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Nov. 3	Volleyball	W LU vs Seneca College	2:00 pm
Nov. 8,9	Hockey	M LU vs Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks	7:30 pm
Nov. 15	Basketball	W LU vs Laurentian Voyageurs	6:30 pm
Nov. 15	Basketball	M LU vs Laurentian Voyageurs	8:30 pm
Nov. 16	Basketball	W LU vs York Yeowomen	6:30 pm
Nov. 16	Basketball	M LU vs York Yeomen	8:30 pm
Nov. 22,23	Hockey	M LU vs Queen's Golden Gaels	7:30 pm
Dec. 27,30	Hockey	M Tournament: Christmas Classic	check schedule
Jan. 3,4	Hockey	M LU vs Alberta Golden Bears	7:30 pm
Jan. 4	Wrestling	M/W Gord Garvie Wrestling Festival	9:00 am
Jan. 10	Basketball	M LU vs RMC Paladins	7:00 pm
Jan. 11	Basketball	M LU vs Queen's Golden Gaels	8:30 pm
Jan. 11	Basketball	W LU vs Queen's Golden Gaels	6:30 pm
Jan. 11	Volleyball	W LU vs Western Mustangs	4:00 pm
Jan. 17,18	Volleyball	W LU vs Ottawa Gee-gees	7:05 pm
Jan. 17,18	Hockey	M LU vs Waterloo Warriors	7:30 pm
Jan. 24,25	Basketball	W LU vs Windsor Lancers	6:30 pm
Jan. 24,25	Basketball	M LU vs Windsor Lancers	8:30 pm
Feb. 1	Volleyball	W LU vs Ryerson Rams	7:05 pm
Feb. 2	Volleyball	W LU vs Ryerson Rams	2:05 pm
Feb. 7	Hockey	M LU vs Brock Badgers	7:30 pm
Feb. 7,8	Basketball	W LU vs Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks	6:30 pm
Feb. 7,8	Basketball	M LU vs Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks	8:30 pm
Feb. 9	Hockey	M LU vs Brock Badgers	1:00 pm
Feb. 14,15	Hockey	M LU vs Windsor Lancers	7:30 pm
Feb. 21,22	Basketball	M LU vs Brock Badgers	7:00 pm

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Parents of Ontario high school students
graduating this year may wonder if there is
a place for their children in the province's
university system. The double cohort -
when two graduating classes of high school
students converge - will hit in September
2003, and many students are fast-tracking
their studies in order to get ahead of the
crowd.

"Enrolment is up considerably for
2002-2003," says Lakehead's Director of
Admissions Sarena Knapik (BA'80).
"And we're ready. The new Advanced
Technology & Academic Centre will
provide additional classroom, laboratory
and lecture hall space. We have a generous
financial aid program in place for
scholarships and bursaries. And Lakehead
has enhanced its new student orientation to
specifically address issues related to making
a successful transition from high school to
university life."

"Enrolment is expected to increase by up
to 30 percent in the coming years," says
Lakehead University President Fred
Gilbert. "Not only because of the double
cohort, but because more and more people
understand the connection between post-
secondary education and employment." A
survey conducted for the Ministry of
Training, Colleges and Universities indicates
that Lakehead's 1999 graduates performed
better than the provincial average in terms
of employment, two years after graduation.

It's a statistic that would come as no
surprise to Norm Webster, president of
Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd. (RJC). His
company specializes in the structural

design and restoration of buildings, and has
hired five Lakehead engineering graduates
in recent years, four of whom are still
working for the firm: Pamela De Paulo
(BEng'02) and Kristy Mattila (BEng'99) in
Calgary; Brian Maver (BEng'00) in
Vancouver; and Cord MacLean (BEng'01) in
Victoria.



Pamela De Paulo, Kristy Mattila, and Norm Webster

"Lakehead graduates rank right up there at
the top," says Webster. "They are used to
working hard and have a very good grasp
of fundamental engineering concepts."
For the last several years, RJC has been
a sponsor of Lakehead's award-winning
student steel bridge building team. Why?
Because the Lakehead team showed real
talent, real leadership and real spunk, he
says. "They deserve to be recognized."

— Frances Harding, Editor
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Northern Ontario Medical School

"I'm excited by the opportunity of establishing a centre of excellence of intellectual endeavour in rural health, grounded in northern Ontario, and focusing on northern and rural issues, Aboriginal issues and francophone issues."

- Roger Strasser, Founding Dean, Northern Ontario Medical School

It's confirmed. Lakehead University in Thunder Bay and Laurentian University in Sudbury will have equal status in the development of the new Northern Ontario Medical School.

During a visit to the campus last May, Ontario Premier Ernie Eves said: "I made a commitment to the people of Thunder Bay - and indeed to all people in the north - that there would be two full medical school campuses in northern Ontario to help address the shortage of doctors."

Since then, Dr. Roger Strasser has been appointed Founding Dean, and an Implementation Management Committee is working on issues surrounding administration, budgeting and governance. The first class is expected to begin in September 2004.

Strasser sees the Northern Ontario Medical School as being "a comprehensive medical school with a full range of programs, intensive research activities, and education and training programs which cover the

complete life cycle of a rural practitioner."

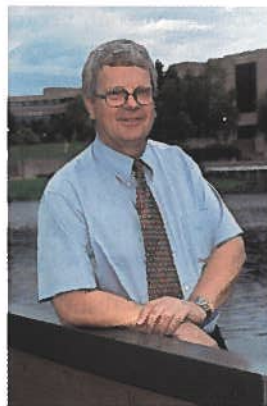
He says, "By that I mean programs that promote the health professions, particularly medicine, in rural high schools; pre-med programs at both Lakehead and Laurentian which lead into the undergraduate medical program of the Medical School; postgraduate training in the specialties and in family practice; and continuing education and professional development for those physicians in practice."

Strasser was trained in medicine at Monash University, Australia, and holds a master's of clinical science in family medicine from the University of Western Ontario. He helped to establish the Monash University Centre for Rural Health in Australia which, under his guidance, became the School of Rural Health, the first school of this type in the world.

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Top-Notch Staff

Pentti Paularinne (BA'68) is the first recipient of a new Lakehead University Award to Staff for Outstanding Performance and/or Contribution. Paularinne has been Registrar since 1979. Over the years he has helped to establish Lakehead's Alumni Association, served as chair of the Lakehead University Chair in Finnish Studies Advisory Committee, and taken a leadership role with the Canadian Scout Jamboree that attracted more than 10,000 young people to Thunder Bay in 1997. When he was presented with the award last April, Paularinne announced his intention to donate the \$2,000 honorarium associated with the award to Lakehead's scholarships and bursaries program.



People



FELLOW OF LAKEHEAD

A leader in the electrical industry in Northwestern Ontario and a dedicated supporter of Lakehead was awarded the title Fellow of Lakehead University during Convocation last May. Larry Hebert (BA'69, Gad.Bus.Dip'70, HBComm'78) is the longest serving manager of a large utility in Ontario, having served as General Manager of Thunder Bay Hydro since 1983. He has been at the centre of issues involving the opening of the electricity market - as President of the Ontario Electrical Utilities Safety Association from 1993 to 1994, President of the Northwest Energy Association since 1992, and as a member of the executive of numerous other industry groups. In the photo (above) he is shown with his wife Kathy (HBScH'72) and Chancellor Lorne Everett and his wife Jennifer.

ACTING VICE-PRESIDENT

In June 2002, Michael Pawlowski (Dip.Bus.'69, HBComm'71) was appointed Acting Vice-President (Administration and Finance). Pawlowski has over 30 years

experience as a manager in both the financial and information technology sectors. He has been involved on several developmental management contracts and has worked with Indian and Northern Affairs and the National Research Council. He replaces Susan Soldan (HBComm'81) who resigned from this position earlier in the spring.



Research and Scholarship

Safe Drivers

Should older adults be forced to give up driving once they reach a certain age? Not according to Michel Bédard, a Professor of Psychology at Lakehead who has made a study of the grisly statistics on car crashes, traffic accidents, and fatalities in North America. His research shows that older adults are not necessarily more accident prone than younger driver and he cautions against stereotyping seniors. "Driving should be based on the individual's ability to drive and not some kind of label," he says.

Bédard is a Tier II Canada Research Chair candidate. His interest in safety and driving

among older adults is part of an overall interest in gerontology and quality of life. "The important issue is for older adults to maintain their independence for as long as possible," he says.

