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By the time Ian Searle had completed his Forestry degree at Lakehead University, he had already chosen his second career.

Today, Captain Ian Searle is one of a select group of pilots that make up the Canadian Forces 431 Air Demonstration Squadron. Last year, he and his colleagues flew a total of 36,000 miles in their CT 114 Tutor planes performing synchronized rolls, loops, and dives to the delight of more than 3 million spectators across North America.

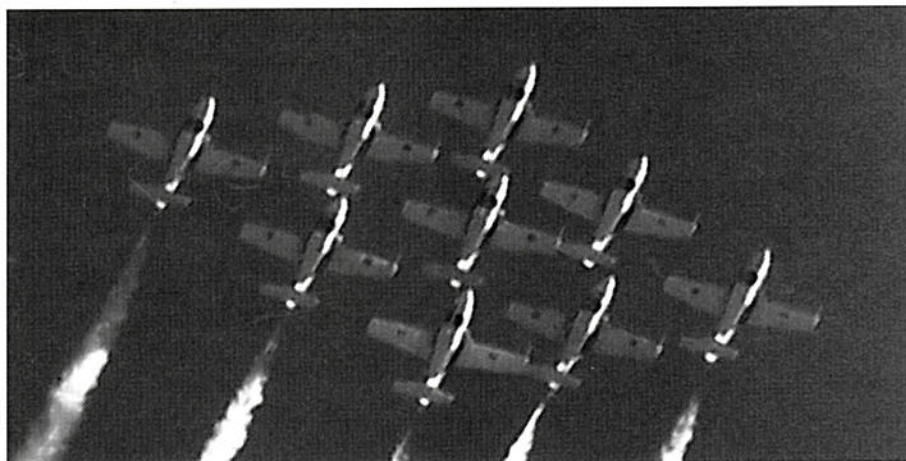
Searle's interest in flying began as a child when he spent a lot of time "hanging around float planes" during summer vacations in the Temagami region of Ontario.

His opportunity came shortly after graduation when he walked into the Canadian Forces Recruiting Office in

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Thunder Bay and was later accepted into a pilot training program. Now, at age 35, and midway through his two-year posting with the Snowbirds, he is looking around and wondering where his career in the military will take him. Recent budget cuts to the Canadian Armed Forces could mean limited opportunities for Searle in the years to come.

Nevertheless, he credits Lakehead for preparing him for his success to date. The ability to adapt to change, to be self motivated, to deal with the public, and to work effectively in other parts of the world where language and culture are different — these are just a few of the things Ian Searle says he gained while studying at Lakehead University. □





Looking for Data

By Shawn Vincent

The Northern

Ontario Statistical

Information Base

May be your Answer.

Economics Professors

Bakhtiar Moazzami

and Witold Jankowski

on Northern Ontario?

You are an entrepreneur. You live in Northern Ontario and you have been turned down by the bank when you asked for a loan. Why? Because the bank doesn't have critical information on the region's economy that could demonstrate the viability of your venture. According to two Lakehead University economics professors, this happens more frequently than it should. And they have something that will help.

For the past few years, Witold Jankowski and Bakhtiar Moazzami have been working in partnership with FedNor and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to develop an information base on the region's economy known as the Northern Ontario Statistical Information Base.

information to be organized in one, easily accessible location, instead of being spread throughout several places. Another is to pick up information about the region that Statistics Canada is no longer collecting due to budget cuts, but which is still important to decision makers.

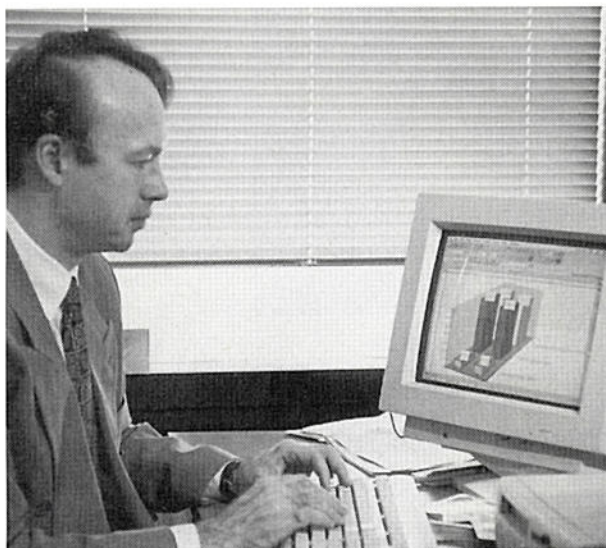
Once this information is organized, it will be available to governments, financial institutions, businesses, Aboriginal groups, and academic institutions, to name but a few. Indicators on income, housing, the environment, health, education and many other social and economic indicators will be available in quarterly newsletters, and a volume published every three years entitled Northern Ontario Statistics. Interested

more effective decisions based on new products and services. Third, research on Northern Ontario will grow and improve.

Lakehead University itself will be a large beneficiary of the Northern Ontario Statistical Information Base. Not only will faculty benefit from ongoing data collection and analysis, but students will find employment and internship opportunities with the project. The University also will be rewarded financially, as this spin-off project will bring in much-needed revenue in times when funding is a critical issue faced by universities in this country. The Northern Ontario Statistical Information Base will start on a shoestring budget and will pay for itself on what Jankowski calls "a cost-recovery basis."

The fact that this initiative is market driven is crucial; in order for it to succeed, it needs to be utilized. Jankowski says that complaints about the lack of information have been heard, and the Northern Ontario Statistical Information Base is the answer. Jankowski knows that the support for this project exists and that the restructuring of FedNor programs in the North will find the Northern Ontario Statistical Data Base as a fundamental component during social and economic development; that is why he is committed to seeing it succeed. This venture will work because it is needed, and because it makes sense.

As Jankowski says, it is a "win, win, win" situation for everyone concerned. □



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Jankowski, Chair of Lakehead University's Department of Economics, is confident that the Northern Ontario Statistical Information Base will be successful, because it is an initiative based on meeting real needs in the community — and especially the needs of economic development officers, city planners and ministry officials.

The most important need is for

parties will also be able to access data from floppy disks, and eventually CD-ROMs and the Internet.

Jankowski foresees three potential benefits. First, local businesses and industries will profit from access to the database. Second, policy makers (everyone from local municipal governments to provincial ministries headed in Toronto who depend on regional information) will make

Shawn Vincent is enrolled in the Master's program in Social Work. He is one of several Lakehead students participating in a student writing program sponsored by The Chronicle-Journal/The Times-News.

For more information about the Northern Ontario Statistical Information Base, contact Witold Jankowski at (807) 343-8229.

Toward the Next Millennium

Part One

Last November, a week before Ontario Finance Minister

Ernie Eves announced that funding for colleges and

universities will be reduced by \$400 million in 1996-97,

a group of seven Lakehead University faculty and staff

members gathered around the table to discuss the

critical issues facing universities.



Kerrie-Lee Clarke
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David Euler
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Economics Professor



Sher Ali Mirza
Engineering Professor



Randy Nelsen
Sociology Professor



Connie Nelson
Dean, Graduate Studies
and Research



Laure Paquette
Political Science Professor

The discussion focused on the changing role of the university in the context of government cutbacks and the broader socio-economic climate of Canadian society. It is presented here to serve as a "wake-up call" to everyone whose lives have, are, and will be touched by the university as it moves towards the next millennium.

Part One is about the value of a liberal arts education and the difficulties universities have in marketing scholarship. Part Two, to be published in our next issue, examines the pressures placed on teaching and research within the context of the university funding crisis and socio-economic change.

