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# CAMPUS NOTES

*"Many of you  
may then ask  
yourselves..."*



What does book-learning, the staple product of a university, have to do, amid such uncertainty and change, with getting a job, holding it, climbing the ladder, paying the rent, supporting a family? The answer, I believe, is that acquiring knowledge about how to acquire knowledge, as you have done, will give you an understanding of context. Events will happen to you, good and bad. Provided you can put them into a context – an intellectual context, a historical context, a scientific context, a moral context – you will be able to understand them and so be able to deal with them rather than merely survive them."

— Richard Gwyn, May 1997



## CONVOCATION 1997

### HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

|                   |                                                                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mario Bernardi    | Principal Conductor of the CBC Vancouver Orchestra                         |
| Olive P. Dickason | Historian and author of several books on the subject of Aboriginal history |
| Richard Gwyn      | Journalist and political commentator                                       |
| Arthur V. Mauro   | Lawyer and Chancellor of the University of Manitoba                        |
| Lotfi A. Zadeh    | Authority on cybernetics, artificial intelligence and fuzzy logic          |

### FELLOW OF LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

|                   |                                                              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Margaret R. Page  | Professor Emerita of Lakehead University's School of Nursing |
| Robbert P. Welter | Consulting Engineer                                          |



## UP AND COMING

### David Karasiewicz

David Karasiewicz graduated from the three-year diploma program at Confederation College in Architectural Engineering Technology and had been working as an Engineering Technologist for Saskatchewan Wheat Pool before being "downsized" in the early 1990s. Instead of looking for a new niche in the work-a-day world, he invested his severance package in the Honours Bachelor of Arts program. "All my friends

thought I was crazy, but I was finally doing what I wanted to do," says the Visual Arts major.

His multimedia installation "Husha, Husha, We All Fall Down" featured on the cover was inspired by ideas about technology and society. It earned Karasiewicz two awards at the 20th Annual Lakehead Student Juried Art Exhibition at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery — the People's Choice Award and the Arne and Marg Westlake Visual Arts Award. □

# FINDING VALUE IN OTHERS

Margaret R. Page  
Fellow of Lakehead University

Margaret Page's strong commitment to serving others is clear to anyone who reviews her career as a public health nurse, professor and community leader. Since coming to Northwestern Ontario in 1951, she has watched the region grow and has taken a profound interest in the health and well-being of its people.

Love of adventure manifested itself early in Page's life when, in 1945, having chosen public health nursing as her calling, she moved from her home near London, Ontario, to take a position with the Board of Health in Cochrane, Ontario. She then served as District Nurse for the Ontario Society for Crippled Children where she established offices and programs in Kirkland Lake, Cobourg and Fort William, often travelling by train and by car over rough roads to serve people in remote areas.

Her connection to Lakehead University began when she married Trevor W. Page, who was a Professor of Geology at Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology until his death in 1967. Trevor suggested Margaret take part-time courses in Geology which eventually led to her completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 1967. She added this credential to a list that already included a Certificate of Public Health Nursing from the University of Western Ontario and a Diploma of Advanced Public Health Nursing at the University of Toronto's School of Nursing.

In 1970, Page felt the need for a new challenge in the field of public health and found it working with the black communities of North Carolina toward the end of the American civil rights movement. She returned to Lakehead equipped with a Master of Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina and went on to become the Director and a Professor of Lakehead's School of Nursing. In 1984 when she retired, Lakehead University awarded her the title of Professor Emerita.

Friends know Margaret Page for her graciousness, professionalism and healthy sense of humour. Throughout her life, she has always been a mentor to her students, and a leader in the many professional organizations with which she been associated.



They include the Registered Nursing Association of Ontario, the Canadian Public Health Association, the College of Nurses of Ontario, the Canadian University Teachers Association, the Lakehead Social Planning Council and the Children's Aid Society.

Professor Margaret Boone, a graduate of Lakehead and a colleague in the School of Nursing, recalls when Page, in her capacity as President of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario in 1965, led a march on Queen's Park to support the Nurses Act, a pivotal piece of legislation which led to "collective bargaining" for Ontario nurses.

Friends and colleagues also know of her abiding interest in fostering the

University's global connections and raising the profile of Lakehead's International Students. Page's own experience of living in a different culture began in the early 1980s when she spent five years in Africa as principal of the University of Malawi's College of Nursing. Later she journeyed to Karachi, Pakistan, to work as Faculty Field Advisor on a joint McMaster/Aga Khan/CIDA project. Since retirement she has had even more opportunity to travel and proudly reports on having visited all seven continents including Antarctica.

Closer to home, Page's volunteer activities have included being President of the Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Secretary to the Victorian Order of Nurses (Thunder Bay Branch), and member of Lakehead University's Senate, Board of Governors, and Alumni Association Board of Directors. Her interest in the military began when she worked as a medical nurse in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve and, in 1989, was appointed Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 18 (Thunder Bay) Medical Company.

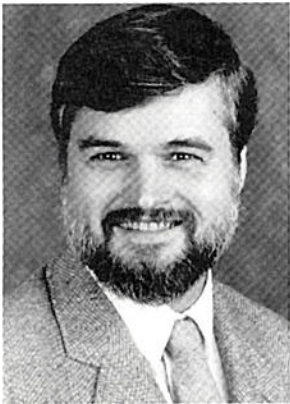
In reflecting on why Lakehead University honoured Margaret Page by giving her the title Fellow of Lakehead University at Convocation this year, Vice-President (Academic) Dr. John Whitfield summed it up this way: "Margaret Page has made an enormous contribution to the University, her profession and the community. She readily and cheerfully undertakes responsibilities and always does a good job. In my view she is professional, competent, energetic and willing to serve." — Frances Harding

# IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

## LAKEHEAD ESTABLISHES ITS FIRST PhD PROGRAM IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

by Jane Scary

Changes within the Department of Psychology are having a significant impact on the quality of mental health care in the region. They include the recruitment of new faculty members, a dramatic increase in undergraduate enrolment, and the creation of



Dr. John Jamieson

Lakehead University's first PhD program which should help to meet the increasing demand for Clinical Psychologists willing to practice in Northwestern Ontario.

Dr. John Jamieson, Chair of the Department, speaks enthusiastically about the eight new faculty members who have been hired in the last 10 years. "All, are multi-talented individuals with active research programs who have created a stimulating intellectual atmosphere on campus," he says.

