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History in the Making

Lakehead Appoints its First Chair in Finnish Studies

At a media conference on January 9, 1998, Dr. John Whitfield announced that Dr. Kari Hakapää, a professor of Public International Law at the University of Lapland, has been appointed Lakehead University's first chair in Finnish Studies, named in honour of its major donor, Ronald A. Ristimäki.

Hakapää has a doctorate in law from the University of Helsinki and has worked both as an advisor and as a member of the Finnish Delegation to the United Nations, specifically on matters relating to the Law of the Sea. He is a professor of the University of Lapland in Rovaniemi, Finland, (the most northerly university in the European Union) and from 1989 to 1993 served as vice-rector.

During his four-month stay in Thunder Bay, Hakapää will be engaged in a variety of teaching and research activities in conjunction with the Department of Political Science. Among these is a commitment to teach segments of a course on *International Law and Development*, where he will focus on the Law of the Sea and the United Nations.

During the media conference, Whitfield expressed his appreciation to the local Finnish community which has been working with Lakehead since the mid 1980s to raise the necessary funds. To date Lakehead has collected over \$780,000 in pledges and contributions toward its \$1,000,000 goal. "This appointment," said Registrar Pentti Paularinne, who is also vice-president of the Canadian Suomi Foundation, "is a momentous occasion."

In keeping with Kari Hakapää's wish to establish contacts with the local Finnish community, he and his wife Liisa will be attending a Kalevala Day celebration at the Finlandia Club on February 28, 1998, where he hopes to meet with Finland's Ambassador to Canada.

Liisa Hakapää, an industrial designer and a lecturer with the University of Lapland, will be teaching some courses at Lakehead in conjunction with the Department of Visual Arts.



At a media conference in early January, Pentti Paularinne and Dr. John Whitfield introduced Dr. Kari Hakapää (right), the first appointment to the Ronald A. Ristimäki Chair in Finnish Studies.



Five Finnish exchange students were on hand to welcome the new Chair. Pictured above (from left to right) is: Mika Lehtinen, Mira Soderlund, Risto Ylipahkala, Dr. Hakapää, Mika Tuomaala and Marjatta Lehtinen.

Lakehead University has exchange agreements with a number of Finnish universities, including University of Lapland, University of Oulu, and Espoo-Vanataa Institute of Technology. As well, Lakehead has been offering a variety of Finnish courses for more than 19 years.

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Researchers Explore North Shore Tourism Role

Lakehead University researchers presented their findings of a study conducted to explore residents' views of *Tourism in the Shore Zone and Islands of the Lake Superior North Shore* on November 13, 1997. The report, commissioned by the Superior North Community Development Corporation, Terrace Bay, was authored by Dr. Margaret Johnston, (Geography) and Dr. Dave Twynam and Dr. Bob Payne (School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism).

The Corporation, in conjunction with several interested parties, wished to investigate the role of tourism on the islands and the shoreline of Lake Superior from Terrace Bay to Silver Islet. The intention was to provide background information on which to base future land use decisions for the shoreline and islands, by obtaining input from the public on their views about tourism in the study area.

Direction for this study was provided by a steering committee composed of Leslie Dickson (Coordinator of Superior North Community Development Corporation), Darrell O'Neill (Acting Area Supervisor, Ministry of Natural Resources), Gail Jackson (Project Manager, Parks Canada), Will Robinson (District Forest Planner, Ministry of Natural Resources) and the authors of this report.

The report describes the highlights of information obtained at six public meetings in the communities of Nipigon, Silver Islet, Rosspoint, Red Rock, Pays Plat and Terrace Bay.

Members of the local public were invited by mail and newspaper advertisements to attend the meetings in order to have input in the information gathering forums. The 95 people who attended meetings were divided into small discussion groups to focus on questions about appropriate tourism developments, acceptable levels of tourism and suitable approaches to tourism management.

Forum participants expressed:

-- support for tourism as a part of the social and economic fabric of the region;

-- preference for small-scale tourism development concentrated in existing communities;

-- the need for improvements to the existing infrastructure;

-- the need for linking and packaging of tourism opportunities;

-- a desire to discourage tourism development of the islands with the exception of low-level infrastructure (e.g. fire pits, tenting pads, outhouses and trails);

--the requirement for "safe havens" and emergency shelters at some locations on the islands;

-- a concern about the amount of tourism and its potential impacts on the natural environment, existing industry and local ways of life;

-- the belief that local involvement and control of tourism management is critical in this region;

-- concern about the capabilities of senior levels of government to manage the region appropriately;

-- support for a variety of suitable management structures ranging from private sector control to management by a north shore local government.

-- Denise Bruley, Communications/
Special Events Officer

Media Releases on the Net

Did you know Lakehead publishes media releases on the Internet? Access them by calling up Lakehead's home page at www.lakeheadu.ca Click on "Events & News" And then click on "Media Releases"

Learning by Doing

Nineteen students from the School of Outdoor Recreation Parks & Tourism joined more than 1700 people attending the annual conference of the International Association for Experiential Education in Asheville, North Carolina, last November.

Associate Professor Tom Potter accompanied the students and had this to say about the experience:

"Experiential education is learning by doing -- hands on learning. In its most basic sense this method can be applied in subjects such as biology and physics, or as we do in ORPT, in outdoor adventure activities and community service projects.