The idea of organizing a panel discussion on this topic emerged during a meeting of the Nor'Wester Editorial Committee. Special thanks to David Heald (BA'84) who served as moderator, and to Nancy Adderley (HBA'90) who taped and edited the panelists' comments.

- Editor

University Funding A Question of Priorities

Q: What could we be saying to the general public who aren't sure that the continued funding of universities — the taxpayers' contribution — is one that ought to continue at the present levels?

Livio Di Matteo: "There are two challenges facing universities. As an economist, let me divide them into short run and long run. In the short run, we don't have any money, so it's a financial problem. In the long run, what we're faced with is maintaining academic and research integrity in the face of demand for more relevance.

The taxpaying public...doesn't seem to perceive us as relevant. Over the last 25 years, universities have sold themselves as a sort of mass-market job training. People think that they are going to go to university as a meal ticket for a career. I don't know if, traditionally, that was what a university was supposed to prepare people for. But that is what people expect. Over the last ten years they started to see that when they graduate they don't automatically move into upper income jobs right away. So people don't

perceive value for their money. But I'm not sure if that was the point of the university to begin with.

If you think about it, the university as an institution has been around since about the 12th century. In terms of its basic institutional set-up, there is a learned professor taking on students. And this institutional arrangement has gone on for roughly a thousand years ... you name it, the university has been through it and it seems to have survived. Now, all of a sudden, it is irrelevant.

I'm not sure that I buy that argument. It's not really irrelevant. The university still provides training for the human mind. That's what we're good at, and that's what we're going to have to sell in the long run to a taxpaying public."

Q: Is it the case that there is no money in society, or are we seeing what appears to be a new attitude that says tax dollars should go somewhere else?

Livio Di Matteo: "I think it is a question of society's priorities, and for some reason society doesn't feel that university education is the same priority it was before. Government always has money to spend on something; we're just not a priority."

Q: How can the university position itself to deal with this attitude shift?

Connie Nelson: "When the larger community does not understand universities and they see money as being tight, they go to the only kind of model that they feel comfortable with, and that's a model where you are measuring specific outputs. And so they are trying to redesign or restructure us into this production mode, because that is something they are comfortable with and understand."

David Euler: "I was struck by the comment that the university has been the same for the past thousand years. I think one of the things that has stayed the same is that universities have been associated with a place...and I think one of the things the university will lose is this place orientation.

The way it will survive is as an intellectual model where scholars are paid for their scholarship but may be linked to

other scholars in a variety of ways that are information oriented, or may be going from one place to another. But what will be less important is place. What we will have is scholarship and we will have to devise rewards for scholarship and research, and devices by which people can pass that on.

... We're right in the middle of that kind of a revolution. We've got some tough problems: how do you pay for scholarship of that nature? How does society value that kind of scholarship? In many ways, in the professional faculties, we do produce a product that goes directly to industry right now. In the Faculty of Forestry, we produce a person who can go into the industry and immediately take part in that industrial setting.

...We are in the midst of trying to figure out how to deliver scholarship and intellectual ferment in a way that we can afford and in a way that we can meet the needs of the next millennium."

Selling Scholarship

Q: How can we raise the consciousness of the population to say, yes, funding should be directed here?

Randy Nelsen: "When we talk about marketing ourselves, we talk about the university as a place for everybody. I don't think it is a place for everybody. It never has been a place for everybody. It has always been an elitist institution. And in my view, that's as it should be.

What we are doing here is scholarship. And it's not for everybody. One way to get around the funding crunch is that the government ought to develop a program where they fund students much better than they do now and that maybe all residents of Ontario would get to go for next to nothing. But leave the back door wide open. Then we actually have some standards and you are going to see 60 per cent of that first-year class gone out the back door because they can't cut it.

It would raise the quality of the institution, it would take care of a lot of the funding problems for students, it would call this institution what it should be — a place ➤

for scholarship that is only available to a relative handful."

Laure Paquette: "It seems to me that we have a ready-made constituency. We've got people, who, if they don't already come to university, they would like to. We have to sell our product better, and it could be that we have to make better widgets, too. So let's take this opportunity to work on that. In the end, we're going to survive on the basis of the happiness, the satisfaction and the quality of the education that we provide in the long term. And if we haven't been doing that, then we must do that because other universities depend increasingly on their alumni donations."

Randy Nelsen: But how would you market a product like university education? Would you market it by saying that people who spend three or four years here will get jobs?

Laure Paquette: "Better than that. We are going to give them skills that are going to carry through, no matter what kind of job they have, because they are all going to face what many are now facing — three, four, five careers in a lifetime.

...We are going to have to give them analytical skills, skills of judgement, how to think, how to write. That is what we are going to have to teach them because no one

else is giving it to them. And then we go out there and tell them — that's the edge."

Q: Is there a role for the university in providing a liberal arts education as well as technical expertise?

Sher Ali Mirza: "I think liberal arts is essential. From the engineering point of view, we try to give our students logical, rational thinking, because that is the basis on which we build up our principles.

But what they get from liberal arts is a different point of view that is essential to the quality of life.

You can build all the bridges and all the buildings and still have

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President's Perspective

As expected, and in line with the "Common Sense Revolution," the Ontario government announced recently a 15 percent one-year reduction in our operating grant. This, coupled with higher tuition fees for our students estimated to range from 10 to 20 percent, means that, during the next few months, Lakehead University will undergo a restructuring in order to deal with an expected funding shortfall of \$4 to \$4.5 million in our operating budget of approximately \$51 million.

This will be a challenging exercise as we fully intend to stick close to the vision of Lakehead University being a comprehensive northern university with a suitable and appropriate range of core programs. We have embarked on a broadly consultative process to seek direction for the reductions that will occur starting on May 1, 1996. If you have ideas or suggestions, I would be pleased to hear from you.

The reductions announced by the government will take Ontario to the bottom of the heap in terms of funding per university student and, across the system, the "quality" issue is getting close to the line. In the short term, although there will be a price to pay on reduced accessibility, it seems inevitable that fees will continue to escalate. In the past, governments have viewed post-secondary education as a public investment in future tax revenue (i.e. tax on lifetime earnings), but the current focus seems to be on changing the upfront balance between "private benefit" and "public investment" — something analogous to front-end mutual funds (which lately seem to be very unpopular).



Robert G. Rosehart-President, Lakehead University

In addition to Ontario's low per student funding, the university community is also somewhat frustrated with the relatively harsh cut that post-secondary education took compared to the other sectors. Using the government's own numbers, municipalities lost 2 percent, school boards 3 percent, colleges and universities 7 percent. The concept that public investments in post-secondary education are an investment in the future good of the

province seems to have faded. At the same time, to be fair, all governments must get their spending in line with income and become more business-like in their operations. Our frustration lies with the fact that we have a relatively good public system in Ontario, in spite of historically low funding levels, and we will now be struggling to maintain quality. I have every reason to believe we will be successful in our restructuring, but it will not be an easy task.

In order to help the government to establish policy direction for 1996 and beyond, a "White Paper" Committee will be announced early in the new year to coincide with the release of a discussion paper on colleges and universities. It is expected this group will seek input throughout the province, and I would encourage you to make your views known to the Committee. The current round of cuts impact only on our base budget for next year but, with the "White Paper" and another federal budget in the late winter, we must make every effort to have our voice heard. □

Notes from the Editor



Frances Harding - Editor

A new name. A new format. A new editorial focus. Welcome to the Nor'Wester, a magazine for alumni and friends.

Six years ago we pushed the Nor'Wester from a newsprint tabloid to a magazine with a color cover.

This year we've engaged a graphic design company to reformat the publication, and we've chosen a different type of paper to enhance the photographs and text.

