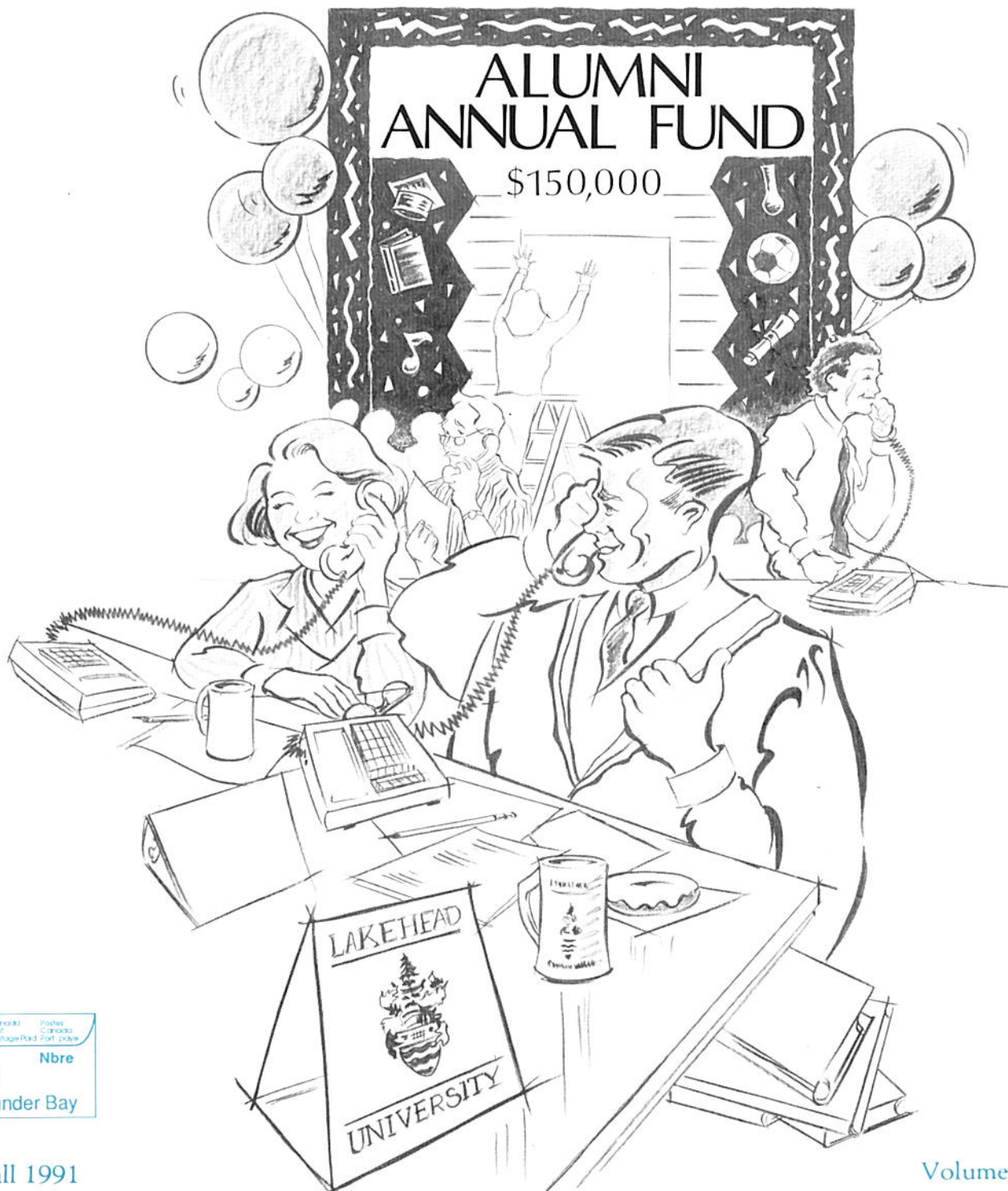
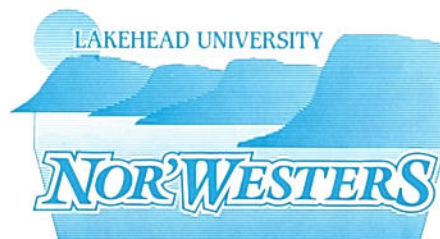


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1991-92 Varsity Home Schedule**

Date	Event	Time
October		
19	John Zanatta Memorial	- Women 6:00 P.M.
	Alumni Men's & Women's Basketball	- Men 8:00 P.M.
25, 26, 27	Pizza Hut Women's Basketball Tournament	call for times
25 & 26	Men's Basketball vs. Laurentian	8:30 P.M.
November		
2 & 3	Pizza Hut Men's Basketball Tournament	call for times
	Women's Basketball vs. Brandon	call for times
8 & 9	Women's Volleyball vs. Wilfrid Laurier	8th-7:00 P.M.
		9th-7:30 P.M.
	Men's Basketball vs. Northland College	8th-8:30 P.M.
		9th-2:00 P.M.
15 & 16	Women's Basketball vs. St. Scholastica	7:00 P.M.
27	Men's Basketball vs. St. Scholastica	call for time
29	Wrestling vs. Western Ontario	7:00 P.M.
January		
10 & 11	Gord Garvie Memorial Wrestling Tournament	call for times
	Basketball vs. Waterloo	- Women 6:30 P.M.
		- Men 8:00 P.M.
17 & 18	Women's Volleyball vs. Windsor	7:30 P.M.
24 & 25	Basketball vs. McMaster	- Women 6:30 P.M.
		- Men 8:30 P.M.
31	Women's Volleyball vs. Brock	7:30 P.M.
February		
1	Women's Volleyball vs. Brock	7:30 P.M.
7 & 8	Basketball vs. Western Ontario	- Women 6:30 P.M.
		- Men 8:30 P.M.
21 & 22	Basketball vs. Guelph	- Women 6:30 P.M.
		- Men 8:30 P.M.

