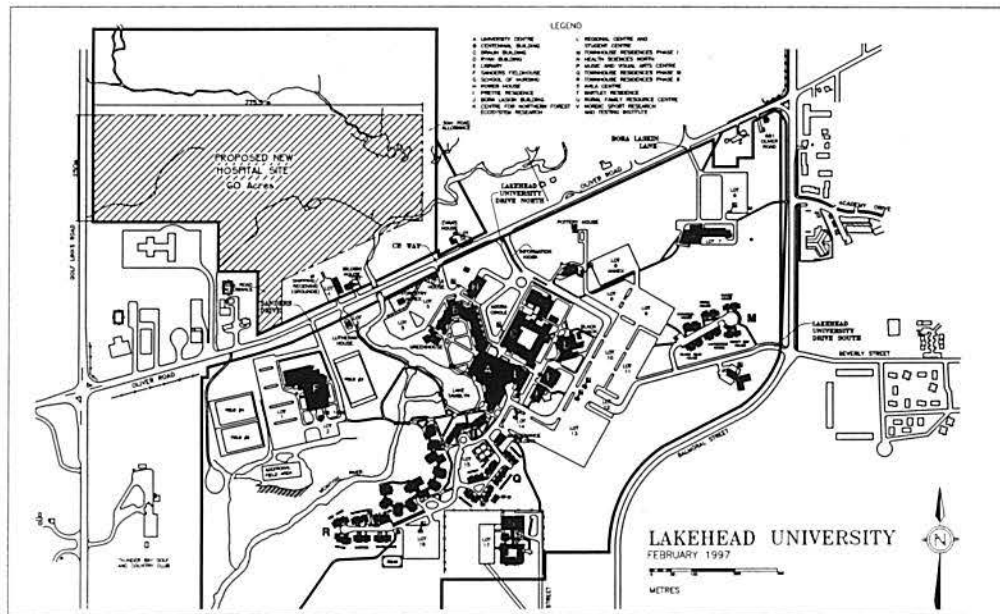




Lakehead in Partnership with Thunder Bay Regional Hospital



in the Thunder Bay region and enhance the University's academic interests in the health sciences area."

"Basically, we've set up a mechanism for the transfer of land," said Gilbert.

"What we retain is an interest in joint venture opportunities that might occur on that parcel of land, where the two parties would share equally in the opportunities. It is something that is mutually beneficial ... and I'm looking forward to future

developments that will link the Regional Hospital with Lakehead in a very productive way."

Ron Saddington, president and CEO of Thunder Bay Regional Hospital, thanked Lakehead for its generosity, noting that the parcel of land is valued at approximately \$3 million.

The understanding, he says, gives Thunder Bay Regional Hospital room to develop a "hospital campus" and the potential of developing a unique set of relationships with the Northern Ontario Medical Program (NOMP), Family Medicine North, Health Sciences North as well as Lakehead University and Confederation College.

The partnership agreement must be approved by the Lakehead University Board of Governors and will be on the agenda for its next meeting.

-- Frances Harding

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Lakehead University and Thunder Bay Regional Hospital have come to an understanding that will lead to a partnership agreement involving the transfer of 60 acres of land for the purpose of building and operating a new acute care hospital.

The land would be transferred to the Regional Hospital under the terms of a partnership agreement that would see Lakehead University retain an interest in commercial development opportunities that may occur as a result of the hospital's presence.

"What we will be able to accomplish is exciting," said Lakehead University President Fred Gilbert at a joint news conference held on September 30, 1998.

"Both parties are pleased that this understanding has been reached as it will benefit health services

New Staff and Faculty

Dr. Gillian Siddall

Department of English



It didn't take long for Dr. Gillian Siddall to get involved with the arts community in Thunder Bay.

As Lakehead's newly-hired specialist in Canadian literature, she was happy to

oblige when asked to introduce author Carol Shields at a University fund-raising dinner in September. Both women share an interest in the writings of Susanna Moodie.

Born and raised in Dundas, Ont., Siddall completed a PhD at the University of Western Ontario in 1995. For the last seven years she has been teaching at the University of Guelph where she completed a bachelor of arts and a master's degree.

Siddall feels good about her move north and is settling in nicely to Thunder Bay. Her course load includes a first-year writing course, a third-year course on Canadian poetry and a half course at the graduate level on Canadian pioneer literature. In addition, she will be teaching two modules of a graduate course entitled *Research, Theory, and Professional Skills*.

One of her goals this year is to publish a book based on her dissertation about Canadian pioneer literature. Another is to conduct research on the history of the Canadian Pacific Hotels and the connection between that corporate entity and the shaping of national identity in Canada.

Along the way, she might even have time to pursue her interest in jazz singing. Gillian Siddall was co-founder of the highly successful Guelph Jazz Festival, now celebrating its fifth year.