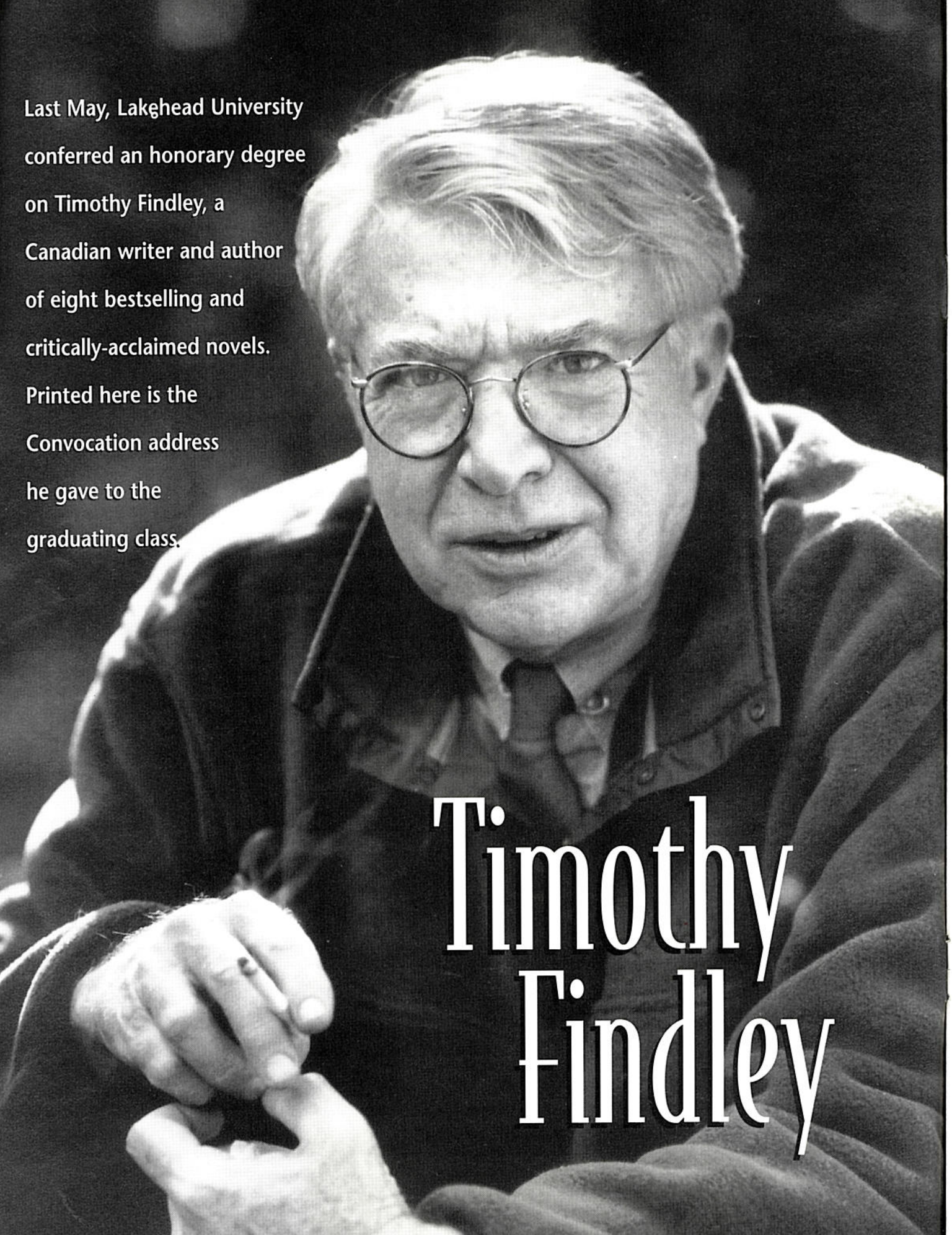
Our goal is to improve the way we communicate what is best about Lakehead University, and to do it in a way that will appeal to you, the reader. The challenge has been to make these improvements without increasing our budget!

Currently we mail the Nor'Wester free of charge to approximately 15,000 alumni, including graduates of Lakehead Technical Institute, Lakehead Teachers College, and Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology (the three institutions that existed before Lakehead was granted its charter in 1965). As well, we send the magazine to another 2,000 people including faculty and staff, Board of Governors, retirees, honorary degree recipients, individual and corporate donors — everyone who is part of the Lakehead University "family" and who has a stake in its future.

We hope that the graduates will continue to see the Nor'Wester as a way to stay in touch with former classmates and as way to keep informed about what is happening at Lakehead.

There simply wouldn't be an alumni magazine without the dedicated volunteers who serve on the Nor'Wester Editorial Committee. My thanks to each one.

As Editor, I rely on readers to let us know how we are doing. So keep those letters, class news, and E-mail messages coming. We need your ideas and your support. □

A black and white portrait of Timothy Findley. He is an older man with light-colored hair, wearing round glasses and a dark jacket over a collared shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. His hands are visible in the lower left, holding a small object, possibly a cigarette.

Last May, Lakehead University
conferred an honorary degree
on Timothy Findley, a
Canadian writer and author
of eight bestselling and
critically-acclaimed novels.
Printed here is the
Convocation address
he gave to the
graduating class.

Timothy Findley

It intrigues me that people can still ask: What does it mean to be Canadian? It's a question, I've been told, that was asked of a British parish priest some decades ago, after he'd returned from a visit to Canada. What were Canadians like? He received so many versions of this question that he finally decided to answer them all from the pulpit. And this is what he said:

"I want you to imagine the entire population of the world walking along a highway together. At one point, this great multitude comes to a place where the road branches off in two directions — each direction labelled with a sign. Most of the people choose the branch whose sign proclaims: THIS WAY TO HEAVEN. Meanwhile, a relatively small number of people wheel off onto the other branch. These are the Canadians — and they have chosen the road whose signpost reads: THIS WAY TO LECTURES ABOUT HEAVEN!"

What follows is not a lecture about heaven. It is not a lecture about anything. To paraphrase a well-known poem: *they are not long, the days of beer and lectures...* And for you, those days are past. There may well still be beer in your futures — but lectures — no. Unless, of course, you have chosen the field of education, in which case it will be your turn to baffle — irritate — and, we all hope — illuminate.

Light. That's the purpose of it all — to pull up the blinds in the mind and let in the light. Ignorance is darkness — and in darkness — in the dark — lies danger. But it's not enough merely to move into the light. It's not enough merely to get rid of ignorance by replacing it with knowledge. What matters most is what is done with knowledge. And this requires — above all else — creativity. Sensitivity. Imagination.

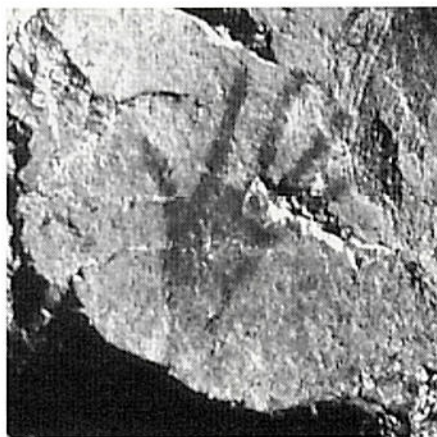
I believe imagination is our greatest asset, as human beings, and I believe it is our best, perhaps our only weapon against despair. I believe imagination is our best, our ultimate means of survival, all of us together — each of us apart.