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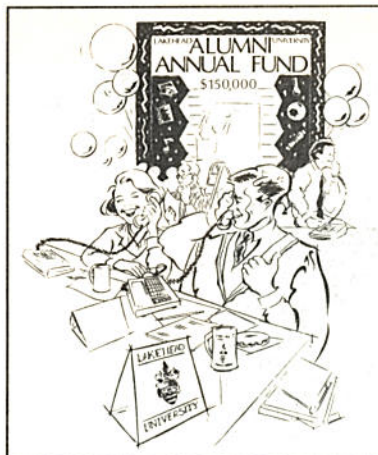
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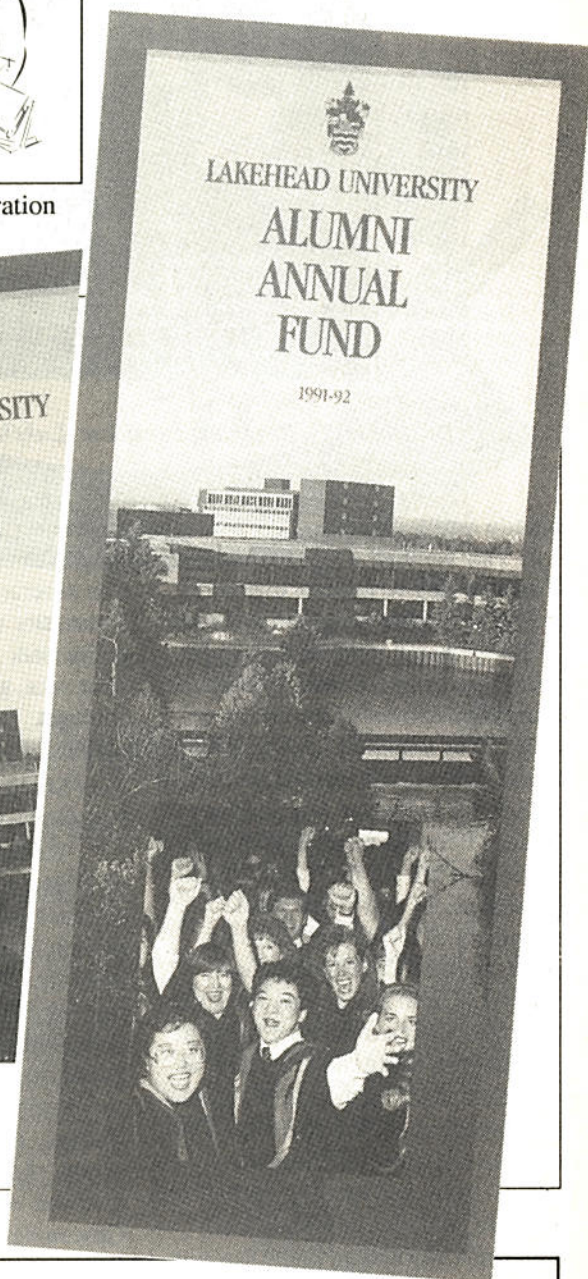
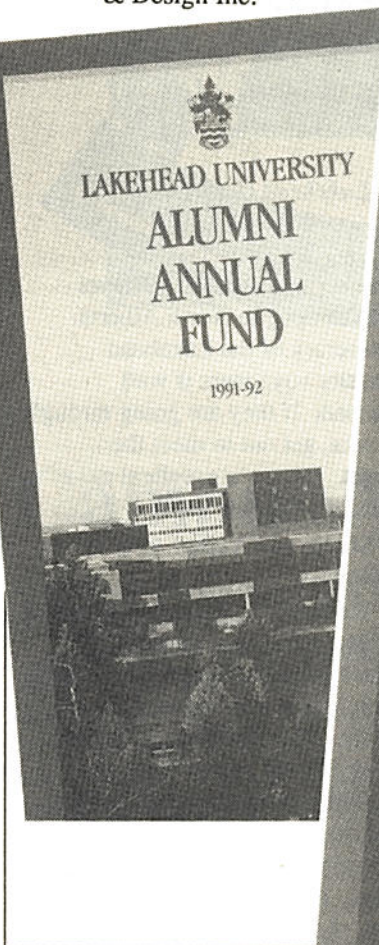
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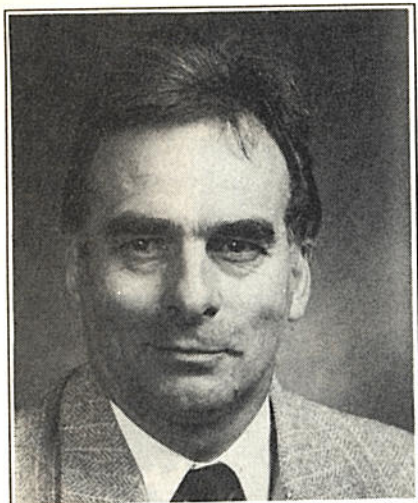
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Lakehead University's Alumni Annual Fund Campaign Target for 1991-92 \$150,000



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Dr. Jim Gellert

Dean of Arts and Science

Dr. James H. Gellert has put on a few miles since his school days and hockey games in Schreiber, Ont. Born in Montreal and raised in Schreiber, Professor Jim Gellert was recently appointed the Dean of Arts and Science at Lakehead University where he received his HBA in 1968 and a MA in English in 1975.

As the Dean of Arts and Science, Dr. Gellert is responsible for the administration of 19 departments and an additional half dozen related programs and projects.

His five-year term comes at a time of tremendous growth at the University. In November 1990 when Dr. Whitfield, the former Dean of Arts and Science, was promoted to Vice-President (Academic), Gellert became Acting Dean. He has been teaching in the Department of English since 1975 and will continue his teaching responsibilities as Dean.

Dr. Gellert earned his doctorate from the University of Birmingham, England, specializing in Shakespearean literature.

He has published extensively in the field of children's literature and is currently working on a critical biography. □

Interested in starting an Alumni Chapter?



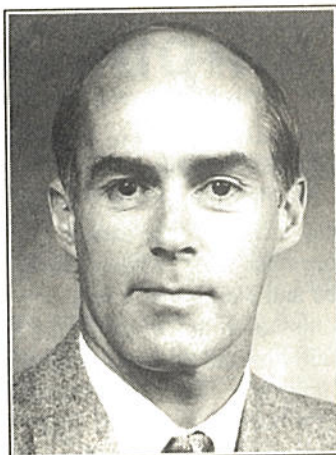
by Bill Bartley (BA '72)

September has arrived and if you are like me, you look upon the Labour Day Weekend as your new year. We either pickup where we left off in the spring or start new activities. The activities of the Membership and Chapter Development Committee are starting up again and I have been appointed as the new Chair of the Membership and Chapter Development Committee.

Chapter development is an ongoing process which often starts with one or two interested persons in a geographic location. If you are interested in establishing a Chapter in your area please drop me a line.

In addition to chapter development, we are in the process of establishing a network of "Area Contacts" throughout not only Canada but the whole world. These contacts become the "go between" in their area. Their names will be published in the Nor'Wester. If you are interested in becoming an "Area Contact" please write:

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John Garland

Co-ordinator of Athletics

LU alumnus John Garland has been appointed Co-ordinator of Athletics.

A native of Thunder Bay, Garland received an HBPHE degree from LU in 1974. In 1976 he

obtained his MA from the University of Western Ontario in sport administration. Garland has been employed at Confederation College of Applied Arts and Technology for the past 13 years.