Gillian Siddall's office is located in the Ryan Building, Room 3038, and she can be contacted by telephone at 343-8440 or by e-mail: gillian.siddall@lakeheadu.ca

Greg Shalay

Chief Operating Engineer

As Lakehead's chief operating engineer, Greg Shalay has 14 staff reporting to him and is responsible for the Power House which controls the University's heating, cooling and electrical distribution systems.



Born and raised in Thunder Bay, Shalay is a first class stationary engineer who has spent most of his working life looking after steam plants. Prior to signing on with Lakehead University in July, he spent about 20 years working at the Abitibi mill in Thunder Bay.

Shalay's wife Nancy is a part-time student at Lakehead majoring in psychology and they have two daughters, both of whom are interested in travelling. The eldest daughter Andrea is enrolled at The University of Western Ontario but is spending a year studying in England at the International Studies Centre at Herstmonceux Castle. The youngest, Tonya, has an exchange student from Germany staying with her now and is planning to spend the winter term in Karst, Germany.

The Shalays live on a farm in Kaministiquia where they look after 23 head of beef cattle.

Greg Shalay is also secretary to the Board of Directors of the Kakabeka Credit Union.

Greg Shalay's office is in Room 2001 B in the Power House and you can contact him by telephone at 343-8404.

Lost Grads

from the Class of '65

Anton Henry Brink
Kenneth Cleary
Brent Phillips Coates
Hussein Said David
Ronald K. Eger
Gordon Harle
Hazel Hebden
John Hillier
Peter Rooney Hindle
Walter Mathew Isotalo
Osmo Kankkunen
Wallis James Lancaster
John Ahlan Lindstrom
Graham L. Longmire
Dennis Mazurkewich
Penny S. McAuley (Grace)
Mark G. Morrison
Kenneth P. Mucha
David William Mutch
Robert G. Newstead
Ronald Edward Perry
Gordon Matt Petersen
Joyce Ray
Robert Eugene Ruault
Maurice W. Salavador
John M. Shoup
Barnett Smith
Charl E. Spicer
Edward Michael Swiatkowski
Donald R. Walduck

Next May, Lakehead will celebrate its 35th Convocation. In recognition of this occasion the *Nor'Wester Magazine* is planning a feature article that will report on all 73 members of the University's first graduating class. Unfortunately, we have lost contact with 30 members of the class whose names are listed above.

If you know the postal address, fax, telephone number, or e-mail address of anyone on this list, please contact:

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Dr. Michael Stones

**Professor of Psychology
and
Director of NECAH**

Serendipity played a part in attracting one of Canada's foremost gerontologists to Lakehead University this fall.

When Dr. Michael Stones' resume arrived by fax in the Psychology department without a covering letter, the faculty just assumed he was applying for a job. Little did they know the Waterloo-based professor was simply trying to send his CV to the Sociology department to comply with the requirements of being one of their external examiners!

But the more Michael Stones thought about it, the more he liked the idea of moving to Lakehead University to teach in the Department of Psychology and to direct the activities of the Northern Educational Centre for Aging and Health (NECAH).

Born and raised near Nottingham in England, Stones completed a PhD in Psychology at the University of Sheffield. From 1974 to 1994 he taught at Memorial University in Newfoundland where he was co-founder of the Gerontology Centre. In 1994 he moved to the University of Waterloo to work with the Department of Health Studies and Gerontology.

Michael Stones sees potential for an expanded gerontology program at Lakehead that would "fill the void" in Ontario and attract undergraduate and graduate students from across the country. He thinks NECAH should be receiving more recognition for its teaching activities and is planning to work with others to formulate a five-year plan.

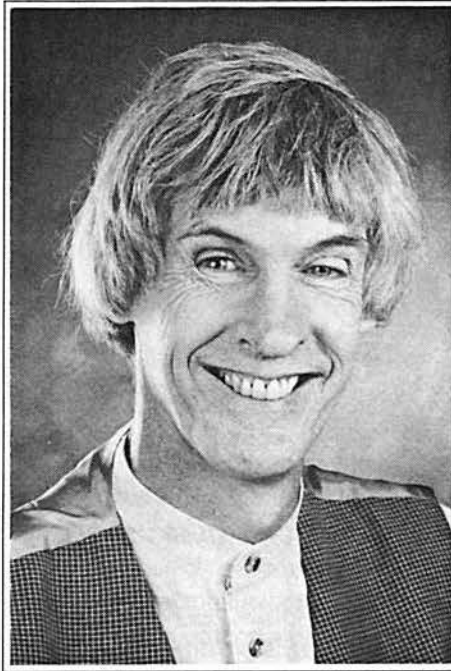
He has already submitted two proposals for funding and is excited about getting a successful aging assessment program on the Internet.

Issues surrounding quality of life, aging and happiness have always fascinated Stones, and while he enjoys basic and applied research, you can tell he gets a lot of satisfaction out of helping people.