My life as a writer is dedicated to the exploration of the imaginative responses to being alive. Writing fiction provides me — and other writers — with the opportunity to

articulate the experience of being alive in ways that reality itself cannot possibly provide. In the reality of daily life, we are assailed by the mess and by the mass of what we call necessity. The jumble of our emotions — the confusion of the rat race — the demands of having to make an increasing number of seemingly vital decisions. We fall in love. We don't fall in love. We make friends. We make enemies. We climb up five steps and fall back three. We want — and most often cannot achieve — happiness. There's no point lying about it: yes, there are wonders out there — but some of these wonders are dragons.

Too many people are defeated by their encounter with reality. Far too many accept the status quo — which means they accept the standard responses to the question, What am I doing here?

Let me illustrate the dangers of "standard" responses. An experiment was done a few years ago, with high school and university students. It involved calculators that were "rigged" so that some of the results they showed were incorrect. Over 95



percent of the students simply accepted these wrong answers — and of the very few who questioned the validity of what the calculators showed — all were high school students. By the time they got to university, most of the young people were so accustomed to the standard of absolute faith in technology, they failed to challenge it. Why? Because they could not imagine technology might be wrong.

It has been said that cruelty is nothing

less than a failure of the imagination. The same can be said of capitulation: of surrendering to standard answers.

In our society, so I believe, there is too much capitulation of that kind. Far too many of us give up our dreams because they're just too damn difficult to achieve... in the scheme of things as they are: in the formulated destiny we punch up on our screens.

To hell with our screens. What they provide is always one program short of now: two programs short of tomorrow. Is anyone else getting as sick as I am of yesterday's disks being pronounced dead today? The Dead Sea Disks. Yes? Well...

Because we are nurtured by television, we are infused with mundane, useless, melodramatic, ridiculously romantic versions of reality. Because we are reared by technology, we have come to believe that the answers to all our problems can be solved by tapping our way into the system.

But systematic answers have no nuance. Nothing of subtlety. Nothing of the nervous edge of personal survival. That requires imagination.

It's not enough merely to get rid
of ignorance by replacing it with
knowledge. What matters most
is what is done with knowledge.
And this requires — above all else
— creativity. Sensitivity. Imagination.

Sadly, it is my belief that our present mode of education has turned its back on the imagination. Imagination is something of a dirty word these days. Don't ask — just listen. Sound familiar?

To me, it does.

Government in this, our time, asks less of our creativity than it does of our acquiescence. And acquiescence is just another word for capitulation. My work — my job — involves a (Continued on Page 18)

CAMPUS NEWS

We Did It!

In November, Lakehead celebrated the successful conclusion of its Music and Visual Arts Centre Campaign with a party for the donors that included National Campaign Chair Arthur Black and Co-Chairs Annette Augustine and Syd Halter. Since the "mini" fund-raising campaign began in

Dual Winners

Congratulations to Inderjit Nirdosh for receiving this year's Distinguished Instructor Award and to Sher Ali Mirza for receiving the Distinguished Researcher Award. Both professors teach in the Faculty of Engineering and both have received, at different times, the Distinguished Instructor Award



1992 (part of the \$19.2 million Lakehead University Share Our Northern Vision Campaign), Lakehead has raised \$585,000 mainly from local arts supporters. Their generous contributions have helped to purchase essential equipment for the William H. Buset Centre for Music and Visual Arts: pottery equipment, display cases, carving tools, an etching press, art books, CDs, videotapes, lockers, computers, music scores, pianos, computer assisted lab equipment, as well as many scholarships and bursaries.

and the Distinguished Researcher Award. "Such recognition," says Lakehead University president Bob Rosehart, "adds further support to the interconnectedness of teaching and research."

Merrill Library Fund Established

In recognition of George Merrill's service of over 32 years, the faculty and staff of the English Department have recently established the George Merrill Library Fund. The fund will be used to purchase valuable library resources to

support the teaching and research efforts of faculty and students in the English Department. Alumni and friends are invited to join us in making a contribution to this endowment. Your donation may be made payable to Lakehead University and forwarded to the Development Office, 955 Oliver Rd., Thunder Bay, Ont., P7B 5E1. Attention: Jo-Anne Silverman. Upon receipt of your gift, a formal tax receipt for income tax purposes will be issued.

Foster a Scholar

With the celebration of Lakehead University's 30th Anniversary, our goal is to establish 50 endowed scholarships, bursaries or awards in the amount of \$5,000 each. Because of the high cost of tuition, books and living expenses, financial assistance in any form is greatly appreciated by our students. The estimated yearly cost of a university education in 1995 is over \$13,000. As a friend of Lakehead University, we invite you to help a student. Education is our future! We would like to thank the following donors who have recently created a 30th Anniversary award: Dr. B.E. Aris, Dr. and Mrs. John Augustine, V.B. Cook Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hamlin, and Dr. Saul and Mrs. Adele Laskin. For information contact Jo-Anne Silverman (807) 343-8910.

Excellent News

Lakehead is now part of a Network of Centres of Excellence in Sustainable Forest Management involving 10

universities in Canada. Lakehead's new Dean of Forestry, David Euler, welcomed the award saying that it will put Lakehead on the frontier of research and of new ways of thinking. Last summer Lakehead's Chair in Forest Management and Policy got a boost thanks to the generosity of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) which voted unanimously in favour of contributing \$200,000 over a five-year period. The Chair in Forest Management and Policy was established in 1987 and has completed a wide range of research projects including studies on wildlife habitat, forest-sustainability indicators, community forestry, environmental assessment, conflict resolution and Aboriginal forestry education.

The Elegance of Mechanics

Steven McCaw (HBPHE'80), now Professor of Biomechanics at Illinois State University, responded by E-mail to an article in the fall issue of the Nor'Wester announcing the retirement of Physics Professor Gwyn Hughes. McCaw writes: "It could be said that I am where I am today because of him. As an unenthused student during high school, I avoided every class that could possibly impose on my enjoyment of life. However, on entry to the Bachelor of Physical Education program, my academic advisor informed me that several remedial courses, including Dr. Hughes's mechanics course, were required. That one-semester course hooked me on the elegance of mechanics to explain

and predict movement. Since then, I have combined my enthusiasm for mechanics with my inquisitiveness regarding human movement to train as a Biomechanist... I am now in the position Dr. Hughes was — teaching mechanics to Phys Ed students. In my classes, I strive to present the concepts as clearly as he did to me, hoping that one student will be as intrigued by the elegance as I was. On his retirement, I just want to say 'Thank you Dr. Hughes.'

Chemistry Scholar

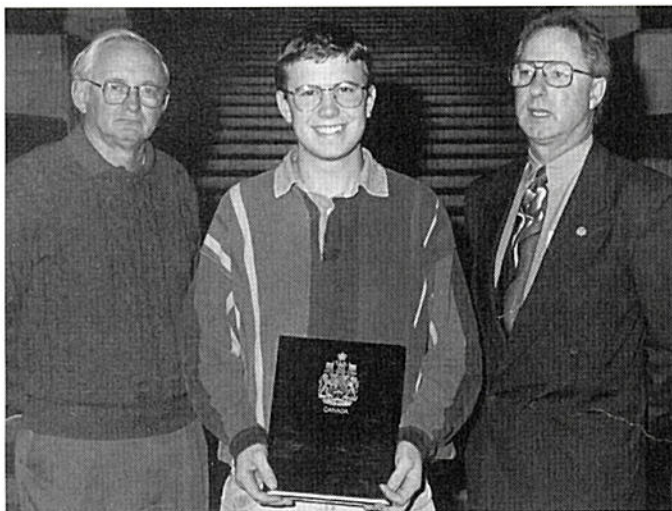
Jeffrey Donovan, an Honours Bachelor of Science student majoring in Chemistry, has received the prestigious Merck Frosst Corporate Award for Canada Scholars valued at \$1,000. The award was presented by Warren Douglas, Regional Medical Representative

Beer-Case-Equals-Tuition?

