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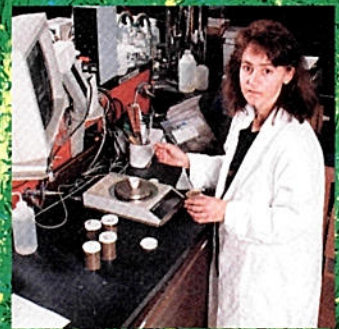
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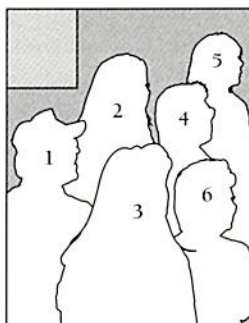
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News & Events

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Health and Dental Insurance Launched

After many months of investigation and evaluation, the Alumni Association is pleased to announce the launch of a new insurance service which will be of particular interest to self-employed, contract and other alumni who may not already have company health and dental benefits. In cooperation with Campbell & Company Insurance Brokers (the Association's current home and auto broker) and RWAM Insurance, eligible alumni can now obtain affordable health and dental insurance. For more information, contact Alumni Services at (807) 343-8155 or toll free 1-800-832-8076.

Student Recruitment

Consistent with the strategic plan of the Alumni Association, new energy is being directed toward the establishment of an alumni student recruitment team. If you are interested in assisting Lakehead with its recruitment efforts, contact Rob Zuback at (807) 343-8155 or toll free 1-800-832-8076.

New Alumni Logo

The Board of Directors has initiated the process to establish a new Alumni logo which will be

used to identify the Association on clothing, merchandise and promotional and print material. We will be contracting with a graphic artist in the next few weeks to develop a final draft and are encouraging alumni to bring forward ideas (in writing or sketch form) to be considered in the final output. Fax your ideas/sketches to the Alumni Services office at (807) 343-8999. If we use your idea (or a portion thereof), you will win a Lakehead University Alumni shirt emblazoned with the new design.

Exam "Care Package" Program Launched

The Alumni Association, working in conjunction with the Residence Council, is pleased to announce the launch of a new program and service for parents and students. Twice yearly before the exam period, parents will be given an opportunity to purchase a "care package" for their son or daughter. In addition to alleviating some of the stress associated with exam time (for both students and parents), the program will generate much-needed revenue for the Residence Council and Alumni Association. If you are a parent of a Lakehead student, watch the mail for your parents' newsletter and the promotional package detailing the program. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the assembling and delivering of the care packages in December

and April. If you are interested in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact the Alumni Services Office.

Want to Host an International Student?

Alumni interested in being matched with an International Student next fall are encouraged to contact Alex Pasquali, Lakehead's International Student Advisor at (807) 343-8958. Being a friend, sharing a meal, or just being there to listen are all ways you can help an International Student adjust to life in Canada. In the past, host families and individuals have also helped with such things as temporary lodgings, airport pick-ups and orientation.

Alumni Web Site & E-Mail Directory

The Alumni Association is pleased with the recent launch of the second generation of our World Wide Web site. Created with the assistance of Greig Kent, a third-year business student and *Argus* editor, the Web page still has to undergo a fair bit of fine tuning.

We have experienced a number of delays with production of our E-mail directory and apologize for this. Interest in the E-mail directory has been enormous and we hope to see it operating soon. Please take a moment to visit the Web page to learn about upcoming news and events, volunteer opportunities, information about Alumni awards and services

and benefits. We welcome your comments regarding ways to improve or enhance the Web site.

The Alumni Association 15th Annual Curling "Fund"spiel

The Alumni Association's annual March classic will take place on Friday, March 27, 1998, at the Port Arthur Curling Club in Thunder Bay. As tickets for this event always sell out quickly, alumni and friends are encouraged to register early. The cost is \$35 per person or \$140 for a four-person team. All proceeds will support the Alumni Association's pledge to the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF).

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Alumni Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on June 11, 1998 at 6 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge at Lakehead University. For information contact Kristine Carey.

Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in getting involved at the University? Volunteers are needed by the Alumni Association and Alumni Services Office in many areas of programming. You needn't be a graduate to volunteer. Put your skills to work and find out how you can make a difference in students' lives. Call Rob Zuback at (807) 343-8155. □



Jim Kalyta, BAdmin'82

From the President of the Alumni Association

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as your president for the past two years. During this time, I have been involved with the ongoing work of the Association and have become more deeply involved in its many exciting activities. The Alumni Association, through the Board of Directors, has taken an active role in many of the concerns and issues facing Lakehead University. These include budgetary pressures on campus, a new redefined focus on strategic recruitment, the loss of a long-time president and resultant search for a replacement. The Alumni Association continues to take an active role in the governance of the institution and as I prepare to leave my position of president, I look forward with anticipation to future accomplishments under new incoming president, John Friday (HBComm'81).

Our Association is now in the first year of its three-year strategic plan. Since the evolution and implementation of the initial aspects of the plan, several major initiatives have occurred within the University and our Association. The ongoing need is to establish a strong and viable course for the future. Finding a course which recognizes the current realities will be one of the major challenges for our Board.

We need to continually invite input from our membership, our colleagues, and the University as we strive to set the course for the future. Alumni of Lakehead University have a vested interest in the success and viability of the institution, and we also offer the University a wealth of experience, loyalty and support. The Board of Directors has indicated that we wish to assist Lakehead University in whatever manner possible and we anticipate that Lakehead will be looking to you, as alumni, to provide advice and input as it moves forward into the millennium.

If you have any questions, comments or contributions, we would like to hear from you. You may contact me or John Friday through the Alumni Services Office. □

Alumni Awards Call for Nominations

Alumni Association of Lakehead University Entrance Award

One award of \$5,000 is made annually to a full-time student entering Lakehead University in the first year of an undergraduate degree program. The award is restricted to immediate family of Lakehead University graduates. The immediate family is defined as: sister, brother, child, spouse and grandchild. Applications for the 1998 award must be received by the Alumni Services Office by April 15, 1998. For information and an application form contact Kristine Carey.

Alumni Honour Award

Want to honour an alumna or alumnus? Here is your opportunity. The Alumni Honour Award is presented by the Alumni Association to alumni who have demonstrated distinction or outstanding achievement in one of the following areas:

- public service
- business
- humanities
- research
- science and technology
- scholarship
- arts

Candidates must be graduates of Lakehead (or its predecessors: LTI, Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology, and Lakehead Teachers College). The recipients will be alumni whose reputation, achievements or potential will bring honour and prestige to the Alumni Association of Lakehead University. One award is granted each year. Nominations for the 1998 award must be received by March 13, 1998.

The 1998 award will be presented at Convocation on May 30, 1998.

For a nomination package contact:

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Board of Directors Call for Nominations

The Alumni Association of Lakehead University invites members to nominate candidates who are willing to serve on the Board of Directors.

Nominations are to be received by March 16, 1998, and will be put into a pool of candidates for consideration when appointments/elections are made.

