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Cover

In this issue we celebrate a student writing program that is helping Lakehead do a better job of communicating the benefits of scholarship and research.

SPARK is an acronym for Students Promoting Awareness of Research Knowledge. For the past six years, this innovative student writing program has been generously sponsored by *The Chronicle-Journal*, Northwestern Ontario's largest newspaper.

SPARK at Lakehead is modeled on the award-winning program that originated at the University of Guelph and has now spread to more than a dozen universities across Canada, thanks to the support of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council.

Each year in Thunder Bay, approximately six students are hired by Lakehead's Office of Communications to work as part-time writers. The students are given assignments to interview faculty and to write stories detailing research projects on campus. The stories are then published on our website, in campus publications like this one, and in *The Chronicle-Journal*.



It's a win-win-win situation.

Students develop their writing skills and build a portfolio of published work. *The Chronicle-Journal* has the satisfaction of nurturing young writers. Lakehead University benefits by getting its message out.

There are now about 30 Lakehead students who have passed through the program since it began in 1994.

One participant, Kris Ketonen (BA 2000), is studying journalism at Ryerson University. Another, Josh Slatkoff (MA 2000), is working on his PhD in clinical psychology at the University of Victoria.

In one way or another, they all got a boost thanks to SPARK.

— Frances Harding, Editor

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Lakehead's new Advanced Technology and Academic Centre, funded in part by Ontario's SuperBuild Growth Fund, will create 1,377 new student spaces when it opens in 2003. To complete the \$44 million project, Lakehead University is seeking \$19.3 million from partnerships and fundraising. Over \$5.5 million has been secured to date. For more information contact the Development Office at (807) 343-8747

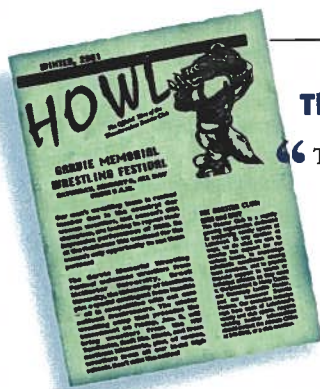
Showcase for the World

Lakehead University announced in March it will soon be home to North America's largest Voice-Over Internet Protocol network. Built and installed by Nortel Networks and hosted by Bell Canada, the infrastructure will deliver the ultimate in connectivity, combining voice, data and multimedia information over one converged network. Some of the network applications will include online course

registration, e-business functions, unified messaging, and video and audio conferencing capabilities. "What this agreement brings to Lakehead is an opportunity to be at the leading edge," says Lakehead President Fred Gilbert, "We will have an integrated system providing us with a knowledge-based digital technological environment that is second to none."

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The Official 'Zine of the Thunderwolves Booster Club

"This publication takes its name from the famous poem by Allen Ginsberg, who 'saw the best minds of his generation' eternally devoted to the unmitigated success of the Lakehead University Thunderwolves. The name is also, of course, what a wolf does with its voice-box when it climbs onto a promontory overlooking Lake Superior on Game Night and hears... you guessed it... THUNDER! What's more, it's what a fan does when his or her favourite Thunderwolf makes, say, a spectacular dig to save the fifth game of a tight volleyball match; or pins an opponent for the victory in the dying seconds of a wrestling championship; or comes from behind with just metres to go to win a tough cross-country race... or sinks the impossible winning basket with NO FRIGGING TIME LEFT ON THE CLOCK. *Howl* is also, of course, one of the few publications anywhere that admits to shamelessly distorting the truth to achieve its dubious journalistic ends."

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Report

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

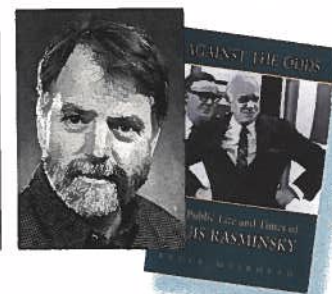
May 2001 will see the first graduates of Lakehead's new two-year diploma program in software engineering technology. Lakehead is the only institution in Canada that offers a unique combination of an engineering technology diploma program followed by two-year post-diploma degree programs leading to a bachelor of engineering degree in chemical, civil, electrical, mechanical or software engineering. A co-op option allows eligible students to intern with companies such as IBM Canada and Nortel Networks.