Bacchus Canada, an alcohol awareness movement that links over 90 campuses across the country, has ranked Lakehead in second place as "Campus of the Year" for 1995. Residence Life Coordinator Norma Jean Newbold says the recognition is due to Lakehead's innovative programming. Last year's events included Alcohol Awareness Week, the Mocktail Contest, the MADD Red Ribbon Campaign and the Beer-Case-Equals-Tuition display.

Feminism and Science

Alumni who enjoyed Peggy Tripp-Knowles's lectures in Biology and Forestry will want to see a new film about women in science entitled "As if People Mattered: Women and the Creation of a New Science." Tripp-Knowles is interviewed



for Merck Frosst Canada Inc. (right) along with Donald Orr, Professor and Chair of the Department of Chemistry.

along with Ursula Franklin and other women who are finding their own ways of doing science. Watch for it on the Discovery Channel in the fall of 1996. □

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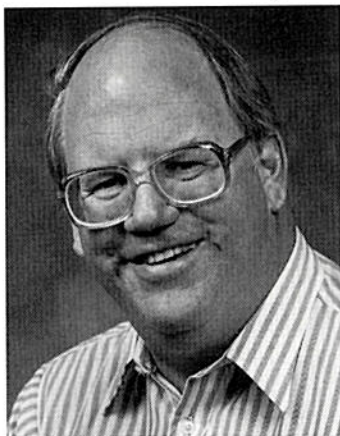
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Report From the Board

This fall the Board of Directors ratified an agreement with Lakehead which clearly identifies the roles and responsibilities of the Alumni Association vis-à-vis the University. We are excited by this new agreement as it will enable the Alumni Association to focus on providing and endorsing worthwhile services, benefits and social events for alumni and students. In order to get your ideas, we are planning to conduct a survey of our members asking them what they want from their Alumni Association. Watch for it in the near future.

The annual Alumni Golf Tournament at Emerald Greens Golf Course in Thunder Bay last August was a huge success. More than 80 alumni and friends (some even golfers) participated in the duffing and afterward enjoyed a meal at the Avila Centre/Alumni House cafeteria. Many thanks to Bob Thompson of Financial Concept Group for sponsoring the event. His generosity enabled us to raise more than \$2,400 in support of alumni programs, services and student awards. As well, we would like to thank John Rose of Versa Campus Services for providing the barbecue steak dinner.

The Board of Directors and the Office of Alumni Services have spent a great deal of time and effort seeking out new products and services for our membership. This year we have more than doubled our list of services and benefits, having added a home and auto group insurance program, a no-fee group RRSP, Internet access for alumni and a mail-order clothing program.



Bill Bartley - President, Alumni Association

The Internet access program, which is now being offered in conjunction with Lakehead's Communications Technology Resource Centre, means that for a competitive rate, alumni living in the 807 area code can gain access to the Internet. Furthermore, as part of the Lakehead University World Wide Web site, we will soon have an alumni Home Page. This will enable you to learn all about our benefits and services, to contact us by E-mail, and to connect with other Web sites around the world.

At the 1995 Annual General Meeting held last October, the Board of Directors bid a fond farewell to members Eileen Isbester (BA'91) and Vivian Hay (HBA'70, MA'83) who left the Board to pursue other interests. At the same time we welcomed two new members, David Heald (BA'84), and Ben Kaminski (BA'82), as well as three returning members, James Lindsay (HBComm'94), Mary Sacco (BA'89) and Lynne Peters (BPE'78, BEd'82, MEd'92).

The date of next year's Annual General Meeting has been set for May 2, 1996, to coincide with our fiscal year-end and we are currently examining the possibility of combining the Meeting with an event that would be of interest to our general membership.

The new year promises to be a time of great challenge for Lakehead University. As President of the Alumni Association, I am anticipating growth and development within our organization. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through the Office of Alumni Services. Your continuing support, both financial and otherwise, is imperative if we are to secure Lakehead University's standing as one of the best universities in Canada. □

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Public Lecture

Peter Raffo will give a talk on the History of Amalgamation of Fort William and Port Arthur on Monday, February 26, 1996, at 7:30 pm in the Faculty Lounge.

"Rite of Passage" for Ernst Zimmermann

Alumni and friends are invited to attend a dinner on Saturday, March 23, 1996, to celebrate Ernst Zimmermann on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of service as a professor in the Department of History. For information contact Jo-Anne Silverman (807) 343-8910.

Chemical Engineering Conference

Saturday, March 23, 1996

Alumni are invited to attend the 4th Annual Chemical Engineering Conference with its theme "Changing Faces of Chemical Engineering" with Lakehead University president Bob Rosehart as the keynote speaker. For information contact I. Nirdosh at (807) 343-8343.

Convocation Eve

Friday, May 24, 1996

Alumni and friends are invited to Lakehead's annual Convocation Eve Celebration to welcome the graduating class of '96 and to meet the Honorary Degree recipients, Lakehead University Fellows, and 1996 Alumni Honour Award recipient. The evening begins in The Outpost at 7:00 pm. A complimentary supper will be served starting at 8:00 pm; welcoming remarks at 8:00 pm followed by music and dancing until 1:00 am. Cash Bar. Casual Dress.

Convocation

Saturday, May 25, 1996

Twenty-five alumni volunteers are needed to assist with Marshalling during the morning and/or afternoon Convocation at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. If you would like to be part of the pomp and circumstance of graduation, call the Office of Alumni Services.

Annual General Meeting

May 2, 1996 - 6:00pm

Each year the Alumni Association needs volunteers to assist in directing the affairs of the organization. Directors are elected for a two-year term at the Annual General Meeting. To be eligible, the individual must have earned a degree or diploma from Lakehead University, Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology, Lakehead Technical Institute, or Lakehead Teachers College.

Applications are now being accepted for:

1996 Alumni Honour Award

Deadline: February 28, 1996

Candidates will have made outstanding achievements in one or more fields such as public service, business, humanities, research, science, scholarship, and the arts. Regular, founding, and charter members of the Alumni Association are eligible to receive the Award, which will be presented during Convocation.

Honorary Degree Recipients and Fellows

The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees invites all members of the Lakehead University community to submit

the names of suitable candidates for honorary degrees to be awarded at the spring Convocation in May. Send proposals to Dr. M. Richardson, Chair, Senate Honorary Degrees Committee c/o Department of English.

Alumni Scholarship Award

Deadline: May 15, 1996

Each year the Alumni Association gives an award of \$5,000 to a full-time student entering Lakehead University. The award is restricted to the immediate family of Lakehead University alumni. Applicants must have completed an Ontario Secondary School Diploma including 6 OACs with a minimum overall average of 80 percent. As well, applicants must have displayed leadership ability and community involvement.

For information about any of the events listed above, contact

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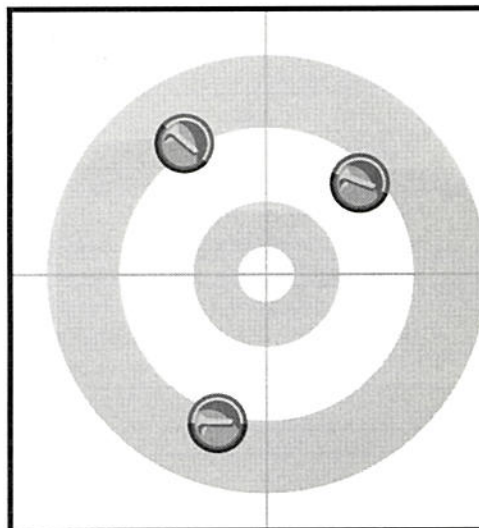
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Friends of Ontario Universities is a province-wide voluntary body linking 18,000 alumni supporters who have worked together to put an alumni viewpoint on the political landscape throughout the province. According to Mike Garvey, a Price Waterhouse partner who chairs Friends' Steering Committee, the absence of an organized political constituency explains the pattern of neglect of Ontario's universities by the Ontario government since the mid-1970s. "This," says Garvey, "is what Friends has set out to change."