Candidates must be graduates of Lakehead (or its predecessors: LTI, Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology, and Lakehead Teachers College) and

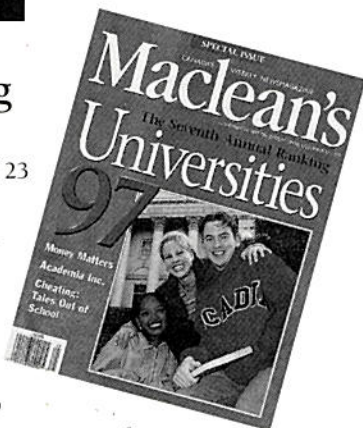
provide a written declaration of their willingness to serve on the Board of Directors. Copies of the Alumni Association constitution and nomination forms may be obtained by contacting:

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CAMPUS NOTES

Maclean's Ranking

Maclean's magazine has ranked Lakehead University 15th out of 23 in the Primarily Undergraduate category. Interim president John Whitfield said this positions Lakehead well among comparable institutions such as Brock (14th), Laurentian (17th) and Ryerson (19th). "We continue to believe, however, that our greatest measure of success is the success of our students, graduates and faculty."



CIAU Championships

If you love basketball, come to Lakehead March 13 - 15, 1998, to see the best university Womens' teams compete for the Canadian title. For information call (807) 343-8213.

Performance Speaks for Itself

According to The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, 82 per cent of Lakehead students pass the Chartered Accountants Final Exams compared to the Ontario universities' average of 69 per cent.

Presidential Search Underway

Lakehead is searching for a new president to replace Dr. Robert G. Rosehart who stepped down in September. Chair of the Board of Governors Maureen Doig invites those who wish to make their views known to the presidential search committee to contact The Board Secretariat, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5E1. Fax (807) 343-8075. E-mail: bdsensec@lakeheadu.ca

Forestry Project Awarded \$2.53 Million

Lakehead is taking the lead in implementing a five-year integrated resource conservation program in the savanna woodlands of northwestern Ghana. The principal feature of the CIDA-funded program is human resources development focused on three main themes: forest conservation, environmental management and small-scale business training at the community level.

Campus-of-the-Year Award

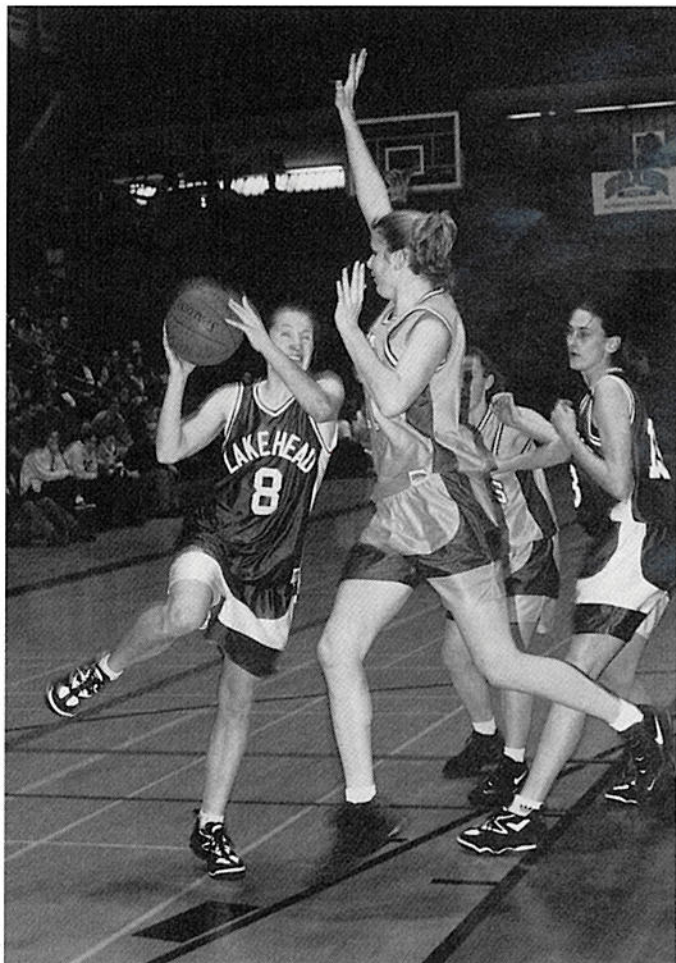
BACCHUS Canada (a national alcohol education group) presented Lakehead with the 1996 Campus-of-the-Year Award in recognition of the University's efforts to encourage students to drink responsibly. A popular event copied by other universities is the annual Tuition-in-Beer display in the Agora. Just how many cases of beer does it take to pay for one year's tuition? The answer is 119.

1997-98 Annual Fund Wrapping Up Soon

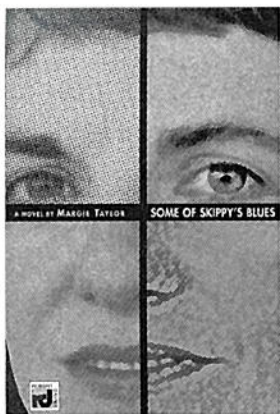
The 1997-98 Alumni Annual Fund ends on April 30, 1998. If you have not yet sent in your gift or pledge installment, please do so today! For your convenience the Alumni Services Office will accept credit card gifts over the phone. Call 1-800-832-8076 or contact us by Fax at 807-343-8999. Please call today. Your support is crucial to areas such as scholarships and bursaries, library acquisitions, equipment and departmental needs.

Find a Job on the Internet

More than 600 Lakehead graduates are listed on the Internet under the National Graduate Register. The Internet address is <http://ngr.schoolnet.ca>. Employers without Internet access can ask the staff at Lakehead to do the search for them. For more information call (807) 343-8264.



Some of Skippy's Blues



Margie Taylor (HBA'72) visited Lakehead last fall to give a reading from her first novel, *Some of Skippy's Blues*, set in the fictional town of Cambrian Bay. In her letter thanking the Alumni Association for sponsoring the reception, Taylor said: "I felt surrounded by friends and family and good wishes — Northwestern hospitality at its finest. Now it's back to work on novel #2 — if it ever sees the light of day, can I come back and do it again?" Her book is published by Robert Davies

Multimedia Publishing and sells for \$21.99 in the Alumni Bookstore.