"Traffic accidents caused by older adults tend to happen because of problems with attention and perception. With the aging baby boomer generation now on the horizon, society needs to think more creatively about better testing and retraining programs, and even changing road design and signage."

Women and Cancer

Patricia Jasen, a Professor of History and Chair of the Department of History, received a SSHRC for a research project entitled: Women and Cancer: Historical Perspectives on the Concept of Risk. Jasen is seeking to understand the evolution of beliefs concerning cancer risk over the past two centuries, and how such beliefs reflected changing medical theories regarding women's physical and mental health. Her work will help provide a broader understanding of cancer risk and its implications today.



Best and Brightest

Lakehead President Fred Gilbert with the 2001/02 recipients of Presidential Scholarships: (front row l-r) Chris Miller, Anali Dadgostar, Laura Nelson, (back row l-r) Chris Bosman, Erin Lamond, Marissa Hudolin, Nathan Jowett. All Presidential Scholars all have a minimum entrance average of 90 percent and have demonstrated outstanding leadership, citizenship or community service. For more information about scholarships and bursaries contact Tracey Marks by phone (807) 343-8923 or e-mail: tracey.marks@lakeheadu.ca



Rachel Ariss and Lori Chambers

COHABITATION IN CANADA

Lori Chambers, a Professor of Women's Studies, received a three-year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant to further her study on the history of cohabitation in Canada. Her research will involve an exhaustive study of case law, legislation, legislative debates, jurisprudence, and popular debates about marriage and cohabitation and same-sex partnership in all jurisdictions in Canada.

Working with her is a Post-Doctoral Fellow, Rachel Ariss, who recently received a SJD from the University of Toronto. Her expertise in law and reproductive technology also challenges traditional understandings of the family. The project will explore not only relations between spouses and their regulation by the state, but the treatment of children in diverse families. The publications that result will be of practical relevance to policy makers and the wider public.

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Three new graduate programs were approved by the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies: a Masters in Public Health program designed to build on existing areas of expertise within the university in nursing, social work, kinesiology, gerontology and psychology, and two programs in business administration. The Master of Science in Management program will target Honours Bachelor of Commerce graduates and the Master of Management program will focus on non-business university graduates seeking further professional development in the area of management. For more information contact the Office of Graduate Studies at (807) 343-8785.

Travels with Wolves

On the road with Lakehead
varsity basketball players

by Charles Wilkins

Photography by Rob Linke



For the past six or seven years, my preferred entertainment in Thunder Bay – or anywhere else, for that matter – has been Lakehead varsity basketball, both men's and women's. From mid-October to late February, my calendar is a well-visited syllabus, a kind of one-letter Scrabble board, of black Xs, each marking the date of a home game.

For a weekend last February, I had the added pleasure of travelling with the basketball teams to St. Catharines, for Friday and Saturday doubleheaders against the Brock University Badgers.

The women's team flew out of Thunder Bay at a ghastly pre-dawn hour on the morning of Friday, February 22, and I met the men's team, groggy and peckish, at airport check-in at 7:45 a.m.

When most of us had passed through the security gate, a faint buzzer sounded, and a female airline employee rushed into the departure lounge, looking for Coach Lou Pero, to whom she reported that one of his players, number 24 (as seen on his jacket), had set off the metal detector – apparently on purpose, by shuffling strategically in the detection gate or manipulating a blue-jean grommet, or something.

Such fiendish deportment aside, what struck me as much as anything about the players during three days on the road – including their energy, their athleticism, their physical size and strength – was that, before they are anything else at Lakehead, they are students, with essay deadlines, reading assignments and exam prep; and that even on the road, where they could just as easily catch a few hours' extra sleep or watch reruns of *The Simpsons* or *The Red Shoe Diaries*, many of them chip away industriously at their essays and projects and reading. At various points throughout the weekend, I spotted Caitlin Crooks, a fourth-year business student, immersed in her graduation thesis, an analysis of the corporate strategy of the Northwestern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre. Even on the early morning flight from Thunder Bay, Dan Zapior, another fourth-year business student, focused intensely on the textbook and class notes on his lap. A few rows back, Jeff Rosar (concurrent education, history, literature – and, incidentally, number 24) puzzled over the philosophy of John Stuart Mill.

It was only as the plane descended into Toronto that Dan, who sat beside me, slid his books into his backpack and removed his glasses. During 10 minutes of rapidly descending conversation, he revealed among other things that the tattoo on his shoulder, a likeness of a soaring basketball player, was designed by former teammate Brent Bradshaw; that his nickname is "Zipper" or "Zee;" and that during his first year at Lakehead he was cut from the basketball team and played as a ringer at Confederation College. But Dan has more than made up for his early shortcomings, having become the Thunderwolves' premier all-around player (and, not coincidentally, Lakehead's male Athlete of the Year for 2002).

Dan Zapior



Read the full text online

This article is a condensed excerpt from a 6,200-word story that is published on the Lakehead University Web site.

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In one of two vans rented for the drive to St. Catharines, I am given the honorary front seat beside assistant coach and driver, Ron Ventrudo, newly retired from teaching and coaching basketball at Hillcrest High School in Thunder Bay. In addition to his duties with the Thunderwolves, Ron owns a flooring company that installs hardwood playing surfaces – glistening 2-D sculptures – in gymnasiums across the country (he acknowledges a long-standing dream to install a floor at an American NCAA school). He describes his coaching style as “assertive,” his teams as “aggressive, like Lou’s... Except that I’m a softer touch than Lou, so the

guys tend to come to me when they need a shoulder to cry on.”

Behind us in the van, rookies Aaron Casella and Aaron Rost (“Ai-Cass” and “Rooster”) are on the first road trip of their university careers. Both are from Thunder Bay. In fact, for Rooster, this is a first-ever trip into southern Ontario. So, perhaps more than some, he shares my enthusiasm for the passing spectacle – the Burlington Skyway, the filthy steel mills of Hamilton, the as-yet leafless orchards of the Niagara Peninsula.

Our home for the weekend is the Best Western hotel on a commercial strip outside St. Catharines, where the

The university’s Physical Education Complex, where the weekend’s games are to be played, is a vast crypt of undistinguished concrete on the edge of the Niagara Escarpment.

Warm-up begins an hour before game time, and is at first a casual affair – lots of laughs and kibitzing as the players go through their stretching and shooting drills, everything done to music played at psychopathic volume over the public address system. In a sport where the contemporary uniform is baggy almost to the point of dumpiness, the girls’ hairdos are a contrast in brevity – pigtails, pony-tails, top knots. Jen Galloway wears a hairband, and, on this night, Katerina Martinovic has her hair corralled with a swatch of medical tape that from a distance looks like a shaved patch, or an access plate to her cerebellum. Only sophomore guard Karen Barry wears her hair short enough to need no fasteners at all.

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It is an oddity of Lakehead’s road games – particularly those in southern Ontario, where many of the players come from – that there are often as many Thunderwolf fans in the seats as there are fans of the home team. Compared to games at the Lakehead Thunderdome, which regularly draw 400 or 500 spectators, games at, say, York University or U of T are so poorly attended that even a smallish contingent of Lakehead fans can comprise half the audience.

Tonight at Brock, which has a reputation for relatively good crowds, there are just 40 people in the stands within minutes of the start of the game. The “crowd” includes Sarah and Jennifer Galloway’s parents from Brantford, Lisa Schermerhorn’s parents from Paris, Tara Henschel’s parents from Hamilton – and, before



Bob Main,
Coach of the
Women's
Basketball Team

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women’s team is already ensconced. If the trip at this point feels carefree, almost touristy, it is a result of the games being the last of the season and of both teams being out of playoff contention. By the same token, there is a tension, in that the players have something to prove – to themselves, as well as to their coaches and opponents. And during short university careers, there is no time like now to begin proving it. ...

By 3:30 p.m., the women’s team is in its pre-game conclave, and, by 4:30 p.m., has left the hotel for the 15-minute drive to the Brock campus.

the men's game begins, will include Matt Coulson's mother from Barrie, Jeff Rosar's father from Barrie, Matt Brown's mother and her friend from Hemlock, Michigan, Matt's sister and brother-in-law from western New York state, as well as two or three of Aaron Casella's relatives from Hamilton. The following night, Dan Zapior's sister, Heather, a Toronto elementary school teacher and the self-proclaimed "Number-One Road Fan of the Thunderwolves" will be in the stands (and at the party afterwards) with a Toronto girlfriend.