An example is a recent book he coauthored with his wife Lee entitled *Sex May be Wasted on the Young*. Drawn on more than 100 interviews with people between 40 and 85 years old, the book takes a candid look at the challenges of mid-life and later life sexuality and explains "sexual ageism."

Stones has worked as a clinical psychologist in England and has taught at universities in England and Canada. He is senior scientist at the University Institute of Social Gerontology of Quebec in Montreal, and has contributed to more than 100 publications and numerous presentations on gerontology.

Dr. Michael Stones has an office at Health Sciences North, telephone 343-2127, and in the Olga Merz School of Nursing Building, telephone 343-8994. You can reach him by e-mail: mstones@sky.lakeheadu.ca



Campus Development Update

by Grant Walsh, Executive Director,
University Services

During the past summer, Campus Development undertook a number of improvements and repairs to our facilities which may be of interest to the University community.

Major Capital Works

Chancellor Paterson Library

The final phase of renovations to the Library saw the completion of the main floor and the reorganization of various services and collections. This specially-funded project has enabled us to modernize and upgrade library facilities, as well as to address serious problems of air quality and accessibility. If you haven't yet done so, you are encouraged to have a look at the new first floor as it is quite impressive.

Kinesiology Project

Kinesiology renovations at the C. J. Sanders Fieldhouse involved the creation of a new lab space with the installation of an upper floor within the auxiliary gym. The new lab facilities will accommodate adapted learning and motor learning studies, as well as multi-use purposes. The lower area now constitutes a renovated weight room/fitness facility. This project also involved improvements in accessibility to the building, change room repairs and air quality upgrades.

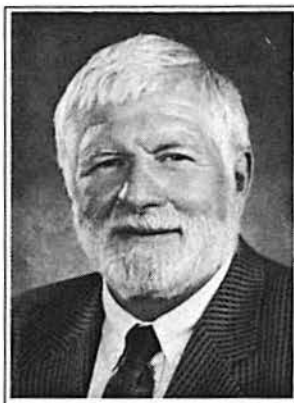
Other Repair and Renewal Projects

We also completed a number of smaller projects around campus, including elevator safety upgrades, structural repairs to the lake side patio and rigging repairs to the theatre in the Bora Laskin Building.

This fall, we will complete repairs to the president's balcony as the deteriorated brickwork has become a safety concern. In addition, an upgraded fish counter system will be installed in Lake Tamblyn in early November.

From the President's Desk

by Dr. Frederick F. Gilbert



As can be seen in another article in this issue of the *Agora*, Lakehead University and the Thunder Bay Regional Hospital have reached agreement on the terms of reference for the transferral of 60 acres of land to the hospital. The agreement is designed to maintain the University's interest in any developments on the site which go beyond the hospital and its accepted ancillary activities. I am pleased that we have been able to complete this important agreement as it will have many mutual benefits for the hospital, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario.

Coincident with the start of the strategic planning process were data on Lakehead's 1998-99 enrolment figures. The "shortfall" of some 200 students from the budget model used for this fiscal year means a decline in revenue from projections of about \$700,000. Needless to say, this will impact our ability to reduce the deficit and eliminate the debt burden caused by the early retirement program. In order to deal with the situation, I have, after consultation with the Administrative Executive Committee, initiated a position hold and review procedure. Unlike a freeze, the hold and review procedure will allow positions to be filled based on a prioritized needs analysis. It will be contingent on deans and directors to make the case to fill vacancies, and I will expect the vice-

president (academic) and the administrative directors, in consultation with their units, to be responsible for the prioritization process. While the Strategic Plan should establish criteria for position review, circumstances do not allow us to wait for that outcome. Indeed, it should not be expected that business of the University will halt pending completion of the Plan. We must continue to progress and make decisions in the best interests of Lakehead.

The budget preparation for the 1999-2000 fiscal year will require the development of 95% budget scenarios for each budget unit. Although it could be useful, we cannot countenance a zero-base budget exercise at this time. Instead, consecutive budget cycles utilizing such an approach allow incremental decisions that can accumulate over time to provide for significant reallocation. Units will have to make critical decisions on how to meet a 5% reduction but will have the opportunity to make the case for enhancement beyond the 95% base by providing 98%, 100% and 103% budget scenarios. This process will provide a mechanism for reallocation to fund critical areas of the institution. The Senate Budget Committee will provide important recommendations related to university priorities and should have the preliminary output from the strategic planning process to help in providing criteria for assessment.

