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A NEWSLETTER FOR LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY STAFF & FACULTY

Lakehead Seeking \$22 Million from SuperBuild Fund

by Frances Harding, Publications Officer

Lakehead University is asking the province to help fund two new initiatives through its SuperBuild Growth Fund for Postsecondary Education, announced in the 1999 Ontario Budget last fall.

The first is a \$32-million Advanced Technology and Academic Centre that would greatly enhance the quality and amount of academic, teaching and research space on campus. The second is an \$11-million Health Sciences Clinical Teaching and Research Centre that would be jointly used by Lakehead and Confederation College.

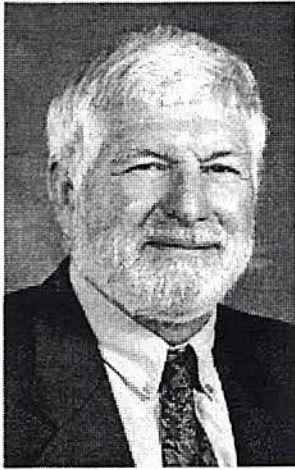
"Lakehead University has been a responsive institution that, while significantly over its funding corridor, continues to address higher education policy issues such as access and college transfer," says Lakehead University President Dr. Fred Gilbert. "Both of these new initiatives are in line with the University's Strategic Plan to revitalize, focus efforts, build strength and excellence in particular areas, and be innovative in the delivery of education to our students."

In a letter written last October inviting college and university executive heads to submit proposals, the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Dianne Cunningham, stated the government is providing \$660 million to expand the capacity of Ontario institutions to "help provide a place for all qualified and motivated students graduating from high school now and in the future ..."

In total, Lakehead is seeking just over \$22 million from the SuperBuild Growth Fund and is expecting a decision will be made in late January or early February. The rest of the funds for the two projects would come from private and public sources including the Access to Opportunities Program (ATOP), the Ontario Research and Development Challenge Fund, and the Canada Foundation for Innovation program.

The Advanced Technology and Academic Centre would be approximately 8,400 square metres and would generate 1,377 spaces for new students and 63 offices for faculty and staff. The state-of-the-art facility would house a multitude of advanced technological applications primarily in the areas of engineering, mathematics and computer science. The Centre would include "smart" classrooms, video-conferencing facilities, multimedia production/teaching services, GIS facilities, as well as regular classrooms and computer labs.

The Health Sciences Clinical Teaching and Research Centre would enable the University and College to offer unique academic programs that integrate clinical practice and research. It would be constructed adjacent to the new Thunder Bay Regional Hospital and would service approximately 600 additional students to offset the increase in enrolment predicted in the institutions' academic health science programs (Nursing, Social Work, Kinesiology, Psychology and Gerontology). The proposal for this project was submitted under the SuperBuild Fund's "innovative academic projects" category which specifically called for projects that promote cooperation between colleges and universities.



Dr. Frederick F. Gilbert
President, Lakehead University

From the President's Desk

by Dr. Frederick F. Gilbert

Happy New Year!

There are a few issues that I want to touch on briefly. Dr. Robert McKendry, in his December 1999 report prepared for the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, has recommended that the feasibility of a northern medical school, focusing on rural health and jointly administered by Lakehead and Laurentian universities be explored by the province. Dr. Peter George, president of McMaster University, will chair the committee looking at this and other long-term recommendations in the McKendry Report. While it is premature to talk about the outcome of that study, there is a strong case to be made for such a venture. Lakehead faculty and administrators, together with health-care officials in Thunder Bay, have been working with their counterparts at Laurentian and Sudbury to ensure that our joint capabilities are known and to prepare informational documents. We should know in April what Dr. George's committee's position will be.

The administrative restructuring has been completed as announced last month, but I have been advised by the Strategic Plan Monitoring Group that it would be helpful to provide more detail on the rationales and intended outcomes of the restructuring. I will do that and will prepare a draft for review at their January 21 meeting and, shortly thereafter, will send a copy out to all faculty, staff and the LUSU Executive.

The Academic Restructuring Committee continues its deliberations, and students have been concerned that they have had no representation on this faculty-based committee. After listening to presentations in Senate and at a recent Board of Governors' retreat, I have become convinced that there should be a formal vehicle for obtaining student

input to the process. While it would not be appropriate to modify the make-up of the existing committee, I have asked that LUSU organize a student committee advisory to the President that would examine restructuring and bring forward an independent recommendation -- in effect, a parallel component to the current process.

This will delay the movement of this issue to Senate by about two months so that notice of motion will not occur before the March meeting. Nonetheless, it will be useful to have the independent view of students represented.