A dramatic increase in enrolment — in both the total number of course registrations and the number of Psychology majors — has made the Department of Psychology one of the largest academic

units on campus. Within the last decade, the Honours Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) program has increased from 69 to 200 students and there are now 26 students enrolled in the Master's program and four in the PhD program.

Institutions and organizations seeking the expertise of trained mental health care professionals have been highly supportive of Lakehead's first PhD program, established in 1995. Mutually beneficial student/community interactions are providing the requisite practical experience for the doctoral students, and Jamieson expects that closer links between Lakehead University and the community's mental health care delivery system shall ensue.

Jamieson believes the increasing interest in the study of Psychology is due to the growing number of job opportunities in the field. Lakehead's PhD program, which focuses on psychological health issues unique to Northern communities, will produce graduates attuned to the needs of the region, he says.

"I am optimistic that we will continue to attract very good students and provide them with the ever-changing range of skills needed for successful employment in the profession of Psychology." □

### Lakehead University Psychology Clinic

The Evans House, located across from the main entrance to the campus on Oliver Road, used to house the Office of Alumni Services. Today it's the site of the Lakehead University Psychology Clinic.

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For information call (807) 343-8441.



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- Family relationship issues
- Disorders associated with stress

# MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER

*Suzanne Barker-Collo*

Suzanne Barker-Collo is "making her mark" in Northwestern Ontario. At 25 years of age, she already has five publications under her belt and a Doctoral Fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. She finished her PhD thesis this spring and will eagerly complete her Clinical Psychology degree with next year's internship — the "real stuff" — clinical practice!

Barker-Collo's interest appears to be piqued by many things. Her PhD thesis consists of testing a model of post-traumatic stress reactions in female sexual abuse victims. Sound complicated?



Applied, her research could help to guide clinicians in choosing those interventions which will be most beneficial to victims of abuse. Work with developmentally-challenged individuals has also shaped Barker-Collo's career. At the same time, all sorts of questions fascinate her, among them is an interest in false-memory syndrome, and structural equation modelling (advanced statistics).

Confident and self-directed, Barker-Collo will be tackling clinical practice this fall, a practice which she may wish to continue in Thunder Bay after her internship. When asked where the future might take her, there appeared to be no limits for Suzanne: research, clinical practice, even academe.

— Cathy Gibbs

# GO NORTH, YOUNG WOMAN

*Alana Holmes*



Torn between her family in Niagara-on-the-Lake and the great outdoors of Thunder Bay, Alana Holmes has chosen the North, joining three other students enrolled in Lakehead University's PhD program in Clinical Psychology. (Holmes is the only doctoral candidate who did not complete a Master's at Lakehead!)

Slogging through the 12 required courses for her doctorate has been her first priority, although in May she did begin her PhD thesis which involves conducting an evaluation of infant stimulation programs for developmentally-delayed children.

Prior to coming to Lakehead, she worked as an assessment counsellor for the St. Catharines School Board. Children from Junior Kindergarten to the OAC level were "sent her way." It was up to Holmes to gather information, observe and assess the child, and provide suggestions for the teachers working with the children.

Her Master's thesis, completed at the University of Toronto while working at the Board, consisted of creating a screening test for intellectually-gifted children.

There are many at Lakehead who hope Northwestern Ontario will hook her for good. Alana Holmes has a lot to offer Thunder Bay, either as a consultant for the school board or through the establishment of her own practice.

— Cathy Gibbs

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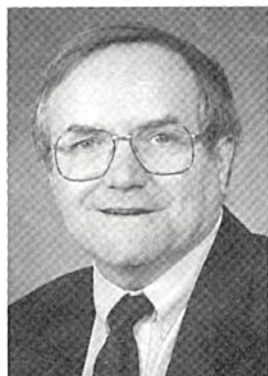
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# OVER \$26.4 MILLION RAISED



Dr. Robert Roschart

by Dr. Robert G. Roschart, President, Lakehead University

It seems hard to believe the Share Our Northern Vision campaign (Phase I) has been completed. Five years ago, when the campaign was launched in Toronto's Royal Bank Tower and later in Thunder Bay, it seemed this celebration was many, many days into the future. Indeed our project seemed daunting. But now here we are celebrating the fact that we have surpassed our goal. I extend much appreciation to all of our generous donors from the City of Thunder Bay, the region, the province, and from across Canada who have contributed to the \$26.4 million that Lakehead University has received.

The funds have enabled us to complete important capital building projects, enhance our scholarships and bursaries program, and develop some interesting new initiatives. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank all the members of our Campaign Cabinet and, in particular, Bill James, the Chair, for his inspiring leadership.

A special thank you also goes to the many other volunteers who have worked tirelessly to see us complete the largest fund-raising campaign ever conducted in Northwestern Ontario. Some exciting new initiatives are planned with Phase II, and we look to your continued support and leadership. □

## MATCHING DOLLARS BRING IN MILLIONS FOR STUDENT BURSARIES

Lakehead University finished the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund campaign in March, 1997, having raised a remarkable total of \$3.3 million in just eight months.

When these funds are matched by the Government of Ontario, Lakehead University will have a grand total of \$6.6 million to endow for student financial aid.

"Many people don't realize that about half of Lakehead's students are on OSAP and last year borrowed a total of \$21 million to finance their education," says Director of Student Services and Community Relations Joy Himmelman. "With increases in tuition and the cost of living, the need for financial assistance is pressing now and will likely become even more urgent in the future." One-hundred and eighty-five new named endowments will provide for the establishment of over 500 new bursaries. □

## SHARE OUR NORTHERN VISION CAMPAIGN – Phase I

As of October 31, 1996

### SOURCE OF FUNDS

|                                                                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Municipal, Provincial, Federal Government                                          | \$9,628,328         |
| Corporate Sector                                                                   | \$6,262,827         |
| Student Referendum                                                                 | \$4,451,210         |
| Foundations                                                                        | \$2,247,008         |
| University Family (Board of Governors, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Misc. Family Gifts) | \$2,208,063         |
| Friends, Bequests and Miscellaneous                                                | \$1,524,392         |
| Parents                                                                            | \$93,996            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                       | <b>\$26,415,824</b> |

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| New Initiatives                      | \$9,929,347         |
| Student Centre                       | \$4,444,912         |
| Chancellor Paterson Library          | \$4,327,560         |
| Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards     | \$2,996,716         |
| Bora Laskin Building                 | \$1,187,092         |
| Faculty & Department Initiatives     | \$1,169,869         |
| Equipment                            | \$1,083,027         |
| Unrestricted                         | \$490,575           |
| Fellowship Residence (Halliday Hall) | \$476,110           |
| Handicap Access                      | \$273,116           |
| C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse              | \$37,500            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$26,415,824</b> |

*Share*  
OUR NORTHERN VISION

Whether it was stage-managing a reunion, drafting a Constitution, or selling toasters at a flea market, you could always count on Betty Coates to get the job done — with style.

by Frances Harding

## Former Alumni Association President Honoured

This year the Alumni Association of Lakehead University honoured its former President, the late Betty C. Coates, with the 1997 Alumni Honour Award.

