dreams.

Nancy Adderley, a member of the *Nor'Wester Magazine's* Editorial Committee, was there and wrote this article. If there are issues or stories you would like to see covered in the *Nor'Wester*, please contact us by phone (807) 343-8193, Fax (807) 343-8999 or e-mail: Frances.Harding@LakeheadU.CA. We want to hear from you!

-- Editor

Borders and Barriers

International Students Share their Views

Henry Bulley's introduction to Thunder Bay remains as crisp in his memory as that cold December night in 1993. The international student from Ghana recalls arriving to a temperature of -28 C degrees, from 42 C.

The adjustment to the cold Canadian climate was the first of many that Bulley, a graduate student of forestry, would make. His experience echoes that of the four other international students who also shared their unique perspectives on moving beyond geographic borders and removing cultural barriers that inhibit awareness and understanding.

The international students agree that the decision to study outside their homeland, and at Lakehead University, was largely based on the educational opportunities that would open to them. But for some, the choice wasn't all that coldly academic.

Azharuddin Sahil, a graduate student of education from Indonesia, says that he decided to study at Lakehead after his sponsors told him that it was located in a small city, was a bit cold, and had lots of snow.

Adjustments

Henry Bulley says that although he came to Lakehead University to study, he also intended to mix into Canadian society -- a society that Bulley soon discovered was more informal than what he'd left back home.

"This is Canada, Lakehead University. I came from a university where if you are a graduate student, your hallmark is a nice briefcase, smartly dressed, with an air of elitism," says Bulley.

In a matter of months, he stopped carrying his briefcase and started sporting a packsack.

But he still finds it hard to address his professors by their first names, an "elite" privilege of graduate students in Canada.

And, he admits that trying to figure out the GST and PST is still enough to make him cry.

Perceptions to the Test

While the sales tax system bewilders international students and Canadians alike, even more bewildering are the culturally-based perceptions that, grounded in ignorance, end up isolating people.

Kalsom Ghazalli is a graduate student of chemistry from Malaysia. She says she'd developed a good impression of Canada after learning about it and other countries at school in her home land.

"I could even find Thunder Bay in the world atlas that I used in high school," she says with a smile.

However, she discovered that many of the Canadian students she encountered did not seem to share the same curiosity and desire to learn about other countries and their peoples. "I soon realized the gap, and I too could see the cultural differences," she says.

Meseret Abebe felt the ignorance-based isolation when she first came to Thunder Bay as a Grade 13 student. Although from Ethiopia, she had lived in Kenya for nine years before coming to Canada. The transition over the cultural border could have been eased, she says, if Canadians were better educated about the rest of the world. That way, she says, their knowledge would lead to understanding and acceptance.

For Abebe, studying outside her home country introduced her for the first time to the unpleasant feeling of being different, of suddenly being considered a minority.

And the feeling didn't disappear in the university environment.

"I took engineering and physics at Lakehead and everybody said, you're black and you're a woman, you're going to get a job," says Abebe.

Henry Bulley has found it a struggle to align himself

with a segment of the population that is called a minority.

"In most of my classes I am the only black person but I think of myself as in that class as a person," says Bulley. "If someone says something to me, I see him reacting as a person and not as interracial."

Bulley blames the North American media for presenting a skewed version of international events that only serves to reinforce simplistic and often negative stereotypes of other countries and peoples.

"People studying for a longer time begin to experience an identity problem, they think, who am I, who do I belong to -- there's a feeling of being lost."

-- Thomas Melde

Ambassadors

Ironically, the culturally-based perceptions sometimes thrust international students into playing the awkward role of ambassador to some curious Canadians.

Thomas Melde says he's encountered a number of Canadian students who expect him to be an expert on all subjects pertaining to his home country, Germany. However, the physics student admits that the role of ambassador can sometimes have amusing results.