Student Callers Make the Grade

Thanks to the efforts of 25 Lakehead University students and a number of faculty volunteers, the Alumni Association was successful in raising an additional \$50,000 this fall in support of the Alumni Annual Fund. This brings our total raised to date for 1997-98 to \$209,000 — approximately 93 percent of our \$225,000 goal. Thirty-two percent of alumni contacted in the fall

made a gift or pledge to the fund, many of these 1500 alumni being new donors. President of the Alumni Association Jim Kalyta was encouraged by the level of support saying, "Alumni continue to demonstrate their commitment and support of a strong Lakehead. It is evident by their continued and growing support, not only financially but in other ways such as volunteering, serving in the governance of the institution and assisting Lakehead whenever possible." □

Front Row (l-r): James Lawlis, Mark Austin, Mary Beth Coates (Phonathon Coordinator); Middle Row: Jeff Hodges, Karen Radecki, Dan Langlois, Colleen Bradley, Jenny MacLeod, Amy Buchanan; Back Row: Stuart Bookbinder, Marilyn Radecki (Phonathon Coordinator), Kim Schrattnier, Jennifer Gerwlvich and Lee-Anne Binyon



IN MEMORIAM Dr. M. Elizabeth Arthur, Professor Emerita of History

Dr. M. Elizabeth Arthur passed away on November 14, 1997, surrounded by family and friends. A graduate of University of Toronto and McGill University, she was the first full-time female faculty member of the Lakehead University Department of History where she worked from 1964 until her retirement in 1985 as a full professor.

Elizabeth Arthur was a highly respected academic among her peers with an impressive list of publications including the ground-breaking work, *Thunder Bay District 1821-1892*, published by University of Toronto Press in 1973. In addition to chairing the department of history, she played the pivotal role in both establishing and running Lakehead's graduate program in Canadian history, providing students with opportunities to engage in the academic study of the region.

Arthur must also be remembered for her services to the Thunder Bay community. Previous to her position at Lakehead University, she was the chair of history at Fort William Collegiate Institute. She remained throughout her life, even after she left the city, a dedicated member of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society.

She was one of the founding board members when the society was re-constituted in 1972 and, in that same year, became editor of the

society's scholarly journal, *Papers and Records*. She was also made an honorary president. In addition to her museum work, Elizabeth Arthur was a director of the Ontario Heritage Foundation and served as president of the Ontario Historical Society.

To commemorate her academic achievements, a fund named in her honour has been set up which will provide an award in perpetuity for history graduate students at Lakehead researching Northwestern Ontario history. As well, a plaque, recognizing her as the first professional historian to focus on the history of Northwestern Ontario, will hang in the Northern Studies Resource Centre in the Chancellor Paterson Library which holds the Elizabeth Arthur papers in its archival collection. □



Those who wish to celebrate Elizabeth Arthur's contributions to Lakehead University, to the community of Thunder Bay and to the field of history are invited to make a contribution to the Dr. M. Elizabeth Arthur Memorial Fund. Cheques should be made payable to "Lakehead University" and sent to the Development Office, Lakehead University, 955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5E1. Tax receipts will be issued.



NAPE

Lakehead's Native Access Program for Engineering (NAPE) provides Native people with the support they need to succeed in engineering. Last May, Lakehead celebrated as the first three graduates of the program received diplomas in Engineering Technology. Another NAPE student, now in Electrical Engineering, was chosen from among 100 applicants to receive a Women in Engineering and Science Award from Canada's National Research Council.

A Partnership between Lakehead University, First Nations People and the Corporate Sector

by Dan Rice

Kim Trimble is a bright, friendly student in her 20s who reflects well on Lakehead's Native Access Program for Engineering (NAPE).

Three years ago she decided to make a career change. Her persistent research led her to NAPE — a unique program designed to prepare Aboriginal students for Lakehead University's Engineering diploma and degree programs in Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering.

Today, Kim Trimble is in second year of the Electrical Engineering program and one of 26 students in Canada to receive a 1997 Women in Engineering and Science Award from the National Research Council. "There was no turning back once I began," she said. "Now I find the opportunities vast and the profession without limit."

NAPE was established six years ago by Dr. Gary Locker who, for 21 years, served as professor and dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Lakehead. From the start, he saw the program as a way of giving mature Native people the opportunity to

enter an engineering program by providing pre-engineering study coupled with academic, cultural and social support. To date, the program is only one of two in Canada and is considered to be a model for other universities.

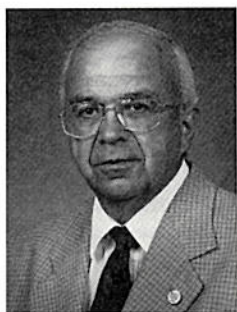
As a professional engineer, Locker is painfully aware of the severe shortage of Native engineers in Canada. There are about 150,000 professional engineers currently registered in Canada. Of those, Locker estimates about 100 are of Aboriginal descent. His goal is to increase this number. Besides, he says, "It is good practice for Native people to contribute to their own communities."

Canada's Need

First Nations communities have a wide variety of needs for engineering services including proper water and sewage facilities, resource development, environmental issues, road and building construction, and economic development. As self-government is implemented in the future, there will be a need for trained professionals to create and implement plans

"The program has been fun; the students work very hard and have every right to be proud."

— Dr. Gary Locker, professor of civil engineering



Dr. Gary Locker

which will reflect the needs of First Nations communities.

The NAPE "family" was initially made up of Ontario students but has now grown to include students from across Canada. The percentage of women in this program — at approximately 20 percent — is larger than many other engineering programs in Canada.

"The program has been fun," says Locker. "The students work very hard and have every right to be proud. All three of last year's graduates — Richard Chukra, James Danielson and Oscar McDougall — are working in their field with Aboriginal organizations."

Sponsors and Donors

Although Locker has stepped down as dean, he remains in the Faculty of Engineering and continues to be responsible for NAPE. An important part of that job is securing the funds necessary to keep the program running. During the 1992-97 period, sponsorship was provided by Ontario Hydro and the Ontario Energy Corporation. Donors included the Bank of Montreal, Bechtel Foundation of Canada, Canadian National, The Harold Crabtree Foundation, Sceptre Resources Limited, Scotia McLeod, G.E. Foundation, Petro-Canada, RBC Dominion Securities, SNC LAVALIN Inc, Suncor Inc., and TransCanada Pipelines.

In 1998, Ontario Hydro, TransCanada Pipelines, Suncor and Petro-Canada renewed their support and Locker continues to do what he can to bring more partners "on board."

Key industry sponsors like Ontario Hydro support the program because they want to improve relations with northern Native bands, demonstrate commitment to small-scale energy use and build a diverse workplace. Rob Olivier, NAPE program coordinator at Lakehead and a civil engineering graduate from the University of Windsor, believes the technology developed by Aboriginal engineers will be "appropriate" to Native communities.

Academic Excellence

Olivier is proud of the academic achievements of all the students who have been admitted to the program. He says the students have received more than 35 scholarships and bursaries. As well, three NAPE students won a local hydropower competition and placed third overall in the North American hydropower competition held last year in Florida.



Rob Olivier

Kim Trimble, an "A" student and a member of the Rocky Bay First Nation near Beardmore, Ontario, speaks highly of the program: "The experience I had in the access year was most rewarding. The unique support system has permitted me to study for a career that was not even a consideration with my educational background. The instructors in the program are like your own private

tutors, they are there to help you succeed." □

What is NAPE?