My Installation address over a year ago clearly presented my vision for Lakehead University. There I talked about, among other things, the need to create a student-centred learning environment, to embrace new programs that crossed disciplinary boundaries, to rationalize and focus our academic efforts, to use the university as a socio-economic engine and a key partner in Northwestern Ontario for education and development, and in all of this to be accountable, innovative and committed to excellence. I believe implementation of the university's Strategic Plan will get us there and that plan was developed by members of the university community, so I assume we share common purposes.

The future of this university is not yet secure. Its long-term success will depend on a willingness to recognize that old structures and attitudes, self-interest and preservation of entrenched ideologies instead of working for what is best for our students and society, coupled with a lack of acknowledgement or understanding that the President has limited capacity to create change but merely creates an environment within which change can occur, are all critical

barriers to effective fundamental repositioning of this university. For change to occur, it must be embraced within, and by, the communities that constitute the university. We have an opportunity to be an innovative provider of higher education and a small but excellent research and teaching institution. There is much to do to get us there, and I ask for renewed enthusiasm and commitment. With appropriate change will come students and funding, and our horizon will be unlimited. But it will take sacrifice, new ideals, ideas and expectations, and gentle but consistent nudging to achieve change. Yes, there are good and even great aspects of Lakehead's past, but it is for the future that we are preparing, and students have been voting and will continue to "vote" for their choice of institution. In the long term, I want Lakehead to be the first choice of many students who will be proud to be admitted here because of the university's reputation. We can be better than other universities in everything we do and should so aspire. The year 2000 can be a major watershed year for Lakehead.

Editor's note: An Executive Summary of the McKendry report can be found on the Internet:

www.gov.on.ca/health/english/pub/ministry/mckendry

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What's New

on the Lakehead Website



Sample Online Course

Wondering about online courses? Why not test the waters by visiting the *Sample Online Course* located on the Lakehead University website. To get there, find your way to the main Lakehead University website www.lakeheadu.ca and click on **Part-Time Studies**. Then click on **Online Courses**. Scroll down the page and click on **try a sample online course**.

During the winter term, Lakehead will be offering six distance education courses online. Three will be offered primarily online and will start in January: *Policy Making in Education* (Education), *Introductory Statistics* (Kinesiology), and *Research and the Internet* (Library and Information Studies). Three with online enhancements will start in February: *Critical Thinking* (Philosophy), *Introduction to Cognitive Psychology* (Psychology), and *Statistical Methods for Behavioural Research* (Psychology).

New and Improved Web Pages

The Department of Philosophy has updated its web page. Look for it under Academic Units -- Philosophy.

*As we get older, we start taking
the world for granted.*

*Simple questions like "Who am
I?" no longer strike us as
perplexing.*

*The philosopher, however, is
someone who refuses to take
things for granted and
continues, in a systematic
way, to ask such questions.*

Virtual Growth

by Kris Ketonen

Understanding the interactions between ecophysiological processes and the environment is a key area of forest research.

And it is an area of great concern to Dr. Qing-Lai Dang, an assistant professor in the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment.

Dr. Dang's work focuses on understanding the interactive effects of multiple environmental factors on ecophysiological processes of trees, particularly boreal trees.

"The growth of trees is governed by the interaction between the genetic potential of the tree and the environment it grows in," says Dang. Knowing the nature of interactions between trees and environmental factors is critical for prescribing an effective silvicultural treatment.

In nature, all environmental conditions, such as temperature, humidity, and nutrients, change simultaneously. This makes controlled experiments very challenging because it is not easy to control multiple factors at the same time.

Dr. Dang, however, is currently engaged in developing a system that will use computers to monitor and control multiple above ground and below ground environmental factors.

"It's my brainchild," he says, speaking about the all-encompassing study project.

"You set up a scenario and let the computers take over," Dang says.

The idea came to him during the time he spent at other institutions including the University of British Columbia, the University of Alberta, and NASA, where



Forestry professor Dr. Qing-Lai Dang is using computers to simulate environmental factors affecting tree growth

he was involved with the \$40-million-dollar Boreal Ecosystems Atmosphere Studies project.

"I've seen enough similar systems to design my own...someone always had part of the system, but not the complete system," he says.

In the time since he arrived at Lakehead University in January 1997, Qing-Lai Dang has secured over half a million dollars in external research funding, including two Canada Foundation for Innovation grants and two awards from NSERC. He has seven graduate students aiding his research and in 1999 was awarded a Lakehead University Contribution to Research Award.

Physical Plant is in the process of coordinating major renovations to the

Lakehead University Greenhouse which will be used for Dang's study when the system is completed, in the summer of 2001.

When he's not engaged in forest research, Qing-Lai Dang does what he really enjoys: he teaches. Currently he is teaching second and third-year silviculture courses, as well as two graduate courses.

He has long been interested in the natural world. His father worked for a Forestry Bureau in China and he has fond memories of going tree planting every year as a child.

Kris Ketonen is one of several students participating in a student writing program sponsored by The Chronicle-Journal.