"The Award is presented each year at Convocation to a distinguished graduate who has made an outstanding contribution to his or her community," says Jim Kalyta, the current President of the Alumni Association. "This year, the selection committee was unanimous in its decision to recognize Betty's extraordinary leadership and dedication to the Alumni Association."

"Betty was an ardent and vocal supporter of her Alma Mater. She was instrumental in the rebirth of the Association in the early 1980s, she spearheaded the Alumni

Reunion that attracted 400 graduates when Lakehead celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 1990, and she led the way in a capital campaign to secure a permanent home for the Alumni Association in the Avila Centre. Her generosity will never be forgotten."

At the time of her passing last fall, Betty Coates was Vice-Chair of the Lakehead University Foundation and had agreed, along with her family, to be profiled in the pages of the *Nor'Wester* for establishing the Coates Family Lakehead University 30th Anniversary Bursary. The ad copy, written to promote a fund-raising campaign for student bursaries, included the quote: "I've always considered investing in Lakehead as an investment in my family."

Thanks, Betty, for counting us in. □



Betty C. Coates  
BScN '69  
Alumni Honour Award

# Thank You

**to all Alumni and Friends who helped us raise**

**\$26.4 million for Lakehead University**



# Hong Kong Connections



by Vonnie Cheng

Hong Kong has changed tremendously since I moved away in 1968 to attend Lakehead University. The forest of skyscrapers has grown much taller, denser and larger, and now covers most of the 440 square miles that constitute Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and New Territories. In addition to a super-efficient mass transit railway and several underwater tunnels, the city is saturated with a staggering array of shops, open markets, theatres, restaurants, recreation and cultural facilities.

Looking at Hong Kong now, it is difficult to believe that it was once described by Lord Palmerston as "a barren rock" when the British flag was first planted there in 1841.

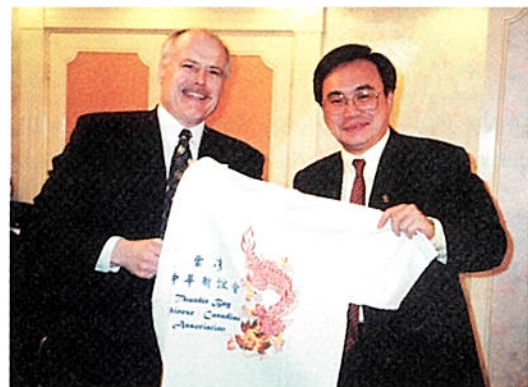
Today, the "Pearl of the Orient" is a bustling, dynamic metropolis where East and West meet in harmony. Thanks to Hong Kong's position at the southeastern tip of China and the efforts of its industrious and enterprising population, the city has become one of the most important financial, manufacturing and international trading centres in the world.

After July 1, 1997, when the sovereignty of Hong Kong reverts to the People's Republic of China, the city will acquire a new status as an autonomous "Special Administration Region" of China. The Sino-British Joint Declaration Treaty, which defines the terms for the transfer, guarantees that Hong Kong's way of life will remain unchanged for the first 50 years after repatriation. Despite these assurances, many residents have left Hong Kong for Canada,



Australia, United States and other countries during the last 10 years. It has been estimated that an average of 40,000 to 60,000 people, among them many young professionals, emigrated annually after the Joint Declaration was signed in 1984.

What will become of Hong Kong after the hand-over? Will it continue to enjoy the same degree of social, economic and political freedoms it has had in the last 156 years under British rule? Will the



Dr. John Whitfield and Edward Lau

Chinese government be able to maintain its "one country, two systems" policy? Will Hong Kong become like Singapore — "an enlightened autocracy where civil rights are limited but economic freedoms survive" as one columnist recently described it in *The Globe and Mail*? Only time can tell.

In the meantime, joint ventures flourish among business partners in Hong Kong and China. With its 15 per cent tax rate, less than three per cent unemployment, and unique blend of 20th century commercialism and centuries-old Chinese culture, Hong Kong continues to exert a magnetism like no other city in the world for many of Lakehead's Hong Kong alumni.

Of the 100 plus Lakehead University graduates living in Hong Kong, 26 turned out for the first official Hong Kong Alumni Reunion at Chiuchow Garden Restaurant in Central District. Hosted by Lakehead's Vice-President (Academic) Dr. John Whitfield, Director of Continuing Education Dan Pakulak (BA'72, HBA'73), Executive Assistant to the President Beverley Stefureak, and myself, the evening was a resounding success. Everything from the venue to the food (a formal nine-course Chinese dinner complete with shark-fin soup) was perfect thanks to the supreme organizational skills of three Hong Kong alumni: Alfred Ho (BA'74, BA'75), Paul Ly (Eng.Tech.'80, BSc'85'86), and Mickey Suen (BA'75).

The warm enthusiasm with which we were greeted by the Hong Kong alumni was overwhelming. They appreciated the occasion to meet and renew their friendships. All have fond memories of their times at Lakehead and in Thunder Bay. They were also lavish in their praise of the University. According to Edward Lau (Bus.Dip.'85, BA'86, BA/HBOR'86), the Outdoor Recreation program at Lakehead "changed his life for the better — forever." Edward is the Director of Tedford Development Limited and his brother, Peter Lau (BAdmin'86), is the Vice-President of Citibank. Peter and several alumni are engaged in business ventures in mainland China and they have offered to assist the University in developing contacts there for student recruitment and academic exchange.

Successful, energetic and talented, the Hong Kong alumni exuded a dynamism strong enough to power a rocket. Most had previously emigrated to Canada but have chosen to return and work in Hong Kong. The mass exodus since the late 1980s has led to a shortage of skilled professionals in the territory. This has opened up a world of financial and career advancement opportunities for our alumni in Hong Kong.