Assessment (accountability) is also a subject I want to address in this issue of the *Agora*. Staff will have noticed that performance is being reviewed this fall. It is my expectation that performance reviews will occur annually and in such a way as to not only evaluate performance but also to provide a mechanism for discussion of performance and expectations as well as, where necessary, constructive assistance to enhance performance. Therefore, faculty and administrators will be expected to undertake serious annual reporting and review procedures. Just as I expect my performance to be assessed annually, I expect others' to be as well. If we are to develop a sound, responsible merit-based system of recognition for performance, it is important that these reviews be substantive and meaningful. If we are accountable as individuals, it goes a long way to making the University overall accountable.

My Installation (Inauguration) as Lakehead's fifth president will occur at the end of the month. Of course, all members of the University community are invited, but if you are unable to attend, and would like to read my address, it will be reported in this space in the November issue. I would welcome your response and feedback to what I have to say or your perceptions of my administration as its direction becomes apparent. Either send me a memorandum or e-mail me with your thoughts or ideas, and I will respond directly or in future articles of the *Agora*.

Finally, my congratulations to the student volunteers who participated in the Shinerama Campaign. Over 200 of you collected \$7,139 for Cystic Fibrosis research and treatment and showed the broader commitment of the University to respond to community needs. My sincere thanks for your excellent efforts. ■

Dr. Gilbert's e-mail address:
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Honorary Degrees

A Call for Candidates

The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees invites all members of the University community to submit the names of suitable candidates for honorary degrees to be awarded at the spring Convocation in May of 1999. It would be helpful if as much information as possible could be provided about each candidate proposed. All suggestions will be carefully considered by the Committee which will then make its recommendations to Senate. Please send your proposals, as soon as possible, to the attention of Dr. David Twynam, Chair, Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees, c/o Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism.

Bursaries for Métis Students

The Métis Nation of Ontario has donated \$100,000 to Lakehead University to create an endowment that will fund bursaries for full-time Métis students. The money will be matched by the Ontario government under the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF). This year \$6,000 is slated for distribution and next year \$12,000 will be given out. For more information contact the Financial Aid Office.

New Faculty and Staff

During September and early October employment notices were issued by Human Resources announcing the following appointments:

Diane Dixon

Administrative Assistant, Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment

Peter Smith

Technologist, School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism

Gary McDonald

Caretaker, Campus Development Department



"Wear a Smile for UNICEF"

by Ellen Liman, Thunder Bay UNICEF Coordinator

If you're looking for UNICEF volunteers in Thunder Bay, Lakehead University is a great place to start. With the energetic support of students and faculty, Thunder Bay UNICEF has launched a yearly community event called "Wear a Smile for UNICEF." UNICEF isn't asking people to fund raise, wear a "peal-and-stick" label, or "dress down." Instead it's challenging every citizen in Thunder Bay to put one loonie in a UNICEF box. People will know by the smile on friends' faces that they're helping UNICEF help children.

Dr. Frederick Gilbert has kindly agreed to be honorary co-chair of the October UNICEF campaign. His suggestion to ask Mayor Ken Boschhoff to join him as co-chair was an inspired one, and will make for an even stronger city event that may establish a closer link between the city and University.

For the second year University students in residence will hold a "penny war" for UNICEF. This challenge between residences to raise the most pennies is a popular event, and last year raised \$640 for UNICEF. Students "went the extra mile," even rolling and counting mounds of coins, a gesture much appreciated by local UNICEF penny rollers! Residence programmer Brent Evans says students hope to exceed last year's total.

Mike Lyons, vice-president of student issues at LUSU, has another unusual UNICEF fundraiser planned. For a \$10 ticket Lakehead students will be able to join a GRUB crawl to local restaurants to sample finger foods. A bus will take participants on this earlery tour, and large size UNICEF "People boxes" will be worn by more adventurous riders!

Third-year kinesiology students from basketball coach Lou Pero's sports administration class will plan and run a UNICEF Play Day for Thunder Bay Children, to be held October 17 at Hillcrest Park. The Lakehead students will be leading children in "shirtball" games, using balls made from rolled up shirts. Pray for sunshine!

UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, has worked for over 50 years to improve the lives of the world's children. The only UN agency devoted solely to children, UNICEF is entirely dependent on voluntary donations.

UNICEF is focusing this year on the problem of child labour. To learn more about the work of UNICEF, please consider two publications -- *The State of the World's Children*, and *The Progress of Nations*, which were recently donated by Thunder Bay UNICEF to the Chancellor Paterson Library.

Library Renovations Long Overdue

In the early 1990s, it was recognized that The Chancellor Paterson Library building was in dire need of repairs and upgrading in order to meet current safety standards.