Superior Science

Gets the Green Light



Superior Science, the children's science and engineering adventure camp that was so successfully piloted at Lakehead University last summer, will take place again this year. It has received approval from Youth Engineering & Science Virtual Adventure Camps Canada (YES-VACC), the national organization regulating adventure camps.

Last year, 68 youngsters between the ages of 8 and 13 took part in a two-week program. This year, program co-directors Karen Kleihauer and Sarah Bandoni expect that number will increase to 308. And they are planning a special segment focusing on aboriginal youth.

"The goal is to stimulate children's interest in the fields of science, engineering and technology through hands-on activities," says Kleihauer, a third-year honours Kinesiology student. "We give children an opportunity to build and test their own projects, participate in interactive tours, and perform dazzling scientific experiments." She along with Sarah Bandoni, a fourth-year concurrent education student majoring in Biology, are planning to expand the program this summer.

In May and June they want to bring science and engineering workshops into the elementary schools, and are hoping to reach between 2-3,000 students in Grades 4 through 7.

To do this they will need to hire five or six university students and work with about seven or eight high school volunteers.

As well, they need to recruit faculty members to act as advisors and volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors.

"Superior Science is an entirely student-driven enterprise," says Dr. Mary Louise Hill, vice president academic and provost. "Karen and her team know that they have the support of Lakehead faculty and administration, and that the University will continue to provide logistical support that the program needs, but the planning and delivery of the program are the responsibility of the student organizers."

Superior Science is funded by camper fees and a fund-raising program that includes sponsorships. This year Kleihauer says their goal is to raise \$23,000. Current sponsors include Cook Engineering and Engineering Northwest.

For more information about Superior Science call Janice Pellizzari at 343-8201.

Campus Notes

Smoking Awareness

Karen Chan, a nurse in the University's Health Services department, invites interested faculty and staff to visit the Smoking Awareness display in the Agora on Wednesday afternoon on January 19. The Thunder Bay District Health Unit and the Canadian Cancer Society will be in attendance.

As well, she offers these words of advice about flu and frostbite:

Flu season is upon us, with persons having symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, runny nose and tiredness; sometimes for a week or more.

The District Health Unit, as well as Lakehead Health Services -- for students, offers the flu vaccine free of charge to those persons considered high risk (over 65 of age or with a chronic illness such as asthma or diabetes).

Those generally healthy may get the vaccine at the District Health Unit or most local family physicians for a \$10 fee.

Hand washing remains an important part in warding off flu and colds. Rest, plenty of fluids and medications to relieve fever and aches is recommended for the flu. If you are concerned about your symptoms, if your symptoms have worsened or are prolonged, contact your physician.

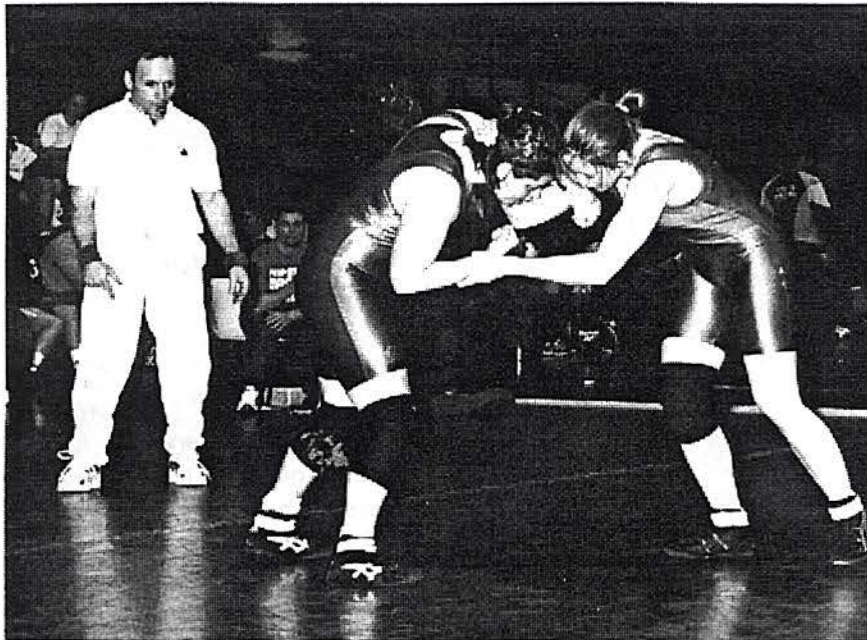
Frostbite is identified by cold, hard, white, numb skin. Remember to protect your skin from freezing temperatures and wind. Wear warm clothing, hats, mitts and boots. It doesn't take long for frostbite to occur. Seek medical attention promptly if you have suffered frostbite.

Congratulations

Dr. Penny Petrone, professor emeritus of Education, has published a sequel to her biography *Breaking the Mould*. Her new book is called *Embracing Serafina* and is available at the Alumni Bookstore.