In the period leading up to the recent provincial election, Garvey contacted each of the 18,000 "Friends," urging them to speak with candidates and canvassers during the election in order to deliver some straight-forward policy messages:

- *Government treatment of Ontario's universities is placing this province at a competitive disadvantage in an information economy. Our universities have already been cutting back — doing more with less. This downward trend cannot be allowed to continue.*

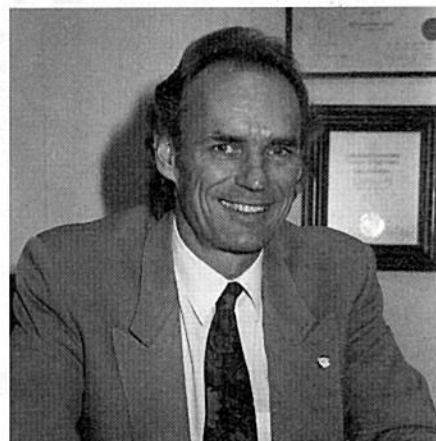
- *Obviously no new funds are available for universities in the current economic climate, but the government should make sure that universities are treated no worse than other publicly-funded institutions. Universities should be free to raise tuition fees to a point where they receive one dollar of fees for every two dollars of grants by 1998.*

- *The Ontario government should introduce an income contingent student loan program integrated with Canada's income tax system which would link repayment to a graduate's capacity to pay.*

Garvey says that Friends is now entering a period of several years before the next provincial election where on-going, effective communication with MPPs through its grass roots network of volunteers will be key to achieving Friends' long-term mission.

He outlined a series of actions that Friends is now busy organizing, including recruiting and training riding co-ordinators in 49 ridings where Friends does not currently have an active riding co-ordinator in place. He described the Riding Co-ordinator tasks as "a great learning experience where future leaders can gain valuable skills and contacts while contributing actively to improve their community."

Mike Garvey's message to alumni is straightforward: "Think of the personal benefit that your university education has provided to you. Universities contribute to economic growth and competitiveness. They are the foundation of a knowledge-based economy. And they contribute in myriad ways to the quality of life in the Ontario community. We just can't sit back and allow them to deteriorate." □



Meet Doug Smith

Northwestern Ontario Regional Chair for Friends of Ontario Universities

Doug Smith is no stranger to the business of lobbying. Through his involvement with ICAN (Insurance Community Action Network) commencing in 1986, he lobbied the provincial government as to the economic realities of the insurance industry and its movement toward a no-fault insurance structure. Now, as Northwestern Ontario's Regional Chair for Friends of Ontario Universities, Smith has taken on a new challenge: to ensure that Queen's Park is aware of the key role universities play in keeping Ontario competitive in an information economy.

Smith graduated from Lakehead University with an Honours Bachelor of Commerce Degree in 1977. Currently he is President of E.L.A. Smith Brokers Ltd., and President of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce. He is also Past President of the Thunder Bay Rotary Club (Fort William) and has served as Chair of the Lakehead Board of Education Trustee Remuneration Committee, Director of the Thunder Bay Fishing Festival, and citizen-at-large on the Board of Directors for the 1995 Nordic World Ski Championships.

Smith is hoping to recruit five people to act as Riding Co-ordinators for Kenora, Rainy River, Nipigon, Port Arthur and Fort William. Contact him at (807) 622-6831. □

CLASS

NEWS

1970s

Marcelene Holyk (BA'70) is the Chief Librarian at the Canadian Forces School of Communications & Electronics in Kingston, Ont.

David Crawford (BA'74) is enjoying his third year working as a taxation policy advisor for the Harvard Institute for International Development at Harvard University. He and his wife Parminder have a son, Shaun, 2. Crawford has worked as a taxation specialist in many countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. They moved from his previous assignment in Katmandu, Nepal, to Lusaka, Zambia, about a year ago. Prior to joining Harvard, he spent 20 years working for Revenue Canada in a variety of challenging positions — among them working on the policy, legal drafting and implementation of the lumber export tax in 1987 followed by the development of tax policy for the GST. You can reach him on the Internet at dcrawfor@zamnet.zm

Peter Karwacki (BSc'77, Bus.Dip'78) and **Renee Karwacki (BSc'77)** are living in Kenora, Ont., where Peter is owner and operator of AAB - Northwestern Ontario, a division of Bulletin Board Solutions. Peter has 15 years of experience in white water kayaking around North America and India. He is past president of the Northern Ontario Liquid Adventurer's Club, and author of Sea Kayaking on the Lake of the Woods, Eco Tour Maps, and Tips.

Heather Jessup-Falcioni (BScN'76, BEd'77) and her husband Ken Falcioni are proud parents of Cortney Jessica born in May, 1995. Cortney has a three-year-old sister Shannyn. Heather teaches

full-time in the Nursing program at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ont.

1980s

Doug Hakala (BEng'80) is a Research Engineer in the Automotive Test Section of the Imperial Oil Research Department in Sarnia, Ont. His wife Lissa is a music teacher with the Lambton County Board of Education and they have one son, Nicholas, 2.

Wendy Polwin Kerr Vlasic (HBScN'81) graduated with her Master's of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Western Ontario in the spring of 1994. Last June, Wendy completed her post-graduate training as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner at the University of Toronto. She is employed as a Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Practitioner in Interventional Cardiology at Victoria Hospital in London, Ont., and is married to airline pilot **Thomas Vlasic (HBScF'80)**.

In July, **Peter W. Smith (HBComm'83)** was admitted to the partnership at BDO Dunwoody in Dryden, Ont. Peter has been in Dryden for the past 12 years with wife Cindy and sons Kyle, 12, Collin, 10 and Cory, 8.

Jeffrey Mundy (For.Tech'83, HBScF'88) is employed as area forester for Buchanan Forest Products and is engaged to be married.

Arlette C. Payne (HBOR'84) is pleased to announce her marriage in October to Raymond Hunnakkko, a Ryerson Architectural Tech grad who was born and raised in Kakabeka Falls, Ont. She writes, "We'll start our honeymoon at the

Blue Fin Resort in Minnesota and in December, we'll move into our new home designed by Ray (brag, brag), then carry on working as before."

Linda Murphy (BA/BED'84) and husband Gord Llewellyn now have three children. Linda's acting career is on hold and she will be returning to teaching next year. She wants to know what became of old friends Brian Campbell and Dave Archibald from the class of '84.

Gabriella Sacchetti, CA (HBComm'84), husband Antonio Chiavattari, and son, Michael, 5, moved to North Vancouver in January, 1996. Gabriella worked in public practice until 1988 and then joined LU's Faculty of Business Administration to teach accounting courses. After obtaining an MBA at Queen's University in 1993, she taught information systems courses at LU. Gabriella is working as the chief financial officer of a mid-size Vancouver-based international engineering and management consultant firm.

On April 7 1995, **Alison Kendall (HBA'85)** married Brian Beaucage. She continues to build her career in the arts, and in 1994, acted as the Education Coordinator at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery, while teaching in the Visual Arts Department at Lakehead University. In the last two years, she has exhibited in Edmonton, St. Catharines, Windsor, St. John's, and Chicago. She is currently represented by Douglas Udell Galleries in Edmonton and Vancouver.