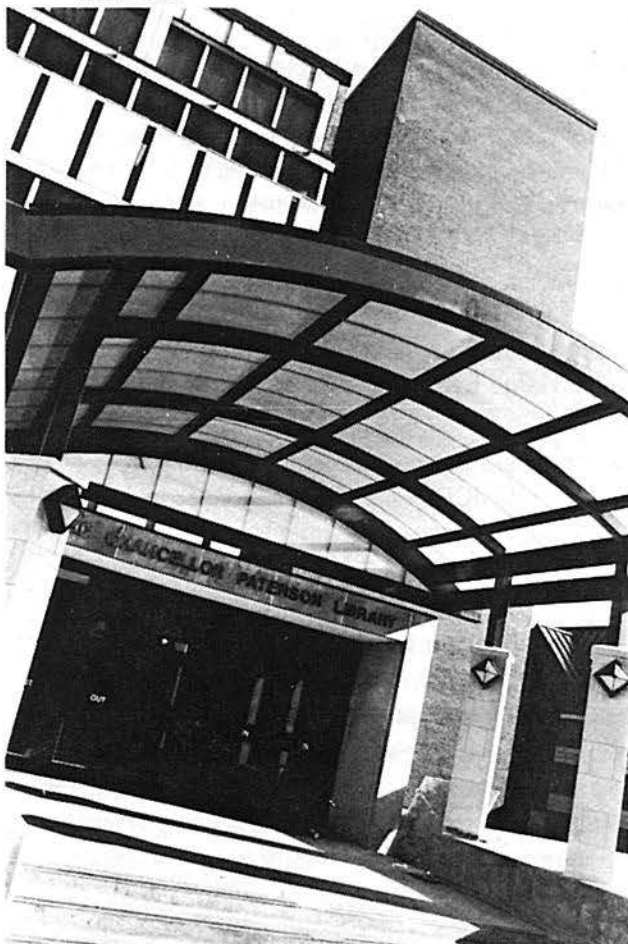
In addressing these safety issues, it became apparent that other concerns such as asbestos removal, and mechanical and electrical upgrading would also have to be addressed.

In 1993, after much lobbying efforts by the Library and the University administration, Lakehead University received a jobsOntario capital grant from the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities totalling \$1.3 million.

This funding was for the removal of asbestos and renovation to the ground, fourth and fifth floors.

In 1996, the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training provided \$2.8 million to fund the completion of the asbestos removal and renovation.

The upgrades to the building allowed for the Library to analyse its usage of space and more effectively reallocate its collections and services.



Visit The "New" Chancellor Paterson Library

by Gisella Scalese



The reference desk has been relocated to a more central position on the main floor. Since the move, staff have noticed an increase in the number of questions being asked by Library users.

Changes to the main entrance include improved stairs and ramps. The new doors allow for improved accessibility to the building.

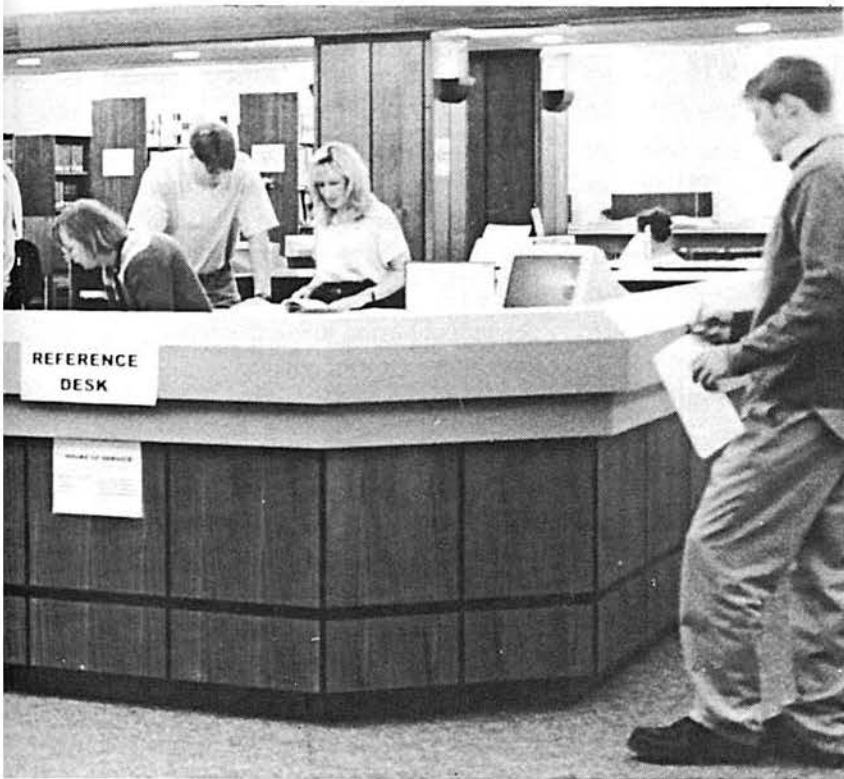




The circulation desk has been redesigned to provide faster and more efficient service.



Stand alone workstations are available to accomodate the various non-networked electronic resources held by the Library.



Through the Library's new ERL server, students can access periodical indexes and abstracts on many different topics. Searching is made easier with more efficient computers and user-friendly search software.