- NAPE was developed by Native Peoples and Lakehead University.
- Native students participate in a six-week summer orientation program, followed by one year of courses to prepare them to enter the study of engineering.
- Students have access to tutoring and personalized instruction, as well as counselors who support them in non-academic matters.
- Almost a third of NAPE students are parents. They come from many different First Nation communities in Ontario including Fort William, Six Nations, Eagle Lake, Batchewana, Alderville, Oneida, Georgina Island, Wikwemikong, Little Current, Massey, Saugeen and Calstock.
- Staff and students work hard to develop a "family" atmosphere. Social activities such as barbecues, potluck suppers, baseball, bowling, pool and golf tournaments are an important part of the program.

NAPE and Ontario Hydro received two national awards in 1997:

- *The Canada Post Corporation Post-Secondary Award*
- *The Partnership Focus Award of The Conference Board of Canada 1996-97 National Partners Award.*

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President's Message

Time to Rebuild

by Dr. John Whitfield, Interim President

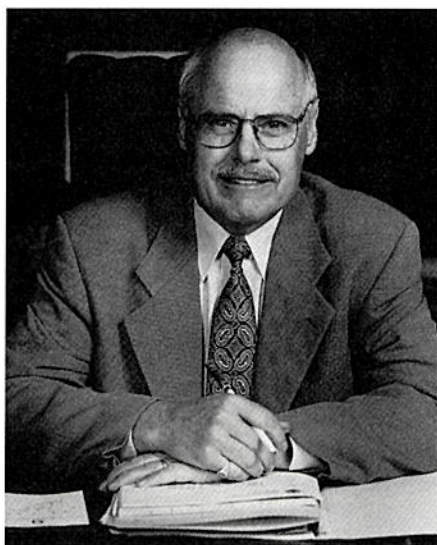
Ann Dowsett-Johnston was right when she told Premier Mike Harris last November that the Ontario university system is "at a crisis point."

The assistant managing editor responsible for *Maclean's* 1997 annual ranking of Canadian universities had been invited to speak at a meeting of university presidents and chancellors. "If we do not pull in quickly, take the David Smith report extremely seriously and act on it," she said, "I am really concerned as to what is going to happen in the next five years let alone further."

What Ann Dowsett-Johnston and a lot of other people in Ontario are concerned about is the fact that Canada's richest province contributes less to postsecondary education, on a per capita basis, than any other province in Canada. I agree that the recommendations made by the *Advisory Panel on Future Directions for Postsecondary Education* must be taken seriously. In my view, one of the most important is the recommendation that government support of universities and colleges in Ontario be increased so that it is at least comparable to the average for other Canadian provinces.

But let's step back and look at what is driving this crisis in postsecondary education. One issue is the debt-load being borne by our students. In recent years governments have increasingly shifted the financial burden of postsecondary education onto the students' shoulders. This cannot continue. It is essential the provincial and federal governments, in concert with the universities, develop forms of student assistance to ensure access for qualified students.

A second issue is the so-called "brain drain." It worries me that first-rate faculty and researchers are leaving the province for other jurisdictions. They are doing so, not just for higher salaries, but because the entire support structure around their academic pursuits is stronger and more secure elsewhere.



Chronic underfunding has created a crisis in higher education. Can we overcome it?

Also there is the issue of accountability. Universities are being expected, by the public and by governments, to be more responsive. But to do this — whether it is re-focusing our programs or shifting the direction of our research — we must have the resources to make change. The expectation is there; the resources haven't been.

Recently, however, there have been a number of encouraging signs that governments are beginning to realize the critical nature of our situation.

Last year, the Ontario government announced the new Research and Development Challenge Fund which will support business-university research partnerships and research excellence by investing \$500 million over 10 years. This complements the federal government's plan for the Canada Foundation for

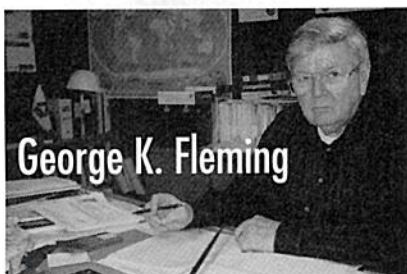
Innovation which will invest \$800 million over the next five to ten years in the development of research infrastructure in universities, colleges, hospitals and not-for-profit institutes.

Two years ago, the Ontario government launched the innovative Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund to match every dollar raised during a one-year period for student bursaries. (Lakehead, thanks to the generosity of its alumni and friends, generated an impressive \$3.2 million.) Then there is the federal government's Canada Millennium Scholarship Endowment Fund which Jean Chrétien announced last fall. Although the details have yet to be worked out, the thrust of this program is to reward academic excellence and provide thousands of scholarships each year, beginning in the year 2000, for low and moderate-income Canadians to help them attend universities and colleges.

These initiatives are welcome. However, the fundamental challenge remains: Ontario must increase funding to postsecondary education to a level comparable with the average for other Canadian provinces as recommended in December, 1996, by David Smith, chair of the *Advisory Panel on Future Directions for Postsecondary Education*.

I am optimistic the fiscal slide is over and hopeful that governments are finally coming to terms with the challenge. Now it's time to rebuild. You can help us by providing input into our current planning exercise, by telling friends, acquaintances and political leaders about the importance of your university education, and, especially, by continuing to be a friend and supporter of your Alma Mater. □

Dr. John Whitfield invites comments from readers. These may be sent via E-mail to john.whitfield@lakeheadu.ca or fax to (807) 343-8075.



George K. Fleming

Donors like George Fleming are the backbone of Lakehead's Scholarship, Bursary and Awards Program. A former engineering professor at Lakehead University and now the president of a successful local software company, he knows the importance of making a university education accessible and affordable.

When asked why he contributed to last year's matching gift program, George Fleming said it was only natural. He cited his connection with the Faculty of Engineering which he helped to establish in the early 1970s, then added another point saying, "Our interest in Lakehead has had a lot to do with having access to the kind of talent we need to run this business."

PROFILE OF A DONOR

That business is Fleming Systems Corporation, a company he established in 1976 which designs and develops software to help large manufacturing companies with maintenance and materials management. Lately, Fleming has been occupied with the sales and marketing of a new product called 4Site, one of the most powerful, flexible and cost-effective computer programs on the market today.

Fleming has a PhD in mechanical engineering from the University of Waterloo and has taught at three other Canadian universities: Waterloo, Concordia and Sherbrooke. He settled in Thunder Bay with his wife and six children in the early 1970s after spending a brief time in the city consulting for Great Lakes Paper. It wasn't long before Northwestern Ontario had him hooked.

Much of the talent George Fleming has found to run his business originates from Lakehead University.

In fact, Lakehead graduates make up about two-thirds of his total staff complement.

This year, Fleming Systems Corporation earned \$3.5 million from sales to clients in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. Among them were John Labatt Limited, Alabama River Pulp Company Ltd., James River Corporation, Case Corporation, Kellogg Canada Inc., and Coca-Cola Beverages Ltd. (U.K.). Next year, clients in Latin America will be added to the list. □

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Visual Feast

by Donna Faye

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**Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying;
And this same flower that smiles today,
Tomorrow will be dying.**

Herrick, *To The Virgins, To Make Much of Time*



Although these lines were penned by Robert Herrick over 300 years ago, they could just as easily describe the sad brevity of the beautiful gardens in

Northwestern Ontario today. One such garden is the creation of Lana Lang (BA75).