"Something that always haunts me is, some people find out I'm from Germany and the first thing they think is, oh, you must drink a lot of beer. A lot of people don't realize that, true, some Germans may drink a lot of beer, but I grew up in an area with wine," says Melde. "These are all perceptions -- a lot of them are not true, but some are a little bit true, so I drink beer, yes."

A Matter of Compromise

The international students feel that it is important for them to adjust and to become part of the university community, and the larger community of Thunder Bay. But they feel that it is just as important for the community to accept their unique circumstances, and that means being sensitive to barriers that could potentially isolate them, such as language.

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Borders and Barriers

Azharuddin Sahil thought his English was pretty good, until after his first class at Lakehead University. He found that his talkative Canadian classmates spoke very quickly. And when one of his international student friends asked at the end of the class what he'd got from it, Sahil had to answer "nothing".

International students at Lakehead and at other universities in Canada say that some professors aren't as accommodating as they could be to the special needs of international students.

"We found some professors consider international students to be the same as Canadian students. They don't care what problems the international students might be experiencing," says Sahil. "There seems to be no compromise."

A Question of "Home"

International students often spend years at a time beyond their home border. After the initial adjustment to the new country and its culture, they may find themselves assimilating -- at a potentially alarming rate.

Thomas Melde first came to study at L.U. through a one-year exchange program. Once the year was up, however, he decided to continue to study in Canada, a six year commitment.

"People studying for a longer time begin to experience an identity problem, they think, who am I, who do I belong to -- there's a feeling of being lost," says Melde.

Ever so slowly, Melde has been losing his ability to express himself in German, to the point where he's frequently embarrassed while speaking with his German friends when he goes home to visit.

The roots back home are beginning to wither -- Melde says he can no longer relate to the literature and politics of his homeland. He's even begun to speak of Thunder Bay as "home".

Unlike Melde, Meseret Abebe hasn't had an opportunity to return to her home country in the five years that she has been in Thunder Bay. Her's is a much lengthier commitment. She came here with the intent of staying in Canada. But she admits to never really feeling as though she belongs.

Abebe remembers her home as a place where people were ready to welcome newcomers, were willing to help

each other, and where students took a much more active interest and role in politics.

"There are so many things that are wrong. I see the positive and negative side of here, but of home, I only remember the positive things. And until I go back I think I'll be blinded by it," she says.

After studying for two years in Canada, Azharuddin Sahil is going back to Indonesia in August, "for good". Sahil says that, after an unsuccessful search for something called Canadian food, he is returning "because I love fresh food, I love fresh fish -- I love Indonesian food."

"The crux of the matter is, are you going back home to help reconstruct your country," says Henry Bulley. "I believe that international students should be mobilized and sensitized to the need to give back some of what they know to their countries."

"Your body is here, but your mind and your heart are there in your home country," says Kalsom Ghazalli. She says although Canada is a beautiful country, where the people are nice and friendly, the skills and expertise that she is learning in Canada are needed back home. She says that people need to appreciate each other and learn from each other, across the borders.

A Challenge is Out!



One enterprising member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors has issued a challenge to help raise the money needed for a **new Computer Network Server** estimated to cost \$9,000. (The Network Server holds information on over 24,000 grads and without it, we could not distribute the *Nor'Wester Magazine*, issue tax receipts, or keep you informed of Alumni Association events, benefits and services.)

The initial gift of \$100 towards the purchase has been contributed and the donor is challenging all other grads to do the same!

If you would like to meet this challenge, either in whole or in part, please forward your gift to:

The Alumni Association of Lakehead University, Lakehead University, 955 Oliver Road Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1 Attention: Network Server Fund. All contributions will qualify for an official tax receipt.

"I could even find Thunder Bay in the world atlas that I used in high school."

-- Kalsom Ghazalli

Alumni Association establishes

International Award Fund

Every year, prospective international students who wish to come to Lakehead University to further their education are facing more obstacles and experiencing greater hardships in their efforts to keep their dreams alive.