New books and current issues of newspapers are now located on the main floor along with large tables to accomodate their use.

The Serials Crunch

The Ongoing Struggle to Maintain our Library Collection

by Anne Deighton, Chief Librarian

A flat-lined acquisitions budget and the vanishing purchasing power of an anemic Canadian dollar is creating a crisis for The Chancellor Paterson Library. The most critical victim of this struggle is our current subscriptions.

The following are the cold hard facts of our current reality:

-- The annual books and periodicals budget has not seen an increase in five years;

-- The annual price increase of journal subscriptions has been in double digits for the past 10 years;

-- Roughly 80% of our journal purchases are billed in U.S. dollars;

-- Since 1989 we have cancelled approximately 900 journal titles;

-- In May of 1998 the serials vendors were projecting an 8% increase in journal costs for the 1999 subscription year;

-- By September the projected price increase had escalated to a staggering 17.5% (due largely to the fall of the Canadian dollar);

-- The Library is in the unfortunate position of having to identify more journal titles to discontinue.

Do not despair. There are other options. The Library is actively exploring options other than our current ownership approach to providing journal articles.

We are investigating several document delivery alternatives.

Document delivery will provide quick access to journal articles from journals we have had to cancel as well as from journals we have never subscribed to in the past. This approach marks a shift in the collection development practice from the "just in case" purchase of published journal titles to the "just in time" buying of specific articles. Document delivery coupled with a table of contents service should help in meeting the Library's responsibility to be an information provider to its faculty and students. It is hoped that a document delivery provider and the necessary funding will be in place by the end of the year. Stay tuned for further details.

Political Science Student Wins International Letter Writing Competition

Tami Saj is \$1000 richer thanks to a suggestion by Learning Assistance Centre Coordinator Geraldine White.

During the summer, White suggested that the second-year student enter the Garaventa AccessABILITY international letter writing competition, designed to help promote better understanding of the many challenges students with mobility-related disabilities must face and overcome.

Saj placed third in the post secondary category and for her efforts earned a \$1,000 (U.S.) scholarship.

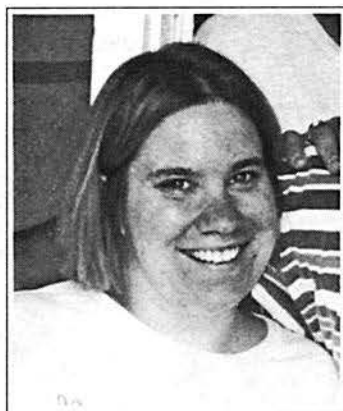
Saj has lived with a disability all her life. Born with spina bifida, she began using a wheelchair at 16. Now 24, Saj wrote that she does not make her disability an issue in anything she does. "I believe this helps people feel free to relate to me on a person to person basis ... it is a more open approach to disability issues."

"I have discovered that I, myself, am the key to my successes and failures in life, not my disability ... it is simply the only life I've got, for better or worse, so I might as well make the most of it...."

"This essay is not just words — I have lived according to this philosophy all my life. It has helped me in many areas of life. It has made me a stronger, happier, successful person. I represented Canada twice at the Paralympics in swimming (for which I am now in the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame), I am currently a university student looking to become a constitutional lawyer, I am very active in my volunteer commitments, and I am politically involved. And I am looking forward to a happy, healthy and successful future!"

This fall, Saj transferred to the University of Victoria where she plans to study law after finishing an undergraduate degree.

Congratulations Tami!



History Professor Awarded "Canada in the World" Grant



Dr. Ron Harpelle has received a grant under a joint initiative of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) established in June, 1998.

The *Canada in the World Grants* are designed to support young Canadian researchers study emerging issues that will determine the future of relations between Canada and the nations of Asia and Latin America.

The award, which could be as high as \$27,000 over a three-year period, will enable Harpelle to continue his research on Central American West Indian communities in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama.

He'll also be creating a website in order to help establish a network of contacts among researchers interested in this subject.

Harpelle's work focuses on the migration of English-speaking West Indians along the Atlantic coast of Middle America between 1850 and 1950 when approximately 500,000 British West Indians went to Middle America and Panama in search of jobs and economic security.

During the course of this long migration, the English-speaking West Indian immigrants established vibrant Afro-Hispanic communities along the Atlantic coast of Middle America. Although studies have been conducted primarily on Panama and Costa Rica, there is as yet,

no regional account which fully appreciates the scope and significance of the West Indian diaspora in Middle America.

As a social historian, Harpelle is interested in the way communities adapted and how individuals "navigated" their way in the environments of larger, often hostile Hispanic communities. He explores the ways in which culture, language and skin colour figured prominently in the West Indian immigrant's processes of adaptation and integration.

Harpelle has written several papers and articles on his research and has a manuscript which is being considered by McGill-Queen's University Press.