The Thunder Bay community and region has been well served by Garland's wide range of interest and expertise. His credentials are many and include being President of the Ontario Track and Field Association (Northwestern Region), Co-Founder and President of the Thunder Bay Squash Association, Co-Founder of the Thunder Bay Striders Running Club, Treasurer of the Thunder Bay Basketball Officials Association, and Vice-President of the Northwestern Ontario Sports Council. Currently he is Chair of the Legion Branch 6 Lakehead University 10-Mile Road Race Committee. □

Update from the Alumni Association's Board of Directors

by Betty Coates
BScN'69
President Elect



The constitution of the Lakehead University Alumni Association has been updated to reflect the growth of the Alumni Association and the changing responsibilities of the Board of Directors.

The revisions have been based on the previous 1982 constitution (and amendments) which had a great deal of time and thought expended upon them.

In brief there are two main changes.

There is now a President-Elect to take on the mantle of responsibility from the President thereby eliminating the two positions of First Vice-President and Second Vice-President; each of the Board members will have specific responsibilities either on the Executive or as a Chair of the Committee.

As well we have introduced an Executive Committee which will meet at least monthly to carry out the day-to-day operations of the Alumni Association. The full Board will meet a minimum of five times a year.

The Board will be comprised of 15 members:

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The Board will be operating under the revised constitution during the 1991-92 year with the understanding that it will be presented for adoption at the 1992 Annual General Meeting.

Copies of the constitution are available upon request at Alumni House (807) 343-8155. □

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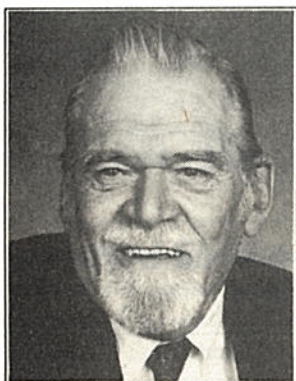
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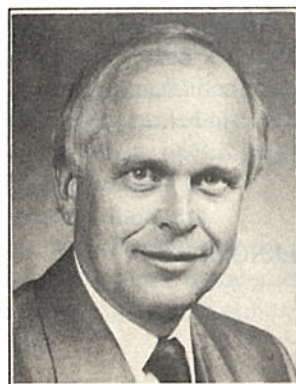
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Dear Alumnus/a

This spring your Alumni Association bestowed its prestigious Alumni Honour Award on Mr. Anthony J. Petrino, a graduate of Lakehead Technical Institute, the predecessor of Lakehead University.

Tony is now President and Chief Executive Officer of Placer Dome Inc. but in 1952 he was a high school student working summers to pay for his tuition (see article in the Nor'Wester Magazine, Winter '91 issue).

Tony got his start at L.T.I. thanks to a group of people who saw the need for a post-secondary educational institution in the north. Today I am asking you to join a different group -- the alumni of Lakehead University -- who wish to see their University maintain the many academic programs that have received national and international acclaim.

Last year more than 2,200 friends of Lakehead University made a tax-deductible contribution to the Alumni Annual Fund campaign. Many chose to contribute without restriction and these "unrestricted" gifts were used for urgent requirements of the University and essential services. Others chose to designate their funds to specific departments, scholarships & bursaries, or library acquisitions.

However you choose to designate your gift, we encourage you to take a moment now to fill out the pledge card enclosed with this letter. When an LU student telephones you in the fall during our phonathon campaign, you may use the time to catch up on campus news.

Let us tell you about the Regional Education Building that will house the Continuing Education departments and add much-needed classroom space; the Health Sciences Education Resource Centre that will be the focus for joint health education programs for health professionals in Northwestern Ontario; the 36 new townhouses that will provide accommodation for 144 students; and the new visual arts and music building currently under construction.

This year, because of our growth, your Alumni Association has chosen an ambitious campaign goal of \$150,000. We did this in spite of the recession because of the considerable support our alumni has demonstrated in the past, and the fact that every year 1400 graduates join our ranks.

We are confident that, with your support, we will reach our goal. If you have given in the past, we thank you for your generosity. If this is the first year you have been contacted, we want you to know that your involvement will make a very real difference to the many other students following in your footsteps.

Thank you for helping Lakehead University meet the challenges ahead.

Yours sincerely,

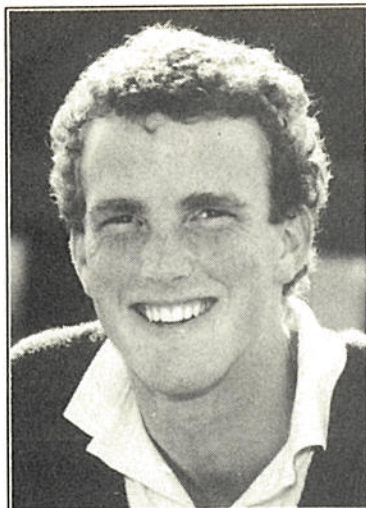
Dr. Tom Miller
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Scholarships & Bursaries

Since the early 1980s the Alumni Association has awarded 8 full tuition scholarships (\$1,250 each year for four years) to outstanding high school graduates entering a degree or diploma program at Lakehead University. In fact, one of the early recipients of the Award, Rob Foster, went on to receive a Rhodes Scholarship for post-graduate study at Oxford University. The Alumni Association is proud of its role in encouraging first-rate scholars to study at Lakehead University. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Association was able to endow three Silver Jubilee Scholarships last year valued at \$10,000 each. As well your Alumni Association initiated an endowed scholarship for women in Engineering at LU.

Education, Chemistry, Visual Arts, & English

What do these departments have in common? They each received an award of \$1,000 because of the wishes of a distinguished graduate who received the Alumni Honour Award from your Alumni Association.



Rob Foster

Library Acquisitions

As the site of the largest and most diversified library collection in Northwestern Ontario, the Library at Lakehead University serves as a valuable resource for all people of Northwestern Ontario.

Maintaining the excellence of our collection is expensive but vital to the academic well-being of our students and faculty. "There never seems to be enough dollars to meet the demands for new books and journals to support the academic programs of the University," says Chief Librarian Fred McIntosh. "The average cost of a book is over \$50. In addition, new formats such as CD ROM disks and computer stored data are becoming increasingly important sources of information."

University budgets can never meet all these needs. That is why the support provided by the Annual Fund is so important. Last year over \$12,000 was designated by alumni for Library Acquisitions. Every dollar counts. Let's keep our Library strong!