Eamonn (BEng'86) and **Myra Percy (HBScN'87)** along with "big sister" Loreena announce the arrival of Katharine Grace, born October 30, 1995. Eamonn is the Plant Manager of Pirelli Fibre Optic Cables and Myra is on maternity leave from her job as a research assistant with the UBC's Faculty of Nursing.

Andrew B. Lewis (BEng'86) moved to Philadelphia for a new job with Arco Chemical Company.

James MacGillivray (BAdmin'87)

is a sales representative with Lakehead Newsprint in Thunder Bay. He has been married to Sandra Tureski for five years and they have two children: Madyson, 3, and Austyn, 1. Their third child is expected in May.

Trudy L. Lavallee (nee King) (BA'87, HBSW'87) is employed by the Department of Indian Affairs in Winnipeg as a Child and Family Services Officer and is working on her Master's degree in Social Work at the University of Manitoba. She and her husband Rick had their first child, Camille, on September 18, 1995.

After graduating **Katherine Heilig (BA'87)** lived and worked in Toronto then in the spring of 1992 she quit her job and moved to Calgary. She writes "The last three years have been very rewarding, including trips to the Nahani River, N.W.T., luge, bobsled and skeleton down the Olympic track." On August 11, 1994, Kath married Allan Heinrichs at sunset on the beach on Lake Huron at Southampton. She concludes by asking, "Lynn Hurly — where are you?"

Barry Roberts (BEd'87) is living in Warwickshire, England, and is self-employed as a Training and Development Consultant delivering innovative training solutions within the U.K. and abroad for managers, teams and organizations.

Kristin McKinnon (HBSW'87) started a new position as Development Coordinator with the Big Sisters Association in Ajax-Pickering. She is responsible for developing a funding and publicity strategy.

Ted Frisby (HBScF'88), **Anastasia Frisby (nee Kozma) (HBScF'93, BEd'94)**, their son Samuel Augustus and the dogs have packed up and moved to Hagensborg, B.C. Ted is working for the Forest Service and Anastasia is enjoying being a mom in the beautiful Bella Coola Valley.

Lorilei Potvin-McIvor (HBScN'88) and **James Earl McIvor** (HBComm'88) were married on September 17, 1993. Their son, Logan James, was born on July 14, 1995, and they are living in Thunder Bay.

Pat Blomberg (BA/HBOR'88) married Paddy McGuire on September 30, 1995, in Whistler, B.C. They live in Pemberton, B.C. As well as working for Outward Bound, Western Canada, they are running their own businesses: Spearhead Promotions (promoting sporting events) and Thunderbird Expeditions.

Ralph Kittler (BEng'89) lives in Virginia where he is Vice President of Sales for Dectron Inc. In June, 1995, he married Marie Andree Roy.

Jade Yesim Unal (HBSc'89) is a consulting geologist with GRC Geo Resource Consulting in Calgary. She finished her Master's of Business Administration degree in February, 1995, at Nova Southeastern

University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Sandra Swidinsky (Lib. Tech.'89) is living in Winnipeg, Man., and working as a Library Technician/Assistant at St. Andrew's College, a Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary offering courses in Slavic Studies.

Richard Vollebregt (BEng'89) and wife **Marilyn** (nee **Ward**)(HBA'91, BED'92) recently had a daughter and are living in Barrie, Ont. Marilyn is working as a supply teacher for both the public and separate school boards, while Richard is busy with hockey. They both play competitive volleyball.

Since graduating in 1991, **John A. McLaughlin** (HBScF'89, MScF'91), his wife Rosemary and their youngest son Brendan have lived in USSR/Latvia (1991-93), Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. (1993-95), and are now moving to Sidney, B.C., where John will take up his position as Provincial Forest Pathologist for

B.C. Their oldest son Damian, 22, recently married, and he and his wife Kelly are living in North Bay, where Damian is attending Nipissing University.

Sean A. Midwood (BEng'89) brought the new Canadian Patrol Frigate, HMCS Regina, on line from the shipyard through her first operational deployment to the Far East this summer. Sean was selected to attend the U.S. Navy Postgrad School and was shipped off to sunny California. He, along with his wife Melodie, wish the best to their former classmates.

1990s

Don Nelson (BEng'90) and **Carole** (nee **Balaz**) (HBScN'90) announce the birth of Amie Jane in June, 1995, a sister to Christie, 5, and Jolie, 2. Don is employed as a Proposal Engineer with Babcock & Wilcox in Cambridge, Ont., while Carole is on maternity leave.

William R. Marsh (HBPE'90,

BED'91) along with wife Wanda and children Katherine and Evan are enjoying their own home in Southwest Manitoba.

William is starting his second principalship at Waskada School after spending four years in northern Manitoba. He would like to hear from friends and encourages them to write to him at Box 27, Goodlands, MB, R0M 0R0.

John Allison (BED'91) and wife Helen Fennema announce the birth of their son Daniel Robert Fennema Allison on June 3, 1995.

Rainer Raaska (Eng.Tech'91) married Lisa in April, 1992, and their son Mika was born in June, 1994. After graduating, Rainer worked as a superintendent engineer at Wartsila Diesel OY in Finland until January, 1993, when he moved to Vancouver, B.C., to work for a year as area service manager for western Canada. He spent the next 10 months in the Philippines working for Enron Power Corp. ➤

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of Houston, Texas, as a technical service engineer/adviser. He is now back in Finland working with Wartsila Diesel in Vaasa.

Jeffrey Forrest (BEd'91) married Nadia Guilbault on Sept. 23, 1995, in Kingston, Ont.

Lily Kangas (BA/BEd'92) is into her second year on the supply list in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. She keeps busy with volunteering, supply teaching, updating her teaching courses and working as a disc jockey at night.

Jon Orpana (HBScF'93) has been working full-time since moving to British Columbia in September, 1994. He has just accepted a position as a forester with a forest consulting firm based in Penticton. He writes "Any LU Forestry grads travelling to "Super Natural" B.C. are invited to look me up."

Sharon Hermannoff (BEng '93) and Aviva Groberman were married on Oct. 5, 1995. Sharon is currently working as a Design Engineer, while Aviva is a teacher at an elementary school in Thornhill, Ont.

Jo-Ann Ottley (nee Monty) (HBScN'94) was married to Blaine aboard "Majesty of the Seas" cruise ship in Miami, Florida, in April, 1995. She was attended by **Jaana Ladi (HBScN'94)**. Jo-Ann is employed full-time at the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital. Jaana and husband Zoli live in Toronto and she is employed at Sick Children's Hospital.

Guy F. D'Alesio (BAdmin'94) married Paola D'Alesio on Aug. 12, 1995.

John W. Coleman (BSc'94) is attending Parkes College of Chiropractic in Wallas, Texas.

Catherine Kimball (BAdmin

'94) and **Ken Garvey (BAdmin'94)** were married on September 22, 1995, in Peterborough, Ont.

Scott A. Bennett (BAdmin'95) is a Systems Developer with CIBC in Toronto and says, "Lakehead played a large role in preparing me for this challenge." He plans to marry Laurie Monaghan in May, 1996.

Corey Colbran (BEng'95) has

been awarded second prize in the Student Paper Competition of the 45th Annual Chemical Engineering Conference organized by the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering in Quebec City last October. Colbran's talk was based on his undergraduate research project done under the supervision of Dr. I. Nirdosh. □

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daily refusal of acquiescence. That is what I do. I refuse. But out of my refusal, I write books. This, for instance, from *Headhunter*:

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In the last book I wrote — *The Piano Man's Daughter* — an autistic woman is enamoured of fire. In the flames — even of the smallest fires — she sees and hears the shadow and the echo of her ancestors. She finds her way all the way back to those who dwelt in caves — all the way back to the absolute darkness which humankind first overcame with fire. Let me leave you with this image — an image of those people found by another character — a writer, caught in the fascist bombardment of the northern

coast of Spain in 1936, at a time when darkness was descending over all of Europe and most of Asia.