"Some people believe experiential education to be one of the most meaningful teaching methodologies -- constructing meaning through experience. And, when blended with other teaching methodologies (such as lecture), it can create powerful and lasting learning opportunities.

"Students attending the AEE conference had the opportunity to meet many of the authors of the books and articles they are using in their classes. They were able to chat with many researchers who took great interest in the students' honours theses projects. Students were able to meet other people who teach and participate in experiential education around the world; they saw and felt their field of experiential education validated; they were able to make important connections for both employment and graduate school...

"By the end of the conference, I don't think there was a conference participant who did not know about Lakehead University and the School of Outdoor Recreation Parks & Tourism."



SIMPLY SUPERB

**Marie Cappello wins
Fessenden-Trott Scholarship**

Marie Cappello, a second-year Biology student at Lakehead, was one of four students this year to receive a Fessenden-Trott Scholarship awarded by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).

The scholarship runs for three years and is valued at \$9,000 annually.

In recommending her for the scholarship, Acting Vice-President (Academic) Jim Gellert said, "Her first year grades are to put it simply, superb. Marie has continued her outstanding high school academic record by maintaining an A+ average in university (including attaining a very rare 100% in Biology 1110 -- a grade I seldom see in the Faculty). Moreover, she has achieved this outstanding academic excellence while maintaining an impressive list of extracurricular activities."

Marie is the daughter of Tony Cappello, a Lakehead University graduate and employee.

Please Note

Nomination forms for the 1997-98 *Poulin* and *President's Awards* will be available at the end of January as will *Continuing Student Scholarship Awards for 1998-99*.

These and other information forms may be picked up in the pamphlet holder outside the Financial Aid Office.

INTERNATIONAL DAYS

January 24 to February 1

For the fourth consecutive year, Lakehead will host International Days to celebrate the diversity of thought on our planet.

Among the many activities planned are the International Fair, the International Booty Shake, the International Supper, the Silent Auction, the evening Slide Shows and Discussions, and the Student Panels.

New this year are the Pow Wow, the Fashion Show, a Web Page, and a Film Festival.

Look for posters in your department, the display in the Library, and the Information Kiosk in the Agora.

Mark your calendars to attend the numerous events organized by the foreign and local students for our University community. Come one, come all. Lakehead University will be the centre of the universe January 24 to February 1 and you are invited! -- *Dr. Yves Prévost*



REALITY CHECK

Residence hosts two Open Houses

Ever wondered what it's like to live in Residence? Why not come out and see for yourself during one of two Open Houses organized by Residence especially for Lakehead University faculty and staff.

January 20, 1998

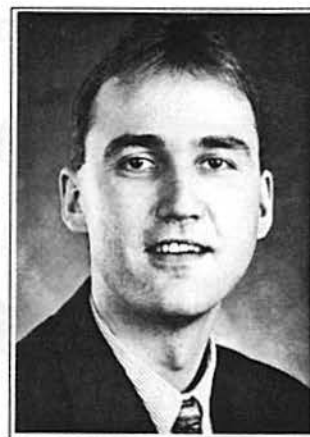
2-3 p.m.

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January 22, 1998

10-11 a.m.

Dan's Diner, offices, games room, gymnasium, computer labs. They'll all be on show as well as selected rooms in Bartley, Prettie, Avila and the Townhouse Residences. For more information contact Norma Jean Newbold at 343-8622.



LONG-TERM VISION

**Jayson Gard
Volleyball Coach**

Lakehead's new Volleyball Coach has a lot to offer Thunder Bay. Not only is he an experienced player -- having played professional volleyball in Europe as well as on Canada's Junior National Team and on Canada's National B Team -- but he also brings a unique perspective to bear on his coaching -- that of an accredited volleyball official.

Gard was one of the first eight people in Canada to become an accredited National Beach Volleyball Official. Currently he is the Regional Officials Coordinator for Northwestern Ontario and in January will begin an accreditation course to become a Level III National Indoor Official. Understanding the rules of the game as thoroughly as a volleyball official must, he says, works to his advantage on the court.

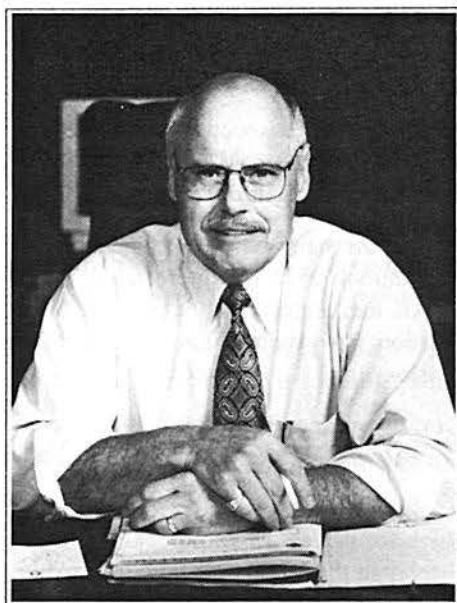
Born and raised in Winnipeg, Gard moved to Thunder Bay about a year ago to become branch manager of Superior Acceptance Corporation Limited. He took up his duties as Coach in early October.