Rosemary Galloway acknowledges having been skeptical when her daughter Jennifer decided to travel nearly 1,500 kilometres to Lakehead to study political science and play basketball. She says, "It just seemed so far away, especially when there are so many good universities near home." But on visiting Lakehead, she was "impressed by the way the parents of the Thunder Bay players made the out-of-towners feel so welcome – they took such good care of them."

By the time daughter Sarah left for Lakehead to take environmental studies and play ball, the Galloways applauded, rather than questioned, the move. ...

For Caitlin Crooks, the weekend at Brock is special. She joined the Thunderwolves in the salad days of Lakehead legends such as Angela Hrkac and Katya Mason – persisted through the lean years, and, tonight and Saturday, will play the last games of her university career. In the meantime, she has become something of a legend herself (as recognized in the spring of 2002, when she was named inaugural winner of the Hank Akervall Award, presented to a Lakehead athlete for sustained integrity and sportsmanship).

"I don't have to tell you that Caitlin

would love to go out with a couple of big games," the coach says to the girls as he finishes his remarks. "So let's see what we can do." In her role as team captain, Caitlin offers a pep-shot or two of her own, then gathers the girls for a ripping, almost rap, version of (surprise!) the Lord's Prayer – a kind of spiritual PowerBar before the team cheer and hug.

As the game begins, it appears that the Spirit is indeed with Lakehead. Jenn Galloway hits a little running pop shot down the centre of the key, and Lisa Schermerhorn banks one off the glass for a quick 4-1 lead. Lisa then hits a set shot before Brock gets its first field basket.

denied. With nine minutes to play in the half, all-star forward Stacey Farr drives the lane for what is announced as her thousandth career point, and puts her team in the lead for the first time, 15-14.

Two minutes later, DeGray, standing arms raised and as still as a coat-rack in the defensive key, is rammed to the floor by a charging Brock forward. But it is the Lakehead rookie who draws the foul, her second, and she comes out of the game visibly discouraged.

The score mounts quickly in her absence and, by the time Caitlin Crooks hits her first basket at 16:30, it has risen to 38-20 in favour of Brock.

L-R:
Dana
DiCasmirro,
Marissa Hudolin,
Robyn DeGray



Photo: Erin Mathieu

Brock's veteran coach, Chris Critelli, a member of Canada's Basketball Hall of Fame and one-time NCAA champ, is an amicable soul who, at the five-minute mark, turns fiercely vocal as one of her guards misses an uncontested layup. Her hair is a salt-and-pepper grey, but at this moment, in the cyberlight of the gym, it possesses a distinctly blue glow.

The Badgers, zapped by her outburst, tighten their defence and begin putting the ball in the hoop.

But Lakehead responds. As Brock pulls to within a point at the eight minute mark, Robyn DeGray breaks coverage under the basket, flips in two and, seconds later, two more.

But Brock's experience will not be

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In the locker room at half time, Coach Main vents his displeasure over a last-second giveaway that resulted in three points for Brock. "If you wanta go through the motions, come sit with me," he tells the girls. "If you wanta play, play! I'm not here for the trip; I'm here to win! You're standing straight up on defence. Get down and work!"

As always, of course, getting down and working is easier said than done. Robyn DeGray starts the second half with six quick points (two lay-ups, two foul shots). But for every six points Lakehead is able to score from then on, Brock's freewheeling veterans seem able to put down eight or nine.

In the aftermath of a 91-60 loss, Coach Main is conciliatory, insisting that defence, not scoring, is lacking. "The difference between us and others is what we give up," he says. "The 60 we scored tonight is enough to win in this league – but not when you give up 16 turnovers in one half"

The girls, meanwhile, munch bagels and bananas, and guzzle All Sport and juice. Their curfew, Main informs them, is 11 p.m.; their breakfast call will be at nine in the morning.

Out in the gym, the men's team is quickly into a skin-and-hair battle with a team renowned for toughness on its home court. James Purcell is strong in

Dan Zapior hits three, Steve Reid three more. But, by and large, the Thunderwolves' shooting is inconsistent, and at half-time they are losing 44-38.

"We're bombing, guys!" hollers Steve Reid as the team files into the locker room. "We've gotta pick up the intensity!" Steve is a rarity among Thunderwolves, in that he was never invited to a tryout but made the team as a "walk-on" at training camp in 1998. "I told Lou on the phone that I'd like to give it a shot," he says, "and he said 'Have you got a video?' You've gotta understand, I come from a little A-level high school in St. Mary's (Ontario) – we didn't even know what videos were." On his first day in camp, the amiable forward was tested under fire in a two-on-two game with the team's stars, Ramon McElmurray and Andrew Stevenson – a test from which he emerged with a spot on the roster.

Stevenson is now an assistant coach, and is something of a rarity himself, having played five outstanding years with the Thunderwolves (1996-2001) without the benefit of sight in his left eye. He says, "I lost the eye so gradually during, I dunno, my second, third, fourth years of university, I didn't even realize it was happening. My other eye compensated. My game adjusted." Stevenson did not know the extent of the damage to his sight, or that it was irreversible, until he visited an eye specialist in 1999.

Now, in the locker room, his address to the team is instructive and articulate – no surprise, considering that he has trained as an elementary school teacher. In patient detail, he assesses the Badgers' attack – "three across the top" – stressing the necessity of cutting off lateral passes.

On this night, Coach Pero is more visceral, scolding the players for their lackadaisical attitude to loose balls. "We're not even moving on them!" he chides. "We're standing around!"



Lou Pero,
Coach of the
Men's Basketball
Team

It was in this locker room, in 1998, that Pero – a Kojak look-alike – broke a bone in his hand, from smacking the chalkboard during an impassioned half-time address.

the early going, clearing boards and scoring seven of his team's first 10 points (18 of 38 by half-time). In this his first year with the Thunderwolves, he has often knocked down 20 or more points a game, but his steadiest contribution has been as a rebounder, shot-blocker, and all-around defensive spider.

True to form, with seven minutes left in the half, James swats down an opposition shot – so decisively that a number of fans break into spontaneous laughter.

Jeff Rosar is built like a swallow's wing, and, a minute later, when he knifes to the basket through heavy traffic and neatly deposits two points, he draws an equally appreciative response.

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“How many points has 44 got?” he demands of his stat-keeper. “Ten – and he’s a non-scorer! Remember, I told you never to let a non-scorer become a scorer? This guy’s a non-scorer!”

Lakehead plays most of the second half down 10 or 12 points. With five minutes to play, and the team losing by 12, Dan Zapior, one of the most reliable shooters in the OUA, shanks a lay-up (the disgust on his face can be seen 40 feet across the floor). James Purcell shanks another one, and with three minutes left the game is out of reach.

But it is not over. In fact, for one player, it has not even started.

The only Thunderwolf who has not yet been on the floor is rookie forward “Rooster” Rost, who has spent the entire game clapping, encouraging, rising to his feet for time-outs, generally looking focused and ready as he awaits his chance.

And with two minutes to go, he gets it. Cold into the fray, he plays as if his life depended on it. His defence is hawkish. But he is not a factor on offence until, with 20 seconds left, Ryan Bishop lofts a three-point jumper that deflects off the rim into Rooster’s leaping grasp. He is immediately back up for two points – his first in league play.

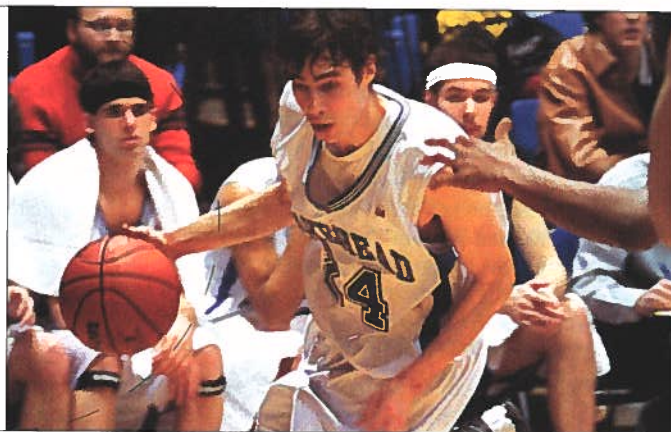
By a quirk of fate, the rookie’s landmark basket is mistakenly awarded to Steve Reid, so that on league documents Rooster’s bubble remains unbroken.