With the assistance of a SSHRC grant received in March, 1998, he will publish a monograph entitled *The West Indian Experience in Central America*. In the future he hopes to examine the experiences of West Indian Immigrants in Canada.

The "Canada in the World" Grants program recognizes the challenge Canada faces in a globalized world and the increasing degree to which domestic social and economic policies are shaped by international forces.

The program is aimed at "new" scholars and post-doctoral fellows supported by SSHRC.

"The evolving world is no longer divided into 'North' and 'South'," said IDRC President Maureen O'Neil. "The problems that affect the South touch us as well, and we need to develop a better understanding of all the factors impacting on Canada's relations with Asian and Latin American countries. Canada can anticipate future directions only if we nurture and consolidate Canadian research capacity in this area."

For more information visit the SSHRC website: www.sshrc.ca

This article was prepared with the help of Tim Mignault who worked with the Office of Communications in a student writing program sponsored by The Chronicle-Journal.

Planning a Trip to Cuba?

Two universities in Cuba, which have an agreement with Lakehead University, would appreciate papers and presentations by Lakehead University faculty.

If you are planning to take advantage of the weekly direct flights running between Thunder Bay and Cuba starting December 17, and would like to make contact with faculty and students at the Universidad de Matanzas and the Instituto Superior Pedagógico, contact Dr. Ron Harpelle at 343-8691.

Photography Workshop with Freeman Patterson

Thunder Bay's Circles of Confusion Photography Club is offering a photographic and visual design workshop with the world-renowned photographer Freeman Patterson on Sunday, November 22, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Lecture Theatre. Lunch & coffee included. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door and can be purchased at Primary Foto Source, telephone 345-7041.

Canadian Institute for International Affairs Public Lecture



Dr. Laure Paquette

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Lakehead University,
will speak on

Nato Expansion in Central Europe

Monday, October 19, 1998

8 p.m.

Senate Chambers, Room UC-1001
Everyone Welcome. Admission Free

A Writing Life

Dinner and Conversation with Carol Shields

by Jolene Davis, MA'98

A worthy cause was at the heart of a successful fundraiser hosted by the Lakehead University Women's Studies Program in September. According to Dr. Helen Smith, who organized the event, the money raised from this event will go toward undergraduate scholarships in Women's Studies and library acquisitions of books and journals.

Approximately 240 people attended the evening to hear Canadian author Carol Shields. Who better to encourage female students to pursue public voices than the Chancellor of the University of Winnipeg and the award-winning author of numerous novels, plays and short stories?

Shields is also the recipient of several honorary doctorates while her awards include the Canadian Authors' Association Award for fiction, the Marion Engel Award, the Governor General's Award for fiction, and the 1995 Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Dr. Gilbert, president of Lakehead University, officially welcomed Carol Shields on behalf of the University and Thunder Bay communities. Then Dr. Gillian Siddall of the Department of English introduced Carol Shields as an author whose work has made a "powerful contribution to developing the female literary tradition in Canada, ...[illuminating] the experiences of Canadian women that are often left in the blank spaces of our history and our national identity." With a specific interest in the female literary tradition, Shields believes fiction is an "act of redemption" and she is personally interested in "writing away the invisibility of female lives."

Shields spoke of women's writing, women readers, and her experience as an author. She shared her observation



Carol Shields is flanked by two professors at the centre of the Women's Studies program at Lakehead -- Professor Pam Wakewich, the past coordinator (right) and Dr. Helen Smith, the current coordinator.

that female authors differ from male authors in two main areas of writing: they are much more likely to use a personal tone in their writing and they frequently choose the interactions between people as their subject matter. She feels that women writers naturally write about the sorts of things that women readers wish to hear -- the daily lives of "ordinary people," especially other women. Women authors connect with women through writing of the "texture of their lives."

As an author, Shields is interested in the current state of Canadian literature. She describes the field as "never healthier." As for women's writing, she feels that it is especially popular just now because it gives readers a "fresh outlook" and is "more aware of itself ... less in danger of its substance falling off the edge." Of her own work, Shields believes that "human

beings are mysterious and complicated" and her duty as a writer is "not to solve their problems" but to add to the sum of human understanding about our complicated search through life.

"A Writing Life -- Dinner and Conversation with Carol Shields" was sponsored by Women's Studies, the Dean of Arts and Science, and the Valhalla Inn. Special thanks go to Women's Studies graduate students, Lakehead University Alumni Bookstore, the Northern Women's Bookstore, Mavourneen Trainor-Bruzzese (Visual Arts), Laurie Hill and Cathy Trojan (Development Office), Denise Bruley (Communications), Lori Kapush (Secretarial), Peter Puna, Gail Zanette and Lily Ciddio (Graphics), LU Print Shop, and Danny Johnson on piano.