The women's volleyball team at Lakehead has set a realistic goal for 1997-8. In a competitive field made up of 16 teams in the Ontario Division, it hopes to finish better than where it is expected to finish -- in ninth place.

In the long term, Jayson Gard is hoping to work closely with the local high school volleyball coaches to ensure there is a strong feeder system serving the Lakehead team.

An Update from the President

Dr. John Whitfield



Happy New Year! ...and welcome to new students, faculty and staff who joined the University at the beginning of this term.

While most of us were enjoying a holiday, both the men's and women's basketball teams represented the University in tournaments. The men won the Wesmen Classic in Winnipeg and, as a result, are now ranked No. 9 in Canada. Meanwhile, the women won the consolation round in Halifax at St. Mary's University. Both teams commence league play on January 17/18 against Waterloo. Go Nor'Westers!

Chief Librarian

Congratulations to Anne Deighton who has been appointed Chief Librarian for a three-year period commencing January 1, 1998.

University Admission Cycle for High School Students

Changes in the schedule for the admission cycle for Ontario high schools were approved at the December meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities.

The schedule is based on the following five principles:

- 1) The successful completion of six OACs and an OSSD will continue to serve as the fundamental basis of admission for Ontario secondary school students. Offers of admission prior to the receipt of final OAC grades will be conditional, with terms of those conditions set institutionally;
- 2) Ontario universities are free to make an

offer of admission to Ontario secondary school students at any time following the completion of the first semester, and upon the receipt from the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) of all relevant information. In addition to the applicant's basic personal data (name, address, date of birth, etc.), the information includes:

- i) grades from Level 3 and 4 (Grade 11 and 12) courses;
- ii) final grades from any OAC completed prior to the application year and any fall term final grades; and
- iii) official current year midterm grades from any full-year or non-semestered OAC courses and Level 3 and 4 courses;
- 3) Ontario universities shall not encourage in any way or compel an applicant to provide information that OUAC collects within its usual operating cycle or through its regular procedures;
- 4) There shall be a common date before which an Ontario university cannot require a response to an offer of admission from an Ontario secondary school student. Applicants are free to accept the offer of admission prior to that date but Ontario universities shall not encourage in any way or compel applicants to make an earlier decision;
- 5) All other admissions-related elements including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives and offers of residence shall be considered part

of the offer of admission; hence, an applicant may accept these offers prior to the common response date but Ontario universities shall not encourage in any way or compel an applicant to make an earlier decision. As a corollary, offers pertaining to these other admissions-related elements shall not be made prior to an offer of admission.

Some of the key dates for the 1998/99 Admission Cycle are:

December 1, 1998

Deadline for Ontario secondary school students to submit completed OUAC forms to the OUAC.

March 10, 1999

Target date for Ontario universities to receive from the OUAC all final grades for first semester courses and midterm grades for full-year OAC courses. Following receipt of this information, Ontario universities may make a conditional offer of admission to an Ontario secondary school student.

June 1, 1999

This is the earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission for an Ontario secondary school student as well as offers of scholarships, financial aid incentives and offers of residence.

University Funding Announcement

As part of his Statement to the Ontario Legislature on December 15, 1997, the Minister of Finance made an announcement concerning funding for universities. Although details of grants and tuition fee policy for 1998/99 and 1999/2000 will be provided by the Minister of Education and Training (MET), the following general information is available:

Grants

The budget for grants will be bundled with that for student assistance (OSAP) and will be increased \$30 million in year 1 and \$50 million in year 2. The increased cost for OSAP is expected to consume the increase in this budget in year 1 and a significant part of it in year 2. It is expected that there will be, at most, a 0% and 1% increase in

grants in 1998/99 and 1999/2000 respectively.

Tuition Fees

There are several components of the tuition fee policy:

1. Deregulated Fees

Universities will have discretion in setting tuition fees for graduate and professional programs as the fees for these programs have been deregulated. MET has yet to define "professional programs."

2. Regulated Fees

For those programs for which fees remain regulated, tuition fees may be increased an average of 10% in 1998/99 and an additional 10% of 1997/98 rates in 1999/2000.

3. Student Assistance

30% of any new revenues generated from tuition increases must be used to provide financial assistance to students in need.

Ontario Research and Development Challenge Fund

Just before the holiday break, the Ontario Research and Development Challenge Fund (ORDCF) sent out a call for its first competition. The deadline is *January 30, 1998*. Submissions to the ORDCF require a private-sector contribution. These partnership arrangements can be retroactive to May 6, 1997.

Eligible proposals may include:

- leading-edge research that benefits business and industry;
- state-of-the-art equipment and facilities;
- incentives for gifted researchers to work in Ontario, e.g. funded or endowed chairs.

For further information, contact the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

Trent President

Professor Bonnie Patterson, currently President of the Council of Ontario Universities, has been named President of Trent University effective July 1, 1998. Congratulations!

STRATEGIC PLAN OPEN MEETING

Tuesday, January 27
1 - 4 p.m.
UC Theatre

As part of the Strategic Planning process now under way, a meeting open to all members of the Lakehead University community will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 1998 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in UC 1017 (UC Theatre).

