

The Alumni

Newsletter of Lakehead University Alumni

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The Need of Growth

Seven years have passed since the first constitution of the Lakehead College Alumni Association was drawn up. It was a humble instrument providing the framework of a small association.

However, with the rapid growth of the Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology into the Lakehead University, and with the ever increasing membership of the Alumni Association, this constitution ceased to be effective some time ago.

To remedy this shortcoming the Executive of the Alumni Association was instructed by the membership at the last annual meeting to prepare a new constitution for the Alumni Association of Lakehead University.

The clarification of the relationship between the University and the Alumni Association caused some delay. Now a completely revised draft constitution has been prepared by the Constitution Committee. No attempt has been made to amend the old document since only about half a dozen points were still valid. A copy of the proposed Constitution of the Alumni Association of Lakehead University accompanies this News Letter to all alumni.

It is hoped that most members will find time to read this document and to vote on its acceptance.

The main objective of the authors has been to provide an effective instrument to govern the present and near future functions of the Alumni Association.

All alumni are encouraged to participate in the affairs of the Association and the University in a manner similar to the involvement of alumni in other Canadian universities.

The membership is to include all graduates from Lakehead University,

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First Alumni Representative Appointed to Board of Governors

The Chairman of the Board of Governors of Lakehead University, Dr. M. W. Bartley, announced the appointment of Lothar H. R. H. Bode as the first Alumni member to the Board. The appointment was made upon nomination by the Alumni Association of Lakehead University.

Born in Germany in 1926, Lothar Bode came to Canada in 1951. After a year as pulp cutter in Kapuskasing he settled at Port Arthur and worked five years with the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union, holding positions as office manager and treasurer of Local 2693 and treasurer and business agent of the Northern Ontario District Council.

He took his first year Arts at the Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology in 1959-60 and graduated as Gold Medalist in Honors History from the University of Western Ontario in 1963. He is now Assistant Department Head in History at Hillcrest High School and a second Vice-President of the Alumni Association.

Play for Pay

Modern American universities are plagued by a multitude of problems, not the least of which is subsidized athletics. To pay or not to pay; that has been the question.

Most schools have decided to pay—for a multitude of reasons: a winning team means nation-wide prestige; major sports such as football provide enough revenue to run a school's entire athletic programme; old graduates are much more likely to be generous in their contributions if they can be proud of their school's athletic prominence.

As winning teams became more important to a school's reputation, conflicts of purpose began to arise. In the early stages of subsidization athletes on scholarships were governed by the general academic standards of the university; in later stages when it was essential to maintain a winning team, coaches, and even athletically inclined teachers, began to favour the athletes so they would remain eligible for school teams. Putting the cart before the horse has tarnished the academ-

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Active in sports, and particularly in track and field, Lothar Bode was a field judge at the recent Pan American Games at Winnipeg. He has also been a member of the National Track and Field Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, President of the Thunder Bay Branch of the A. A. U., President of the Lakehead Silver Spikes Track Club, and has held many other executive positions on both the local and national level.

In 1953 he married the former Georgette Welsby, of Kenora. They have seven children.

Where Your Money Goes

A common complaint of members in any club or Society seems to be, "What do they do with all the dues?" Although the Alumni Association collects no dues per se, many voluntary contributors to the group's coffers may wonder where the money goes.

Rest assured. The donations you make to your graduate organization are not used to pad fat executive salaries, or to carry out petty administrative duties. All executive members of your group work on a purely voluntary basis, and all operations, such as printing and posting of this Newsletter, are generously financed by the University in its general operating costs.

Your donations are used for one, and only one purpose: the creation of alumni scholarships for deserving undergraduates of your old alma-mater. In this manner, you are making a direct contribution to the welfare of the university.

In late February, the Executive of the Alumni Association met with Dean Kerr. Their purpose; to establish in what way the money our group has contributed could best be used in aiding undergraduates. Six hundred dollars per year was the amount involved in their considerations.

Originally, because of the high cost of everything, it was thought that two three-hundred dollar awards would be most feasible. "Not so," said Dean Kerr—for a very sensible reason. The government, in awarding loans and bursaries, allows an applicant to accept up to one hundred and fifty dollars, without affecting his eligibility; however, anything over that amount is deducted from his government grant. Therefore, three hundred dollar scholarships would be a waste of money.

It was decided that the money available would be awarded in the

form of four yearly scholarships worth one hundred and fifty dollars each. That should at least cover the cost of books and incidentals.