Ever since *Canadian Gardening* magazine featured her garden in their June/July 1997 issue, Lang has become somewhat of a celebrity among local gardeners. Despite all of the attention her garden has received, she is quick to point out that Thunder Bay is home to many brilliant gardeners and beautiful gardens, which have been an inspiration to her.

Lang's present garden is the product of 18 years of reading, learning and creating. When asked why she works so hard, she replied, "Gardening isn't work. It's a delight... calming... almost spiritual." Her passion for gardening is so intensely personal that



Every garden reflects the personality of its creator. The painter works with paints, the writer with words, and the gardener with flowers and trees.

recognition for it almost seems incidental. In fact, she was surprised to learn that her garden had been selected as *Canadian Gardening's* garden of the month. Several years ago the magazine offered a contest, the first prize being a trip to Scotland. Lang sent in her pictures, but did not win first prize. "I didn't even get runner-up," she said.

Her Tudor-style home, the garden's formal and tight structure, and wild-looking flowers have led some observers to categorize Lang's as an English-style garden. However, this was not necessarily her aim: "Gardening is a combination of art and science. Every garden reflects the personality of its creator. The painter works with paints, the writer with words, and the gardener with flowers and trees." Indeed, many of the elements of art apply to the creation of a garden: contrasts of light and shadow, leaf texture, form, structure and color.

According to Lang, her goal is "to grow beautifully healthy flowers in an artistic setting." Interesting foliage and evergreens of varying colors complement the flowers. In the backyard a small statue and a sundial of a hue similar to that of the evergreens are the only ornamentation. Likewise, the wooden trellis, arches and two obelisks provide a natural backdrop for the flowers.

Northwestern Ontario only has approximately 100 frost-free days, but gardening is a year-round occupation for Lang. In late fall she takes cuttings for the next year; in December and January she orders seeds; in January and February she starts the seeds. With the help of a greenhouse and some grow lights, Lang can even enjoy daffodils on the table during the winter.

What advice does Lang have for would-be gardeners in Northwestern Ontario? She recommends, "Don't be limited or intimidated by the Zone 3 classification. Plants listed in catalogues as not hardy to Zone 3 sometimes are, but the growers are only aware of their hardiness in warmer climates.

Observe what other gardeners are growing in Thunder Bay and design your garden to your own taste."

When Lang isn't in her garden, she is busy caring for an Irish setter and two cats, chairing a non-profit housing organization, and teaching kindergarten part-time. She has even found ways to incorporate her passion for gardening into her work. The garden has been the site of several workshops for local students learning about plants and collecting seeds. In fact, last summer the proceeds from tickets to tour Lang's and four other local gardens amounted to \$7,000 dollars for her school. (At \$10 per ticket, that's 700 visitors!) She is also looking forward to helping her school develop a new landscaped playground. Lang's skill, experience and vision are sure to inspire a new generation of gardening enthusiasts. □

Donna Faye (BA'96) is an English major currently enrolled in the BEd program.



Alumni Annual Fund Donor Report 1996-97

The following is a list of names that should have appeared along with the other donors in the Alumni Annual Fund donor list published in the fall '97 issue of the *Nor'Wester*. We apologize for any inconvenience this omission may have caused and we wish to assure all graduates, staff, faculty and friends of Lakehead who generously contribute to the Annual Fund that we certainly do appreciate their support.

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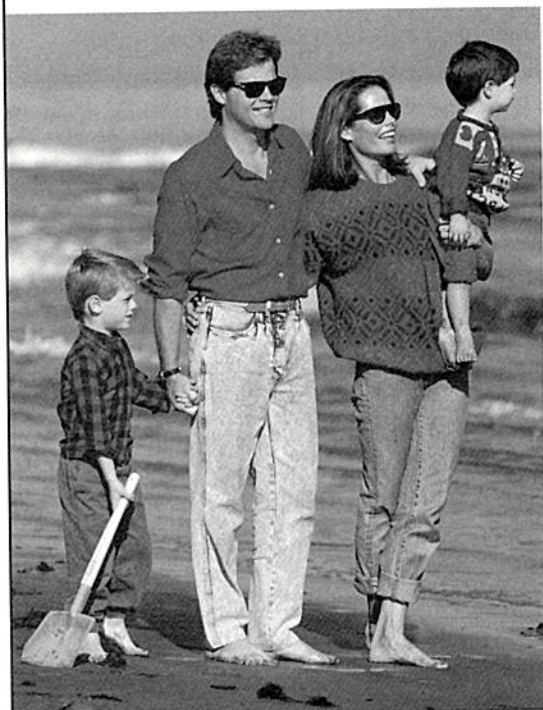
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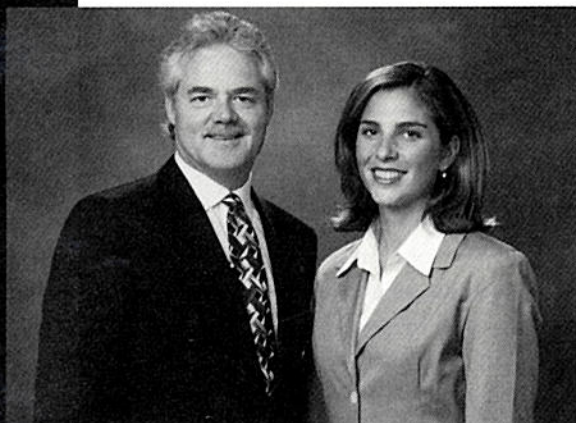
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CLASS NEWS

Alumni help organize FWCI's 100th Birthday

Several Lakehead University alumni are involved in preparations for Fort William Collegiate's 100th Anniversary Celebration which takes place in 1998. The committee is co-chaired by **Len Anderson** (BA'65) and **Larry Hebert** (BA'69, GradBus Dip'70, HBComm'78), with support from **Gayle Carlson** (BA'65), **Joan Kleinendorst** (BA'65, HBA'66, MEd'77), **George Paddington** (BusDip'68, BA'72, BEd'87), and **Sean Forbes**, a current student at the University.

Celebrations started New Year's Day with a public skating party at the Delaney Arena. In February the Basketball Blue Bear Birthday Bash took place at the FWCI gymnasium allowing former FWCI Boys' Basketball Team members to pit their expertise and stamina against the young FWCI hoopsters of today.

The Homecoming Weekend, May 15 - 17, 1998, will see FWCI alumni, including both current and former students and staff, return to the school for a Friday evening

presentation in the FWCI gymnasium and school walk-about. On Saturday afternoon a Nostalgia Motor Coach Tour of Thunder Bay will be offered by Happy Time Tours, and an evening social at Lakehead University will allow guests to mix and mingle as they walk down memory lane while enjoying hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, musical ensembles, special presentations, and various prizes. On Sunday a "Bear-B-Que" will take place as part of the closing ceremonies.