That is why, in December, 1994, the Alumni Association made an appeal to more than 600 international alumni to make a gift to their alma mater which would be designated to scholarships and/or bursaries for deserving and needy students from other countries.

If all of the people that were contacted each gave \$50 towards this worthwhile endeavour, between \$25,000 to \$30,000 could be endowed to provide continuing support to international students.

If you have not already done so, we ask that you consider supporting the Alumni Association International Award Fund. Please send your contribution to:

Mr. Bill Bartley
President
Alumni Association
Lakehead University
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Thank you



This year's "Beyond Borders - International Days '95" felt the guiding hands of two Lakehead University alumni who met during a WUSC orientation for their assignments in Africa. Both Margaret Page (Professor Emeritus of Nursing) and Marilyn Grudniski (holding her daughter Megan) have had a long-standing interest in international issues and, in fact, it was Marg Page's suggestion that the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association establish an International Award Fund.

Margaret Page received her BScN in 1967 as a member of the first graduating class of Lakehead University's School of Nursing. In 1971 she was awarded her Master of Public Health degree from The School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Aside from teaching in the School of Nursing at Lakehead, she has served Nursing internationally as the founding principal of the College of Nursing, University of Malawi, Africa, from 1980-85. More recently while working as Visiting Professor at McMaster University, School of Nursing, she served as faculty advisor in the Aga Khan/McMaster/CIDA project in Karachi, Pakistan.

Profile

Joan Fossey

By Vivian Hay, HBA'70

S. Joan Danielson-Fossey's business card, with her distinctive drawing of an artist's hand and pen in one corner, is one to file under "Northwestern Ontario Writers and Artists."

Fossey, a Lakehead graduate in English (BA'69), recently won third prize for her play *The Swedes* in a playwriting contest sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Nordic Studies at the University of Alberta. Judges included Stephen Heatley, Citadel Theatre, Edmonton; Judith Thompson, Department of Drama, University of Guelph; and Diane Bessai, Department of English, University of Alberta.

As a dramatic rendition of the Danielson family, Fossey's mother, who lives in Atikokan, also pronounced *The Swedes* a success: "You can close your eyes and hear them talking."



With a characteristic chuckle, Fossey admits to looking for a time and a place to write about her grandparents' pioneer experiences in Eagle River, Ontario, twelve miles from Vermilion Bay where Fossey now lives with her family. Her one act play was completed quickly from childhood memories of conversations overheard at the feet of her

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Lakehead's basketball team from 1969-70 celebrated their 25th Anniversary last February and were honoured in the Thunderdome during halftime:(left to right) Robert Jackson, Shelton Bellamy, Wayne Chuchmuch, Richard Earl, Jerry Hemmings, Brian Nieminen, Joe Parks, Renato Savioli and Brian Smith. Former head coach George Birger is not shown in the picture. Dale Olson, Louis Vaughn, Charlie Tallach and Ken Traynor were unable to attend the event.

When Lakehead's varsity men's basketball team made a convincing win against Brock University last January, they were somewhat overshadowed by the presence of another great team -- the 1969-70 Nor'Westers.

Most of the men had returned to Lakehead University (some from as far away as New York, Virginia and Arizona) to attend a reunion planned by the current Nor'Wester head coach Lou Pero and 1969-70 team member Jerry Hemmings.

The 1969-70 Nor'Wester cagers were an extremely successful team comprising a record of 22-2 while competing as an independent in the competitive U.S. NAIA district 13. The team came within a hair of making the NAIA playoffs that year, losing their second game of the year in a heartbreaker to St. Thomas College.

There were some different rules in those early days as the three-point line, so important in today's game, was not in effect. "We may have averaged 130 points a game if the three-point line was around," remarked alumni team member Joe Parks.

Parks was making his first return voyage to Thunder Bay in 23 years. Now a director at a Juvenile Detention Centre in Virginia, he seemed rather happy to be back in the comfortable confines of the Lakehead fieldhouse. A couple of injuries have prevented Parks from keeping an

active part in basketball these days, but such is not the case with some other team members.