Many hold senior positions in banking, finance, engineering, construction and land development companies. Paul Ly, for instance, is the Senior Manager of Shanghai International Asset Management (HK) Co. Ltd., Alfred Ho is the Managing Director of Chung Kiu Telecommunications (China) Ltd., and Mickey Suen is the Executive Director and General Manager at Po Kay Finance Ltd. Stella Ho (BAdmin'79) works as Chief Budget Accountant for Coca-Cola China Limited. Her husband Ho-Chow Ten Wu (BAdmin'79) is the General Manager of Kia Motors (Hong Kong) Ltd. Kar Wing Yuen (BSc'75,



HBSc'76, MA'81), Vice Principal of Concordia Lutheran School (North Point), is one of the few Hong Kong alumni who are in the education field.

The Hong Kong Alumni Reunion began and ended on a high note. In addition to many kind offers to help the University in any way they can, the alumni attending the reunion collectively contributed \$2,580 toward a \$5,000 named bursary endowment. The endowment will be matched by the Ontario Government under the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund program (OSOTF).

*Hong Kong alumni elected Paul Ly to be their contact. Details on page 19.*



# 香港連線

# ALUMNI REPORT

by Jim Kalyta  
President, Alumni Association

## 1997 Curling Funspiel

The 1997 Curling Funspiel was held on March 14 at the Port Arthur Curling Club in Thunder Bay. Once again, the event attracted a sell-out crowd of 128 curlers, despite the many activities taking place that weekend including the CIAU Womens' Basketball Championships at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse.

The Chris Maurik team (including Sharon Maurik, Ivan Cocks, and Judy Cocks) and the Kelly Tolen team including (Dave and Jim Wagar and Ron Fults) were the eventual winners for their respective events. Sponsored by long-time supporter Bob Thompson of Financial Concept Group, the Funspiel was successful in raising over \$3,500 in support of the Alumni Association's \$45,000 pledge to the Lakehead University Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF). At the end of the night, 87 brave curlers, including Lakehead's President Dr. Bob Rosehart, took part in the Country Good Meats and Deli "Turkey Draw." Roma Kopechanski and Walter Flasz were the two winners who were lucky enough to each take home a 15-lb frozen turkey.

Special thanks to Bob Thompson, and our volunteer team of Ken Sundell, Dave McGowan (co-chairs), Mary Sacco, Kathy McGowan and Debbie Zuback for their tremendous volunteer help. Also, thanks to the many generous sponsors and donors listed on page 11.

## Golfers Take Note

The 14th Annual Alumni Open is scheduled for Friday, August 22, 1997, at Centennial Golf Course in Thunder Bay. The tournament is open to all alumni, staff, students and friends of the University and is jointly sponsored by Financial Concept Group and the Alumni

Association. Funds raised will support the OSOTF. Space is limited so book early. Participants are encouraged to register by calling (807) 343-8155. Cost is only \$40 for the tournament and barbecue dinner.

## \$500,000 for Student Aid

The focus of the 1996/97 Alumni Annual Fund was to get in touch with more alumni than ever before, to update their records, and to solicit support for OSOTF. Approximately 27,000 phone calls were placed by our students in an effort to reach you. We were successful in reaching almost 7,000 of our alumni and, overall, the response to the students was tremendous! Thanks to the support of our generous alumni, almost \$500,000 was raised in pledges to be paid over the next three years in support of student financial aid. It seems that our alumni have not forgotten the financial pressures of attending university and felt it necessary and worthwhile to try to make the academic life of future students a little bit easier.

Over 3,000 alumni made a gift or three-year pledge to the campaign. Lakehead applauds your commitment and dedication and offers warmest thanks on behalf of the students who will be directly benefitting from your generosity.

If you have any questions about the LU-OSOTF please do not hesitate to contact the Alumni Services Office at (807) 343-8155 or 1-800-832-8076.

## Annual Alumni Dinner and AGM

On May 8, 1997, the Association held its Annual General Meeting and Dinner at the Faculty Lounge. Over 100 alumni, faculty and staff, friends and other members of the University community attended. Besides the regular order of business, those attending had an opportunity to meet the 1996 Distinguished Instructor Dr. Jane Taylor and the two 1996 Distinguished

Researchers: Dr. Murray Lankester and Dr. Rao Puttagunta. They also listened to the keynote address given by Dr. John Whitfield, Vice-President (Academic), who spoke about his recent trip to Hong Kong, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur to meet with Lakehead alumni and prospective students. During the Meeting, the 1997 Alumni Honour Award was presented (posthumously) to Betty C. Coates and was accepted by her husband Bert. Betty, as many of you know, was a long-time supporter of the Association and of Lakehead University. She has been, and will continue to be, greatly missed. On a positive note, Betty's enthusiasm, energy and ideas will continue to benefit the Association through her daughter, Mary Beth Coates (BA'84, HBA'85), who has been elected to the Board of Directors for 1997-1999. Special thanks to Campbell & Company Insurance Consultants for sponsoring the 1997 Annual Dinner.

## LU Net Rates Increase

CTRC, the campus Internet provider, announced that, effective June 1, 1997, there was a change in the LU Net service currently available to graduates living in Thunder Bay. Director Bob Angell said that recent increases in local telephone rates have had an adverse effect on the cost to run the service. Thus, the rate will remain the same, however, the monthly free hour allotment will drop from 20 hours to 15. For more information, please call CTRC at (807) 346-7700. □

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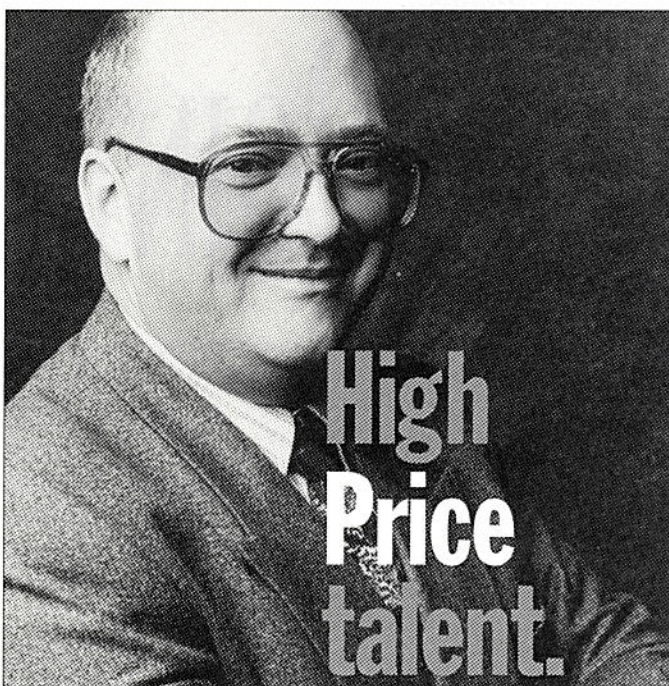
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# VIEW POINT

by Margie Taylor

Happy Silver Jubilee! Well, actually, the one I'm referring to is mine, to be honest... mine and the other 892 fresh-faced youngsters who graduated with me in the spring of 1972. (Allow me to interject that although I know we all graduated together, very few of us actually saw it happen, as attending one's grad ceremony was not considered particularly cool in those days and I only got the photo taken to please my grandmother.) Hard to believe, isn't it, that 25 years have passed? Mind-boggling, actually.

