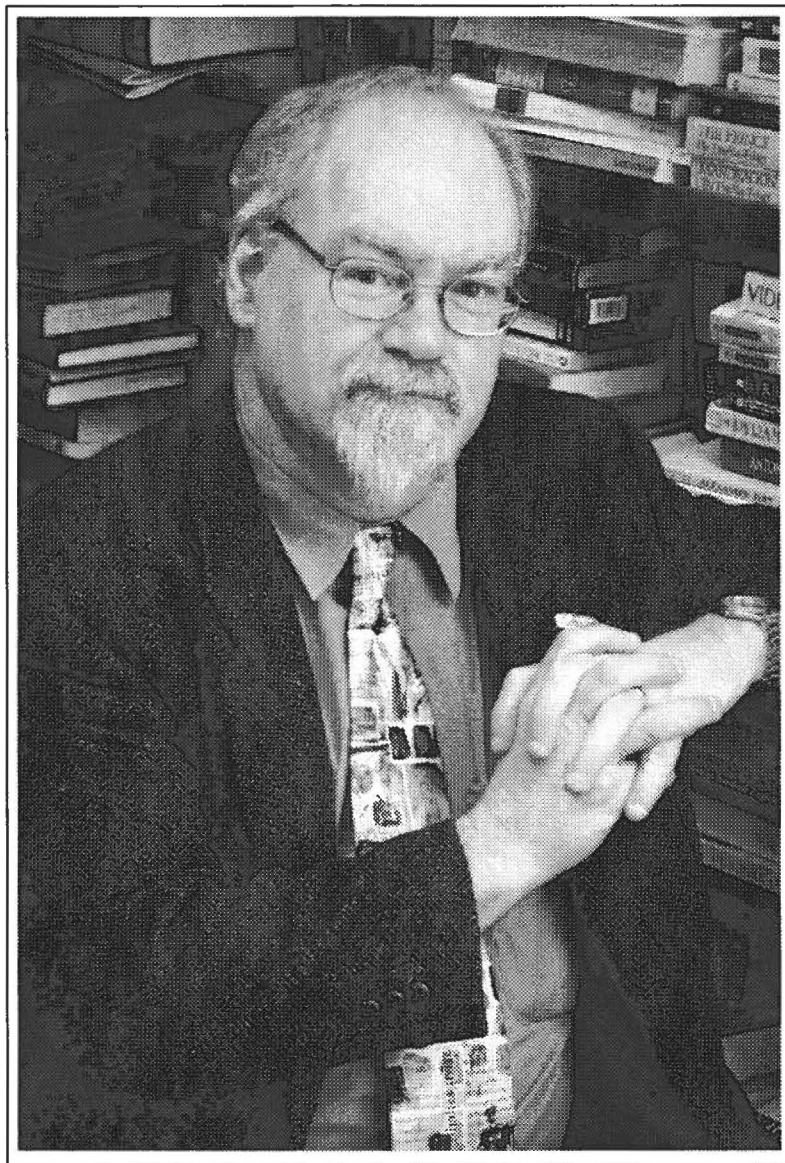


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Lakehead's most prestigious award for teaching has been given to Dr. Michael Richardson, a Professor of English and a specialist in Renaissance literature.
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Communications; Grand Opening Celebration; Tours.

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### **4. Asking the Right Questions**

How do you develop public policy on nuclear waste management that will be effective 10,000 years from now? That's the topic Elizabeth Dowdeswell, President of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization, addressed during a public lecture in the Advanced Technology & Academic Centre on February 5, 2004.

### **5. History Conference Focuses on Finnish Community**

An international conference on Finnish Immigrants in the Decade of Depression, 1929-1939, is being hosted by the Department of History, March 25-27, 2004.

### **6. Northern Ontario Medical School (NOMS) -- Update**

Inaugural meeting of the Board of Directors; Recruitment of Faculty; Curriculum; Construction of the Laurentian Campus Facility.

### **7. Lakehead and NSERC Celebrate 25 Years of Collaboration**

In January, Lakehead celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council by honoring 10 researchers who held NSERC grants in the late 1970s and also hold NSERC grants today.

### **8. Campus News**

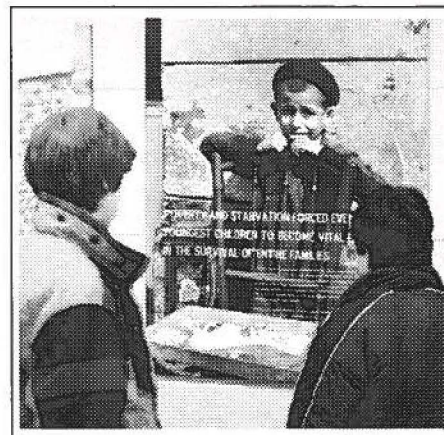
Vacancies for the Board of Governors; Integrating Best Practice Guidelines into Nursing Curriculum by Utilizing Web-based Technology; International Programming Contest; LUSU Social Justice Conference.

### **9. Honours and Awards**

Dr. Rachel Warburton, Assistant Professor in the Department of English, receives the 2003 Florence Howe Award for Outstanding Feminist Scholarship.

### **10. Welcome New Faculty and Staff**

A listing of new hires since mid-December 2003.



## ***Holocaust Survivor Speaks to Education Students***

In February, the Holocaust Education team of the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario conducted Teacher Education Seminars at the Faculty of Education.

This is the third year for the seminars and the second time Holocaust



Max Eisen

survivor Max Eisen spoke to Lakehead students about his experiences in a Nazi concentration camp.