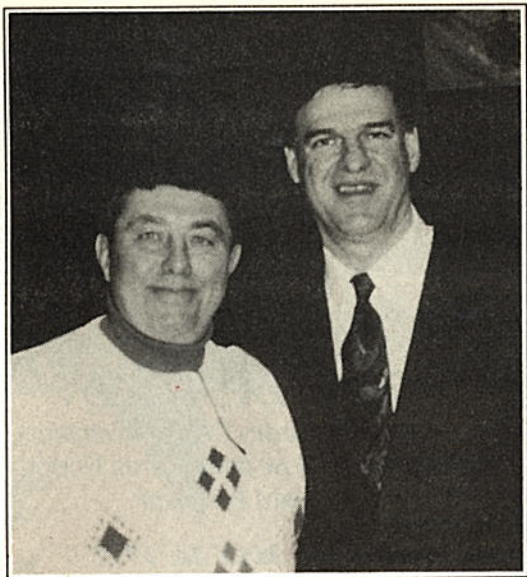
Brian Nieminen plays in the local Thunder Bay masters league and was even joined in a tournament that weekend by Brian Smith who brought his sneakers all the way from New York to shoot some hoops with his former teammate.

One thing that remains the same between today's team and the 1969-70 team is the fan support. Most of the alumni players commented on the great fan support the team received that year. One player even claimed they used to be packed five rows deep around the outside of the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse.

A packed house watched the introduction of the alumni team at the halftime of the January men's game as the players received some mementos and some well deserved applause. As rewarding as the adulation by the fans was, it was the reunion with their former teammates that was the highlight of the weekend for the returning players.

There indeed seems to be a close bond between the players on that team, perhaps that was the key ingredient for the success and greatness of the 1969-70 Nor'Wester cagers.

-- Ian Fero, BA'93



Dr. Norm LaVoie and Jerry Hemmings worked together to stage a reunion of one of the most successful varsity teams -- the '69-70 Nor'Westers.

Jerry Hemmings

By Julio Gomes, HBA'86

Jerry Hemmings has spent the past 20 years living in Brandon, Manitoba, yet Thunder Bay still occupies a special place in his heart.

Hemmings, now 46 years old, has come a long way from his hometown of Mt. Airy, North Carolina. He's been the head coach of the Bobcats men's basketball team since 1974, but his years at Lakehead haven't diminished in importance.

"I spent three good years in Lakehead University," said Hemmings during a recent visit to town. "I have very fond memories of my time here. I always look on Thunder Bay as my Canadian home because it was the first place I came to."

It also served as his launching pad to the top levels of basketball in Canada.

For a gangly six-foot-four basketball player from the spectacular Blue Ridge Mountain region, coming to Northwestern Ontario may have been an odd choice. But the basketball program that Howard Lockhart was constructing held the promise of glory. In nearly all respects, it turned out to be the right move.

Hemmings was a member of those young 1969-71 Nor'Wester squads that brought home success against tough American competition in the U.S.-based National Amateur Intercollegiate Association. In 54 games, he posted a 17-point-a-game average.

By 1971, Hemmings's playing days were over. However, he found himself one credit short of his Bachelor's degree, so, after a stint playing ball in France, he came back to complete his studies -- and lend Lockhart a hand with the team. It was the best taste of the game he could get. During his stay in the 1972-73 season, the Nor'Westers put together a sparkling 20-9 win-loss record and advanced to the national championship final, won 79-67 by St. Mary's. Still, there's no denying what Hemmings gained from that experience.

"Lakehead really established my basketball in terms of what winning was about," he said, referring to his work both on the floor and on the bench.

With his studies complete, Hemmings moved on to Brandon, first as a player and then as the coach. His work there is now legend; he has made the Bobcats program second to none. In 20 years, this small school has developed into the envy of other universities. Hemmings has taken teams into the Final Four on seven occasions and has seen them crowned national champions three consecutive years in the late 1980s.