APPLIED BIO-MOLECULAR SCIENCE

About 20 high school students gained first-hand experience in applied bio-molecular science this year thanks to a unique program spearheaded by Lada Mallek, a professor in the Department of Biology. Lakehead's program is interdisciplinary in nature and focuses on biotechnological, forensic, and health-based and diagnostic applications of bio-molecular research.

HISTORY

Bruce Muirhead, a professor in the Department of History, has received the Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Award for Canadian Jewish History for his book, *Against the Odds: The Public Life and Times of Louis Rasminsky*. Rasminsky was governor of the Bank of Canada from 1961 to 1973, and one of only two Jewish senior civil servants in Canada when he was appointed. This authorized biography of Rasminsky's professional life sheds light on the development of Canadian economic and monetary policy after the Second World War.



Making Sense of Maclean's

"There is no reason to bow our heads or question our worth or direction. They simply have it wrong."

— Lakehead University President Fred Gilbert, speaking about this year's Maclean's ranking

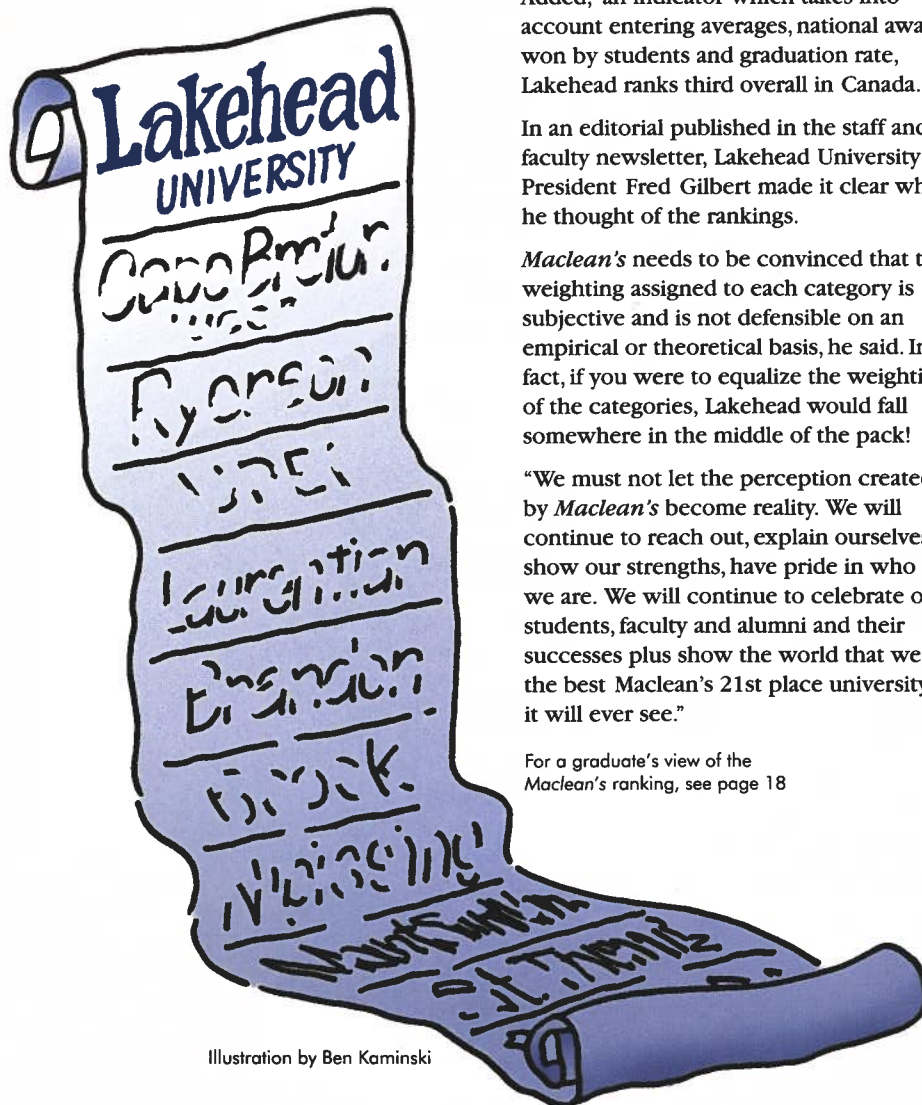


Illustration by Ben Kaminski

It's disconcerting to see how poorly Lakehead does in the *Maclean's* magazine annual ranking of universities. In the past eight years Lakehead has placed in the bottom quartile. This year it hit rock bottom: 21 out of 21 in the "Primarily Undergraduate" category.