Coach Pero’s post-game speech is a model of the genre, an edgy little monologue that begins with a suggestion that the team is still feeling sorry for itself for having missed the playoffs. “What you guys have to do is look around,” he says to his hushed and humbled audience. “Look hard, and you’ll realize you’ve got nothing

to feel sorry about. You’ve got your health. You’ve got friends. You’re getting an education. You’re playing a game you love. Some of you don’t seem to know it, but compared to almost everyone out there, you guys are living in the sunshine.”

Pero informs the team that, at the game tonight, there were four children in wheelchairs. “They came to see us play,” he says quietly. “And what did we do? We played as if all the advantages on earth meant nothing to us. As if our lives were no fun, and we took no pride in who we are or what we do out there. I’ll tell you, it hurts to see you play that way.”

Jeff Rosar



As the speech winds down, Pero stares silently at his clipboard, racking up five or six seconds of hang time. “The good news,” he brightens, “is we’ve still got a chance to end this season right – to end it as if what we do and who we are matters to us. But two or three players can’t carry this team – it’s going to take everybody. You guys know what’s going on. The blue in these uniforms is for blue collar. And a blue collar labourer works his butt off every day. That’s us. Pride and hard work. Tomorrow night, I want you to go out and play like Lakehead should.” One last pause, and he says, “I want you to win that game.” And with that, he is gone from the room. ...

The story continues online:
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True to form, with seven minutes left in the half, James swats down an opposition shot – so decisively that a number of fans break into spontaneous laughter.

Jeff Rosar is built like a swallow’s wing, and, a minute later, when he knifes to the basket through heavy traffic and neatly deposits two points, he draws an equally appreciative response.

*Charles Wilkins is the author of **The Circus at the Edge of the Earth** and **A Wilderness Called Home**. His new book, about his 2,100-kilometre walk to New York, will be published by Penguin Books.*



Some friendly competition between Fred Gilbert and Bob Gregor at the 19th Annual Alumni Open.

Alumni Open is a Huge Success!

The Alumni Association's 19th Annual Alumni Open, held August 23 at Thunder Bay's Strathcona Golf Course, was a huge success with 168 golfers helping to raise over \$10,000 for scholarships and bursaries for Lakehead students. Special thanks go to this year's major sponsors: RBC Royal Bank Financial Group; Bell Canada; and The Chronicle-Journal. The Association is already excited about the prospects of an even bigger event next year — the 20th Annual Alumni Open, tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 22, 2003.

Ottawa Send-Off

More than 40 alumni, students and parents attended the first ever Alumni Association Send-Off in Ottawa on August 15th. New and returning students had an opportunity to meet and mingle with Lakehead University alumni and staff. In addition to meeting other Lakehead alumni and students from the Ottawa area, students were able to learn first-hand about campus life, academic programs and life in Thunder Bay. The Alumni Association plans to widen the scope of these events to include other areas of the country. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with a similar event in your city, please contact the Alumni Relations Office.

Jason Linkewich (HBComm '93) chats with Lakehead students about their upcoming academic year at Lakehead University.

Alumni Curling Fundspiel

The 20th Annual Alumni Curling Fundspiel is scheduled to take place on Friday, March 21, 2003, at the Port Arthur Curling Club. For more information, or to reserve your spot in this popular event, call the Office of Alumni Relations.

2002 Alumni Entrance Award Winner

This year's recipient of the Lakehead University Alumni Entrance Award is Kathleen McFarlane who has been active at St. Ignatius High School in Thunder Bay as chair of the annual semi-formal, math tutor, organizer/musician for school masses and concerts, spokesperson at pep rallies, leader of school band, and writer for the school newspaper. She plans to become a high school teacher and is interested in English, mathematics and music. "Lakehead seems to be the perfect choice for me," says McFarlane, "I have no doubt that it will provide the education and opportunities I need to excel."



Update

"WOW BABY, WHAT A BLAST!"

Graduates of the 1970s partied and boogied at their reunion on August 23-25, 2002. (See photos on page 11.) Numerous events were held including breakfast with Lakehead President Fred Gilbert, campus and city tours, a beef-and-brew supper with local comedians, and the finale: the Saturday Night Boogie in the Outpost. The Alumni Association is planning another celebration and reunion for Lakehead's 40th anniversary in the fall of 2004. Watch for details.

ALUMNI, WHERE ARE YOU?

The Office of Alumni Relations is looking for over 10,000 alumni, whereabouts unknown. If you know of fellow graduates who are not receiving the Lakehead University Magazine, please let us know so that we can add their names to our mailing list and so keep them informed of Lakehead University alumni events, activities and programs.

NOMINATE AN ACCOMPLISHED GRAD FOR THE 2003 ALUMNI HONOUR AWARD

Nominations are being accepted for the 2003 Alumni Honour Award. Visit the Alumni Web site at www.lakeheadu.ca/alumni to access a nomination form, or contact the Office of Alumni Relations. Past recipients include Joe Baratta, Lyn McLeod, Lorne Everett, and Ron Duhamel.

ORIENTATION EXTRAVAGANZA

More than 600 students attended the annual Alumni Extravaganza at Boulevard Lake to welcome new and returning students to Lakehead University. Volunteers from the Alumni Association served pizza and refreshments and mingled with students. Thunder Bay's newest radio station, HOT 105.3, was on hand to provide music while the students enjoyed the sunny afternoon playing Frisbee.

Alumni Matters is a regular column featuring news and information about products and services offered by The Alumni Association of Lakehead University and the Office of Alumni Relations. For further information contact Rob Zuback, Manager of Alumni Relations, by phone (807) 343-8155, fax (807) 343-8999 or E-mail: rob.zuback@lakeheadu.ca. Information is also available on the Web: <http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~alumni/>

Thank You!

Last year, alumni combined to contribute \$162,136 to enrich our library, academic programs, financial aid offerings, athletics department and capital projects.

Lakehead is proud of all its alumni, over 30,000 strong, and we are especially honoured to recognize the following graduates who made Lakehead University a philanthropic priority in 2001/02. We also thank those alumni donors who wish to remain anonymous.

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Alumni Survey Identifies Challenges and Opportunities

by Lauren Rigato, Alumni Officer

In the fall of 2001, the Alumni Association of Lakehead University conducted an alumni attitudinal survey to provide Lakehead with a picture of what alumni really think about their alma mater and to gather information about how best to deliver alumni services, programs and communications.

The survey, managed by The Strategic Council, was mailed to approximately 3,000 alumni and over 600 responses were received, representing a 20 percent response rate.

Overall, the Alumni Association was extremely pleased with the response. There is no doubt, that in the minds of our alumni – whether they graduated five or 35 years ago – Lakehead University remains a vital, transforming influence in their lives. That is not to say that all of the survey responses were overwhelmingly positive and glowing with praise. Indeed, many alumni took the opportunity to tell us how they think the university could improve.

Here is what we learned:

- Of those surveyed, seven out of 10 chose Lakehead University as their first choice when selecting their post-secondary education institution;
- 91 percent said they were satisfied with their education and felt it was a contributing factor in their life achievements;
- Lakehead is an excellent university that offers its students a high quality university experience. The majority of respondents described their university years as some of their best, and would make the same choice again.

An interesting trend is the fact that alumni living outside northern Ontario were significantly more likely to strongly agree with positive statements about Lakehead and their experiences. As well, they seem to

have a stronger connection to the Faculty with which they were associated (e.g. Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Engineering, etc.), than to the university as a whole. Given that nearly half of our addressable alumni live in Northwestern Ontario, this presents some challenges (and opportunities) for the Alumni Association as it strives to involve more alumni in the future.

Alumni described their current relationship with Lakehead as being “adequate.” In addition, they expressed an interest in new methods of communication such as e-mail updates, especially those living outside northern Ontario.

Despite the global trend towards more online communication, the *Lakehead University Magazine* remains key for maintaining alumni interest in and contact with Lakehead. Alumni told us the magazine should continue to include articles featuring the lives and careers of alumni, articles about research and the various challenges facing the university, as well as articles that describe how alumni donations are used.

Lakehead University is well positioned to benefit from alumni support. Alumni tend to be very positive about their experiences while at Lakehead and perceive the institution as offering “a solid education.” This attitude is encouraging as it will provide the Association with a firm foundation for alumni giving in the future.