Along with the seminars and Eisen's presentation

was the Janusz Korczak Holocaust exhibit. Janusz Korczak was a distinguished Warsaw-born doctor who established a Jewish orphanage in Poland. During the Nazi occupation, he refused to abandon his charges, and later died with them at Treblinka. ■

# President's Message

By Dr. Fred Gilbert, President, Lakehead University

Lakehead's role as a public institution is to provide high-quality education, research and creative activities, and service to the community. One way in which we fulfil this mandate is by providing opportunities for exposure to new ideas through conferences, public lectures, exhibits, concerts, and other special events that are open to the public.

Each year, Lakehead offers hundreds of opportunities for the local community to meet and learn from experts in a variety of fields.

In the February issue of the *Agora* alone there are write-ups on four such events: an international programming contest hosted by the Department of Computer Science, a Holocaust exhibit and public lecture organized by the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario, a Social Justice Conference featuring activist Maude Barlow speaking on Globalization, and an international conference on Finnish Immigrants in the Decade of Depression 1929-1939.

This month it was my pleasure to launch the 2004 Lakehead University Speaker Series, which Lakehead University has undertaken in cooperation with Travelodge Hotel Airline and The Chronicle-Journal.

The first speaker in the series was Elizabeth Dowdeswell, President of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), who addressed close to 100 people on the evening of February 5 in one of the large "smart" classrooms in the Advanced Technology & Academic Centre (see article "Asking the Right Questions" in this issue).

Since 2003, I have been a member of the Advisory Committee to the NWMO. This Committee has the responsibility to report independently to government on the effectiveness of the consultative process the NWMO follows and the validity of their final recommendations. In effect, it is a public watchdog Committee made up of individuals representing various aspects of

appropriate public and private sector interests including academia. Elizabeth Dowdeswell brings a strong public service record at the provincial, national, and international levels to the position of President of the NWMO. Her expertise in dealing with environmental issues is a tremendous asset as she manages a most difficult issue like nuclear waste disposal with its scientific, technical, economic, environmental, and social parameters.

Lectures like Ms. Dowdeswell's are publicized through the Office of Communications. And now, with the recent changes to the Lakehead University website, it has become even easier to access and post information about what is happening on campus.

I encourage everyone on campus to see these events as opportunities to reach out and invite the people of Northwestern Ontario to be a part of our academic community. ■

*Lakehead's University's 2004 Speaker Series had a strong start when Elizabeth Dowdeswell, President of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization, spoke to close to 100 people in the Advanced Technology & Academic Centre on February 5, 2004.*

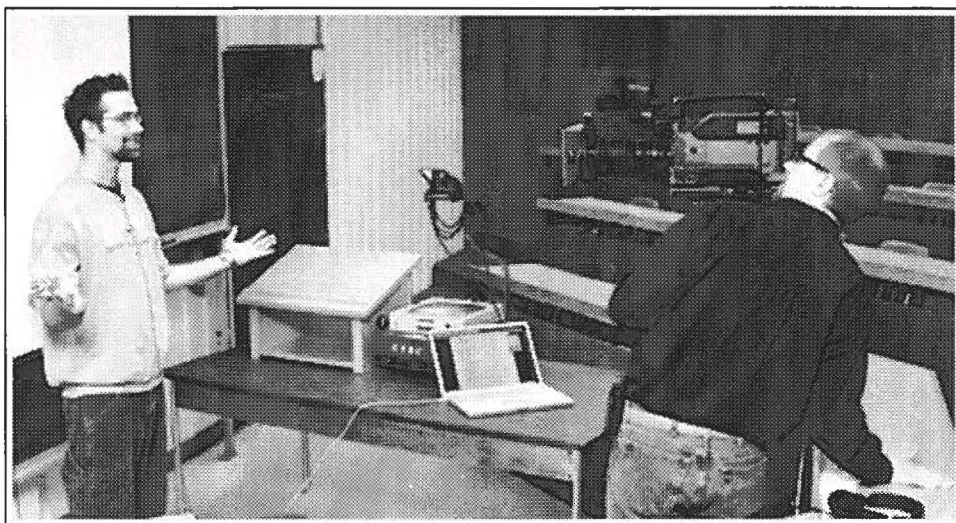
*Pictured with her (l-r) is Dr. Bruce Kjartanson, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, Lakehead University; Dr. Fred Gilbert, President, Lakehead University; and Colin Bruce, Publisher and General Manager, The Chronicle-Journal.*



# Lights, Camera, Action!

*More than 60 students auditioned for a part in a TV commercial being developed under the auspices of the Office of Communications. The 30-second commercial will air in TSN properties in the month of March, specifically men's and women's hockey, baseball, and volleyball.*

*The TV commercial is designed to create brand awareness and help raise the University's profile. ■*



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## Vacancies for the Board of Governors

Lakehead University is seeking interested and qualified individuals to serve on its Board of Governors for as early as September 2004. Terms are for three years. The Board of Governors consists of up to 30 members of diverse backgrounds and has primary responsibility for fiscal and management control of Lakehead University. The Board also works in partnership with the Senate toward the realization of the University's mission.

Persons wishing to be considered for an appointment to the Lakehead University Board of Governors should submit a completed nomination form\* which should include a brief curriculum vitae, a brief statement of interest, and the names and contact numbers of two character references, to:

### Board of Governors' Nominating Committee

c/o Secretary of the Board

Lakehead University, 955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5E1

by fax to 807-343-8075, or by e-mail to [bdsensec@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:bdsensec@lakeheadu.ca)

\*Nomination forms are available from the Secretary of the Board.

The Nominating Committee will be reviewing applications and nominations in early spring. Candidates to be considered may be contacted for personal interviews. ■