The Open Meeting is intended to provide an opportunity to share information and views on the external or system-wide environment affecting Ontario universities, as well as the implications of this environment for Lakehead.

Professor Bonnie Patterson, president of the Council of Ontario Universities, will be present to discuss the primary issues affecting universities from a system-wide perspective.

Dr. John Whitfield, Lakehead University's interim president, has agreed to offer his views on the internal environment and on the particular challenges and opportunities facing Lakehead.

"The Steering Committee struck to recommend a process for the development of the Strategic Plan will be forwarding its recommended model to the Senate Academic Committee and to Senate in February," says Acting Vice-President and Chair of the Steering Committee Dr. Jim Gellert.

"In the meantime, the Steering Committee views the Open Meeting as an opportunity for the university community to gain some perspective on the external and internal factors which will influence our development in the future, and the Committee looks forward to the participation of members of the community."

Members of the Steering Committee

Dr. Ken Brown
Dr. Margaret Johnston
Shawna Hickey
Maureen Doig
Grant Walsh
Kerrie-Lee Clarke
Dr. J. Gellert, Chair

The Steering Committee's objective is to recommend a planning process to the Senate Academic Committee.

DEAN OF EDUCATION RETIRES



Associate Professor J. David Bates was honoured by friends and colleagues who gathered at a reception at the Nor'Wester Hotel in November to mark his retirement from the Faculty of Education at the end of December.

Among the people who paid tribute to Professor Bates that evening was former Dean of Education Dr. R. W. McLeod who noted that Bates was "a practical man" who had served Lakehead with distinction and had brought honour to the University through his work in the classroom and in administration.

Bates came to Lakehead University from Atikokan in 1970 to work as an Assistant Professor. Staff and colleagues will remember him for his great love of the outdoors and for his work in establishing the Lakehead University Faculty Association. He served as Dean of the Faculty of Education from July 1, 1994 to December 31, 1997.

In his closing remarks Bates said he leaves Lakehead confident in the knowledge there is "a good group ready to carry on the work of the Faculty." He especially thanked his staff and his colleagues for making the time he spent at Lakehead so productive and so enjoyable.

A search is currently under way to replace David Bates and it is hoped that a new Dean of Education will be appointed by July 1, 1998. In the meantime, Dr. Fentey Scott has been named Acting Dean.

Expanding Our Focus

In an increasingly electronic era, The Chancellor Norman M. Paterson Library faces the challenges of an expanded role: providing access to information beyond its walls while recognizing that a core collection of books and journals is required

by

Gisella Scalese, Orientation/Continuing Education Librarian

Did you ever imagine that you would be able to search the Bodleian Library catalogue from your computer in Thunder Bay? Scan a document that you have written and send it to a colleague in Melbourne? Access the table of contents of a journal before the print version arrives in the Library? Search simultaneously through many journals for one specific subject? These are just a few of the amazing advancements to communication and library research the Internet has provided. The capabilities of the Internet and the rapid change in computer technology have greatly impacted how the Library provides access to its resources and services.

"Our challenge now is to continue to provide access to information in light of these rapid technological developments," says Anne Deighton, Lakehead's newly-appointed Chief Librarian. "The Library has made considerable progress towards automation in the past decade, but it can only do so much in today's financially-challenged climate."

Lakehead University Library is no stranger to technology. In the last few years the Library has made considerable progress in the creation of a technologically proficient environment.

In 1987 an automated Library system (MultiLIS) was installed, successfully automating most major library functions. In 1992, under the direction of the Chief Librarian Fred McIntosh, the Library implemented an interlibrary loan system which has since been adopted by most academic libraries across Canada. This Internet-based system enhanced significantly the existing service, allowing for the scanning of periodical articles and speedy delivery between libraries. In 1993, the Library's CD-ROM index collection was networked, allowing for more students to simultaneously use these crucial resources for their research. In 1997 the Library provided organized access to Internet resources through the Library's Web Page.

The next millennium promises even more exciting access capabilities for libraries with the development of standards for access between libraries, multimedia applications and increased interactivity of programs.

As exciting as they are, these capabilities for access have become available during a time of cutbacks to funding of postsecondary education in Ontario, a diminished Canadian dollar

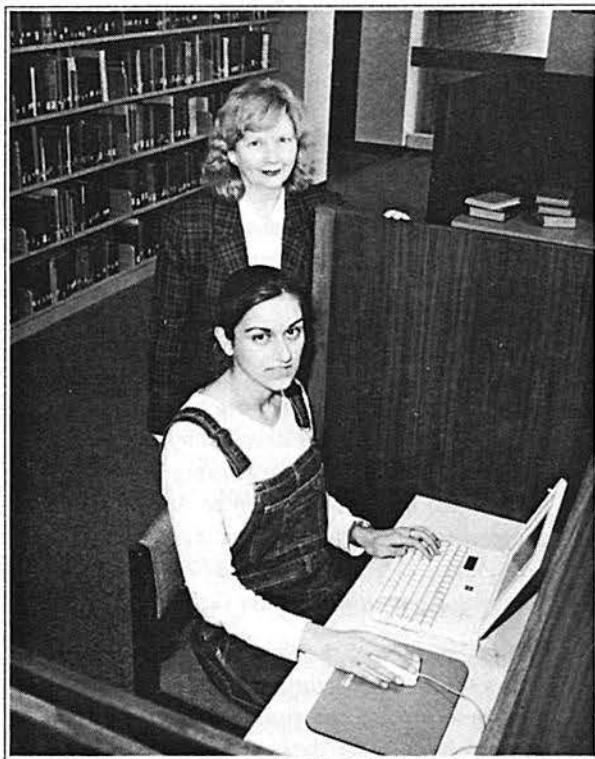
and phenomenal increases to academic journal subscription prices. Since a large percentage of the library's budget goes towards coping with these budget stresses, there are few remaining funds for the purchase of much-needed computer hardware to facilitate access to resources.