While alumni think Lakehead makes a good effort to keep in touch with graduates, there seems to be little

sense that the information they receive is “valuable.” Current levels of interest in volunteering are low and they have a low level of familiarity with the Alumni Association and the services and benefits it offers, despite the fact that these are promoted through the *Lakehead University Magazine*.

Finally, it is evident that the vast majority of our alumni have never donated to Lakehead. Although this may seem to be a negative point, it also presents some promising opportunities to increase alumni contributions. Lakehead’s primary challenge now lies in convincing its alumni that Lakehead is worthy of support and in need of their tax-deductible charitable gifts.

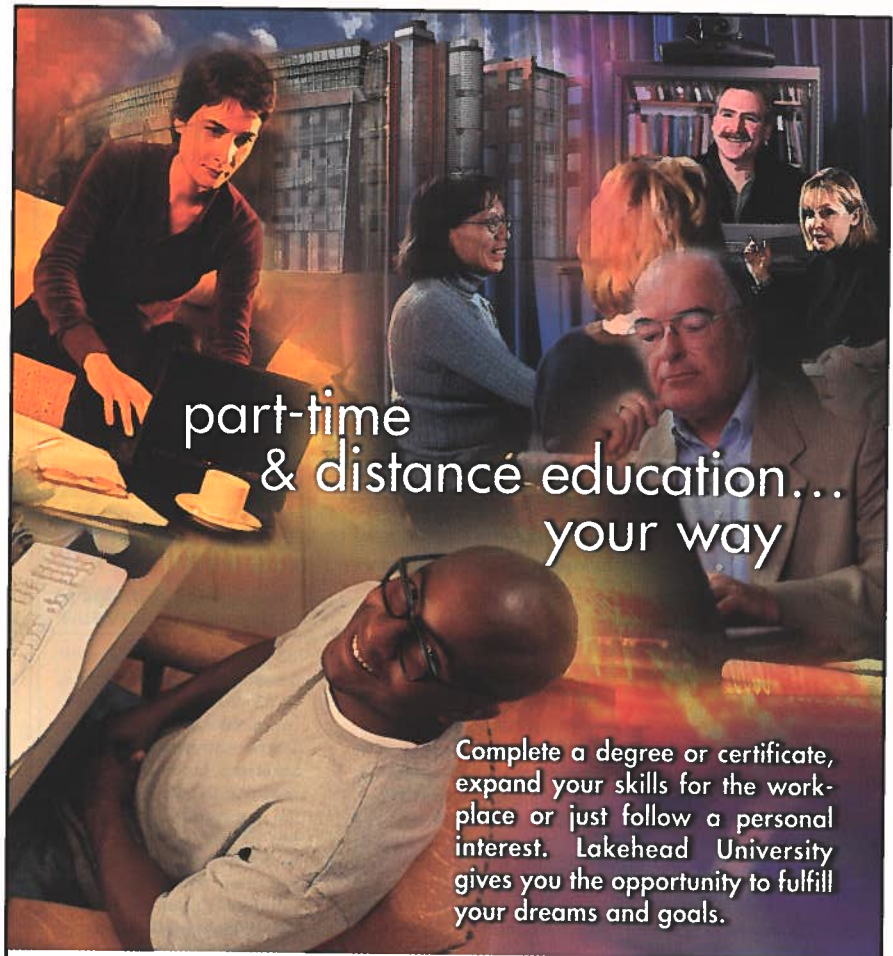
The attitudes and opinions of Lakehead alumni are critical to the success of Lakehead University and the growth of its Alumni Association. These views, expressed through the Alumni Survey, will be considered carefully in the weeks and months ahead as we work to address all the challenges and opportunities.

To view the complete survey and findings, visit the Alumni Web site at www.lakeheadu.ca.



Volunteer Award of Excellence

Lillian Esarik (BAdmin'97), a longtime advocate for the deaf, is the recipient of a new award created by the Canadian Hearing Society Thunder Bay to recognize her commitment and support for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafened individuals. The Lillian Esarik Volunteer Award of Excellence was presented to Esarik in June 2002. Esarik, who graduated from Lakehead as a mature student in 1997, works as a Regional Program Consultant for Victim Services Division with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. She started volunteering for the Canadian Hearing Society at age 16. Since then, she has served the organization in many ways including being President of the Thunder Bay Regional Board/Community Council from 1992-1996 and Chair of the provincial strategic planning committee from 1990-1996. Esarik has a brother who is deaf and so has first-hand knowledge of the challenges families face in providing support. She is currently serving on the Ontario Board of Directors of the Canadian Hearing Society.



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1970s

Judie Chantler (Dip.Ed'72, BA'93) This year was hired by the Catholic School Board in Calgary to teach Beauty and Culture as well as Law. She writes: "Great cooperation in getting my papers and marks together is to your credit. My professors gave some wonderful recommendations and helped pave the way. My children can hardly believe it and my parents are awe-struck. This is better than winning a lottery. Thanks and thanks again Lakehead. When I can, I'll be back for my masters!"

Brian Hornung (HBS'77) is a senior vice-president, Central Canada Region, of TD/Canada Trust. He has returned to his hometown of Winnipeg after living in various cities across Canada. He worked for Procter and Gamble in Grande Prairie, Alberta, for several years after graduation and before getting into banking. He is married to Carol (née Perling) (BScN'77) and has three children: Paul, 22, Ian, 18, and Erin, 16.

Nickolas Saltarelli, (BSc'75) has moved to Mackenzie, BC, to be the general manager for Abitibi-Consolidated's newsprint mill. He and **Pattie** (HBA'75) are looking forward to exploring the Rockies.

Sylvie St-Cyr (née Newey) (HBPhE'79) spent two-and-a-half years living in Saudi Arabia and says it feels good to be back home.

1980s

Doug Hakala (BEng'80) was featured in sports section of *The Chronicle Journal* (in an article by David Trifunov published on April 18, 2002) for the work he is doing in the field of Formula One auto racing as a technical advisor with Imperial Oil for Toyota Motorsport. Hakala lives in Bonn, Germany, and works with experts to ensure that Toyota engines are competing successfully against rivals like Ferrari. Trifunov quotes Hakala as saying: "It's basically a dream job... Toyota is very

close to being the largest team in Formula One. There are over 600 people now on the team." Hakala is married to Lissa and they have two children: Nicholas, 8, and Gracie, 3.

After working in Alberta as a professional engineer in the 1980s, **Craig Dawson** (BEng'80) left the industry to join the family business in London, Ontario, for 15 years. "Through an odd sequence of events, I ended up in Tucson, Arizona, in 2000, working for an Alberta-based engineering consultant, Stantec Consulting. It's a small world."

"I always said I wanted to teach outdoor recreation, and here I am doing it!"

— Janine Papadopoulos (BA/HBOR'83)

Shelly Thorsen (né Johnson) (HBS'80) now has two "official" teenagers, aged 13 and 16. Shelly left a rewarding position at L & D Hamilton Health Sciences after 14 years, and worked for one year with the Halton Regional Health Department in the Baby-New Parent Program. She is now working full-time for the City of Hamilton in the Parent and Child Program. Shelly welcomes contact from classmates, colleagues, and professors. E-mail: teddeez@rogers.com

Janine Papadopoulos (BA/HBOR'83) is working at the University of New Brunswick teaching outdoor recreation and supervising student internships. She also manages an adventure challenge program. "I always said I wanted to teach outdoor recreation, and here I am doing it!" Janine sends a big hello to the Class of '83.

Judi Wood (née Webb) (BA'84, BEd'85) is a teacher in the Department of Education and Training in New South Wales, Australia, where she has been living for four years with her husband and two children. E-mail: woodjudi@yahoo.com

After finishing law school at the University of Windsor in 2000, articling, and being called to the bar in Whitehorse, Yukon, **Allan**

Glenn Vinni (EngTech'84, BA'86, HBA'87, MA'89) landed in Fort McMurray, Alberta. He writes: "There is incredible economic development up here, lots of jobs for anyone who needs one. It's cold, though, -35°C has been common this winter... I always enjoy reading the *Lakehead University Magazine*. Looks like Lakehead is getting bigger and better all the time! Congratulations to all the members of the Lakehead community."

Susan Bebonang (Nat.Ed'82, BA'83, BEd'83) is the coordinator of the Native Teacher Education Program at Lakehead. Susan is a single mother with twin sons and is the grandmother of two. She has 15 years of experience teaching in elementary and secondary schools, was principal at Lakeview School (her hometown) and is now working part-time on a masters degree in education.