"Don't look back," the baseball player Satchel Paige used to say. "Something might be gaining on you." Well, now we know what he was talking about: mortgages, cellulite and debt financing. I

Which would upset me if I didn't remember being excruciatingly embarrassed by my own parents. Never, I told myself, would I venture out of the house without eye-makeup, never would I wear polyester leisure suits or dye my hair, and never – ever – ever would I get up and dance in front of my children.

A quarter century later I have managed to commit every one of the above sins, except for the leisure suits, which thankfully went out of fashion before I hit 30. I have been known to wear the same sweatshirt and blue jeans five days running, and I have been spotted putting out the garbage clad in my daughter's cast off sweat pants and a pair of hiking boots, the laces untied. (Well, I was in a hurry!) I haven't known the entire words to any current pop tune

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often get the feeling that life is a kind of train, the Middle-Aged Express, and nobody has thought to ask us if we even wanted to get on. A few moments ago we were young, bushy-haired and bright-eyed and now – well, now we have kids who fit that description, the long hair replaced by buzz cuts and the odd piece of body piercing marring their otherwise perfect complexions.

My own daughter is a sweet young thing, sadly afflicted with what a friend of mine used to call the eye-rolling disease – you know, the look daughters give their mothers whenever they catch them trying to be hip or attempting to make a joke. She, like most of her friends, spends her life in a permanent state of fear that I will do something, or say something, to embarrass her.

since 1979, and I have recently come out of the closet and confessed to a sneaking passion for the music of ABBA. In other words, I have lived long enough to turn into my parents.

Well, not quite. I run three times a week, lift weights and have taken up indoor rock-climbing. I taught myself to roller-blade two summers ago and hiked a mountain in Scotland last September. I never wear caftans or blue jeans with pleats and I keep up on the important names in the lives of my children: Mariah Carey, Doctor Dre and Tommy Hilfiger.

I wonder, however, if my former classmates have noticed that policemen, family doctors and bus drivers are getting younger and younger? Does the boy who bags your groceries practically break your arm insisting he carry them out to the car,



Margie Taylor

and do hairdressers tell you sweetly that you look "good for your age"? And are you becoming horrified with the number of children – babies, almost – who are out there driving cars, slinging beer in bars and running for public office?

Do you ever find yourself succumbing to an irresistible urge to tell your children how far you had to walk to school when you were a kid, and how you got one pair of shoes every winter and were supposed to make them last for the year? Have you ever turned down an invitation to go out because it's Friday night and you're exhausted and you'd really rather stay home and order pizza? And have you ever got up during the annual parent-teacher appreciation night and done any one of the following: the twist, the jive or the hully gully?

If you can answer "yes" to even one of the above, then welcome to the club. The train left the station years ago and we're all on board – might as well relax and enjoy the trip! □

*Margie Taylor worked as a broadcast journalist for 22 years before quitting to write full-time in June, 1995. She and her family have lived in Vancouver, Thunder Bay and Tunbridge Wells, England, and are now living in Calgary. She has two children, a dog, a cat and a husband – not necessarily in that order! – and her first novel, "Some of Skippy's Blues", will be published in August.*

# CLASS NEWS

## IN MEMORIAM

**John Cameron McEwen** (BA'70),  
December 26, 1996

**Joseph Anthony St. Amand**  
(Bus.Dip.'67), January 28, 1997

**Melvyn Edward Kohar** (BSc'71,  
Grad.Bus.Dip.'72, HBSc'76),  
February 27, 1997

## 1960s

Eighty-four-year-old **Tillie Hurrell** (BA'67, HBA'71, MA'92) has published her second book, "Papa and the Vikings" (Trilobite Press), a collection of short stories. Her first book, "Fools, Lovers, Children, Dames," a collection of poetry, was published last year.

**Harvey** (BA'68, BEd'71) and **Judy Clue** announce the birth of their daughter **Stephanie Anne** on October 30, 1996.

## 1970s

**Pat** (BA'70) and **Lynda** (nee Peden) (BA'85) O'Brien have relocated to Toronto, where Pat is Manager, GRID Public Affairs, with Ontario Hydro.

**Perry Snow** (BA'70, MA'74) and his wife **Bonnie** will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on November 4, 1997. He has been in private practice as a Clinical Psychologist in Calgary since 1983.

After 20 years with the Ministry of Natural Resources in Kenora,

**Chris R. Marsh** (BScF'74) and his wife **Judy** moved to Fort St. James, B.C., in July, 1996, where Chris is working as Industry Zone Officer with the Ministry of Forests. Judy is substitute teaching.

**Robin H. Luck** (HBSc'76) and his wife have moved to Jacksonville, Florida, from Chicago, Illinois. Robin is working out of the Worldwide Headquarters for Betz Dearborn Paper Process Group as Global Director, Corporate Accounts.

**Barb Elwert** (BEd'77) was employed as a sessional lecturer of communication skills and English upgrading at Lakehead's Faculty of Education for 19 years. In the spring of 1996, she started her own business, Grade A Editing. She edits academic assignments, journal submissions, literary manuscripts, and business documents. Most of her time is spent working as a free-

lance copyeditor for a major American publisher of scholarly texts.

**Jan Brooks** (nee Pollard) (HBPHE'78, BEd'79) and **Gerry Kitto** purchased a 46-acre farm just 20 minutes from downtown London. Their jobs (as well as two dogs, two cats and four horses) keep them busy and close to home.