Those wishing to attend any of the Homecoming Weekend events must pre-register. For details, call the Birthday Hotline at (807) 623-1998.

1970s

Dave (BA'70) and **Carol** (BA'90) **Siciliano** are living in Owen Sound

where Dave is the head coach of the Owen Sound Platers of the Ontario Hockey League. This summer they plan to be in Thunder Bay where their son **Mark** (HBComm'97) is seeking full-time employment and their daughter **Christie** is studying Travel and Tourism at Confederation College.

John J. (BA'71) and **Paula Bellon McParland** (BA'83, BEd'95) are both Lakehead Teachers' College graduates (1967 and 1966 respectively). John is principal of St. Pius X School and Paula is a teacher for the Catholic school board in Thunder Bay. Son Kevin graduated with a bachelor of arts in May, 1997; daughter Lianne will graduate from the concurrent education program in May, 1998; and youngest daughter Lisa entered Lakehead in September, 1997, to study computer science.

Remembering Dodd

by Margaret Frenette

Most of his former students, including myself, refer to him as "Dodd" because he addressed every student with his or her last name. Many of my honours and master's program colleagues were "Dodd survivors" and in fact might not have been there but for Dodd. A wide-eyed, innocent first-year student who took Dodd's *Introduction to Historical Studies* (or, as he called it, "History of Modern European Chaos") might give up the discipline forever after the experience. It was not your run-of-the-mill first-year history course.

Dodd's course outline alone frightened off some students after the first class. His stated purposes, for example, were:

- To root out corruption and to learn how to become a god
- To learn how to create history. History is pure theory; there are no facts — there is only chaotic, meaningless evidence
- To learn how to achieve Schweikism if quest for godhood fails (*The Good Soldier Schweik* was part of the mammoth reading list for this course.)

His stated topics for course consideration included:

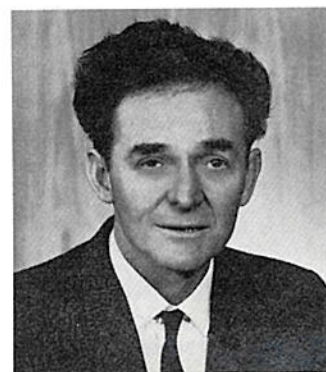
- How to create historical classifications and subjects
- How to create historical periods
- How to create civilization
- How to create feudalism
- How to destroy European and Japanese feudalism
- How to create European capitalism and capitalist civilization; a world of prols, capitalists, gentlemen, and lumpens
- How to destroy capitalism
- How to destroy civilization
- How to create a future history of homo sapiens

Dodd did not assign any history textbooks for this course, nor were his lectures concerned with what happened in history. Students were to glean the facts in some other manner; for example, by reading the eight-volume *History of Mankind* published by the United Nations, or if you preferred French, the six-volume *Histoire générale des civilisations*. Students proved their

knowledge of European history through the first and final exams. The first covered the dawn of civilization to about 1500, the second from 1500 to the present.

Philosophy and theory were the course's focus, more like the fourth-year historiography course than a first-year survey. Assigned reading included Hegel, Kant, Spengler, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Thoreau, Mussolini, Descartes, Locke, Isocrates, John of Salisbury, Aristotle, Adam Smith, Machiavelli, Rousseau, Ecclesiastes, Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, a slew of anarchists too numerous to mention, and so on.

Dodd made his students write history the way historians do. For an essay assignment, he gave the student an enormous pile of photocopied primary documents and a topic such as "any theory in history of significance derived from most if not all of the documents." The student's place of research and writing had to be on another planet, alone with only the documents, a typewriter and the *Oxford English Dictionary*. When you produced the essay, you had performed the impossible. If it was a good essay, Dodd gave you his highest praise, "Not bad." We "Dodd survivors" revere him for having made us perform the impossible. Dodd was a great teacher. □



Dr. Kenneth M. Dodd
Professor of History

Dr. Kenneth Dodd passed away on July 7, 1997. Born in Oklahoma City and educated at University of Oklahoma, Kenneth Dodd served in the U.S. Air Force from 1941 to 1945. In 1959 he graduated from the University of Chicago with a PhD in history. In 1967, he came to Lakehead University where he taught history until his retirement in 1986.

Those who wish to celebrate Dr. Kenneth Dodd's contributions to Lakehead are invited to make a contribution to the Chancellor Paterson Library. Cheques should be made payable to "Lakehead University" and sent to the Development Office, Lakehead University, 955 Oliver Rd, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1. Tax receipts will be issued.

Margaret Frenette (HBA'91, MA'96) works for the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society.

Helen Harness (BA'72, LibTech '73) is living in Guelph. Her husband David Clarke has a new job and they have built another new house.

Since 1980, **Harvey Schilke** (HBComm'72) has been engaged in his own business, Protek Systems, providing computer network integration (www.proteksys.com) in London, Ontario. He and Mary (nee Tarasewicz) have been married 28 years, have one son Kyle in fourth-year at Laurier. They visit "home" occasionally and would like to get in touch with classmates Brett Gale and Ray Stewart.

In September, 1997, **Larry (Laurie W.) Fraser** (BA'74, BEd'77, MEd'89) was appointed principal of Marathon High School where he has served as vice-principal for seven years. He says hello to the old gang from E, H, and K Houses.

Alan (BA'77) and **Lynda McLean** (BA'75) **Bauld** are happily settled in Burlington. Al works for Sybase (a U. S. computer company). Daughter Rebecca, 19, attends school in Thunder Bay and son David, 17, hopes to enter McMaster to study engineering.

Susan Lemesani (LibDip'74, BA'75, HBA'76, MA'77) notes that 1997 was the 20th Anniversary of Lakehead's first master of arts degree class in sociology. Best wishes to the class of '77 which includes: **Tom Gash** (BA'74, HBA'75, MA'77), ***Catherine Anne Gray** (BA'75, HBA'76, MA'77), **Terry L. Hill** (MA'77), **Douglas Long** (BA'70, HBA'73, MA'77), **Moffatt Siyayi Makuto** (HBA'76, MA'77), **Dominic Kar Wing Tse** (HBA'76, MA'77), ***Willem K. T. Van Vliet** (MA'77), ***Eric W. Waatainen** (HBA'76, MA'77). The Alumni Office does not know the whereabouts of the grads marked with an asterisk. If you are able to help us out, call Kristine Carey at 1-800-832-8076.

David Moreira (BEng'78) and Meg Cheng were married on October 11, 1997, at Rideau Park United Church in Ottawa where David is staff manager in IS/IT Business Analysis for Bell Canada.

In February, 1996, **Darrell Whidden** (HBScF'79) created a license to work 10 hours per day, seven days a week, when he limited his company, D. E. Whidden & Associates Ltd. of Nanaimo, B.C.

John Reszitaryk (HBSc'79, GradBusDipl'80) left the Ontario government after 10 years to take a sales position with IBM Software specializing in Enterprise System (S/390) Software. He and Mimma and their two children, Andrew, 9, and Katelyn, 5, live in Burlington.