Joseph A. Marconi (EngTech'84, BEng'86 '86) is manager of system engineering at Bombardier Transportation and is enrolled in a part-time masters program in education. His wife Ingrid, and children Alyssa and Kyle moved to Kingston, Ontario, last summer. Prior to this, they moved from Thunder Bay to New York City where Joe was working on the NYC Subway contract for Bombardier. He is still with Bombardier, in Kingston, and enjoying life in southeastern Ontario.

Carri Lelliott (née McKinnon) (HBA'85, BEd'86) has landed a teaching job in Saskatchewan. She started in Oxbow in a half-time position, teaching in arts education and health and social studies, and will be working 70 percent of the time in 2002/03. "Not bad for 10 years of trying and turning



Alanna Tiset

Alanna Tiset (HBA'99) has accomplished a great deal in the first 27 years of her life. During the day she works for the Nishnawbe Aski Nation as the NAN/Canada Bilateral Protocol Coordinator in Thunder Bay. In her spare time, she and her husband Craig Tiset own and operate Anishinabek Computer Services — a company that provides First Nations and First Nations organizations with administrative and database software. On top of it all, they have two young children aged 5 and 2.

Tiset's company produces software that is helping band administrations in B.C., Yukon, and Ontario run more smoothly. She takes pride in knowing her work is affecting the lives of everyone in the community, both young and old. "My goal is to make practical improvements in the lives of my people," she says. And this year, she was recognized by the Nishnawbe Aski Nation with a business award in the category of Youth Entrepreneur.

Tiset is a member of the Muskrat Dam First Nation near Red Lake, Ontario. She credits her strength and competitive spirit to her family, and can trace her ancestry back through a long line of community leaders. A graduate of Lakehead's political science program, she says **Laure Paquette**, a Professor of Political Science and a specialist in strategic theory, was one of her most important mentors. Another is her mother, **Orpah McKenzie** (BScN'93), a Lakehead nursing graduate who is the Health Director of Keewaytinook Okimakanak — Northern Chiefs Tribal Council near Red Lake, and involved in setting up the Northwestern Ontario Telehealth Network across the north.

"When I first started out at Lakehead I remember thinking that if my mother could do it, I could too," says Tiset.



Sue Hamel

Sue Hamel (HBOR'96, BED'98) has found a great way to combine her interest in conservation and education. This fall, with the help of a \$10,000 CIDA award, she is spending three months in Botswana working with a non-governmental organization called Living with Elephants. It's all part of the research she is doing for a master's degree in education.

Northern Botswana has one of the highest populations of elephants in the world, says Hamel. Her goal is to work with the community to help build a sustainable relationship between elephants and humans by collaboratively designing, implementing and evaluating an educational program which will be continued by staff when she leaves.

Hamel credits her thesis advisor, Constance Russell, and another Lakehead education professor, Mary Clare Courtland, for inspiring her and helping her to clarify her goals within the field of conservation education. "Research has changed," says Hamel, "especially qualitative research. There is a greater openness now to diversity and in finding different ways of searching out and collecting data. For the first time, I'm actually thinking about doing a PhD."

Hamel spent two years working in Kenya in the field of conservation at the suggestion of another mentor and former Lakehead professor, Michael Quinn, now based at the University of Calgary. "After living and working in Kenya for two years, I was inspired. I felt a strong moral imperative to seek further opportunities to work and learn with other international communities, particularly those whose members live in poverty. I believe that one of the best ways to improve things is through education."

40 this May," she says. Her husband, Marty (For.Tech'83, HBScFor.'87), works as assistant manager of Shand Greenhouse in Estevan and is still curling. Their sons, Keith, 12, and Erik, 10, continue to keep them busy. Carri and Marty would like to hear from old Lakehead classmates. E-mail: marty4@accesscomm.ca

David C. Peckham (HBScF '88) says he "finally" got married on May 11, 2002, and just bought a new home. He is sad to not be working in the forestry industry; however, he does work as a supervisor for a machine shop, rebuilding lifters and rockers for engines. E-mail: dave_peckham@hotmail.com

ATTENTION 1988 NURSING GRADS:

Rhonda Fishbein (HBScN'88) and three other classmates are planning a 15-year reunion for May 2003. Classmates are invited to contact Rhonda by phone at (807) 344-9801 or by e-mail: howard@tbaytel.net.

1990s

John Mullins (HBOR'90) studied at Eastern Michigan University on a full scholarship and graduated with a Masters of Science in Geography in 2002. He is now working as a lecturer in the Department of Behavioural Science at the University of Michigan.

Janet Wheeler (née Scavarelli) (HBScN'91) and her husband Dave announce the arrival of their second child Joshua, born October 1, 2001, a brother to Hailey, 5. Janet is on maternity leave from a part-time position as community nurse at Saint Elizabeth Health Care. She says their future might include transfer to southern Ontario, but for now, Dave continues to work for Ontrac in Thunder Bay.

Benjamin Bolaane (EngTech'91, BEng'93) is pursuing a PhD in the U.K. at Loughborough University.

Mike Carlson (BA/BEd '93) was married to Dawn in Tampa, Florida, in July of 2001. He has moved on to

teaching at an international school in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, after three years at an American school in Cairo, Egypt.

From 1999 through January 2002, Jackie T. Hrabok (HBSc'96, MSc'99) completed a post-graduate internship and residency program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She was stationed at the Animal Research Station via the Institute of Arctic Biology. Jackie's research involved studying the nutrition and physiology of Arctic ruminants: caribou, muskox and reindeer.

Chris Booth (HBPE '92) is a fitness and wellness manager at Nortel Networks, Brampton, Ontario. Chris and Wendy Booth have had two new additions to the family — Sarah Anne and Marissa Jane Booth arrived April 18, 2001. Chris is teaching part-time at Humber College in the Fitness and Health promotion program. "For those of you who know me, can you believe that?" Wendy says hello to her friends and former colleagues at the Nanabijou Childcare Centre. E-mail: cbooth@netcom.ca

"Looks like Lakehead is getting bigger and better all the time! Congratulations to all the members of the Lakehead community."

— Allan Glenn Vinni (MA'89)

On March 1, 2002, Jackie accepted a four-year PhD research position in Sweden to study macroparasites of reindeer in Fennoscandia (Scandinavian Arctic). She can be contacted in Uppsala at the National Veterinary Institute, or at the Reindeer Research Station in Kaamanen (Northern Finland). E-mail: jackie.ahrabok@sva.se

Michael Desilets (EngTech'90, EngTech'94) was married in 1996 and has two children: a girl, Lauren, born on October 20, 1999, and a boy, Ethan, born on December 12, 2001. Michael is working in capital projects as a project manager at Bowater and is enrolled in the Business Leadership Program through corporate relations and business development venture.

Valerie Gosse (HBScN'92) has received the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year 2002 Award. She is the regional director of Central Care Corporation in Northwestern Ontario responsible for the care and service provided in four nursing homes: Versa Care Centre, Central Park Lodge, and Pinewood Court in Thunder Bay, and Birchwood Terrace in Kenora.

Alex R. Turner (ForTech'93) is the manager of IT and aerial photography divisions photogrammetry forestry at Wisk-Air Helicopters. Alex and wife Sheila (née McConnell) (BA'95) both still live and work in Thunder Bay with their daughter Vicki Grace, born in December 2000. Alex invites old classmates to drop by the Wisk Air Helicopters Hangar at the Thunder Bay Airport when in town.

Jeff Bartlett (HBPE'93) is a teacher at Hastings and Prince Edward County School Board in Belleville, Ontario. He and his wife Krista (née Johnston) (BA/HBOR'93) were married in Thunder Bay in August 1994. They have lived in Belleville for the past seven years. On July 25, 1999, their daughter, Reese Joy Bartlett, was born. Jeff has been a J/I teacher for the past eight years, and still has his "passion" for skiing. He achieved his life-long goal of Level Four skiing in 2002. The family has spent winter weekends in Haliburton for the past seven years, where Jeff owns a ski school. Krista has been very busy with Reese, and is currently a part-time student. She hopes to work with women and children on a counselling basis upon graduation. The Bartletts are excited about moving into their new home soon and would

like to hear from friends.