Business Administration

Your Alumni Association helped to finance Lakehead's entry into the 1990-91 Intercollegiate Business Competition, an annual event that has been described as the "Stanley Cup of the undergraduate business schools". From a field of 26 Canadian universities, the Lakehead University School of Business Administration ranked in the top five business schools in Canada overall in both the preliminary and the final rounds of the competition. We're proud of our students and we honour their achievements as the School celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the introduction of the Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree program.

Anthropology

Your Alumni Association is proud to support the research endeavours of all our faculty. Last year the Association allocated funds to cover production costs of a 26-minute video on the research being carried out by Professor El Molto and his colleagues at the Dakhleh Oasis in Egypt.



New For 1991 - A Graduate Scholarship Program

For the first time this year, the Alumni Association is making a special appeal to alumni from Lakehead graduate programs. We need your help to establish graduate scholarships.

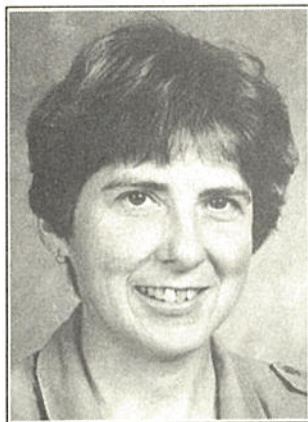
Those who have gone through a graduate program will have a first-hand awareness of the significance of scholarships. For some graduate students, a scholarship is the necessary prerequisite for entering a graduate program. For other students a scholarship means an opportunity to attend full-time.

Endowed graduate scholarships must be in place in order for Lakehead University to continue to attract the brightest minds to our institution. LU currently has over 260 graduate students (156 full-time and 118 part-time) and our ambition is to increase this number to 500 within the next few years.

Our long-term objective is to endow an annual \$2,000 scholarship for each of our 14 graduate programs. In the short term, we hope to raise \$60,000 so that we can endow three annual \$2,000 scholarships.

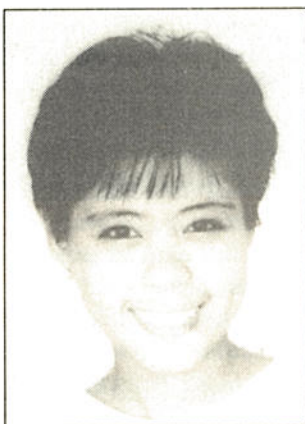
During the phonathon we will be contacting you to talk to you about our special needs. But we're also looking forward to catching up on your news. Where has a graduate degree from Lakehead University taken you? Are you teaching? Publishing? Researching?

We're looking forward to speaking with you -- especially about our bold new initiative to increase Graduate Student Scholarships at Lakehead University. □



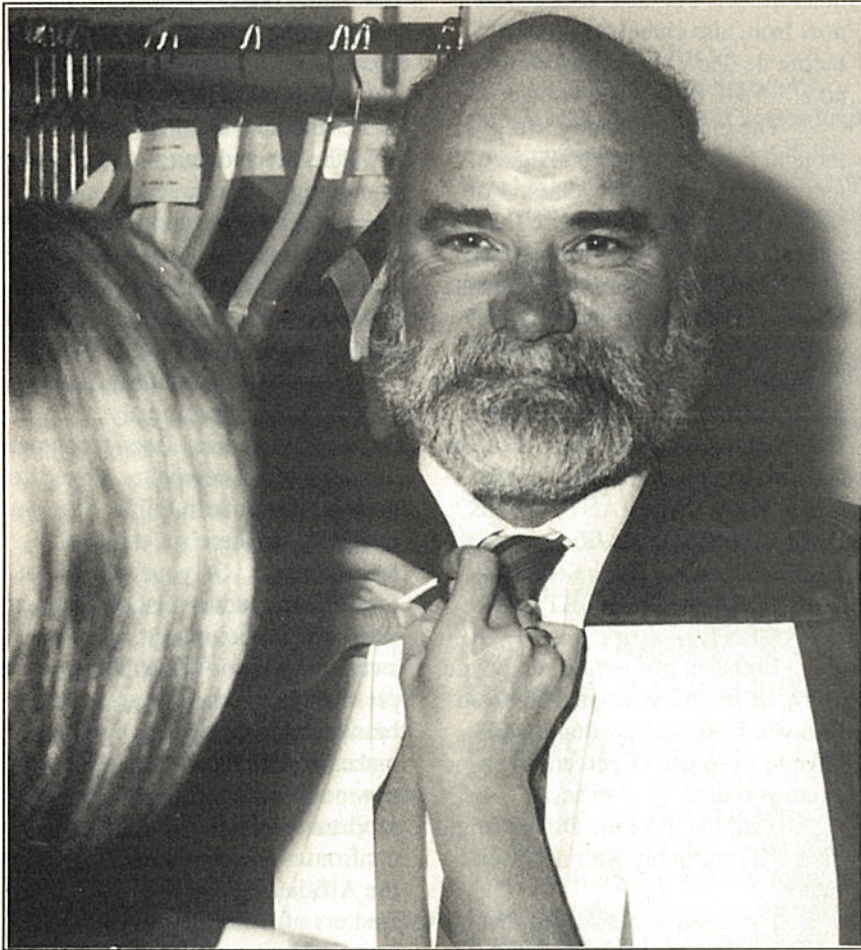
Dr. Connie Nelson
Director, Research & Graduate Studies

"Through these new initiatives to establish endowed graduate scholarships, alumni of master's degree programmes have opportunities to ensure that graduate programs attract and retain quality graduate students."



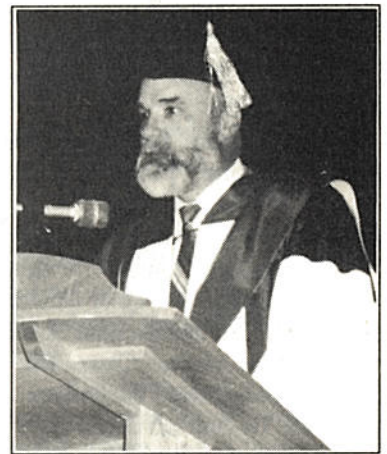
Rowana Roxas
Graduate Student

"Graduate students basically live on scholarships and grants. The availability of funding is itself one of the foremost reasons why students hang on, pursue their post graduate studies and obtain a higher degree of learning. Accessibility to these scholarships would encourage competent students to further their education in the chosen field of specialization without having to be burdened so much by the high opportunity costs that go with Graduate Studies."



Doctor Art

This year Lakehead University conferred an honorary degree on Arthur Black, one of Canada's most popular broadcasters. Arthur Black's Convocation address, which was later aired on his CBC radio show "Basic Black", is reprinted here for the enjoyment of our readers.