Scholarship

Dr. Seimer Tsang (Mechanical Engineering) presented a paper entitled "Thermal Management of the Electric Ford F-100 Truck" at the Biennial Conference of the Canadian Society of Mechanical Engineering, CSME Forum 1998, in the Thermal Systems and Applications II Session on Friday, May 22, 1998, at Ryerson Polytechnic University, Toronto.

Last November, **Professor Joan Dolphin** (English) presented a paper in Paris on Michael Ondaatje entitled "The Use and Abuse of Myth in Michael Ondaatje's *In the Skin of a Lion*." The Conference was organized by the Institute du Monde Anglophone of the Sorbonne and sponsored by the French Centre d'Etudes Canadiennes. The theme of the conference was the work of Canadian author Michael Ondaatje, and participants came from France, England, Germany, Italy and North America.

Three Lakehead faculty gave presentations at the Crossroads in Cultural Studies Conference in Tampere, Finland, June 28-July 1, 1998. **Dr. Doug Rabb** (Philosophy) presented a paper together with **Professor Dennis McPherson**, (Indigenous Learning), entitled "Native Philosophy: Western or Indigenous Construct?" and **Dr. Patricia Vervoort** (Visual Arts) presented a paper entitled "Aesthetic Warriors: The Battle for Identity."

Dr. Raija Warkentin (Anthropology) organized a session entitled "Immigrants from Eastern Europe in the Western Countries" and presented her paper "Russian Immigrant Women In Finland." In their coverage of the conference, the Finnish National radio chose her project to be the subject of a discussion which was broadcasted nationwide in the "Suomi Tanaan" (Finland Today) morning program.

Dr. Terry L. Hill (Sociology), coordinator of the undergraduate minor program in Gerontology, NECAH, presented a workshop entitled "Training Support Group Leaders and Community Development" at the 8th Annual conference of Bereavement Ontario Network, Geneva Park Conference Centre, Orillia, Ontario, October 7-9, 1998. Hill is the founder and current facilitator of the Panic and Anxiety Support Group in Thunder Bay, and continues to offer seminars and consultations in the areas of grief, bereavement, community development, and the sociology of the body.

Dr. Medhat Rahim (Education) presented a session entitled "Some Cultural Contributions of Babylonian Mathematics and Social Sciences to the Civilization of Humankind" at the International Conference on Mathematics Education, History of Mathematics and Cultural History of Mathematics Informatics, in Beijing, China, April 26-30, 1998.

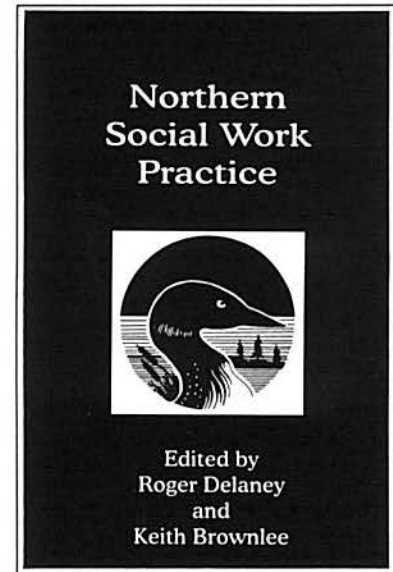
The educational management and leadership publications of **Dr. Douglas Thom** (Education) are now being distributed in over a dozen countries. In 1997 to 1998 information about his TELC and TLCC leadership models was disseminated to East African universities. This information included the "Thom Theorem" and four corollaries based on his book *Leadership Worldwide: The Christian Conscience Factor* (Hong Kong Council for Educational Administration, 1996), as well as *Thom's Christian Leadership Resolution*.

Throughout his 25-year career in education, Douglas Thom has served at the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Hong Kong and has supervised many graduate dissertations.

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Calendar of Events

Department of Music

Lumina Concert Series 1998-99

Concerts are held in the Jean McNulty Recital Hall in the William H. Busset Centre for Music and Visual Arts at 12:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Subscriptions and tickets are available from the Department of Music. Complimentary parking.

For information call 343-8787

October 20

John Goulart, Guitar

November 8

Joseph Tang, Piano

(Ontario Young Artist Competition Winner)

Note: 2 p.m.

November 24

Krystyna Tucka, Piano

(Eckhardt-Gramatté National Music Competition Winner)

Nor'Westers' Home Games

October 17

Zanatta Alumni Games

Women's Basketball: 6:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: 8:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball: 4:30 p.m. October 30-31

Women's Volleyball

Lakehead vs Ottawa at 8:30 pm

October 30-November 1

Saxon Super Eight Women's Basketball

Friday & Sat: Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

November 6-7

Pizza Hut Tourney

Men's Basketball: Friday 4 p.m. & 8 p.m. and Saturday 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Women's Basketball: Saturday at 6 p.m.

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