But his work in basketball hasn't ended there. Success at Brandon has opened other doors for him. He's worked with the national men's team under Ken Shields, another luminary in the university game, as well as with

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Jerry Hemmings

the Pan-American Games team. But the shining moment on the international stage came in 1991 when he guided the Canadian entry to a silver medal at the World University Games in Sheffield, England.

"I've had a really great run at it," Hemmings remarked, almost matter-of-factly.

Hemmings's life is pretty well settled now. After so many years in southern Manitoba, he's comfortable. In 1980, he married the former Marnie Carniato, a fellow LU graduate. She now works as a registered nurse at Brandon Hospital and they're raising two children: son, Jordan, eight years old, and daughter, Ashley, 6.

As well, there is Hemmings's work at the university. In addition to co-ordinating the men's basketball program, he's also teaching in the department of physical education. That's a happy life: He's involved in an activity he loves and he has academic security on top of it.

As for his real "Canadian home," he doesn't make it to the Lakehead as often since the Nor'Westers move into competition with Ontario schools. Still, he gets to come down for the annual men's basketball invitational tournament. As well, in January there was a special occasion: that incomparable squad from 1969-70 gathered for their silver anniversary.

But even if Gerry Hemmings doesn't visit as much these days, it doesn't mean the city and university has been forgotten. The connection, it seems, is still strong after more than 20 years.

School of Nursing 30th Anniversary

The Lakehead University School of Nursing's 30th Anniversary is set for the May 26-28 weekend. There are a number of activities planned for Saturday, May 27 culminating in a wonderful dinner with entertainment at Old Fort William. A Sunday Brunch on campus has also been planned. The dinner will cost \$30 and brunch \$11. There is a lot of excitement about this weekend and many former faculty and alumni will be in attendance. If you are unable to attend, send a photo and update and we'll post it with your graduating year. Registration packages were sent out in early April, if you haven't received anything call Lori at 807-343-8395 or Fax at 807-343-8246. See you there!

-- Dr. Lorne McDougall, School of Nursing

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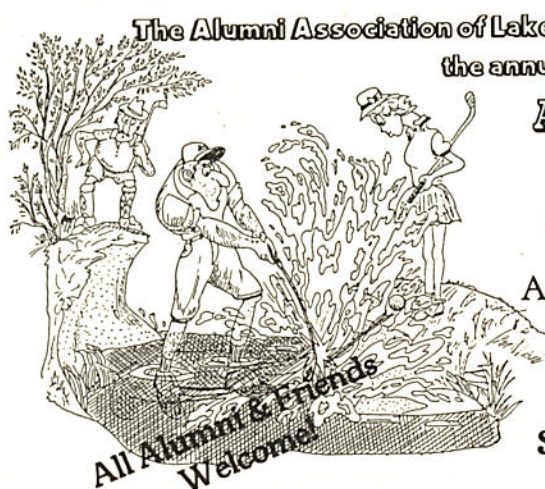
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In Memoriam

Joel Mutungu Ngugi (BA'92)

Joel Ngugi came to Lakehead University from Kenya as an international student in 1988 and was working in Thunder Bay when his life was tragically ended on March 6, 1995. A memorial service was held in Thunder Bay before his body was sent back to his family in Nairobi, Kenya, and buried on Saturday, March 25, 1995. Joel is survived by his wife Linda, parents John and Sarah Mutungu; two brothers and three sisters all in Nairobi, Kenya.

Gary Ollikainen (BusDip'74)

Gary Ollikainen passed away as a result of cancer on July 17, 1994.

Brian Ebert (BA/HBO'89)

Brian Ebert passed away in a job-related accident in British Columbia.

Miss Evelyn Halliday

Evelyn Halliday passed away on April 11, 1995 in Thunder Bay. A longtime supporter of Lakehead University's Awards program, she made a leadership gift in 1991 and in recognition, the University named the fellowship residence portion of the Avila Centre "Halliday Hall".