Lakehead to Host CIAU Wrestling Championships

by Denise Bruley, Communications Officer



The CIAU is proud to announce that Lakehead has been selected to host the 2001 and 2002 Men's and Women's CIAU Wrestling Championships.

Men's wrestling has been a CIAU championship sport since 1969, and Lakehead won the title in 1980. Lakehead previously hosted championships in 1974, 1976 and most recently in 1981, but this will be the first time hosting both men and women. Women's wrestling became an official CIAU sport in 1998, with Calgary taking the first championship at the University of Guelph.

"Lakehead has a proven record of successfully hosting major sporting events and we are truly excited to have been selected to host the 2001 and the 2002 CIAU wrestling championships," says Athletic Director Tom Warden. "It will be a great opportunity to showcase our University and community. As well, it will be a fantastic experience for the Thunderwolves' very competitive men's and women's wrestling teams."

According to Lakehead Coach Francis Clayton, the event is a large part of the Canadian Wrestling National program and many National Team members are current or former CIAU student athletes.

The two-day CIAU event consists of draws composed of the individual weight class winners from each of the interuniversity athletic associations in the CIAU (AUAA, CW, OUA), with second and third place finishers also able to qualify. The contested weight classes are 54, 57, 61, 65, 68, 72, 76, 82, 90 and 130 (kg) for the men and 48, 53, 57, 65, 70 and 77 (kg) for the women.

The Championship is traditionally held during the final week of February. Lakehead will also host the Canadian Senior Nationals this year from May 4 to May 7, 2000.

For more information contact Tom Warden at (807) 343-8605 or by e-mail: twarden@gale.lakeheadu.ca

Family Medicine North: NWO Resident Research Presentations February 11, 2000

The Family Medicine North: NWO Resident Research presentations will be held on Friday, February 11, 2000, 10:00-4:00, at the Northwestern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre, Lecture Theatre. In addition, Dr. John Sellors, Research Director, Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University, will speak on "Research Opportunities in Rural Family Practice". For further information, please contact Kelly Morris at 343-2131 or via email kmorris-hscn@oln.com

Dr. Stephanie Block

"The Internet as a Resource for Practicing Physicians"

Dr. Peter Cunniffe

"Eating Disorders in Northwestern Ontario"

Dr. Tena Frizzle

"The Feasibility of Using the Internet for Patient Education in a Rural Physician Practice"

Dr. Alain Gauthier & Dr. Stephanie Popiel

"Effectiveness of Laser Laproscopic Surgery for Relief of Pelvic Pain"

Dr. Nishan Jayawardene

"Educational Tool to Help Family Physicians Manage Non-Chronic Malignant Pain"

Dr. Michael Kam

"Survey of Northern Ontario Family Physicians on HIV/AIDS"

Dr. Daniel McBain

"Dermatology Learning Tool for Rural and Remote Family Physicians"

Dr. Devin Nielsen

"Psychiatry in Postgraduate Family Medicine - Survey of Recent Graduates"

Dr. Elizabeth Schick

"Development of an Anxiety Screening Tool for Use with Women with an Identified Breast Abnormality"

Dr. James Wilson

"Factors Influencing Family Medicine Residents Performance with Common Musculoskeletal Problems"

Dr. Cindy Wong

"Emergency Department Outpatient Cellulitis Study"

New Books by Lakehead Faculty

by Frances Harding

Professor Alain Nabarra is fascinated by early French language newspapers published between 1600 and 1789.

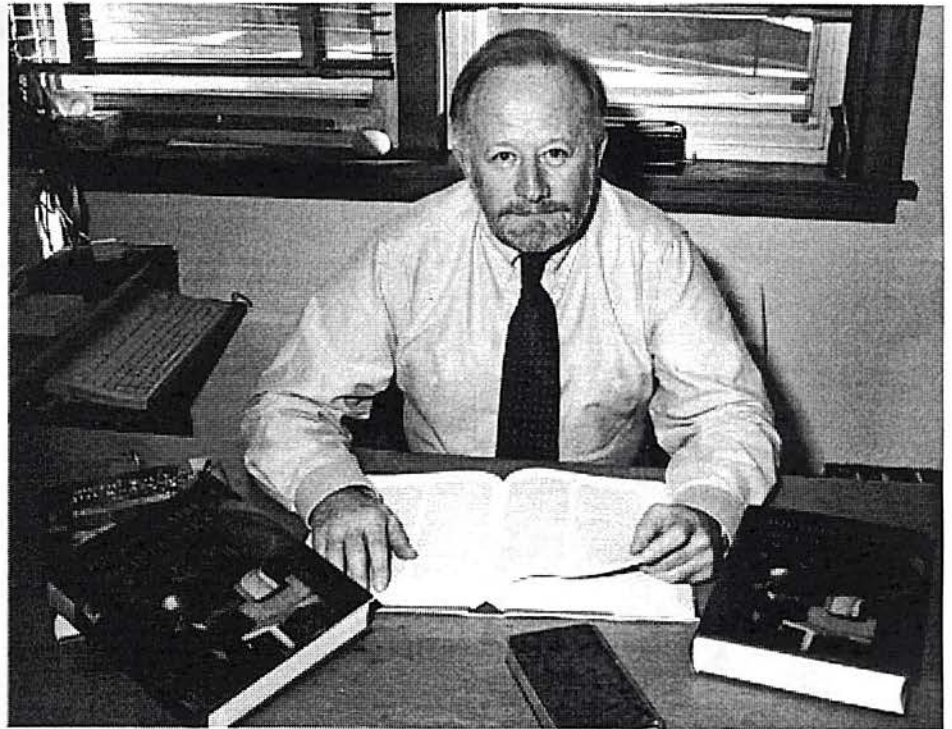
"You learn about the mentality of the people and their sensibilities: what they did, what they liked, what they felt, feared and loved. You also see how events are perceived and reported, ideas introduced and spread, and how slowly a new social and political force -- public opinion -- emerges in the 18th century."