This situation will be addressed in the coming year.

Starting in March, some 3500 parents of first-year students will be contacted by the University and given an opportunity to make a tax-deductible contribution to Lakehead University Library. The funds will be directed towards an initiative, launched in 1996, to enable the Library to continue to serve the information needs of the Lakehead University community into the 21st century. This initiative was started with the help of a \$100,000 contribution from the Royal Bank of Canada allowing the Library to purchase and wire 80 new study carrels for the third and fourth floors. With these "wired" study carrels, students are able to

plug in their laptop computers and access the University's computer system including the Internet. Since not all students own a laptop computer, access to the University's computer system and the Internet must also be provided through other means.

"Students expect a technologically proficient library; one that takes full advantage of the access to information provided by new technology," says Deighton.



"Wired" study carrels enable students like Sabrina Tassone to access the University's computer system and the Internet. Standing behind her is Chief Librarian Anne Deighton.

The Internet has provided a platform for access to databases, full-text journals and full-text government documents. More and more journal publishers are utilizing this platform as an alternate means of access for the electronic full-text of their journals. Even though the technology is in place for providing this access, most of the electronic versions of these journals are very expensive and come with access restrictions, imposing limits on where the journals are accessed and on who views them.

At present, there are no computers available for students to view electronic journals or other paid Internet resources in the Library. A computer lab in the Library would facilitate access to these resources and provide a "hands on" teaching environment. Such a laboratory would also facilitate the viewing of electronic reserve materials, another area for development.

Currently, the Library maintains a print reserve and examination collection where high-demand items are signed out for a shorter loan period. In most cases, these print items must be viewed in the Library, one item at a time, during Library hours only. With a scanner, these items could be converted to electronic form and made available to students through the Internet. This would allow for greater access at any time of the day or night, from any location on or off campus (including the residence rooms).

1998 marks the 11th anniversary of the Library's On-line Catalogue and it is clear that the computer terminals now in use will no longer be able to meet the demands that are placed on them. The Library will soon require a hardware and software upgrade of this system to keep up with new developments in Library automation. This upgrade would move the Library towards a Windows environment, an environment that is common in most libraries today.

The access to information which will be provided by the three projects just described: a computer lab in the Library, a scanner, and upgraded computer terminals will guide Lakehead University Library towards the fulfilment of its dual role as a provider of access to information and as a storehouse of information.

Quick Facts About The Library

—The University Library consists of The Chancellor Paterson Library, which is the main library for the University, and the Education Library which primarily serves the School of Education.

—The Library's collection can be searched using the multiLIS automated library management system.

—You can connect to and search the Library's On-line Catalogue through the Internet (<http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~librwww.home.html>) Click on Library and type LAKEHEAD as the username.

-- The Chancellor Paterson Library collection contains 692,500 books, journals and other documents as well as over 314,500 microform volumes.

-- The Education Library collection consists of over 45,750 volumes as well as a wide variety of audiotapes, films and other nonprint materials.

-- The Library maintains an Examinations Collection where copies of examinations held during previous years can be viewed. (Also known as "The X Files").

-- During the 1996/1997 academic year 162,393 items were signed out at the Library's Circulation Desk.

-- The oldest book held in the Library's Archives is *Opera Vergiliana*, published in 1515.

-- Over 11,200 Interlibrary Loan transactions took place in 1996-97.

-- Over 20,000 reference questions were answered at the Information Desk of the Chancellor Paterson Library in 1996-97.

-- Almost 90 percent of the journal articles received during the 1996-97 academic year were transmitted through the Internet.

Who Was Senator N.M. Paterson?

Lakehead's Library was named The Chancellor Norman M. Paterson Library to honour industrialist and philanthropist Senator Norman McLeod Paterson who served as the first Chancellor of Lakehead University from 1965 to 1971.

Born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Paterson established his own grain business in 1908 which later grew into the firm of N.M. Paterson and Sons Ltd. The firm operated a four-million bushel terminal elevator in Fort William and scores of grain elevators and lake freighters. This year marks the 90th Anniversary of the company.

In 1915, Norman Paterson married Eleanor Margaret Macdonald of Winnipeg and they had two sons and four daughters. Paterson was called to the Senate in 1940 and was appointed Knight of the Order of St. John in November 1945.

Along with his many accomplishments, Senator Norman Paterson's contributions to Thunder Bay and to Lakehead University were considerable. These included the donation of his home to McKellar Hospital, a park to the City of Fort William, and



one of the first Cobalt Bomb Installations in Canada to the Port Arthur General Hospital. Since the Senator's first gift was made to Lakehead in 1964, the University has received nearly \$500,000 through the Senator Norman M. Paterson Foundation for a variety of worthy projects.