This encounter with the past takes place in the famous caves of Altamira, where my writer takes refuge as the bombs are falling:

There above us, clustered in juxtapositions the meanings of which are lost beyond the barricades of time, were the drawings of all those animals whose shapes have long since been altered and disappeared from the view of men. "Bison" I knew they were called, though little enough like any bison I had ever seen; and "deer" that were recognizable as such, though longer of leg and more delicate of hoof than the deer I remembered... and "men" as simply drawn as any stick men made by the children of the human race since the dawn of time and pencils. And waving blades of grass — or were they trees? — and constellations here and there of fingerprinted stars: black dots.

And out of the corner of my eye I caught a glimpse of something irresistible above my head, seen in the ebb and flow of the swinging light: the imprint of a human hand.

God only knew how long ago it had been put there. Maybe ten — and maybe twenty

thousand years before. This is my mark; it said. My mark that I was here. All I can tell you of my self and of my time and of the world in which I lived is in this signature: this hand print: mine. I saw these animals. I saw this grass. I saw these stars. We made these wars. And then the ice came. Now, the stars have disappeared. The grass is gone; the animals are calling to us out beyond this place — the frozen entrance to this cave.

In the days or hours we will have died. We cannot breathe. The lantern flickers. All the air is gone. I leave you this: the imprint of my hand as signature beside these images of what I knew. Look how my fingers spread to tell my name.

Some there are who never disappear. And I knew I was sitting at the heart of the human race — which is its will to say I am.

I am. You are. We are.

One — and many.

To survive, we must imagine more. □

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a low quality of life. You cannot measure things in terms of how much you construct or what you possess. You have to look at other things.

For example, all the larger social issues that are unresolved. Sometimes I sit down and wonder, where have all the philosophers gone? For example, euthanasia. Who is going to come out and establish the ethics? Genetics. Who is going to establish the ethics? What is right, what is wrong, what we can do, what we cannot do. In a democratic society, it is the people who decide, but who informs the people?

They are the people whose main interest is in logic, philosophy, and in ethics. These are the people in social sciences and liberal arts — what we call humanities."

Q: Should Lakehead be presenting itself as a specialty institution, for example, specializing in northern studies or offering select fields of studies as a way of repositioning itself?

Laure Paquette: "The most obvious solution to all of these problems is to concentrate on what we do best, sell

ourselves in general — we make a good product and then let's sell what we do best. That approach doesn't auger particularly well for my department because we don't have an obvious product except our students want to go to law school or into education. Yes, we're going to have to concentrate on what we do best, there's no question. And if we want to move towards what Randy is suggesting, a place of scholarship, then my expectation is that it is going to be a dramatically smaller place, if it survives at all, a school of engineering and forestry."

Randy Nelsen: "We might survive better — we're the only game in town, the only game in the district. We might survive better than a lot of places down in the golden horseshoe where they are competing with each other. We are advantaged by our location."

Kerrie-Lee Clarke: "We are also disadvantaged by our geographic location because the demographics are against us. We don't have the population base of the very large institutions. So many of our students come from outside the region. Only half come from the region including Thunder Bay,

the other half come from outside the region."

Connie Nelson: "Historically, Lakehead University has positioned itself to argue for special funding and assistance by saying that we need to be an access point in the North and therefore we must maintain a broad base of comprehensive programs. But I think one of the challenges that is going to face Lakehead is to get the community of scholars to rethink what we really are about.

I don't think, when we are talking about 20 to 30 per cent cuts, that we are going to be able to look the same as we do now. We are already with bare cupboards, and you can't squeeze 20 per cent out of bare cupboards. I think we are very seriously going to have to determine the areas of specialization, either because of the uniqueness of the geographic area, or the uniqueness of the people that are here, and then concentrate our resources around those areas.

...Once we come to consensus amongst ourselves as to what it is we wish to be, then we can make the kinds of decisions we need to make. This is our biggest and most fundamental challenge." □

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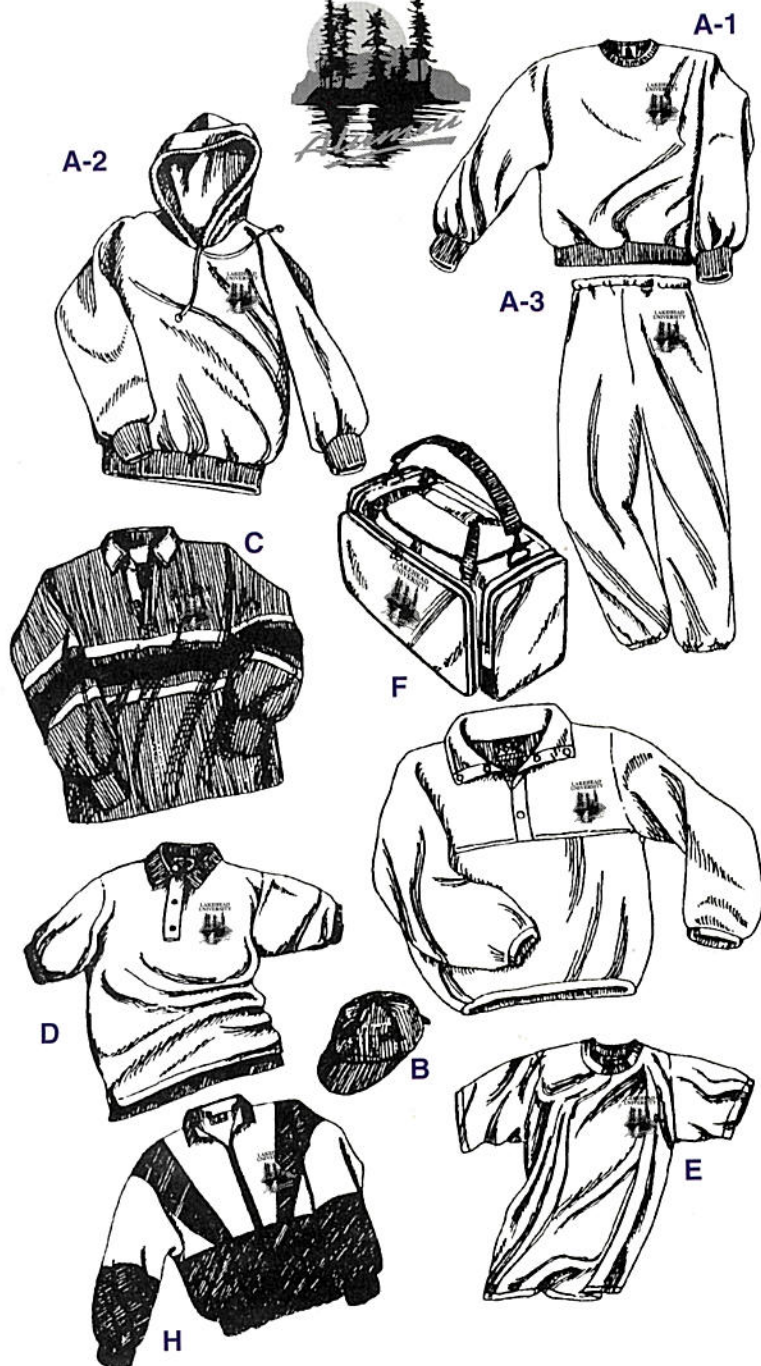
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