An example is *La Quintessence Des Nouvelles*, a weekly newspaper published in The Hague and edited by Madame Dunoyer, a Huguenot refugee who fled France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, which prohibited Protestantism in France.

"Printed on one side only of one page, format in folio, it was a satirical newspaper devoted to political, literary and social scandals," says Nabarra. "Its main target was Louis XIV, a despotic, intolerant but 'Very Christian Monarch' who, according to the newspaper, delighted in wars and amorous conquests, and never hesitated to wreck his kingdom and starve his subjects, in the pursuit of his own pleasure and glory."

Nabarra is associate professor and chair of the Department of Languages at Lakehead. He is one of the co-editors of volumes 3 and 4 of the *Dictionnaire de la presse de Langue française 1600-1789* published jointly in Oxford and Paris by the Voltaire Foundation and Editions Universitas (*Dictionnaire des Journalistes*, Oxford, 1999 2 vols., 1091 pp.).

The general editor is Jean Sgard, a leading expert in the field and a former



Prof. Alain Nabarra is co-editor of the first in-depth study of French language newspapers published between 1600 and 1789.

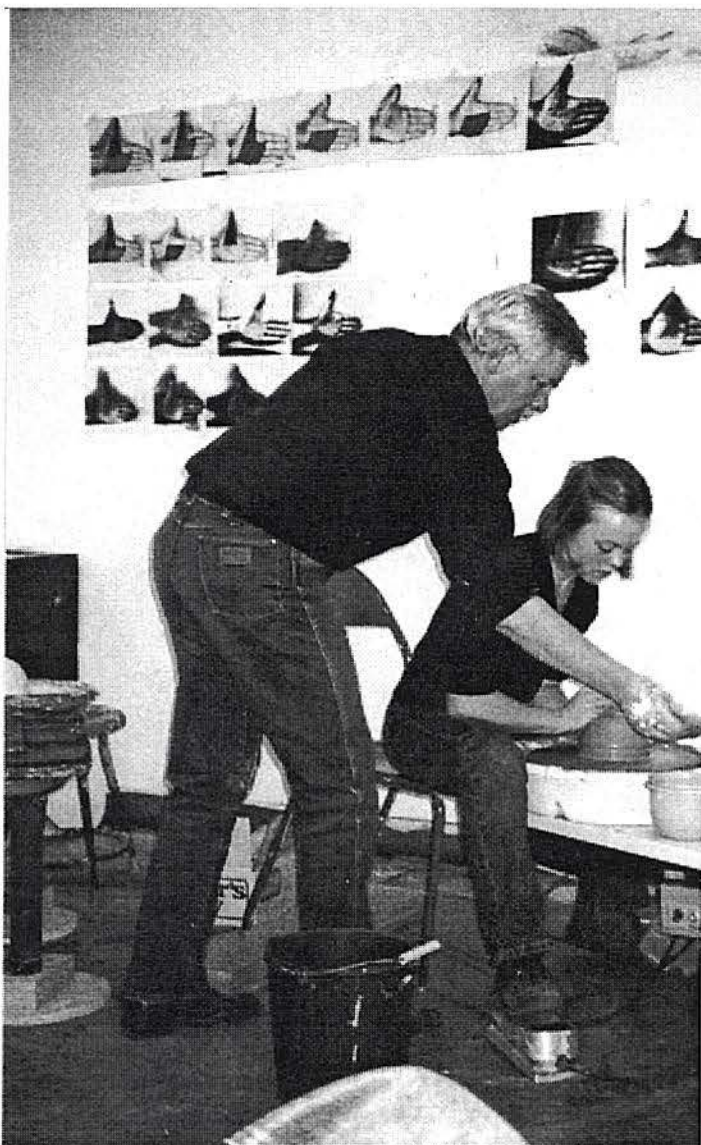
professor of Nabarra's who is now emeritus at the Université Stendhal, in Grenoble, France.