As the host of a somewhat eccentric radio program, I'm accustomed to finding myself in unusual situations. But this is one of my odder ones. A little bit uncomfortable too, if the truth be known. For one thing, I'm wearing my least favourite form of male protective coloration: a suit and tie.

Take my word for it -- there's a suit and tie under here.

Over which I am wearing this billowy ensemble: which falls somewhere between a very expensive Japanese kimono and my mother's living room drapes.

And then of course, I am balancing precariously on my noggin, something that has never balanced there before. The famous Cambridge bonnet, complete with

tassel, which keeps dangling in my eyes.

Mind you I'm not complaining. It's been a long time since I had anything fringe-like dangling in my eyes. At least I'm not alone. There are some 300 fellow begowned and betassled degree recipients here today, similarly dressed, similarly exhilarated, similarly, I am sure, trying to restrain the butterflies which appear to be playing cutthroat racketball in our stomachs.

I want to get my confession out on the podium here before I see a platoon of Thunder Bay's finest come jackbooting across the stage to haul me away. I am a fraud. I confess it. I have no business wearing this cap or this gown or talking to these other gowned people

here today. These people deserve their degrees. They've earned them. They've put in the years of hard work; they've forgone the new car and the dream vacation and the decent digs...spent the money on books and tuition and rent instead.

I didn't do any of that.

As a matter of fact I never did much at all in the way of serious academic spadework. Two years of a three-year Ryerson Journalism Course, seven subjects of the mandatory eight required for Grade 13. Still carrying, as far as I know though I haven't looked -- Grade 11 Algebra, Grade 10 economics, Grade 9 gym. I reckon I'd have to go all the way back to Grade 7 or 8 in Humber Heights Public School back about the time of the War of the

Roses, before I could turn up an actual certificate saying I passed something.

As soon as I found out the honour Lakehead University was about to confer on me, I phoned up my old Pal, Jake. Jake and I went to high school together. After we got out on the work force we went into our separate drift patterns. Jake washed up in the foothills of the Rockies about 20 years ago and he's been there ever since.

"Hey Jake!" I yelled into the telephone, "Lakehead University's going to give me an honorary doctorate. 'A what?' my receiver grumped back at me. 'An honorary doctorate' I yelled. 'An honorary degree of letters'.

Long pause. Jake always was a master of timing. Then: "Expletive deleted, expletive deleted. The Doctor must be turning in his grave."

It was true. I hadn't thought much at all about the other Doctor since I suppose the last time he threw me out of his Algebra Class. But Jake's remark stirred the embers.

The Doctor had come to Canada from Hungary. His name was an unpronounceable glottal stew of consonants and vowels, but no matter. He made it clear from the first day that he expected to be addressed as The Doctor. We went along. He was the first Doctor most of us had seen who hadn't come attached to a black bag.

The Doctor also made it clear that he considered himself intended for much better things than this one-Doctor school in a one-horse Canadian town, drilling Algebraic concepts into the pre-cambrian skulls of a bunch of thankless louts the likes of us. The Doctor combined a thick Magyar accent with a haphazard grasp of English that veered from Shakespearean to arithmetic -- which made for interesting denunciations. "You een sag neef egg ance!" he would thunder at me. "You minoos

quan tit tee. You zero factor! Go now from ziss chamber. Stand before de door, you young varlet, you."

The only time in my life, I thought that I'd passed an Algebra test was in the Doctor's class. I'd studied diligently, I was sure I'd got a great mark - maybe even perfect. The Doctor handed back the graded tests in random order intoning the marks as he went. "JAKE REE CHARD SON...SAHVANTY - VIVE PAIR CENT" droned the Doctor. Good I thought. Jake's dumber than I am in Algebra. MARRY JANE CHEPMAN...SAHVANTY-NINE PAIR CENT... ARTAIR BLACK...EIGH...(In the eighties! Who'd believe it?) EIGHT TEEN PAIR CENT.

Eighteen percent. Usually you know when you've booted an exam. Can you imagine how dumb you have to be to get 18 percent in an exam you think you've aced?

Yes, I believe the Doctor might have a little trouble with this scene today.

I've always considered that mathematical moment of truth to be kind of the Crown Zircon in a lifetime of underachievement...but there have been other baubles on the charm bracelet of my life. Sales, for instance. I was the world's louisiest salesman. Men's Wear, Magazine Subscriptions, Newspaper Advertising...I flogged it all, and moved nary a column inch.

Painter. I was a painter for one brief, flowering creative period of my career. School gyms and washrooms primarily - but also lifeboats, smokestacks and other daub-able features on the superstructure of a Liberian Oil tanker I sailed on for one summer. Ah, how I remember that evening sailing through the Caribbean, the sun a great orange ball plunging behind the jagged humpback mountains of Jamaica and the ship's bosun, a wiry

weathered old salt tattooed from his wrists to his earlobes. The grizzled bosun cast an expert eye over my day's work of painting. Put his foot on a stanchion, slung an arm around my shoulder and murmured: "Have you thought of a career in sales?"

I tried teaching English and waiting on tables. I tried office work and stooking hay bales. I've plumbed and shingled, cavedstroghed and ditch-dug.

And I've collected...

Pink slips, mostly.

What else...Been a cowpoke.

I mean really a cowpoke. Poked cows down at the Ontario Public Stockyards in Toronto. There's a career challenge for you. On your first day at the Stock Yards Indoctrination Seminar a really tough looking little Scottish guy swears at you for fifteen minutes then presents you with your very own brand new hickory cane plus he makes you memorize the all-purpose cow command designed to get you out of virtually any dangerous bovine confrontation situation. I don't think the Affiliated Cowpokers and Bull Bunters of America would object if I revealed here on National Radio and before a live audience of university graduates that the all-purpose cow command is Ha-Wagga-nagganaggahh!

Sounds silly to us, but to a cow, Ha Waganangangah! translates as Bear to the Left immediately.

"I did what all Torontonians do when the words Thunder Bay first flicker across their consciousness. I dug out my Esso Road Map and flipped it backside up."

It also means Bear to the Right, Back Up, Lie Down and Get off my foot you pathetic sack of hamburger on the hoof.

Cows don't respond to vocal commands. That's why they give you the cane.

I tried a career in the movies once. Oh yes. I appeared in a Spanish opus entitled "Oscuros Suenos en Agosto". Dark Dreams in August. I don't believe the English version of "Oscuros Suenos en Agosto" was ever released. I'm not entirely positive the Spanish version was ever released, but no matter. I had my celluloid moment. Picked me right off a street in Madrid, the casting director did. One doesn't want to be too bold in such situations, but I was curious. Pourquoi - You know - Moi? Was it my Errol Flynn impishness? My Fred Astaire dexterity? My Bronsonian animal magnetism? No, said the casting director, it was my fluorescent green shirt. "You look like an American tourist," he explained.