## 1980s

**Tim Moody** (BSc'80, HBSc'81) and his partner **Shelley** moved to Thunder Bay from Chapleau in August, 1996. Tim is employed as Enforcement Supervisor with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

**Ralph S. Kermer** (ForTech'81) and **Shelley** moved to Fort Nelson, B.C., over a year ago to start a job with the British Columbia Forest Service after spending over 13 years living in – and enjoying – the Northwest Territories.

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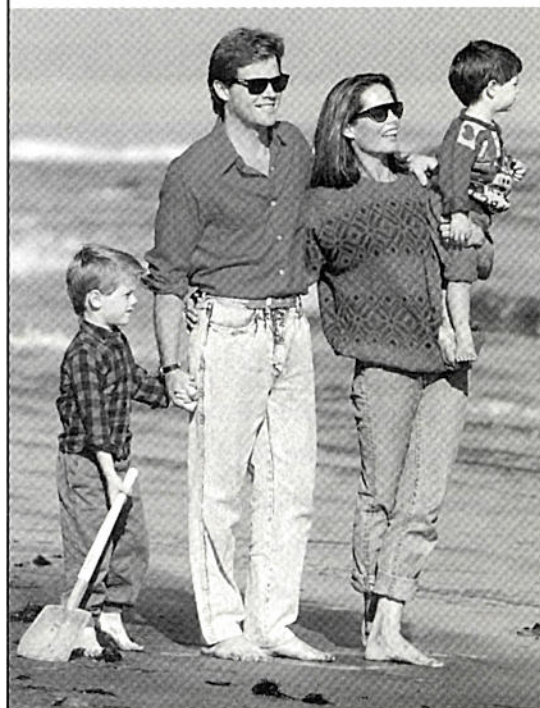
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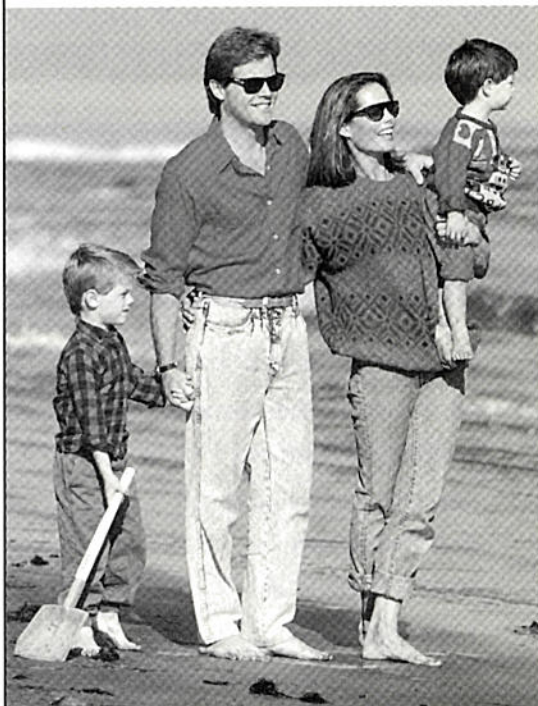
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**Jannine A.** (HBComm'90) and **Michael Gagnon** are living in Victoria, B.C., with their son Aaron Michael Thomas, born June 24, 1995. In January, 1996, Jannine left her job of five years with Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants to accept a position at one of her major clients, the British Columbia Ferry Corporation.

**Barbara** (nee Wood) (HBComm'91) and **David Francey** (BEng'90, BEd'94) moved to Ottawa in the fall of 1994. Barb attained her CA designation in 1993 and is working as a Financial Analyst with Nortel. David is a high school teacher with the Carleton Roman Catholic School Board.

**Nick Blacklock** (HBSc'90) and **Manny** have a baby daughter Olivia Summer. Nick has worked five years for Boise Cascade Canada and has recently relocated with them to Eagle, Idaho. They have been approved for a green card and plan on staying in the United States for a while.

**Todd** (HBComm'93) and **Becky** (nee Elgie) (BEd'91) **Collins** have finally settled after year-long stints in Manitouwadge, Kingston and Ottawa. They have

recently moved to Sudbury. Todd is a Commercial Account Manager with the Toronto-Dominion Bank and Becky is picking up occasional supply teaching days, volunteering, and finishing their new house.

**Wendy Snelgrove** (HBOR'91) graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1994 and was called to the bar in 1996. She practices with the firm of Iler, Campbell and in her spare time plays hockey, cross-country skis and is an activist in the lesbian and gay community.

After leaving Lakehead (slow but sure), **Ron O'Neil** (HBOR'91) worked for a small company in Edmonton and Calgary. After realizing that 100-hour work weeks are best invested in himself, he created Fall Protection Group Inc. in February, 1995. Now in its third year of operation, Fall Protection Group Inc. has become a premiere resource in the general occupational health and safety niche. Ron bought a house in Calgary with his girlfriend, Jacqueline Dube. He extends his best wishes to his classmates. He may be contacted at (403) 209-3205 or by E-mail at: roneil@freenet.calgary.ab.ca

**Susan** (nee Fabiano) (BA/BEd'91) and **Marty Curry** were married on July 3, 1993. They live in Hanover, Ontario, with their son Michael Martin who was born January 1, 1996. They are expecting their second child in early August.

**Tara** (nee Tayler) (BSc'92, HBSc'93) and **Bryan Fulton** were married in Thunder Bay on September 4, 1993. After honeymooning in Jamaica, they moved to Mississauga where she works at Nacan Products Ltd. as a Technical Service Technician in the Resin Division and Bryan works at Fuji Photo Film Canada as a Technical Service Representative. They have recently bought a new house in the Brampton area, have no children but do have a cat named Psycho.

**Lily Kangas** (BA/BEd'92) is still supply teaching and has recently become the full-time manager of the Garden of Verses Bookstore in Sault Ste. Marie. She is eager to hear from old friends and sends congratulations to **Dean** (BEd'92) and **Leslie Bonell** on the birth of their son Stuart last summer, a sister for Leanna.