Prof. Nabarra was particularly responsible for the newspapers published in French outside of France during the 18th century, and is the author of 28 entries. Some of these newspapers, circulated clandestinely in France, served as an outlet for information and thoughts that were banned from the censored domestic press.

The first two volumes of the *Dictionnaire de la Presse*, to which Nabarra also contributed several articles, were published in 1991.



Les Manning Workshop



Les Manning instructs Marlo Anderson in the art of throwing a pot.

"He describes himself as a winter person, who grew up with snow and came to know the mountains not only as vast breathtaking expanses and rock but also as spiritual monoliths. Through his claywork, Manning has captured the essence, the spirit of this landscape. Under the spell of his reductionism, the Rocky Mountains (the "Stonehenge of the gods") are brought to the viewer, not as mythologized antagonists, but as spiritual brethren."

-- Allan J. Koester from his article *Nordic Ode -- New Works by Les Manning* published in the September, 1996 issue of *Ceramics Monthly*

For two days last November, Lakehead visual arts students were learning first-hand from Les Manning, one of Canada's most renowned artists working in clay.

Currently vice president of the International Academy of Ceramics, Les Manning spent 20 years as the director of ceramics at The Banff Centre for the Arts in Alberta.

He came to Thunder Bay last fall thanks to financial support provided by the Thunder Bay Potters' Guild.

"It is important for students to be involved with artists to see how they relate to their own work," says Sarah Link, the Lakehead University sessional lecturer who organized the workshop.



Sarah Link

"Invariably there are always one or two students whose work takes off after an event like this."

Link teaches all of the ceramics courses at Lakehead University and has brought other well-known ceramists including Linda Christianson, Bob Briscoe and Takeshi Yasuda to campus during her six-year tenure in the Department of Visual Arts.

The workshop began with a free public lecture and slide show in which Manning examined the history and significance of Canadian ceramics on the world stage.

According to Link, Manning spent a good deal of time working one-on-one with students at the wheel. Manning discussed the ergonomics of throwing pots and the way in which the shape of the hand can affect the vessel's shape.

"He was able to define the language of clay and discuss some of the critical issues facing artists today," says Link.

Les Manning was born and raised in Alberta and has conducted over 85 workshops throughout Canada, the United States, Asia and Australia. -- F. Harding



Parents Donate Potter's Wheel

Jackie Bedard, a fourth-year ceramics student, demonstrates throwing for Pat and Michael Vasko. The Vaskos donated a Pacifica Wheel, valued at over \$1,400, to Lakehead's ceramics studio. Their daughter Mary Jenner graduated with a BFA last year

Maori Scholar Returns to Lakehead

In October 1998, Maori scholar and poet Powhiri Rika-Heke participated together with German professor Sigrid Markmann in Lakehead University's Aboriginal Peoples' Conference. Ms. Rika-Heke enjoyed her stay so much, in particular the interaction with Aboriginal students at Lakehead, that she decided to visit again as part of her one-year stay in Canada for which she got a scholarship to do research for her doctoral thesis on comparisons between Maori and Canadian First Nations literatures.

With the help of sponsorship from the Department of English, Indigenous Learning, Women Studies and the Gender Issues Centre, Adjunct Professor Renate Eigenbrod (English), who had arranged the visit in 1998, was able to organize several events for Rika-Heke's stay from Nov. 12 -18, 1999 in which she gave lectures on Maori (women's) literature -- sometimes emphasizing the mythological roots, sometimes sociopolitical contexts and sometimes focusing on comparisons with Canada's First Nations.

As all her presentations were well received, all that remains to say is that we hope she will come again. -- *Dan Pakulak, Acting Director, International Activities*



The Chancellor of Lakehead University and The Alumni Association of Lakehead University cordially invite you to be their guest at the

Lakehead University Chancellor's Reception on Parliament Hill, Ottawa

February 16, 2000

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Honoured guests will include Lakehead University President, Members of Parliament, and corporate alumni leaders from the Ottawa region

Please join

**The Very Reverend
The Honourable
Lois M. Wilson**

*to celebrate Lakehead University's
achievements and vision for the
future*

Please RSVP by February 4, 2000
by calling Kris Carey at Alumni
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Alumni in the News

Dr. Chris Jecchinis, professor emeritus (Economics), has been appointed president of EKEP. The organization, based in Athens, is the National Centre for Vocational Orientation which is designated to promote and oversee vocational guidance, especially among the young, and to reduce structural unemployment in Greece.

EKEP will employ a total of 65 professional, administrative and auxiliary staff at the national head office. The nine-member Executive Council of the Centre consists of representatives of labour and management organizations.