1980s

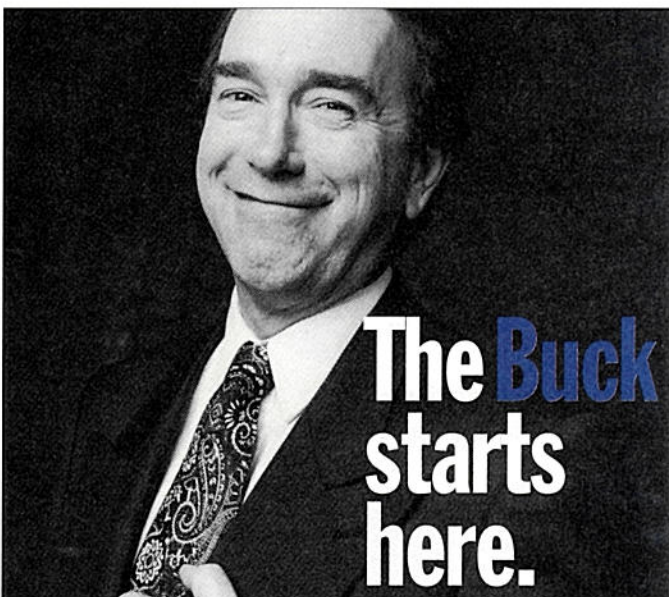
Dr. Ann Kajander (BSc'80) is an adjunct professor at Lakehead in the School of Mathematical Sciences. She earned her BEd, MA and PhD at U of T and has been teaching at Lakehead since returning to Thunder Bay in 1989. Kajander has developed a mathematics program which someday could be incorporated into regular classroom learning. Kindermath, for children ages 7 to 12 and available in six-week sessions, motivates children to create using ideas with mathematical content.

Paul (HBComm'81) and **Donna McLeod** left Vancouver Island for the blue skies and sunshine of Barbados where Paul is managing director of the Barrick International Bank.

Michael Yakamovich (ForTech '81), formerly executive director of the District of Thunder Bay Homes For the Aged, started a new position in July, 1997, as a health care consultant with Envirimed Inc. in Toronto which provides consulting services to long-term care facilities and organizations serving seniors.

Carla (ForTech'82) and **Bruce Labelle** announce the birth of their second son Linden on March 16, 1995, a brother for Conor.

Alan Roaf (MSc'82), formerly technical director, now executive director of Rowing Canada, moved the head office from Ottawa to Victoria in February, 1997. He stays in touch with his program director and thesis advisor Dr. Brent S. Rushall who is now at San Diego State University.



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Scott (BA/HBScF'84) and **Diane Ronson** live in Bellingham, WA, with their children, Andrew, 4 and Kate, 2. Scott is regional computer components manager for FAI Electronics and travels throughout the Northwest United States and Alaska selling computer chips. E-mail: rsonson@aol.com

J. Scott (ForTech'84) and **Ann Thomas** have three children, Joshua, 4, Aaron, 2, and Emily, 6 months. Ann works shift as an ER nurse in Scarborough while Scott is left home with the offspring. He has a full-time job at the Head Office of Canadian Tire Corporation Ltd. E-mail: Scott_Thomas-ctchost@e-mail.com

Cheyne (MSc'84) and **Pam Sherman** have two boys, Matthew, 11, and Thomas, 9. Cheyne has just completed and passed requirements for a PhD at Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia. Cheers to the grad class of 1983-84 (Tony Lamonica, Steve, Kathy, Linda).

Denis Turcotte (BEng'85) has been appointed executive vice president, publishing papers and newspaper, of Tembec Inc., as well as a director of Spruce Falls Acquisition Corp. The Spruce Falls Board of Directors has also appointed Turcotte president and chief executive officer. He earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of Western Ontario in London.

John David Leask (BA/HBOR'85) has been working for the past two years on the development and construction of an indoor golf driving range and teaching facility in Scarborough. The Metro Golf Dome opened December 1, 1997, and he encourages alumni to drop in.

Elizabeth Anne (Betsy) (nee Geddes) (BEd'86) and **Wayne Thiessen** announce the birth of their son Alexander John on September 22, 1997. They live in Richmond, B.C.

Grant S. (BEng'86) and **Bonnie-Rae Bailey** and their young son Douglas recently relocated to

North Bay from Edmonton. Grant is general manager of Railink - Ottawa Valley, a regional railway operating between Smiths Falls and Sudbury.

Colleen (nee Finlayson) (MA'86) and **Keith Doerksen** announce the birth of their first child Evan Robert Benjamin on September 4, 1997. They are living in Morden, Manitoba, where Colleen is a psychologist with the Western School Division.

Juha Anttila (HBScF'86) announces the birth of his third child, a daughter Sara in February, 1997. Juha continues to work in Indonesia as a consultant for Enso Forest Indonesia in Jakarta. E-mail: anttila@cbn.net.id

Sheri Minardi (nee Bayles) (BA/BEd'87) married David Minardi of Sault Ste. Marie on March 12, 1997. Sheri and David, along with her two children, Shelby, 7, and Thomas Taylor, 4, went to the resort of Boscobel Beach, Jamaica, where the wedding took place. Sheri is a teacher with the Sault Ste Marie Board of Education teaching Grade 8. E-mail: shermin@soonet.ca

Lynne (nee Brown) (BA/BPE'87) and **Charlie Johnson** announce the arrival of twin boys, Mackenzie and Quincy on May 15, 1997. They have moved back to the Vancouver area where Charlie has started a new job.

Alison (nee Cole) (HBScN'88) and **Peter Ames** (HBOR/BA'88) were married in 1989. They have three children, Ben, 7, Caitlin 4, and Erica, 1. They are living in Dundas where Alison is a case manager with Hamilton Wentworth Community Care Access Centre and Peter is program staff with the Adolescent Community Care Program.

Ed (HBScF'89) and **Deanna** (nee Perry) (HBScF'95) **Hoffman** announce the arrival of their daughter Evelyn Anne on May 21, 1997. They live in Longlac where Ed is a forester for Longlac Wood Industries and Deanna is contracting to Kimberly-Clark Forest Products.



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1990s

Following six years with the Bank of Nova Scotia, **John Arnone** (BAdmin'90) started a new job with Canada Trust in Thunder Bay as manager, business development. He and Maria Berardi of Thunder Bay are engaged and the wedding is planned for September 26, 1998.

Malcolm Sutherland (HBPE'91) has been appointed assistant coach of the Thunder Bay Thunder Cats (formerly Senators) hockey team. He is also writing for *Hockey Player Magazine*, an instructional publication for players and coaches.

Brian E. L. Billings (BAdmin'91) married Heather Johnston on February 1, 1997. He was promoted to sergeant with the Carleton University Police October 15, 1997. They are expecting a baby May, 1998.