As the tallest building on campus, The Chancellor Norman M. Paterson Library proudly carries his name.

Reconstructing the Landscape

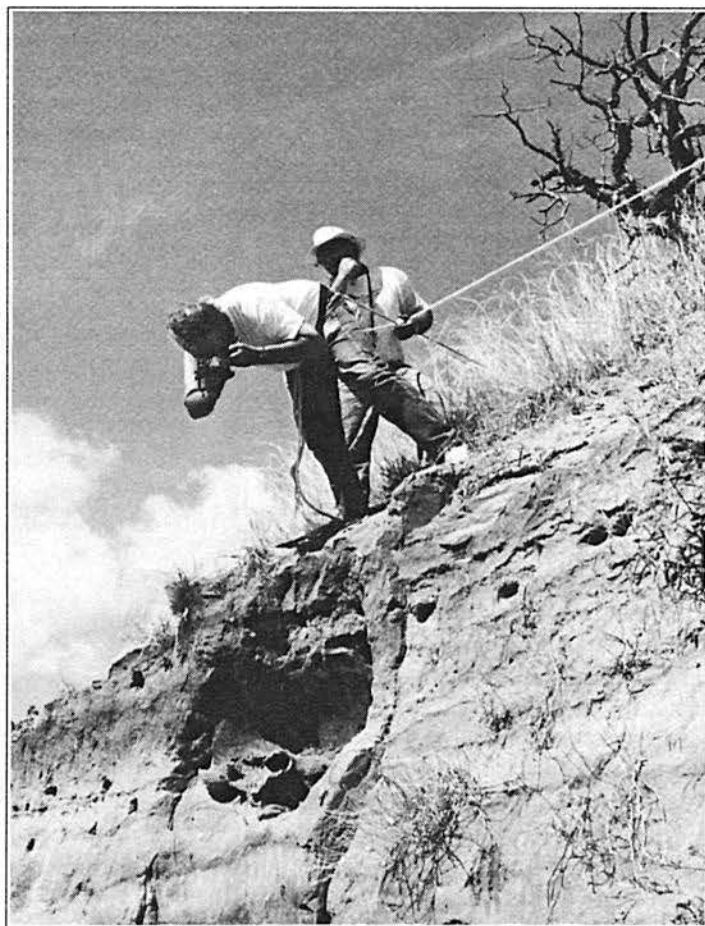
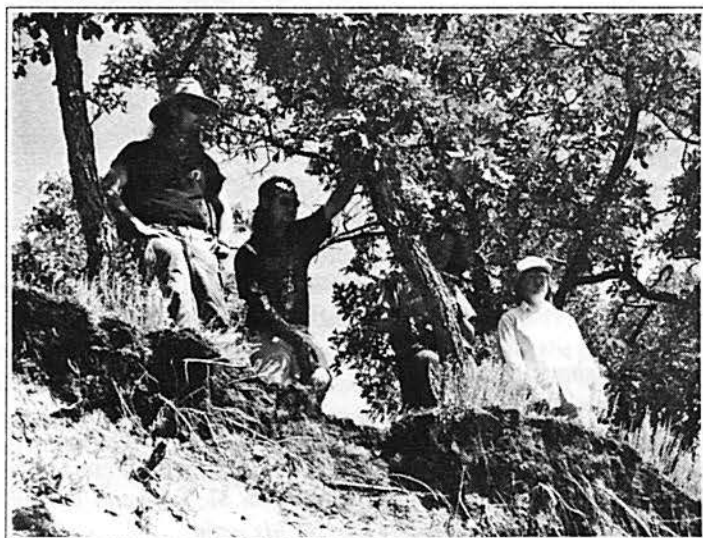
A collaborative research project with Brandon University in Manitoba is giving Lakehead University students valuable "hands on" archaeological experience

by Paul Jasen

For three months last summer, the village of Lauder, Manitoba, was swamped by a curious band of outsiders. Almost overnight, the tiny farm community tripled in size, a tent village having sprung up amongst its abandoned homes. Once a prosperous farming community, Lauder has seen its population shrink to just 12 people in recent years. Understandably, when 25 seasoned and budding archaeologists descended upon the quiet town, it was quite an event.

The group was led by Lakehead University anthropology professor Scott Hamilton and Bev Nicholson, a professor of Native Studies at Brandon University. Together, over the last five years, they have been examining a region of wetlands and wooded sandhills that was once surrounded by prairie grassland. This vegetation mosaic developed where underground water in the Oak Lake Aquifer comes close to the surface. Six hundred years ago this scattering of eco-anomalies was home to both humans and bison. However, the indigenous population apparently vanished during the 17th century, leaving only questions as to what caused their initial migration, how they lived, and why they disappeared. Using Lauder as base camp, Hamilton, Nicholson and two dozen students set out to unearth some clues to the region's past.

For many of the people involved, the expedition was an exciting first taste of field work. The experienced paid crew was augmented by 12 students enrolled in the Brandon U archaeological field school. Typical of the group was Melanie Knetsch, now in her final year of an honours anthropology program at Lakehead. Like many of the students involved, she was eager to gain some unique archaeological experience. "It was exciting," she says of the dig. "Everyone was looking around to see what other people were finding. I found so many fur trade nails and pieces of glass, I thought I could build a house."