Jecchinis shares his "retirement" time between Athens and Toronto where he still meets and works occasionally with former Lakehead graduate students.

Staff

Appointments

During the months of November and December, employment notices were issued by Human Resources announcing the following appointments:

Christine Brezden

Caretaker, Physical Plant - Housekeeping

Toby Turner

Counsellor, Native Support Services

Lynda Huneau

Secretary, Chemical/Electrical Engineering

Ted Brown

Mail Clerk, Printing Services

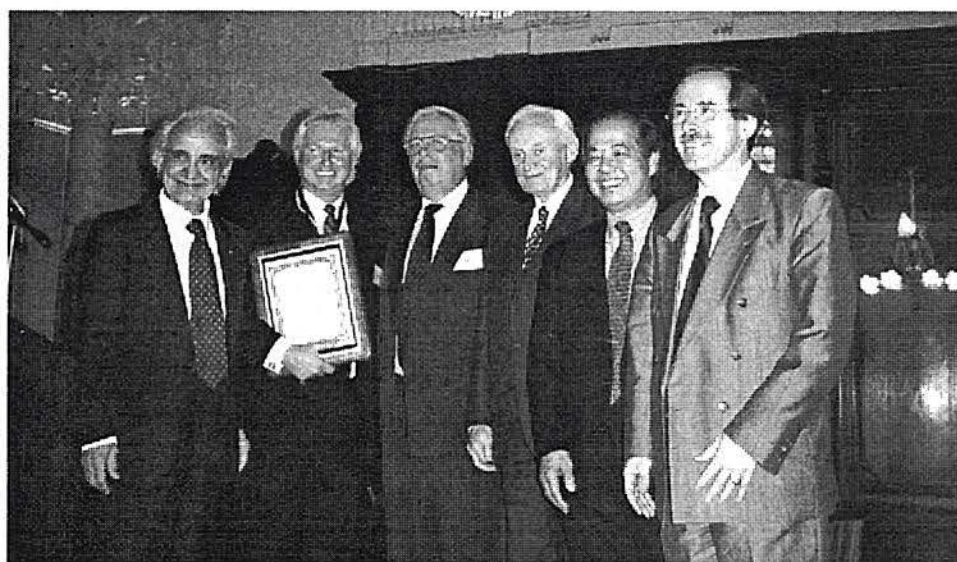
Russian Academy Honours Lakehead Grad

Dr. Lorne Everett, a Lakehead graduate from the class of '68, was presented with the Kapitsa Gold Medal at the World Laboratory meetings held Oct. 29, 1999 at the Beau Rivage Palace in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Kapitsa medal is the highest award for original research given by the Russian Academy. It is named after Nobel Prize winner Pyotr Leonidovich Kapitsa, an outspoken advocate of free scientific thought who refused to work on nuclear weapons development during the Stalin regime.

Lorne Everett is senior vice president and chief research hydrologist with ARCADIS Geraghty and Miller, Inc. His company specializes in solving ground-water contamination problems.

In 1989 Everett received the Lakehead University Alumni Honour Award.



(l-r) Prof. Antonino Zichichi, President of the World Laboratory, Dr. Lorne G. Everett, Gold Medal Recipient, Prof. Igor Zektser, Russian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Kai M.B. Siegbahn, Nobel Prize, Chemistry, Prof. Tsung-Dao Lee, Nobel Prize Physics; Dr. Gerardus't Hooft, Nobel Prize Physics 1999

Lakehead Hockey Program

Lakehead University has received approval from the Ontario University Athletics Association (OUA) to establish a Men's and Women's Hockey Program beginning in the 2001-2002 season. According to Tom Warden, Lakehead's director of athletics, the Hockey Program will be funded entirely by the community of Thunder Bay and has the enthusiastic support of Mayor Ken Boshcoff. The men's team will be created first and, if all goes as planned, a women's team will follow.



In Memoriam

Professor Emil Dolphin

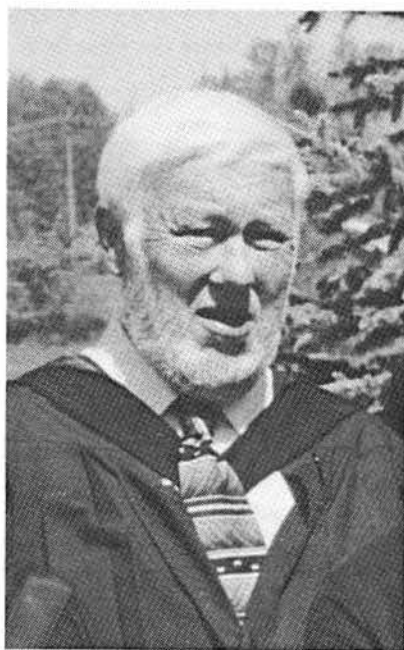
by Professor Alain Nabarra, Department of Languages

It is with shock and deep sadness that we learned of the sudden passing of Professor Emil Dolphin of the Department of Languages. Prof. Dolphin came to Lakehead University in 1975 following studies at McGill University and at the University of Wisconsin, and after teaching school in England and at St. Lawrence University in New York. At Lakehead, Prof. Dolphin taught Spanish and French Languages and Cultures, and served as chair of the Department of Languages from 1981 to 1989 and from 1996 to his retirement in June 1999.