Since our alumni group is a varied one, made up of degree and diploma graduates, it was decided that any second, third, or fourth year students in any stream should be eligible for the scholarships. Since the government provides loans to accomodate needy students, it was decided that the money would be granted for scholastic excellence in any particular field. The choosing of the appropriate recipients is to be left in the hands of the University administration—who should know best.

It is hoped that these scholarships will grow as our group grows; that the graduates of Lakehead University will remember their undergraduate days and offer a helping hand to the graduates of tomorrow.

Alumni Expansion

The executive group of the Lakehead University Alumni felt that, with the expansion of the membership new groups should be set up to handle the details of the organization's operations. In a February meeting, it was decided to create four such bodies: The Newsletter Committee (Al Jack, Tillie Hurrell, Peter Wojciechowski), The Programme Committee (Heather Ylimaki, Margaret Page, Pat Taylor, David Allan, and Lorne Everett), The Fund Raising Committee (Bob Michels and Geraldine Service), and the Athletic Scholarship Committee (Taras Kozyra, Brian McKinnon and Dave Vibert. It is hoped that, for the present, these committees, in combination with the Executive will be able to keep the Alumni Association functioning smoothly.

Nursing Programs at Lakehead University

Two programs leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing are offered:

(1) For High School Graduates (Grade 13 with University entrance)

This four year program provides general and professional education with the university. Clinical nursing experience is given at local hospitals and health agencies throughout the academic year under the supervision of University nursing faculty.

Upon completion of this program the student will be granted a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and will be eligible to write Nurse Registration examinations which qualify her to practice as a registered nurse.

Graduates from this program will be able to function in first level positions in all areas of nursing. The first students in this program will graduate in 1970.

(2) For Registered Nurses

This program is designed for those registered nurses who wish to continue their education and improve their clinical competence.

Requiring approximately three academic years, this program also includes courses in general and professional education.

Graduates from this program will be able to function in all areas of nursing and assume additional professional responsibility.

In May 1967 there were 13 graduates in this program—all of whom had completed at least one year of study in another university before entering Lakehead University. In 1968 it is anticipated that approximately twenty - two Registered Nurses will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Graduates from both programs will be able to proceed toward a master's degree.

Trevor Page Memorial Fund

Many of us were grievously shocked last fall by the death of a good friend and colleague, Professor Trevor W. Page.

Trevor Page was one of the first instructors at the Lakehead Technical Institute on N. Cumberland St., Port Arthur. He continued as an instructor through the subsequent establishment of the Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology and eventually Lakehead University.

During the early years, Mr. Page taught not only geology and mining, but other courses given at that time. In spite of heavy work loads, Trevor Page still found time to stimulate his students in mining and geology as his former students will attest. His role at Lakehead University marked the beginning of a geology department and he was its first chairman. At the same time he maintained the mining technology programme despite difficulties in the industry itself. His work as a consultant is well known in this area.

At a recent meeting of the Faculty Association a small committee was set up to explore the possibilities of a suitable memorial to Trevor Page. A number of worthwhile suggestions have been made. The committee decided to initiate the Trevor Page Memorial Fund and to ask university faculty and staff members, former students and other interested persons for contributions. With this fund it is hoped that sufficient money can be raised to dedicate a suitable memorial of a nature to be decided when we can estimate the resources available. Cheques can be made payable to the Trevor Page Memorial Fund and all contributions sent to Mr. D. Alexander, Treasurer, Lakehead University Faculty Association. We are confident of a substantial response both from Trevor's friends and former students and those who knew him by reputation.

D. R. Lindsay,

Trevor Page Memorial Fund

Lakehead University Review

On March 1st Volume 1, Number 1 of The Lakehead University Review was published by the University. The Review is intended to be a biannual publication of scholarly articles and book reviews representing a variety of disciplines. While the initial number includes articles in history, literature and biology, subsequent issues will explore various aspects of geography, philosophy, politics, geology and other disciplines as well.

The Review attempts to reflect some of the current thinking of the faculty of Lakehead University. The first issue consists of articles by Dr. Elizabeth Arthur—"The Landing and the Plot", Dr. John G. Rideout—"Shelley's Image of Mother and Child", Dr. Lewis Smith—"The Indian and Negro in Mark Twain", Dr. George Merrill—"The Pre-Armada Years: Literature of Patriotic Sentiment", and Professor D. R. Lindsay—"Migration and Persistence of Certain Arctic-Alpine Plants in the Lake Superior Region of Ontario". In addition, book reviews were contributed by Dr. Miller, Mr. Davies, Mr. Menhart, Dr. Eager, Mr. A. Alexander, and Dr. P. Panikar.

The editor of the Review is Mr. Alan Alexander of the Department of Political Science, and Mr. James D. Leach is managing editor.