Forestry Reunion August 4-6, 1995

The Coureurs de Bois Class of 1985 is gearing up for a fabulous 10-year Reunion. The event will be held at the University on August 4, 5, and 6, 1995. Classmates will be arriving from the four corners of the world, including British Columbia, Virginia and even Finland! An action-packed weekend is planned for the whole family. Many local forestry businesses are supporting the event by generously donating prizes. Norma Curtis and friends are preparing a mind-boggling pub quiz/pop quiz for Saturday night. Hotel rooms are going fast since it is a busy summer for Thunder Bay events. The Valhalla Inn is offering a reduced rate to all Reunion attendees, in addition to a baby-sitting service run out of the hotel. For the brave of heart, LU Residence rates are also very reasonable! There is still time to sign up and your reunion committee of Julie Elliott, Dave Legg and Darlene MacGillivray still needs your ideas and help. If you cannot attend, please consider forwarding a newsy letter and photograph to us. Your classmates would love to hear what you have been up to these past few years. All letters and photos will be posted at the reunion and will be included in a mail-out to the class at a later date. Contact RR #2, RMB #2, Gould Rd., Kenora, Ont. P9N 3W8.

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Letters

In Katherine Shedden's recent article in the *Nor'Wester Magazine*, she put out a call for contacts for PhD Alumni. I'm one.

After completing my HBS (Biology 1977) and working in Lakehead's Chemistry Department until 1980, I went to the University of British Columbia and received a MSc (1983) and PhD (1988) in Pharmaceutical Sciences. I also completed a BSc (Pharm) and licensed as a Pharmacist in 1988. I then moved to the United States for a post-doctoral fellowship in drug metabolism at the University of Washington (1988-1990) and was recruited by The Upjohn Company in 1990. I am currently a senior scientist in the Drug Metabolism Research unit at Upjohn in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

I enjoy hearing about Lakehead's continuing success by reading the *Nor'Wester* (6000 students... wow!). Any former classmates who wish to say hello can contact me on the Internet at jgslatte@pwinet.upj.com.

Best wishes,
Dr. Greg Slatter
United States

Hi, my name is Chiew Tong Lau. I am one of those LU alumni who went on to complete a PhD. After graduating from Lakehead with a BEng degree in 1983, I went to UBC to work on my MSc degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1985, I returned to Singapore to teach at the Singapore Polytechnic for about a year. I then went back to UBC to pursue a PhD degree in Electrical Engineering. I am now working as a lecturer in the School of Applied Science, Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

Regards,
Dr. Chiew Tong Lau
Singapore

I just received the winter edition of the *Nor'Wester Magazine* (I don't know how you managed to track me down!) and saw the article on alumni who had

gone on to complete doctoral studies. Having completed my PhD in 1990 at the University of Melbourne, Australia, I thought I would have myself added to your list. A few years after finishing my doctoral work, I returned to Canada to take up a Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship at Dalhousie University in Halifax. I left Halifax late last year to return to Australia and start a permanent job as Lecturer in Economic Geology, School of Science at the University of Ballarat.

I completed a MSc at Lakehead in 1989 in Economic Geology and it was, no doubt, an important factor in leading to my present position as an academic. I remember my time at Lakehead quite fondly and am glad to read that the University is continuing to grow and prosper. However, I must admit that I don't miss the winters!

Regards,
Dr. Dennis Arne
Australia

Hi, I am one of those. Born and raised in TB, I did my undergrad at Lakehead (Biology, BScHon, 1974), then went on for a Masters in Botany/Soil Science (1977) at University of Manitoba and PhD in Forestry (1983) at UBC.