After working for two years as a high school math and science teacher, Colleen Kurlowich (BSc/BEd'98) ventured off into a new direction. She has worked for over a year at Take Pride Winnipeg!, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to keeping the City of Winnipeg clean and beautiful, and inspiring community pride. She says she is still single and without a child (not even a cat). "I would love to hear from my old friends at Lakehead, especially Mark Z. and Gopi, and all those crazy Ed students. Miss you all." E-mail: colleen@takepride.mb.ca

Jan Miller (BSc'83, HBS'89) is an environmental scientist in water resources at St. Johns River Water Management District. "I have been working in the Coastal Basins Section (Indian River Lagoon Program) for the past six years after receiving my Master of Science degree at the University of Florida (Go Gators!) in 1994."

Elisa Holland (née Hook) (BA'99) was married on June 2, 2001 in Calgary, Alberta, to Paul Holland (student and reserves soldier) from Hazelton, BC. She began a new job in August 2001 as an activity convenor at Carewest nursing home, and is currently starting up her own business a special events coordinator. Her husband is taking a year off school "to work the GB and serve a six-month tour in Bosnia as a peacekeeper. We bought our first house in July 2001 and finally have room for everyone coming to visit the West! Thank you Lakehead!"

ATTENTION 1994 NURSING GRADS:

Jennifer Merkley (née Eccles) (HBS'94, MEd'01) is a professor in the Health Sciences program at Confederation College. She is looking for classmates from the nursing class of 1994 to see if they would like a 10-year reunion. E-mail: jmerkley@baytel.net

Marc Gagnon (HBOR/BA'98) was married in October 2001. He is still working on his

dot com hobby — <http://www.canadianvista.ca>

After teaching in Japan, Christopher R. Blueman (BA'99) came back to Toronto to develop PROBLADER — professional in-line skating instruction (www.problader.com) — and Ciarias Solutions — Internet management (www.ciarias.com). "I still travel and keep in touch with the many international friends I met in the great years of my Lakehead University education!" E-mail: chrisblueman@hotmail.com

2000s

Paul Dwight Abell (HBA'00) worked his second summer as a seasonal employee with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora District, in the Greater Toronto Area. He was in the Ontario Stewardship Rangers Program as the Stewardship Rangers coordinator and Don River Stewardship Rangers team leader.

Monica Anthony (EngTec'95, BEng'97) was appointed the lead engineer of AMEC's newly opened Thunder Bay Earth and Environmental office. Monica has approximately five years of experience working in the geo-environmental field. As lead engineer, she will be providing engineering support for projects including geotechnical investigations, materials testing, environmental site assessments and remediation, landfilling and waste management and environmental impact assessments throughout Northwestern Ontario.

Peter Waycik (HBScF'96, BEd'97) was hired by the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board as the Grade 8 teacher at the Ear Falls Public School.

Evadne Benson (BScN'79, BA'86, MEd'99) has retired and is living in London, Ontario. She passes along greetings to any fellow BScN'79 classmates, and extends a special greeting to alumni who were part of the

two university revues that she helped coordinate: *It's a LuLU* in 1978 and *LuLU's Back this Year* in 1979. "These were great times when the university came together to have fun and laugh with, and at, each other. The late Lorraine Harris from the LUSU office and the late Professor George Merrill from the English Department were special supporters and advisors during the creation of these projects. Because of the success of these satires, I was invited to create a third show for the Silver Jubilee in 1990, which was called *JubiLuLU*." As a result of those projects, she went on to create other plays. In a satirical vein, she created *RN (Real Nurse)*, a light look at her own profession, which had its world premiere in Thunder Bay in 1989, and toured in Ontario for 10 years. Also, she wrote the more serious *All My Partners*, a musical about AIDS, which was part of a research project by Cynthia Loos and Alan Bowd in 1992. Then in 1997, she wrote another musical about breast cancer called *Bosom Buddies*. E-mail: evadnebenson@mac.com

Nicole McCormick (HBOR/BA'96) is loving her work as a live-in manager with the Burlington Association for the Intellectually Handicapped. She is applying to teachers college in the U. S. Her fiancé is Kevan Roseneck, a Laurentian grad, who teaches in the Halton School Board. They plan to get married next summer.

After graduation, Lesley-Marie Lamers (HBScN'92) moved to the U.S. for two years before moving back to Thunder Bay where she now works. She is married Stan Ojala in 1997 and has one son.

Paula Foster (HBSW '94) is a social worker with the Ministry of Children and Family Development in British Columbia.

Laura Prodanyk (née Favot) (HBScN'91) and Terry Prodanyk (BSc'92/BEd'93) are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Mark Terrance Favot Prodanyk on June 12, 2002. He is

IN MEMORIAM



GEORGE MERRILL

George Merrill, Professor Emeritus of English, passed away on May 30, 2002. Born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, he completed an undergraduate degree at Boston University and a PhD at the University of Birmingham in England. In 1963, he joined the faculty at Lakehead, retiring in 1997. For many years, Merrill participated in Convocation ceremonies, leading the academic procession and carrying the ceremonial mace. Merrill took pride in his four children and was active in the community, volunteering much of his time as a member of the Cambrian Players Theatre Group, and as president of the Port Arthur Continental Little League.

RAUL RUIPEREZ

Raul Ruiperez, Professor Emeritus of Sociology who taught at Lakehead from 1975 to 1997, passed away on June 21, 2002, leaving behind his wife Alicia and daughter Natalie. At a memorial service held on campus, Professor Emeritus of Psychology Bill Melnyk said, "Like many scholars his greatest contribution was in influencing the minds of his students — to challenge them. He will be missed, and fondly remembered, by the Lakehead community."

LETTERS

What do I think of the revival of men's hockey at Lakehead? As a player on the Lakehead Technical Institute (LTI) hockey teams from 1949-50 and 1950-51, I think it's great. Lucky you and your big crowds. We were happy to get 50 to 75 spectators.

Congratulations on getting the new Advanced Technology & Academic Centre and on being number one in Canada for "Value Added."

— Herbert J. Williams
Mining Technologist, Honours 1951

welcomed by older sisters Monica and Julia. After a one-year maternity leave, Laura will return to her position on the Maternal/Newborn floor at the McKellar Site of the Thunder Bay Regional Hospital. Terry continues teaching at Hillcrest High School in Thunder Bay.

Cynthia Kinnunen (née Hebert) (HBA'97) and Ben Coulson, a senior engineer for RWDI Inc. consulting engineers, were married on August 20, 2000. They moved to Ottawa from Toronto in June 2001 and Cynthia gave birth to their daughter Suvi Helena on

June 30, 2002. Cynthia says she will keep up with volunteer work while on maternity leave with the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Ottawa Chapter, and the Canadian Marketing Association. She says she is enjoying life in the Capital immensely.

"I still travel and keep in touch with the many international friends I met in the great years of my Lakehead University education!"

— Christopher R. Blueman (BA'99)

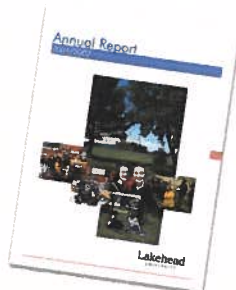


Back row (l to r): Don Chow (BSc '77), Darryl Sakiyama (HBSc'77), Doug Magee (BSc'77), Dan Romanson (BSc'77). Front row (l-r): Angela Chow (née Wirsching) (BSc'77), Barbara Sakiyama (née Grant) (HBSc'77), Carol Magee, the group's mentor "who cracked the whip to ensure they studied and were successful," and Michelle Romanson (née Covello) (BSc'77).

Good Friends from the Class of 1977

Barbara Sakiyama sent in this photo of a group of her biology classmates from the Class of 1977 who celebrated their 25th anniversary of graduation by going to Aruba in May, 2002. "Two years ago, at a wedding of one of the couples, we decided we should do something special to celebrate this milestone. We had a terrific time exploring the sights of Aruba together, resting on the beautiful sand beaches, soaking up the sun, swimming in the ocean, and feasting on wonderful foods."

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LTI Grad Leads the Way

John Lagadin, a graduate from Lakehead Technical Institute's Class of '56, is helping the university raise funds for the Advanced Technology & Academic Centre (ATAC).

by Jennifer Willianen, Development Researcher and Writer

At one time he was a determined kid from a scrappy hard-working neighborhood in Port Arthur; now John Lagadin is a successful independent businessman residing in Calgary, Alberta. Considered by many in the natural gas industry to be a man of firsts, Lagadin is also counted among Lakehead's first alumni. Lagadin, 64, graduated from Lakehead Technical Institute (LTI) in 1956, nearly a decade before Lakehead became a full-fledged university.