After several years of employment as medical officer for the American Peace Corps in Vladivostok, Russia, **Lisa Eckensweiler** (BScN'91) has begun a new position as medical officer for the American Embassy in Almaty, Kazakhstan. During her time off, she has enjoyed travelling to many parts of the world. E-mail: eckens@almat.wpoa.us-state.gov

In August, 1997, **Shawn Patterson** (HBOR/BA'91) started a new job as collection co-ordinator at Old Fort William in Thunder Bay. He manages the collection of period and reproduction items and designs new exhibits for presentation on the historic site.

John Allison (BEd'91) and Helen Fennema announce the birth of their second child Lauren Elizabeth on September 5, 1997. John is a teacher with the Wellington County Board of Education in Guelph.

Rosanna (nee Costanzo) (HBComm'92) and **Gianpaolo Oriecua** were married on June 28, 1997. They live in Thunder Bay where Rosanna is employed as a litigation assistant with Atwood, Shaw, Labine.

Karen Campbell (nee Puumala) (BSc'92, HBSc'93) received her master of science degree

(Chemistry Co-op Program) from Waterloo in May, 1997. She married Dr. Michael Campbell on June 7, 1997. Michael has a post-doctoral fellowship at Duke University in the Chemistry Department and they are now living in Durham, North Carolina.

Georgina Dawn Ostrowski (BA'92) and her husband John recently opened Thunder Bay's newest flower and gift shop: John Edwards Flowers & Gifts on Gore Street.

Neil Siegel (BEd'92) and **Saozinha Medeiros** (BEd'92) were married on April 13, 1997. They live in North York where Neil is a public school teacher and Saozinha is the office manager for a federal inquiry. E-mail: neil_siegel@nynet.nybe.north-york.on.ca

Jennifer L. Tallman (nee Baxter) (HBScF'92) was married to Craig Tallman in Cochrane on August 9, 1997. She has lived in Cochrane for the past five years where she is working as a forester with Abitibi-Consolidated.

Roy Jollymore (BA'92, HBA'94) and **Julie Braithwaite** (HBSc'94) will be married on May 30, 1998. Roy is employed at Cambridge Memorial Hospital and Cambridge Association for the Mentally Handicapped. Julie is employed as a social worker and recently graduated from Laurier with a master of social work degree.

Pamela (nee Zaporzan) (BA/BEd'92) and **David** (HBA'90, BEd'95) **Isherwood** have been married eight years. They have two children, Robyn, 8, and Alyson, 4. David is acting principal of Nibinamik Education Centre in Summer Beaver, Ontario, and Pamela is currently on leave from teaching Grade 7/8 at the same school. They live in Summer Beaver and Thunder Bay.

Vinzon Pingol (BA/BAdmin'93) is marketing programs coordinator with Castrol Canada Inc. In August, he travelled with 300 Canadian Youth Delegates to attend World Youth Day Celebrations 1997 in Paris, France, and to see Pope John



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Paul II. During the closing Mass, he proposed to his girlfriend, Candice Audra Lee Loy, whom he met at the World Youth Day Celebrations in Manila, Philippines, in 1995. She accepted.

After graduation, **Benjamin Bolaane** (BEng'93) returned home to Botswana to work for the Botswana Housing Corporation for three years. Then he worked for the University of Botswana in the Department of Environmental Science. He is now completing his master's degree in environmental engineering and sustainable infrastructure in Stockholm.

Mike Carlson (BA/BEd'93) is teaching literature and physical education at ATA College in Istanbul, Turkey. E-mail: crusher@escortnet.com

Patrick L. Riffault (BEng'94) married Helen Tsang in 1996. They have one son, Timothy, 2. Patrick started his job as lead technical consultant with CADENCE in Ottawa in November 1995.

Jim (BSc'95, BEd'96) and **Jennifer Colquhoun** announce the birth of their daughter Lily Christine on August 17, 1997.

Shelley Rothenburger (HBFA'95) has been accepted into the U of A's graduate program in fine art. She lives in Edmonton with her son Jacob and has started graduate studies in painting.

After graduation, **Raquel Lehto** (BA/BEd'95) started her own consulting business called RM Teaching Consultants. She is in the midst of her second contract with the Ministry of Natural Resources doing province-wide staff training for computer systems and producing users' manuals.

Duane C. Wysynski (BA/BEd'95) completed Canadian Healthcare Association's two-year course in Health Services Management while working in senior management with Hogarth-Westmount Hospital. He moved to Toronto in November, 1997, and now works as executive coordinator for the Canadian Education Association.



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Richard (HBK'95) and **Beatrice** (nee Rondinelli) **Bosch** (BA/BEd'96) were married on August 9, 1997. Richard passed the Certified Pedorthic Technician exam with the Pedorthic Association of Canada and is working at Shoppers Home Health Care in Thunder Bay.

Tanja (nee Wiebe) (BScN'96) and **Darryl Vance** were married on October 18, 1997 at the Pillar & Post Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake and they honeymooned in New York City. Tanja recently accepted a position as a school nurse at the Regional Niagara Health Unit in St. Catharines so Darryl will be moving from Thunder Bay to join her in the spring. E-mail: twiebe@netcom.ca

Ray L. Champagne (MA'96) and **Karen Stewart** (HBA'92) were married July 12, 1997. They are living in Barrie where Ray is teaching English at Barrie Central Collegiate and Karen is teaching English at Thornlea Secondary School in Thornhill.

Following graduation, **Jennifer Buchik** (BA/BEd'96) spent three months teaching English in Paris and travelling through Europe. She is now an occasional (supply) French teacher for the two boards of education in Thunder Bay.

Ian B. McTavish (BEd'97) has been hired as a Grade 5/6 teacher for Huntsville Public School in the Muskoka Board of Education.

Doug Coughler (BSc'97) is living in Nepean. He was recently employed as a quality control specialist with Serveware in Hull, Quebec.

After graduation, **Michael Christensen** (BEng'97) moved to Ottawa. He started his first job as spectrum coordination engineer at Industry Canada in September, 1997.

David A. Groulx (BA'97) has published his first book of poetry, *Night In The Exude*. □

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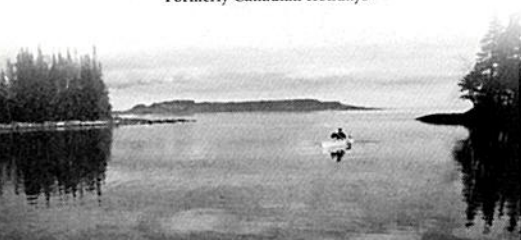
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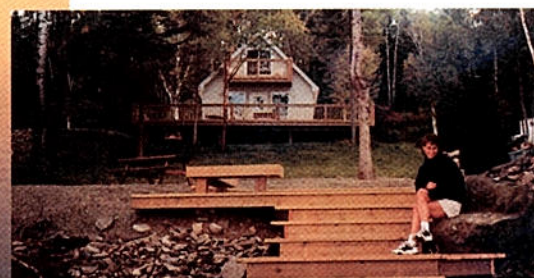


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