Copies may be purchased at the University Bookstore or by sending \$1.25 for each copy to the Managing Editor.

Alumni Benefits

Active members of the Lakehead University Alumni have been granted a number of special privileges because of their connection with the group.

Financially, all contributions made to the organization will be tax deductible, since your money is earmarked for undergraduate scholarships.

Alumni members have access to the group's office in room 05 of the Library building, as well as full library privileges upon presentation of a Grad card to the librarian.

The new field house opens its doors for Alumni three nights a week from 9 to 12 in the evening. On Tuesdays, they may join students and faculty for badminton; on Wednesdays with the faculty only for badminton; and on Thursdays, with both groups for tennis.

Communications

The Alumni is interested in hearing from its members with regard to any personal developments, be they promotion, birth, or marriage. If you have any personal information you would care to share with your fellow grads, please include it in a letter addressed to:

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION,
c/o LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY,
PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO

BALLOT FOR PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

I am in Favour of the Proposed Constitution ☐

I am not in Favor of the Proposed Constitution ☐

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Signature

Please Forward to M. Vibert, Secretary,
Alumni Association, Lakehead University,
Port Arthur, Ont., Before March 28, 1968.

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as well as all former students of Lakehead College who successfully completed at least one full year's study at the College.

Meetings and business procedures are to be uncomplicated and democratic; officers are to be elected annually in June.

A comparatively simple amendment process is proposed, with the hope that this constitution will remain a flexible instrument to meet the needs of the future.

Articles II Objects, III Membership, V Nomination and Election of Officers, VIII Duties of the Vice-President, and XIII Amendments are probably most representative of the spirit of this Constitution.

An unfortunate printing error has occurred in Article III Membership. In the last paragraph of this Article the word "annual" should be inserted at the end of the first line so that this paragraph should read: "The status of each alumnus as an active member shall be contingent upon some annual financial contribution to the Alumni Association. Only active members shall be eligible to hold any office in the Alumni Association." The Constitution Committee also asks to be excused for the half dozen other printing mistakes in this draft. These are, however, of no great significance.

To facilitate a speedy ratification of this Constitution, it is proposed that "This Revised Constitution shall be ratified at the regular March 1968

membership meeting by a simple majority vote . . ."

It is hoped that this plan is approved by the membership so that an election of officers can be held at the annual meeting in June this year in accordance with this Revised Constitution.

In the event that amendments to this Constitution appear necessary, they may be introduced after the June meeting to be voted on next year. Any other procedure of ratification would likely prove cumbersome and leave the Alumni Association still for some time without a useful constitution.

It should be noted that all active members have the right to submit their vote in writing if they are unable to attend the March membership meeting. These votes, submitted in writing, must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Alumni Association before March 28. They will be counted equally with the votes of all active members at the meeting.

The authors hope that this Constitution has the vitality and adaptability to keep it a useful instrument for the successful function of the Lakehead University Alumni Association.

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ic reputation of many universities.

Canada, until recently, has avoided the problems of subsidized athletics. Basing their universities on European lines, Canadian schools have regarded inter-school athletics

as a very minor part of their overall programme. Then along came television, and an exposure of American College athletics to Canadians.

The first to breach the code of non-subsidization was Simon Fraser University, only two years ago. Since then, most major Canadian universities have toyed with the idea, but as yet, have not found it acceptable.

Which brings us to Lakehead University. The school finds itself in a unique position; it participates in leagues with American universities who offer athletic scholarships, but it is also involved in non-subsidized Canadian athletic events. If Lakehead University grants athletic scholarships, it will be ineligible for Canadian competition, if it does not, it has little chance of attracting athletes so as to compete on an equal footing with American teams. The situation became more frustrating when it was learned that there are certain local individuals—as yet anonymous—who would be only too happy to donate athletic scholarships to deserving candidates.

At this point, the Alumni Association enters the picture. While the University cannot offer athletic scholarships and maintain its Canadian status, these scholarships might be made available through the Alumni without jeopardizing the school's eligibility. Tentatively, this is what has been decided upon.

A committee of the Alumni, Taras Kozyra, Brian McKinnon, and Dave Vibert, are meeting with representatives of the university to iron out the terms of reference for granting these scholarships. They will be awarded only if the two groups can reach an amicable understanding with regard to academic requirements. No doubt further news of these meetings will be available by the time of our March get-together.

Notice of Meeting

The spring membership meeting of the Alumni Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the faculty lounge of the University March 28, 1968. This is the first alumni meeting planned by your newly appointed program committee and promises to be a most exciting one.