After completing a diploma in mining technology at LTI, Lagadin went on to graduate from Michigan Tech in 1962 with a BSc in geological engineering. He then returned to Thunder Bay to work as a regional engineer with Twin City Gas Co. Ltd. In 1967, he transferred to Twin City's parent company, Northern & Central Gas, where over the next 11 years he held various engineering responsibilities culminating with his appointment as Chief Engineer.

ICG Utilities drew him to Alberta in 1978 where, as Vice President and General Manager for ICG Engineering Ltd., he had a big hand in developing new natural gas distribution systems for under serviced areas of Canada.

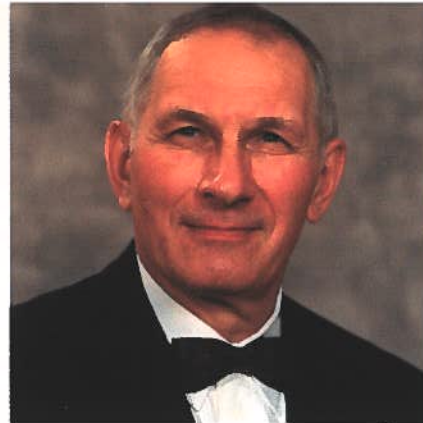
After parting company with ICG in 1984, he parlayed his expertise in gas distribution into his entrepreneurial enterprise — Direct Energy Marketing Limited (DEML). By 1996, DEML, which Lagadin started from the ground up, grew into the largest independent natural gas marketing company with annual revenues in the range of \$800 million.

In 1994, Lagadin and his DEML team founded Energy Exchange Inc., now Altra Energy Technologies. This company was the first to provide the natural gas industry a commodity-styled electronic exchange for purchase and sale of natural gas in North America.

Lagadin and his DEML colleagues also began the conceptualization of a competitive new grassroots pipeline — the Alliance Pipeline. Their vision became reality with the patent of a high-pressure mixed gas pipeline technology. Building on the patent, Lagadin and company developed a business case that resulted in the formation of the \$5.5-billion, 3,000-kilometre Alliance Pipeline running from northeastern B.C. to Chicago.

In 2000, the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) recognized Lagadin's professional contributions by awarding him their highest accolade, the APEGGA Centennial Leadership Award.

Lagadin, whose brother Alex (BSc '75, BEd '75), sister Marilyn (HBA '82), son John (ForTech '86, BAdmin '90) and daughter-in-law Cathy (HBA '90) are also Lakehead graduates, is enjoying a sense of reconnection with Lakehead University. "I have never forgot that my education began at LTI, Lakehead University's predecessor institution, and for that reason I am pleased to assist the university with their capital campaign for the Advanced Technology & Academic Centre," says Lagadin. "The need to open a new building for academic study and innovative research is a true stamp of success and I am proud to see that Lakehead has continued to grow."



John Lagadin

Alumni and ATAC

To construct the Advanced Technology & Academic Centre (ATAC), Lakehead University has entered its largest capital campaign ever. With a fundraising goal of \$23.8 million, the ATAC — *Future of the North Capital Campaign* is well underway and gaining momentum quickly. Alumni are connected to this ambitious campaign in a myriad of ways — each of which make a great impact on the future of Lakehead University. Several alumni have come forward to act as ambassadors for Lakehead by approaching corporations, individuals and foundations for donations towards ATAC. Volunteering for Lakehead are:

- Bill Bartley** (BA '72)
Communications and Advertising Consultant
Lakehead University Board of Governors
- Don Caron** (BAdmin '79)
President, Hill Street Financial Services
- Lorne Everett** (BSc '66), Chief Scientist and Senior Vice-President, The IT Group and Lakehead University Chancellor (2000 to present)
- Bob Gregor** (BA '70), President, Marathon-Pulp
- David Jennings** (HBScF '88)
General Manager, Duebreuil Forest Products Ltd.
- John Lagadin** (Mining Tech '56) (Lakehead Technical Institute), Independent Businessman
- Mark Piovesana** (HBComm '85)
Financial Planner, ScotiaMcLeod
- Peter Prior** (BusDip '70)
Lakehead University Foundation
- Doug Robson** (BA '73), Advancement Committee
Lakehead University Board of Governors

Alumni are already ranking ATAC high among their philanthropic choices. "To see Lakehead building new facilities tells me that they are on track for the future. I knew right away that supporting ATAC would be important and accordingly I have designated my alumni gift towards this project." Richard Buset (BA '73), Managing Partner, Buset & Partners LLP.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors has made ATAC their number one fundraising priority through the Alumni Annual Fund, pledging to raise \$500,000 for the project. "The Alumni Association feels that it is important to support the expansion of our university," says Lakehead University Alumni Association President Mark Tilbury (HBComm '94). "It is our hope that alumni, far and wide, will give generously to this project that will position Lakehead University as a leader in technology-enabled learning and high-tech research."

A fitting end to these experiences came when I graduated from university with my PhD, I was the only African American in my graduating group. When they called my name there was loud cheering from one section of the auditorium. I only had four family members attending so I knew that level of applause couldn't be coming from them. I looked around and there was a group of women, 'sisters', I didn't know standing and cheering me on. At that moment I had a sense of being part of a larger community that I hadn't really understood before. It was a wonderfully uplifting gesture of inclusion; born out of years of exclusion; exclusion I'd like to help end.

So how does Lakehead University fit into all of this? The primary reason why I chose to come to work at Lakehead was its mission of educating students who are aware of their social and environmental responsibilities. Its commitment to furthering the educational aspirations and achievement of Aboriginal peoples was also attractive to me given my experiences as a member of an under represented group and my commitment to inclusion. It appeared that Lakehead's focus was on the important things, providing access and the foundations for our students to become engaged global citizens. What I've found in my faculty and staff colleagues as well as the students we serve has confirmed this commitment. I look forward to continuing my journey, here, at Lakehead University, my new community.

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The Journey

by Kimberly Barrett, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)

John... People often ask how did you end up here? I've been asked that in many contexts. How did you come to live in Thunder Bay, to work in higher education, or to be an administrator? On my more superficial days I reply that it was the fact that my husband loves the outdoors, and it seemed like a nice, safe place to raise a family, or that I was simply taking advantage of a career opportunity. But when I honestly consider how I got here, I discover that it is another stop on a journey towards becoming the type of person I'm always striving to be, someone who contributes to the community of which I'm a part in meaningful ways, particularly as it relates to promoting inter-cultural relationships. Lakehead University with its unique mission seemed to be a good vehicle for accomplishing this. I believe that the most important dilemma we face is how to create 'win-win' situations in which people are allowed to reach their potential despite or maybe even because of our differences. My job is a tool that allows me to do this in some small way everyday; where I live and work provide the context; and a commitment to lifelong learning and educating others is the key to it all. So you might ask, how did I get here, that is, to a point where I placed so much value on making a difference?

Like all of us I'm a product of numerous interactions that have unknowingly shaped my world view and put me here. For me, understanding the important role of education and multiculturalism in our lives as well as my infatuation with making a difference began early with an immense love of school. Actually, it was a deep admiration for my teachers, not so much the subject matter, but the enthusiastic, caring individuals in front of the class. I had a wonderfully diverse set of teachers from the grandmother doing her



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– Kimberly Barrett

teacher education placement in my kindergarten class, to the single young African-American woman I had for English in the fifth grade to the middle-aged first generation German immigrant chemistry teacher I had in high school. Each modeled a quality I find essential in good teachers, whether inside or out of the classroom. That quality was the ability to make the information part of who they were and to entice us to want to get to know them (and their subject matter) better. So often we hear the importance of objectivity and not taking things personally, but the quality that made these people so effective is that they did take it personally and by example began to teach me to do so.

This might sound odd, but another major influence in my being where I am and doing what I do relates to an experience that I missed. That experience is one that students have

when they see people like themselves in the materials (books, films, speakers) used in class. As an African American woman it was rare for me to read and learn about Black women, their lives, accomplishments and concerns in a school setting. That was until graduate school. Even then it was mostly through women's studies electives that I learned of the achievements and struggles of generations of women of African descent. For the first time I found a real sense of excitement in the material. OK, so I've always enjoyed school, but it was for the process (kicking around ideas, organizing information, etc..) not the content. These experiences, along with numerous interactions with a diverse group of peers throughout my university education, helped me realize not only could I make a difference but also that I should.

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