Well you get the picture. Professionally career wise as they say my life was a sad succession of buffetings and blunderings until the fall of 1972. I was in Toronto. Had just been fired by the CBC. Well, correction. The CBC seldom fires people. They merely neglect to renew your contract. This saves CBC executives the embarrassment of using the F word. But the rate of pay is identical.

In any case, there I was in Toronto, contemplating once again a future in sales...either encyclopedias or pencils in a cup (Well I know it sounds shabby, but I didn't plan to sell them as pencils. I intended to market them as hand-held, solar powered word processors with a build in delete function.) In any case it wasn't necessary. I got a phone call from somebody named Doug Ward. How would I like to come

and work at a radio station in Thunder Bay.

Well, I did what all Torontonians do when the words Thunder Bay first flicker across their consciousness. I dug out my Esso Road Map and flipped it backside up.

After discovering that Thunder Bay was somewhat farther north of Lake Simcoe than I'd imagined...I rented my house out, packed up my jalopy and pointed the hood ornament north and west. Two days later, I was here.

"Stop thinking of the place as a city of 120,000 people. Think of it as two warring tribal communities of 60,000 each."

It was not love at first sight. I got here in, I think, late September. The Lakehead sky was the colour of old gym socks. There was an ugly little snow squall scudding down May Street at times almost obscuring the neon winking come-ons from the fast-food joint and Blakes Funeral Home. I was nursing the first 50 cent cup of coffee I'd ever seen. Fifty cents for a coffee??? And I was thinking "Doesn't feel like Eden so far."

But it did feel like a regular paycheque and that was comforting so I stayed for a winter. Come spring, I tapped out a letter of resignation, had a series of goodbye beers and pointed my older wiser slightly frost-burned hood ornament south and east. I went to Toronto, back to my house. But it wasn't the same. Something had changed. I had been...there is no other word for it...seduced by the North.

I felt the way Mark Antony

must have felt after Cleopatra flicked a hip at him. Like Samson felt after he'd seen Delilah do the Hully Gully. Toronto was still there. I was in bed with Toronto. Toronto was talking to me, cracking her gum, asking me why was I so moody. But I wasn't listening. Within six months I was back up north nibbling on the Lakehead's chilblained earlobe.

I stayed for 13 years. Not a lifetime, but a long time. Thirteen years of signing off your radio commentary saying, "I'm Arthur Black in Thunder Bay" creates a kind of permanence in the public mind, if there is such a beast. I haven't lived here for half a dozen years, but still when I go to Vancouver, St. John's, or Yellowknife I'll meet people and they'll say something like "Well, Arthur Black from Thunder Bay... How's the weather in the Lakehead?" I always tell them it's great. Thirteen years of talking to John Traine at Environment Canada taught me the value of the therapeutic falsehood.

I've been gone from the Lakehead now for six years. Which is also a long time. Long enough to look back and reflect on some of the things that make this part of the country forever unforgettable. The small things like Kangas... North America's most defiantly heterosexual public sauna... and things like Persians, the world's largest and most defiantly indigestible pastry. For those of you fortunate enough never to have seen a Persian bun it looks like Home Plate slathered with pink stucco... and while we're on the subject of food -- the Hoito -- surely North America's largest and most venerable socialist restaurant. The Columbia Grill and Tavern, where waiters still hand you a pad and pencil and ask you to write your own order. Thunder Bay is the only town I know where failure to pass a literacy test can lead to starvation.

Ah the Columbia Grill and Tavern! Hotbed of conniving municipal politicians and bored reporters alternatively eavesdropping on the next table and contemplating a career move to a country station in Kenora. The Columbia Grill and Tavern... where if my timing had been better I could have hand-lettered my order for a Stan and Si sandwich and handed it to a fetching young waitperson who was wanted for Murder One south of Pidgeon River.

Yep, if you just bided your time and toyed with the crumbs of your Persian long enough, all the big stories would come to you at the Columbia. Bambi Bembinuk. Terry Fox. Yolanda Ballard. Walter Assef. Bobby Curtola.

When I first came to Thunder Bay I had trouble getting a handle on the place. I wasn't exactly sure how a city of 120 thousand people was supposed to feel, but Thunder Bay didn't feel quite like it. Something was out of scale. I kept getting an image in my head of a young gangly hockey defensemen trying to skate in his younger brother's Cooperalls. I'm not sure, but I think it was Tom Miller who put it into perspective for me. He said: "Stop thinking of the place as a city of 120 thousand people. Think of it as two warring tribal communities of 60 thousand each."

That made sense for me. Port Arthur versus Fort William. However, I've heard the Montreal Toronto jokes. I've spent time on the shuttle plane between Calgary and Edmonton. I've lived between Hamilton and Hogtown and I've followed the North South conflict in Korea, Vietnam, Ireland and Mason-Dixon... but I've never seen anything quite like the goings on that go on between Port Arthur and Fort William.

The city was officially Thunder Bay by the time I came. I missed

the real North South rivalry by about a decade or so, but the air was still thick with folklore, myth and legend. I heard all about the erstwhile Port Arthur fire and police departments and the Fort William fire and police departments, separate and identical, inviolate and indivisible, with the distance between their headquarters hardly more than the length of a decent fire hose. I was told about the take no prisoners hockey and

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baseball rivalries between the towns; the political sniping. The Fort William busses that stopped in the middle of a field so that you could disembark, produce your transfer and board a Port Arthur bus parked in a field to continue your motor odyssey, which might be all of five minutes long. By the time I arrived one no longer had to set one's watch ahead one hour if one was travelling from one city core to the other, but the hairline fractures of urban exclusivity still ran deep. I remember standing at a Keskus checkout desk with one North Ward old timer jawing about

old sodom on the Kaministiquia down the road. "Fort William?" he hooted, "Haven't been over there since just after the war,"

I didn't have the nerve to ask which one.

Still it was kind of a benign tension that expanded and contracted between the north and south Wards, Port Arthur and Fort William. People lauded and applauded at least as much as sniped and griped. Not much choice. In a northern city composed of roughly 14,000 Finlanders, 13,000 Italians, 6,000 Ukrainians, 5,000 French and the rest of us a mongrel mix of Native and immigrant Wasp and Jew, Catholic and Buddhist, Greek Orthodox and deconstructed Bush Hippie, it was pretty important that we get along. And of course we were all kept honest by the great outdoors which here in the north is a natural phenomenon worthy of membership in the World Wrestling Federation. During my time in Thunder Bay, I often thought Mother Nature as some huge, unlikely, oversteroided valkerie who sprang from her corner in early fall, body slammed you to the permafrosted canvas and didn't relax her death grip until mid spring when relieved by her tag team partner, Black Flies from Hell.

