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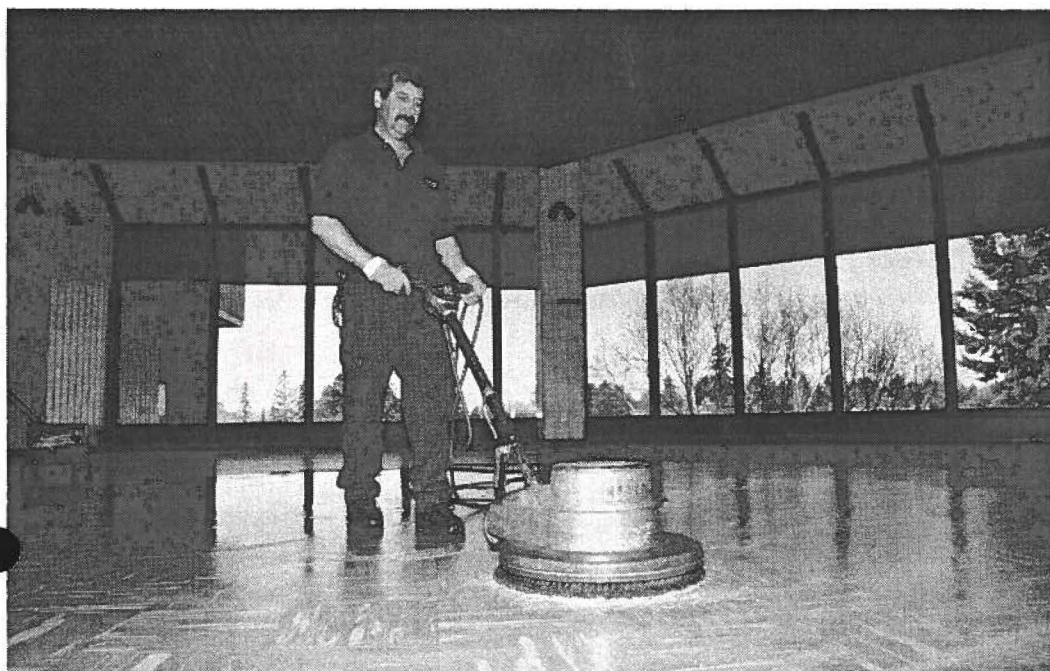


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A Shining Streak

Floors get special treatment during the month of May as staff -- including Emille Jean (Gonzo) -- take advantage of a low-traffic time period to strip, clean and re-apply protective sealants.

According to Jim Podd, Director of Physical Plant, staff will also undertake special projects such as cleaning windows that have been neglected in recent years because of budget cuts.

Four new staff members are being hired this summer to handle the increased workload brought about by ATAC and the two new Residences.

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1. Convocation 2003

This year's graduating class will be addressed by two honorary degree recipients: Lloyd Axworthy and Tom Jackson. Denis Turcotte (BEng'85) will receive the Alumni Honour Award.

2. Message from the President

With exams over, Convocation nearing, and the budget set for next year, it is time to assess the progress Lakehead has made in the past year.

3. Northern Ontario Medical School Receives Funding

Premier Ernie Eves visited the campus to announce that his government would be investing \$95.3 million in NOMS.

4. Dr. Michel Bédard named Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Aging and Health

Lakehead's fifth Canada Research Chair is an Assistant Professor of Psychology whose research is focused on quality of life for older adults.

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5. Nutrient Ecology Lab Opens

A new laboratory supporting research for the Forest Watershed and Riparian Disturbance (FORWARD) project has opened in the Braun Building.

6. Director of Corporate Relations Receives Staff Award

Fund raiser, student advocate, employment counsellor, alumni organizer: Moe Kytör (BA'68) has played all of these roles and more during his 35-year career.

7. Campus News

First Annual Nursing Scholarship Forum; Geology Department partners with Ontario Prospectors Association; Office of Development Earns National Award, Maintenance Choice Classic Open, News from Athletics.

8. Honours, Awards, Appointments and Publications

Dr. Laure Paquette (Political Science), Dr. John Naysmith (Forestry and the Forest Environment), Dr. Norm Lavoie (Kinesiology), Dr. Michel Bédard (NECAH), Dr. Gary Genosko (Sociology), Dr. Ronald Harpelle (History), Dr. Roger Mitchell (Geology).

9. Employee Service Recognition Reception

Lakehead celebrates the achievements of its staff and faculty including the 2003 nominees for the annual Staff Award, those retiring in June and September, and the current staff and faculty marking 20 and 30 years of service.

10. Welcome New Faculty and Staff

A listing of new hires since January 2003.

11. Agora Online

Share your comments, news and information.

Events @ Lakehead

Events@Lakehead is a weekly e-bulletin sent to all students, staff, and faculty every Friday from September through May.

To receive Events@Lakehead, contact Marla Tomlinson by e-mail: communications@lakeheadu.ca

To have an event listed, please send the notice to Marla Tomlinson at least a week in advance of the event.

CONVOCATION 2003 Honorary Degree Recipients

LLOYD AXWORTHY

Doctor of Laws

First elected to Parliament in 1979, Lloyd Axworthy served as Minister of Employment and Immigration, Minister of Transport, Minister of Human Resources Development, and Minister of Western Economic Diversification. In his Foreign Affairs portfolio, he became internationally known for his advancement of the Ottawa Treaty – a landmark global treaty banning anti-personnel land mines. And for his leadership, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Since leaving public life in the fall of 2000, Axworthy has been the recipient of several prestigious awards and honours. He is currently Director and CEO of the Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues at the University of British Columbia.



TOM JACKSON

Doctor of Humane Letters

Tom Jackson is an actor, director, recording artist, and humanitarian who is widely known for his role in the long-running CBC series "North of 60."

Born on the One Arrow Reserve near Batoche, Saskatchewan, Jackson moved to Winnipeg with his family at age 15, dropped out of school, and for the next seven years lived on the street. In the early 1970s he was invited to sing on a local radio program, which led to a stint as a radio host. By the mid-1980s he had moved to Toronto and had carved out a career as a theatre and television actor.

Jackson's philanthropic activities include The Huron Carol, a CD and annual concert series where he raises money for Canadian food banks. Jackson devotes about six months of the year to charitable causes – an investment of time he does not begrudge. People think this is a sacrifice, he says. "It's not. This is what I want to do – and it is a blast!"