Upon his retirement, in commemoration of his dedicated career, his colleagues and students in the Department of Languages established the Emil Dolphin Bursary in Languages, which will be awarded to a student registered in a language program on the basis of financial need and academic achievement. Public announcement of the bursary was delayed due to his illness, but he was made aware of it prior to his hospitalization.

As a teacher and administrator, Prof. Dolphin devoted unremitting energy to second language instruction, particularly to the application of new technologies in this field. He also was instrumental in the organization of courses and immersion field trips in Spain and France and of the promotion of student exchange programs between Lakehead University and institutions in Europe and Asia.

Languages and the cultures they express, were for him a passion that he successfully transmitted to his students. He imparted to them that the knowledge of another language was not simply a



way to increase their career opportunities, but also a way to develop intellectual sensitivity, and increase understanding of others, as well as discover and enjoy other cultures and civilizations past and present. Emil enjoyed the whole language experience far beyond the spoken word, through food, wine, music, film and dance. He often brought various meats and cheeses to class for the students to sample and enlightened them with music from the regions they studied. On more than one occasion, Emil and Joan generously opened their home to the students for wonderful meals, an event the students enjoyed and spoke about long afterwards. Emil's dedication as a pedagogue extended well beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

Curiosity, enthusiasm, love of life, are characteristics that best describe Emil. He had a great curiosity toward other people, languages, cultures and ideas

and loved new discoveries of all sorts. I recall a story of how one day, he was speaking to several Japanese students asking how to say this and how to say that, and afterward every chance he got he was sure to greet them in their native tongue.

When Emil was interested in something he embraced it wholeheartedly. He loved for example to work around the garden and spent many long hours battling an overgrown hedge coming to work with many scars attesting to his effort. He also loved puns and wordplay. Often he would send e-mail messages to family members and colleagues exercising his sharp wit and playful ease with language. The simplest memo would be hand-crafted on an individual basis to fine-tune it to the recipient. Each word was weighed and carefully chosen to express exactly the right meaning. It had to be perfect.

Emil died from complications following heart surgery on December 24, 1999 surrounded by his family. Funeral services were largely attended by his friends, students and colleagues and were held on December 28 at St. John Evangelist Anglican Church. The eulogy was delivered by R. Dunstall, a close family friend and himself a former teacher of Spanish and French.

The University community extends its heartfelt condolences to his wife, Joan, a sessional lecturer in the Department of English, and to their daughters Erika and Tania and son Nigel. An enthusiastic and interesting teacher, a well-respected colleague, a witty friend, Emil Dolphin will be sadly missed by all the people whose lives he has touched.

Mark your Calendars...

Book Signing -- Dr. Todd Dufresne (Philosophy) will be signing copies of his new book *Tales from the Freudian Crypt* in the Little Dining Room on Wednesday, February 9 from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

The Annual Alumni Curling Fundspiel will be held on Friday, March 24 at the Port Arthur Curling Club. To register your team call Kris Carey at Alumni Services 343-8155.

The Department of Music's Lumina Concert Series continues in the Jean McNulty Recital Hall of the William H. Buset Centre for Music and Visual Arts at 12:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Upcoming concerts include:

Jan. 18: Canadian Guitar Quartet (Trinity United Church at 8 p.m.) General Admission \$15; Students/Seniors/Unwaged \$8; children under 12 \$3

Feb 1: Colin Matthews, cello and Joy Fahrenbruck, piano

Feb. 29: Steven Dyer, trombone and Heather Morrisson, piano

As well ..

This year, Lakehead University is sponsoring the TBSO's "A Touch of Classical" concerts being held at 8 p.m. in St Paul's Church.

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, the work of several Thunder Bay composers will be featured including Ken Moore, a recent graduate, Dr. Aris Carastathis, professor and chair of the Department of Music, Harold Wevers and Lise Vaugeois.

On Tuesday, March 21 an Evening with the Lakehead University Music Department is scheduled with performances by the Lakehead University Vocal Ensemble (choir conductor Susan Marrier) and the Lakehead University Student Composers Project.

The Department of Visual Arts will welcome Jan Allen a visiting artist (sculptor) on February 8. For more information contact Jennifer Howie in Visual Arts at 343-8787.

Inukshuk -- Women's Wrestling Festival will be held on Sunday Jan. 30 to Tuesday Feb. 1. For information contact Francis Clayton at 343-8513.

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