Ah, Thunder Bay. Long, hard winters, interminable ethnic bickering...blundering ineffectual government, two frosty solitudes...remind you of any country you know?

That's one of the beauties of a Lakehead University education: you got to live in Thunder Bay while you studied. Which means you've been forged in a kind of pre-cambrian crucible that stands as a microcosm for the larger Canadian experiment you now return to. What you've seen and witnessed in Thunder Bay, you will re-experience in Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat and Montreal and Musquadoit...same melody written

smaller or larger, louder or softer.

Well I see my speech is slipping into what I call the avuncular perfect tense. I'm coming on like a kindly old uncle dispensing dollops of worldly wisdom to the assembled green of horn and tender of foot.

Algren advised: "never eat at a place called Mom's; never play cards with a man named Doc, and never lay down beside anybody who's got more trouble than you."

But that's all book learn' advice. I'd like to leave you with a piece I figured out from personal experience. Here's my advice:

Before you pack up your bags and your war posters and your diploma and head out of town, I would advise you to take a last drive up to Hillcrest Park overlooking the city on your last evening. I would further advise you to then sit down on the stone wall there by the ceremonial cannon, take a few deep breaths, drink in the grain elevators and the silhouette of the sleeping giant, and the lakers and the salties at anchor in the harbour... and the north and south wards spread out before you, resting peaceably under an electronic patchwork quilt.

And I would advise you to think long and hard about whether you really want to point your hood ornament anywhere.

I think it was Mae West who said "I've been rich and I've been poor and rich is better".

Well... I've been west and I've been east and I never found anything better than what I found right here in Thunder Bay. I know, I know. There are economic realities and educational realities and there is also wanderlust and itchy feet and simple curiosity. A lot of you -- most of you -- are going to hit the road. That's okay.

All I'm advising is that before you go see if you can't line up maybe some land holding lakeheader in Port Arthur or Fort William who's willing

to rent you a corner of his garage or a bit of his attic. Some place where you could leave a sleeping bag, a fishing pole, a pair of skis... maybe a wasta birch switch for Kangas and a book of dinner vouchers for The Hoito -- Just a stash for essential items in case you sometime feel an overpowering need to come back here and re-charge.

One final piece of advice. Wherever you wind up -- be sure to tell all strangers about the horrors of life in the Lakehead. Emphasize those 11 month, eighty below winters; play up the cannibalistic black flies; the child snatching ravens... tell them about the Finnish-Terrorist Ski Bombers... the unspeakable curse of Nanabijou. Tell them whatever it takes to scare them off.

That way maybe we can keep Thunder Bay just the way it is.

Thank you." □

CLASS NEWS

1983

Gerard Van Der Burg (HBScF'83) and **Susan Crawford Van Der Burg** (HBA'82) will be living in Rwanda for two years with their children Patrick, 7, and Jason, 5. Gerard works for CARE International as a Project Manager, AgroForestry.

1984

Dee Gannon (Cook) (HBPEd'84) recently got married on April 27, 1991, to Michael Gannon. **Catherine Schultz** (BPHE'85) and **Brenda Tremblay** were bridesmaids. Dee says hello to the class of '84 and invites anyone to drop in if they are around Lindsay or Hastings. She is working at the Ministry of Community and Social Services in Lindsay.

Robert W. Hoffman (BSc'85) worked for five years as a Chemical Technician for the Ministry of the Environment Regional Laboratory in

Thunder Bay. He started with Abitibi-Price, Thunder Bay division in October 1989 but was laid off in February 1991 because of the Mill shut-down. He started with Accurassay Labs on June 19, 1991.

1985

Michael A. Cioffi (HBPEd'85) has begun a Chiropractic practice in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Glenn C. Stronks (HBScF'85, BEd'86) and **Joanne** still live in Kakabeka Falls and now have two children, Joshua, 3, and Amanda (1 month). For the past two years Glenn has been working as an enforcement officer for the Ministry of Transportation in the District of Thunder Bay.

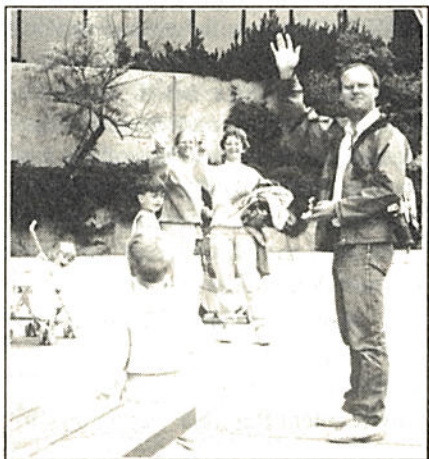
1986

Kara Symbolic (BSc'86, HBOR'86) has spent the last four years in Southern Ontario working with an environmental public interest organization. She is currently in Nepal working and travelling with her husband Jeff Kohl. They plan to move back to Thunder Bay in February 1992.

1988

Dorothy Nicholls (BA'88) and her husband Barry have left Toronto and have moved to Bobcaygeon, Ont., just a few miles outside of Peterborough. Both are looking forward to starting new jobs -- Barry as Sales Manager for CHEX radio and Dorothy as a teacher with the Peterborough County Board of Education. Dorothy has had administrative as well as teaching experience (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 10). She was head of the Kenora Board of Education where she lived for 18 years. Before leaving Toronto, she worked for the Board of Education in the City of York as well as for the Education department at York University as an Assistant Professor.

Class of '81 Nursing Reunion June 28-30, 1991



Well now our 10th year Reunion is a very fond memory. The July long weekend was full of stories, laughter, yes a few tears, and surprises. Of course we marvelled at the strong resemblances of the little children to our classmates, and we shared proud moments as well as experiences of sorrow. It was so reassuring to feel the same warmth and genuine friendships that we discovered from 1976-1981. We really enjoyed hearing Catherine read letters from Cindy, Loretta, Alison, Pat and Sonya. We also enjoyed listening to Kathy Gullen give that superb valedictorian speech and thank you so much for the individual copies. We'll treasure them!

Here's a special greeting to Pam, Laurene, Debra, Lorraine and Angela ... your names and pictures came up time and time again during our reunion. Hope to catch up with you at our 15th Reunion. We thought we would reunite in New York or England or Helsinki or something like that !!! Does it sound too outrageous ... well girls ... "I Have a Dream".