Students and researchers first assembled in Brandon University for a three-day crash course in archaeological field procedures before going to Lauder to learn while digging in their own excavation unit. They were trying to find out how past inhabitants had lived. The people who once settled these isolated wooded zones were thought to be horticulturalists who migrated from the northern Mississippi region. However, it is unknown whether they brought their farming traditions with them or abandoned them entirely in favour of the bison hunt. The most likely scenario, according to Dr. Hamilton, would have involved seasonal hunts and a retention of horticultural practices made possible by the sheltered environment and the warm, well-watered soils of the aquifer basin.

The research has revealed unexpected information regarding environmental change. Apparently the local water table has been in rapid decline over the last century, due in large part to modern agricultural activities. This has dramatically changed the local



Photos provided by
Brian Bruckman, a
third-year
anthropology
student at
Lakehead



ecology. In order to understand past human land use the archaeologists must recreate the former ecological system by intensively mapping the region using global positioning systems and laser survey instruments. Using archival information and relict vegetation, the ancient landscape and its ecology is then electronically reconstructed using geographic information systems.

With a joint three-year grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Hamilton and Nicholson intend to develop a detailed reconstruction of a past landscape and its human inhabitants. Using information gathered during the Lauder expedition and over the course of five previous years' work, their analysis now shifts to computer-based models of the northern plains environment. From this virtual environment, they hope to piece together a new ecological history of the Canadian Prairies.

Paul Jasen is one of several students participating in a writing program sponsored by The Chronicle-Journal called S.P.A.R.K.-- LAKEHEAD (Students Producing Articles on Research Knowledge).

Lakehead University, January, 1998

SOCIOLOGY FACULTY BROWN BAG SPEAKERS SERIES

**"Regionalism and Identity in the
Late 20th Century"**

All talks will be held from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Ryan Building Room 2032
Everyone Welcome.

Friday, January 16, 1998

Dr. Randle Nelsen, "Education Goes Private: Putting Distance Education at Lakehead University in Perspective"

Friday, February 13, 1998

Dr. Chris Southcott, "Resource Dependent Communities in a Post-Fordist Era"

Friday, March 6, 1998

Dr. Thomas Dunk, "Remaking the Male Working-Class Self at the End of the 20th Century"

Friday, April 3, 1998

Dr. Bruce Minore, "Putting 'Community' in Community Health Policy"

WOMEN'S STUDIES BROWN BAG SPEAKERS SERIES

All talks will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Northern Forest Ecosystem Research Building Main Boardroom. Bring your lunch and bring a friend.

Friday, January 23, 1998

Dr. Elizabeth Smythe, Associate Professor, Theory and Policy Studies, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, "Studying the Lives of Teaching Sisters"

Friday, February 13, 1998

Dr. Peggy Tripp-Knowles, Professor, Biology, Lakehead University, "Auto/Ethnography & Feminist Science Critique"

Friday, March 20, 1998

Dr. Laure Paquette, Assistant Professor, Political Studies, Lakehead University, "Women and Political Action"

Distinguished Researchers

Congratulations to Dr. Doug Morris (Biology/Forestry) and Dr. Ken Rotenberg (Psychology) who are the recipients of the 1997 Lakehead University Distinguished Researcher Award. Watch for an article on the two men in a future issue of the *Agora*.

Colleague FAQs

*Frequently Asked Questions
About Lakehead's Administrative Information System*

WHAT IS COLLEAGUE?

Colleague is a comprehensive administrative software package, supplied by Datatel Inc., and specifically designed for higher education institutions. It is comprised of four specialized and fully integrated systems for:

Student -- to track and support all aspects of student life from recruitment to graduation

Financial -- to automate financial operations

Human Resources -- to process employee information, perform payroll processing, etc.

Alumni & Development -- to automate development and alumni relations activities

*plus a common Core system that provides basic services inherent to an administrative system including facilities, demographics and communications management.

Colleague software is parameter, table and rules driven, thus enabling it to be uniquely tailored to meet the needs of our institution.

At Lakehead University implementation teams have been at work for over a year, and the General Ledger, Purchasing and Accounts Payable components of the Financial system have progressed through training, decision-making and testing phases - to Live operations. With Student implementation teams trained, but most of their work still ahead, and Human Resources and Alumni/Development teams yet to get started, there is much work to be done over the next two years to replace most of our current administrative systems which cannot accommodate the problems associated with the Year 2000.

Q. Whose responsibility is it to accept the goods and services into Colleague?

A. If the goods are received at Shipping the Receiving, the acceptance of the goods will be entered by Shipping and Receiving staff.

If the goods or services are received or picked up directly from the supplier, the acceptance of goods and services will be entered by the requisitioner (or initiator).

The requisitioner is responsible for ensuring that the goods or services are acceptable for use and complete in shipment.

The invoice must be sent to the Accounts Payable Department. Without the invoice at Accounts Payable, a cheque cannot be sent to the supplier.

The requisitioner's responsibility is complete once the goods and services have been accepted and the invoice is at the Accounts Payable Department.