**Mohammad bin Kassim** (HBSc'92) is a lecturer in the Chemistry Department in the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and his wife Rohaidah Omar (BA'92) works in one of the biggest department stores in Malaysia. They were married in 1994 and have a one-and-a-half year old daughter. Every year, the Lakehead University **Class of '92** from all over Malaysia meets and this year the meeting was held in February at beautiful Port Dixon Beach. Thanks to the booming Malaysian economy, most of the alumni have good, high-paying jobs. There are a few companies from Canada (like Bombardier) trying their luck in the Malaysian market. There is also an increase in the bilateral cooperation including the educational sector. Kassim's E-mail address is: mbk@sffmail.fsfg.ukm.my

**Kelly Breutigam** (HBPE'93, BEd'94) and **Jeff Wilkins** (HBPE'94, BEd'95) announce their engagement after six years of going together. They will be married in Owen Sound on June 23, 1997, and will continue to live in Sauble Beach and teach in the area. They hope to see many of their friends at the wedding which wouldn't have been possible without swim practical and Fort Frances Residence parties.

**Barbara Heard** (MA'93) has moved back to Brandon, Manitoba, and bought a house. She is now working as a School Psychologist for Antler River School Division which is based in Melita, Manitoba.



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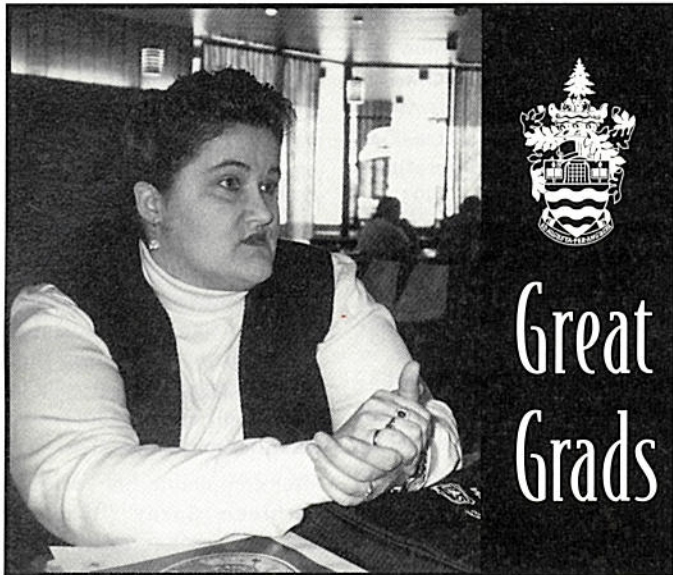
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As the only professional engineer in a community of 1000 people, 1100 km north of Yellowknife, Filiatrault truly has a unique job. "Everything is new," she says "and sometimes it feels like a race against the clock."

The Nunavut Water Board, established on July 9, 1996, is busy making precedent-setting decisions that will impact municipalities, mining, oil and gas exploration, sewage disposal, and solid and hazardous waste treatment. Its overarching concern is to make decisions that are truly in the best interests of the residents

of Nunavut and the Inuit in particular — now and in the future. This means conducting effective public hearings, preparing appropriate guidelines for the processing of water and land use permits, and finding ways to get Inuit ecological knowledge "down on paper" for the decision-making process and future generations.

A former president of the Lakehead University student chapter of the Society for Civil Engineering, Filiatrault competed with 500 other applicants for the job on King William Island where January temperatures can sink to -70C. She says it was her determination that got her the job, as well as her communication and organization skills. Her advice to job-hunting students is to send a letter summarizing your qualifications *after* the interview. "And remember, they're hiring you — the person as a whole — not just your engineering abilities." □

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**Janet** (nee Townson) (BAdmin '94) and **Matthew Hanlon** are expecting their first child in September. Janet has been employed with Centra Gas Ontario Inc. as Operations Coordinator since May, 1993.

**Tammy Booth Peterson** (nee Booth) (BA/BEd'95) and **Gregory Peterson** (HBSc'94) are pleased to announce their marriage on September 21, 1996, in Edmonton, Alberta. Tammy is working for the Elk Island School Board (Sherwood Park) and Greg is completing his Master of Science degree in the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta.

After travelling and working in the Middle East, **David Dick** (BA'94) recently finished his PhD at Eastern University and is busy running his own business called Wisdom of the Wilderness in Toronto. He misses all the good times he had at Lakehead over his four years and especially

enjoyed the Rugby Team and being a part of the Outdoor Recreation department.

**Michael Crosgrey** (HBComm '94) recently accepted a position with Symantec Corporation in Toronto as a Senior Product Support Analyst.

**George** (BA/BEd'94) and **Louise** (nee Dalingwater) **Angelkovski** were married on August 12, 1995, in Hamilton, Ontario. They are expecting their first child in May. Their E-mail address is: [George@Croissanttree.com](mailto:George@Croissanttree.com)

After completing her degree, **Kathleen Gazez** (HBSc'95) returned to her position as Silviculture Technologist in the Faculty of Forestry. In February, 1996, Kathleen moved west to British Columbia accepting a position with Slocan Forest Products as Area Planner in Vavenby Division. "The new job is tremendous and life in the west is fabulous — horseback riding, skiing, hiking... It's great

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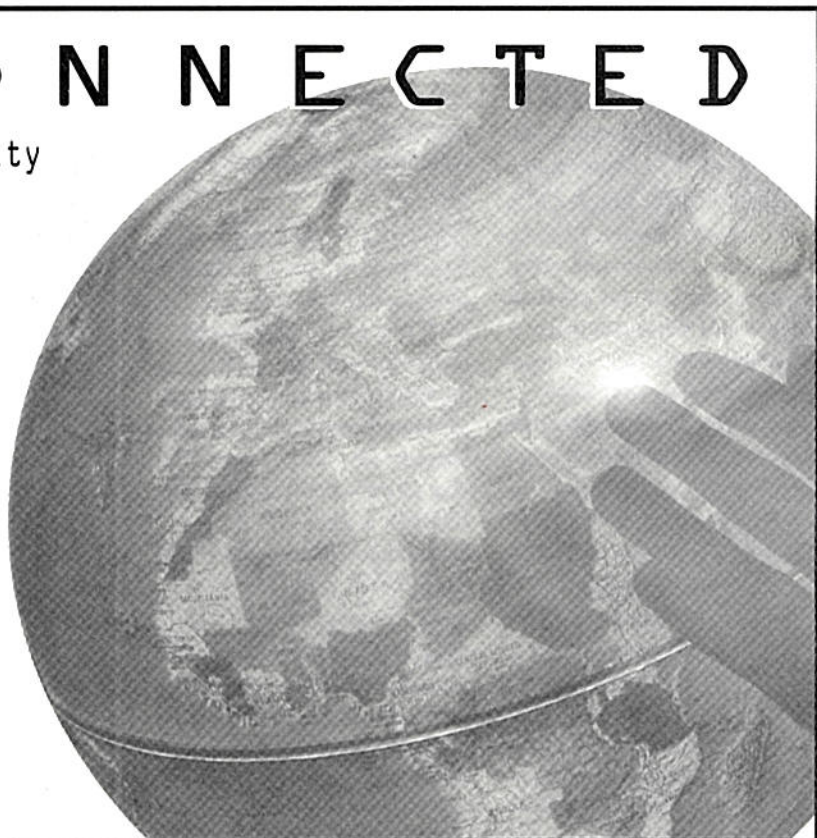
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to see so many Lakehead Forestry grads working throughout the province".