I've been working as a Research Scientist since all of that, based in Sault Ste. Marie at the Canadian Forest Service Lab and have continued to work, at least with some of my work, in the "geographic vicinity" of Thunder Bay. My area of interest/training is forest ecology and I've put a lot of time in about the forests especially north and west of Thunder Bay, and have continued to keep in touch with staff and others at Lakehead. I'd be happy to provide more info at some point... I have always considered my four years at Lakehead as THE BEST in terms of giving me a solid basis and a "burning interest" in the natural sciences, not to mention that I really enjoyed my years there.

I don't know if it's actually true or not but someone at Lakehead thought that I might be the first grad of Lakehead's to go to a PhD in Forestry; it's trivia for sure but I'd be interested to know some day. Anyway, enuf for now, but feel free to contact me if you want to follow up more.

Regards,
Dr. Richard Sims
Canada

Darlene Steven



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Ask Lakehead grad Dr. Darlene Steven what makes a good teacher and you get a simple answer: You must believe your students will do well.

The hefty teaching dossier on her bookshelf is a testament to her outstanding abilities as Associate Professor in the School of Nursing. Along with her ideas on course design, curriculum development, educational planning and research, it is filled with letters of appreciation from students and associates. Many more cards, gifts and graduation photos clutter the walls of her office.

Darlene Steven's research and community involvement, in addition to her teaching, is prodigious. In the fall she was appointed to serve on the Board of the Ontario Cancer Treatment & Research Foundation. As well, she and her colleague, Professor Rhonda Kirk-Gardner, completed their highly successful "Hearts for Life: A Community Program on Cardiovascular Disease" which is now being translated into Finnish and Ojibway.



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Class News

Our thanks to **Lynda Shadbolt** who took the time to give us an update (below) on her friends in the **School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism**. She writes: "For all you people who thought Outdoor Rec Graduates were going to be ski bums for the rest of their lives -- have we got a surprise for you. Haliburton County is quickly becoming the hot spot for graduates to enjoy an outdoor lifestyle and job. Come and visit us if you are into cross country skiing, biking, whitewater canoeing and kayaking, music, creativity and dinner parties that involve lots of hot food, chocolate and wine."

PAPADOPOLLOS

Janine Papadopolous '83 - For the past few years Janine could be found out on the Gull River whitewater canoeing. Janine travelled to Haliburton to work at Bark Lake Leadership Centre. As of March, 1995, Janine is the new Program Director at Strathcona Park Lodge on Vancouver Island.

Kathy Roi '84 makes a regular trek to Haliburton to work at Bark Lake and to drink wine with Lynda. Kathy and her partner, Andre, recently moved into their dream log home in Kearney. Kathy is a teacher at Scarborough Outdoor Education School in Kearney (outside Huntsville).

Lynda Shadbolt '84 is Ms Community Involvement in Haliburton County. Curling, Rotary, a wonderful husband and dog, and hosting lots of dinner parties are her choices in life. Lynda is the Administrative & Marketing Coordinator at Bark Lake Leadership Centre.

Sue Shikaze '86 continues to pursue all kinds of outdoor adventure work (Bark Lake, corporate & youth), cooks excellent hot Indian food, enjoys chocolate and can be found skiing and biking all over the Highlands with her husband Thom. Sue is a Group Facilitator with a Social Services Agency in Haliburton.

Dave Bishop '87 spends a lot of time learning, teaching and being with wolves at the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

where he is the Education Coordinator. Dave and Val can be found kayaking on Georgian Bay or canoeing on 12 Mile Lake where they live.

Val Bishop '87 has an interest in birds of prey, facilitating high ropes courses for women and being a mom. Val is a Program Specialist at Bark Lake Leadership Centre.

Last

Jeff Hemstreet '87 is currently living and teaching in Ottawa where he is happily married and lives beside the Canal. Jeff makes the trek to Haliburton County on a regular basis to work at Bark Lake and look for his kayak that he always seems to be losing.

Last

Colleen Neil '92 is currently planning her wedding that will happen in December of '95. Colleen travels to Haliburton County to work at Bark Lake and Kinark Outdoor Centre. Colleen lives in North Bay and has a variety of consulting jobs happening.