Maclean's evaluates universities on a range of factors in six broad groupings including student body, classes, faculty, finances, library and reputation. This year, Lakehead improved in nine categories, stayed the same in seven categories and slipped in only four categories. In terms of "Value Added," an indicator which takes into account entering averages, national awards won by students and graduation rate, Lakehead ranks third overall in Canada.

In an editorial published in the staff and faculty newsletter, Lakehead University President Fred Gilbert made it clear what he thought of the rankings.

Maclean's needs to be convinced that the weighting assigned to each category is subjective and is not defensible on an empirical or theoretical basis, he said. In fact, if you were to equalize the weighting of the categories, Lakehead would fall somewhere in the middle of the pack!

"We must not let the perception created by *Maclean's* become reality. We will continue to reach out, explain ourselves, show our strengths, have pride in who we are. We will continue to celebrate our students, faculty and alumni and their successes plus show the world that we are the best *Maclean's* 21st place university it will ever see."

For a graduate's view of the *Maclean's* ranking, see page 18

Letters

GOODBYE NOR'WESTERS

Congratulations on the great new design of the Lakehead University magazine. The layout is very appealing and invites the reader to actually "read" the articles. It is a very reader friendly publication. Great job! I look forward to my next copy.

— Monique Wyllie
Thunder Bay, Ontario

It is with great sadness that we read in your Lakehead University Magazine that the current regime has decided to throw away over 35 years of history and tradition for the sake of "Marketing." It is my understanding that the Nor'Westers (the mountain range) were not what the University teams and publications were named after but the men that explored and opened Northwestern Ontario — the Courier de Bois, the gentlemen of the Northwest Company. It is a shame that you have decided to follow the pack and not be unique and distinct.

— James and Jean Zatulsky
Regina, Saskatchewan

I enjoyed the balanced approach to the latest Lakehead University Magazine. Well done!

— Cliff Huber
Thunder Bay, Ontario

OTHER VOICES

The article about Snow and Canadian winters in the last issue brought tears to my eyes. It's a wonderful magazine that my daughter — a Lakehead graduate — must have. I enclose her forwarding address.

— Irene Warmenhoven
Thunder Bay, Ontario

GEOFF WELLER

I read with sadness the passing of Professor Geoffrey Weller. He was one of my political science professors (I was a sociology major) and I respected him as an educator and as a person. Whenever I ran into him after graduating from Lakehead he remembered me and always had a few minutes to chat.

— Gordon Blake
Seoul, Korea

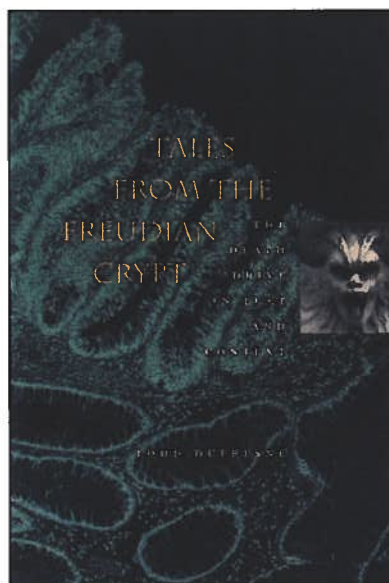
WRITING ABOUT RESEARCH



Students Promoting Awareness of Research Knowledge

For the past six years, Lakehead has been hiring students to interview faculty and to write stories about their research. The articles cover a wide range of topics — from the use of herbicides in reforestation programs to issues surrounding elder abuse and suicide prevention.

In this issue, we feature excerpts from four SPARK stories written by students Twyla Carolan, Carrie Gibbons and Stacey Hare.