**Carmen Boudreau** (HBOR'95) is working on her second undergrad degree at Laurentian University in Physical Education (major in Health Promotion) which is a two-year program. Following graduation she will be embarking on a trip to Finland to visit family and friends. She has many options ahead including a job offer from a popular Korean Karate Club, teaching English in Eastern Europe, staying in Finland for a while, or going back to school.

**Sandra Elaine** (nee Drewlo) (BEEd'95) and Michael Davison were married on August 19, 1995, and live in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

**Stewart Alexander Coulter** (BEng'96) is working on his Master's degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Waterloo. He may even try for his PhD.

**Tracey Hess** (BA/BEEd'96) is in the middle of a "fantastic" teaching experience in Torreon, Mexico. Her Grade 4 students are teaching her Spanish while she teaches them English.

**Wendy Weston** (HBSc'96) has accepted her first job as a Laboratory Technologist with a pediatric hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Catherine McMahon** (HBComm '96) is in the Masters of Industrial Relations program at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. She received the Queen's University Graduate Fellowship and a Queen's University Graduate Award. She is also a member of the Women's Varsity Volleyball Team.

**Annabel Cava McKinlay** (BA/BEEd'96) married Barry McKinlay, a professional hockey player, in the summer of 1996. They live in Thunder Bay. □



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On behalf of the Lakehead University community and

generations of students who will benefit greatly by the bursary award, I wish to extend a big thank-you to the Hong Kong alumni for their generosity and commitment to their Alma Mater. □

*Vonnie Cheng (BSc'80, BA'82, HBA'92, Grad.Dip.Bus.'92) is a Development Officer at Lakehead University. She was part of the Lakehead University contingent which travelled to Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and Singapore in March to meet with the alumni and prospective students.*

*Door prizes for the Hong Kong Alumni Reunion were generously provided by the Lakehead University Alumni Association, Lakehead University Alumni Bookstore, Lakehead University's Department of Student Services and Community Relations, and Thunder Bay Chinese Canadian Association.*

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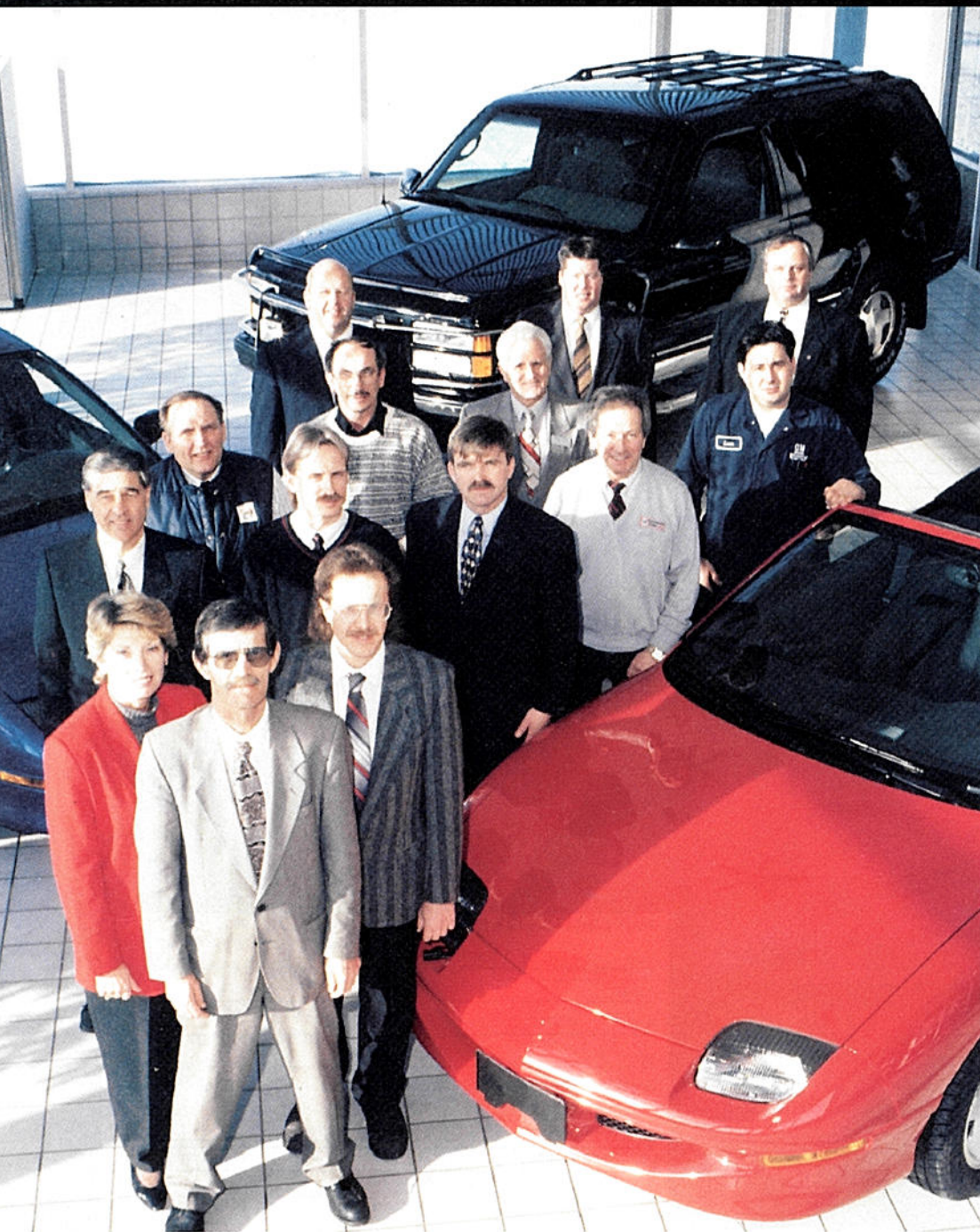
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