Dave Newnham is still a wild guy who likes to party and have fun. Dave and Mandy have a beautiful home in Moore Falls. Dave is the Program Director at Kinark Outdoor Centre in Haliburton.

Jason Smith '87 is Mr. Volunteer with Sled Smart Ontario, enjoys golfing, basketball and socializing. Jason works at the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve as a Maintenance/Education Assistant.



Last

Congratulations to Moona Rasid (BSc'91) who has recently received her professional degree of Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) from the Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Moona Rasid is now affiliated with a chiropractic clinic in Dallas, Texas. Moona is the daughter of Mrs. Mohsina Rasid and Dr. Harun Rasid, Professor & Chair of Lakehead's Department of Geography.

Joan Fossey

Swedish-born grandparents, Albin and Olga Danielson. Set at Christmas time in pre-war Eagle River, the first scene of *The Swedes* presents a kitchen scene of humour, dancing, and Swedish cooking. A Christmas card from relatives still in Sweden prompts the Danielsons' concern over "talk of war over there" and the "the fear that Hitler will try an invasion." Fossey admits that her play hints at the tug her grandparents must have felt between Sweden, their neutral country of origin, and Canada, their chosen Allied country, to which they were "fully committed." However, the preliminaries of the war in Europe are held at a distance in *The Swedes*, and what the play portrays is the violin music and dancing of a fun-loving family at Christmas. For Joan Danielson-Fossey, that joy represents the Nordic-Canadian immi-

grant experience which she remembers from her childhood in Eagle River.

As a Lakehead University student in residence from 1966-69, Fossey enjoyed the literary discussions held by Dr. George Merrill at the residence where he was director. Groups of students held informal literary "gabfests" with Dr. Merrill, and it was there that Fossey and another fellow writer and friend, Dennis Smyk of Ignace, hatched their careers as Northwestern Ontario writers and artists.

Fossey has built upon her 1960s inspiration from LU's English Department with several published novels, as well as art displays, all celebrating Northwestern Ontario life. These include her novels, *The Indian Summer of Arty Bigjim* and *Johnny Jack* (1981) which won the 1980 FWTAO Writers' Award; *Confessions of a Chalkpusher*; and *The Mighty Macks of Ignace* (1985). As a teacher in Vermilion Bay, Fossey also produced three children's books in the *Tammy* series (1973). In addition to her writing, Fossey's hand and imagination have been busy with her Northwestern Ontario art displays: "Music to See" (1987), and "Landscapes and Pastels" (1988).

Fossey now has two works in process: *Jimmy McOuat*, *Hermit of White Otter Lake*, a historical novel to be published by Singing Shield Publishers, Thunder Bay; and a series of drawings based upon photographs of pioneers in Northwestern Ontario and Manitoba. Her family in Vermilion Bay includes husband Steve, and teenagers, Symantha and Sean. Now Joan Fossey is witness to another phase of her family's history. Her daughter is looking forward to entering Lakehead University this fall.

Nancy Angus



Nancy Angus, BA'81 found there was more to a Caribbean experience than sun and surf.

Over a year ago she took four weeks of holidays to work as a volunteer advisor with CESO International Services.

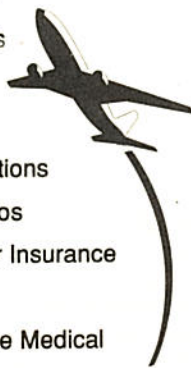
Her assignment was to work with the Congo Nya Cultural Foundation in New Amsterdam, Guyana, where she led sessions on marketing, volunteer management, fundraising, teaching adult learners and bookkeeping.

The experience was meaningful for Angus. "Most of the people I met, especially the women who worked in the market, were terrific. They have fewer material things than we have, but their lives are rich with friends, family, music, crafts and food!"

Angus works with the Canadian Hearing Society as a Seniors Outreach/Volunteer Manager. She recently returned from her second CESO assignment -- an ecotourism project in Brazil.



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