Q. As an Approver, how do I approve a requisition that has been electronically forwarded to me?

A. An approver should check daily for requisitions that require his/her approval. To do so, login to Colleague

- Enter APRN

- At the lookup prompt, enter your Login ID; this will show all documents that require your approval.

Now you are ready to approve a requisition.

- to view a requisition, press Detail to display that requisition

- press 'Field Jump' and go to Field 17

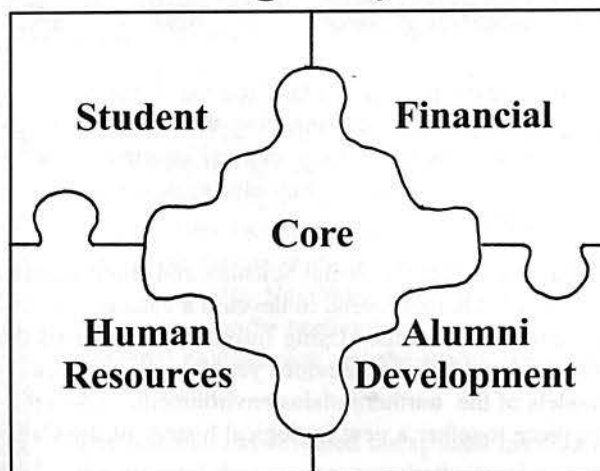
- enter your Login ID here and press return

- the system will ask you for your approval password

- enter your password and press return

- enter finish to exit this screen

Colleague System



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IN MEMORIAM



Dr. M. Elizabeth Arthur

Professor Emerita of History

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

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

Arthur must also be remembered for her services to the Thunder Bay community. Previous to her position at Lakehead University, she was the chair of history at Fort William Collegiate Institute. She remained throughout her life, even after she left the city, a dedicated member of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society. She was one of the founding board members when the society was re-constituted in 1972 and, in that same year, became editor of the society's scholarly journal, *Papers and Records*. She was also made an honorary president.

In addition to her museum work, Elizabeth Arthur was a director of the Ontario Heritage Foundation and served as president of the Ontario Historical Society.

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

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

Lakehead University, January, 1998

NOTES
FROM THE

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Presidential Search Committee: The membership of the Presidential Search Committee was finalized at the September 19, 1997 meeting of the Lakehead University Board of Governors.

Membership of the Committee:

The Chair of the Board of Governors, who shall Chair the Committee, and be a voting member of the Committee:

-- Maureen Doig

Four Board members appointed by the Board of Governors, one of whom must be an alumnus of Lakehead University:

-- Steve Hessian

-- Bill McDermott

-- Jackie Dojack

-- Don Barnes

Five Senate members elected by the Senate, three of whom must be faculty members at large, one of whom must be a student Senator, and one of whom must be an academic administrator

-- Dr. A. Macdonald

-- Dr. Bob Archibald

-- Dr. P. Sarbadhikari

-- Shawna Hickey (Student)

-- Dr. Jim Gellert (Academic Administrator)

One Senior Administrator appointed by the Board:

-- Grant Walsh

The Secretary of the Board, who shall be a non-voting member and Secretary of the Committee:

-- Bev Stefureak

The Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the Alumni Honour Award, deadline March 15, 1998, and is in search of graduates to fill vacancies on Board of Directors. For details contact Kristine Carey in the Alumni Services Office at 343-8155.



Have you bought your Tournament Pass to the CIAU Women's Basketball Championships being held at Lakehead March 13-15, 1998? They're on sale now for \$25 at the Equipment Room at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse. Join Dr. John Whitfield, Lakehead University's Thunderwolf, Ron Haworth and the rest of the Booster Club members in the Thunderdome. For information call 343-8213.

Alumni Association's 15th Annual

ALUMNI CURLING BONSPIEL

sponsored by
Financial Concept Group
Friday, March 27, 1998
Port Arthur Curling Club
\$35/person \$140 per team
includes a Chinese buffet dinner

Call early to register at 343-8155

VISUAL ARTS LECTURE SERIES

The Department of Visual Arts has secured funding from the Canada Council to run a Lecture Series featuring a number of artists. The lectures will be held in the William H. Buset Centre for Music and Visual Arts and are open to the public.

February 5 & 6, 1998
David Alexander, Saskatoon
painter

March 5 & 6, 1998
Lyndal Osborne, Edmonton
print/installation

For information call Robbie Buffington at 343-8787

LUMINA CONCERT SERIES

Jean McNulty Recital Hall of the William H. Buset Centre for Music and Visual Arts at 12:30 p.m.

January 28
Piano Six: Andre Laplante, piano
(8:00 pm, St. Paul's United Church)
February 10
Jerry Scholl, Andre Dufour, percussion
February 24
Music of our time (local musicians)

READINGS IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE

Monday, February 2 at 8 p.m.
Canadian writer Helen Weinzwieg

Monday, March 9 at 8 p.m.
American poet Dr. William Heyne

Cash Bar. All Welcome

C. Trojan
Community Relations

Mark your calendar for the following

OSOTF DRESS DOWN DAYS

March 13, 1998
April 9, 1998
May 8, 1998

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We encourage you to send in your news. Deadline for the February issue is February 2, 1998.

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