-- Marja Pehkonen, HBSN'81

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#1 (standing left to right) Margaret Page, Marjorie Wallinton, Heather Woodbeck, Wendy Vlasic (Kerr), Kathryn Phillips, Marja Pehkonen (Kraft), Anna Khanjari (Pellegrino), Noel Stout (kneeling left to right) Kathy Gullen (Falls), Brenda Kulifaj Hay, Cheryl Wolkowski (Kostreba), Nancy Persichino (Tucci), Catherine Aquino Russell

#2 The whole Gang at the Reunion Dinner/Dance at the Fireside Room, Valhalla Inn

#3 Our Kids - The new generation at the Sunday picnic at Lakehead University

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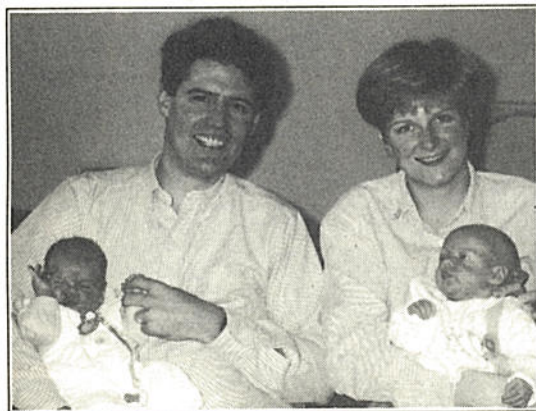
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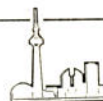
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"Double Trouble" for Jeff (BA'84, HBComm'89) and Kathy McKenzie

Megan and Mitchell were born December 8/90. New favourite saying, "what did we do with all our free time before kids" and "now I know why and what all those parents were talking about, i.e. trimesters, nuk nuk, cloth vs. disposables."



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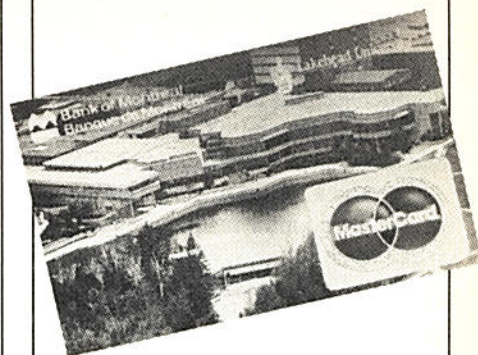
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CLASS NEWS

1977

After spending the last 10 years and having four kids in the Fort Frances area, **John** (BA'72, BEd'75, MED'83) and **Liz Harvey-Foulds** (BA'77, BEd'90), are making a big move to Moosonee, Ont. Both will be teaching for the Northern Lights Secondary School. Liz will be teaching by Distance Education. She writes, "Former classmates and Argoids please drop us a line."

1981

Suzanne Ferguson (nee Schmid)(BOR'81) and her husband Kevin Ferguson are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Caitlin Charlotte on May 19, 1991. Kevin, Suzanne and Caitlin live near Aylmer, Ont.

School of Nursing Class of '81

Noel Stout (HBScN'81) is married to **Bryon** and residing in Thunder Bay. During the evening she works as a Lamaze Prepared Childbirth Educator and during the day she looks after her seven-year-old daughter Megan.

Kathy Gullen (nee Falls) (HBScN'81) married **Ken Gullen** (BEng'80) in October 1981 and live in Deep River, Ont. They have two "little men" seven-year-old Ryan and four-year-old Tyler. In the past ten years she has worked at everything from Public Health teaching at UNB to a detox centre. She is presently a "family nurturer".

Pamela Johnson (HBScN'81) graduated from McMaster University Medical School in May 1989 and went on to do a 2-year Family Medicine Residency Program at McMaster which was completed June 30, 1991. In September 1991 she will be joining Dr. Janet McLeod and Dr. Steve Roedde in their practice in Thunder Bay.

Anna Khanjari (nee Pellegrino) (HBScN'81) is presently working at the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital Outpatient Unit as a Registered Nurse while living in Thunder Bay with her husband and her son.

Brenda Kulifaj (HBScN'81) is now living in Thunder Bay and working at McKellar Hospital. She married Jeff Hay in May 1990 and had their first born Kayla in June 1991 "just in time to attend the reunion".

Nancy Persichino (Tucci) (HBScN'81) is an obstetrical nurse (part-time). She is married and is the mother of two children. "It was great to see and hear from my nursing classmates ... Looking forward to seeing everyone in five years".

Catherine Aquino Russell (HBScN'81) is living in Thunder Bay with her husband Roger and two daughters Catrina and Allison. Catherine is the Nurse Manager for both the Intensive Care Unit and the Recovery Room at the General Hospital of Port Arthur.

Wendy Vlasic (nee Kerr) (HBScN'81) is living in London, Ont., with her husband **Tom** (Forest Tech'80) and two children David and Karen. Wendy is presently employed full-time at University Hospital as a Training and Development Specialist in Nursing. In addition to pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing on a part-time basis. Tom is employed full-time as a Captain with Air Ontario. Both Tom and Wendy enjoyed returning to the Lakehead for the 10-year nursing class reunion.

After graduating **Cheryl Wolkowski** (nee Kostreba) (HBScN'81) worked for five years on "4 East" at the Port Arthur General Hospital as a registered nurse. She is now employed at the Thunder Bay Distric Health Unit as a Public Health Nurse. In 1988 she was married to Butch Wolkowski.

Heather Woodbeck

(HBScN'81) and **Bruce Woodbeck** (Eng. Tech'83, BSc'86) have one son Kris and two daughters Heidi and Kailee. Heather is employed as the Administrative Co-ordinator of the Northwestern Ontario Breast screening program and Bruce is currently practicing as a "domestic engineering consultant".

Marja (nee Kraft) **Pehkonen** (HBScN'81) and **Raimo Pehkonen** (HBSc'79) are enjoying their family life with Markku, 8, Leena, 6, and Mika, 4, in the countryside of Thunder Bay. Raimo has a practice at the Intercity Dental Centre and has been there with his colleagues Fay and Ischkin for the past eight years. Marja has been a "full-time" Mom for five years and plans to join Lakehead University's School of Nursing once again in the fall as an on-call clinical instructor. "This position will allow me to continue my career as mother which I have found to be most rewarding," she says. After graduating in 1981 Marja worked at the Port Arthur General Hospital, Pediatrics, and then in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. Marja writes, "What a great Reunion it was!"

1982

Lynn Arnold Cox (nee Arnold) (HBOR/BA'82, Grad.Dip. Bus. Admin'87) and **Berni** were married in an airplane hangar in August 1990. She writes, "We're still enjoying our "honeymoon" and we invite our old friends to give us a call, drop us a line or visit our new home on Rainy Lake and share a glass of home brew!" Lynn works for the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation in Fort Frances and her husband is a Tourist Outfitter/Pilot.

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