Tales from the Freudian Crypt

Todd Dufresne, a professor in the Department of Philosophy, is young, from the north, and the recipient of a 2000/2001 Social Science and Humanities Research Council grant. The SSHRC grant gives Dufresne the opportunity to interview major figures in Freud studies, as well as to do research in some of the major archives of the world. His book, *Tales from the Freudian Crypt: The Death Drive in Text and Context*, was published by Stanford University Press in 2000.

So what is it about Freud, the man with the cigar and the founder of psychoanalysis, that gets Dufresne into such a deep-research frame of mind? A critic of Freud, Dufresne says that while the rest of the 19th century psychiatrists resolved the problems surrounding the recovered memory movement and false memory, Sigmund Freud was the exception. Freud accepted his teacher Charcot's mistaken conclusion of organically derived hysteria, and consequently, it was Freud's influence into the 20th century that has led to the continued debates around this issue. Dufresne says, "We've reinvented the wheel. We've revisited exactly the same debates we should have put to bed a hundred years ago."

— Twyla Carolan

Did you know?

Lakehead publishes a source book of information on faculty expertise and research. It is called *Lakehead's Guide to the Experts*.

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Birds of Ontario

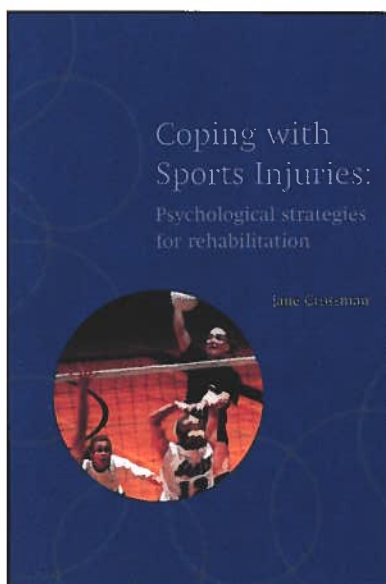
Janice Hughes' interest in birds began when her husband gave her a pet Canary. Now a professor of vertebrate ecology at Lakehead, she is celebrating the publication of a new book and making plans to further her study of Black-billed Cuckoos.

Hughes is the author of the Royal Ontario Museum's *Field Guide to Birds of Ontario* — the definitive guide to Ontario birds published by McClelland & Stewart Ltd. A graduate of the University of Toronto, she worked with the curator of birds at the Royal Ontario Museum and completed a dissertation on the subject of brood parasitism in New World Cuckoos.

Brood parasitism is the fascinating process whereby an adult Cuckoo lays its egg in the nest of another bird. When the egg hatches, the Cuckoo offspring kills the host chicks and is subsequently raised by the host parent.

Researching and writing about more than 350 birds for the ROM's field guide was a treat for Hughes. "We're lucky in Ontario because we're centrally located in the continent and because of the Great Lakes there is a huge diversity of birds here, far more than you would otherwise think."

— Carrie Gibbons



Coping with Sports Injuries

In her new book, published by Oxford University Press, Jane Crossman encourages therapists and physicians to challenge athletes to think rationally. "Injured athletes engage in a lot of self-defeating, negative self-talk," she says. "Techniques, such as relaxation training and visualization, get athletes thinking about what they were doing before they got injured, and how to relax and help the healing process."

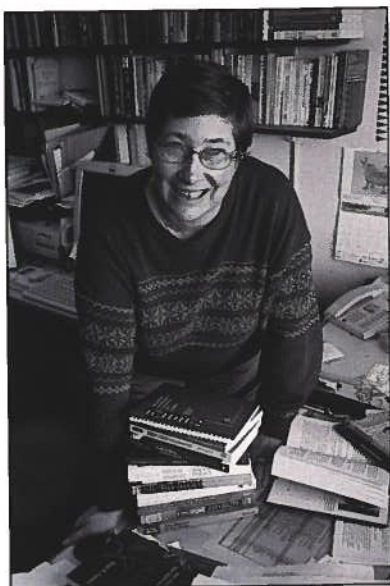
Coping With Sports Injuries brings together leading researchers from sports science and medicine to discuss and explain the ways in which the athlete is psychologically affected by injury.

"Initially when the injury occurs, there is a host of usually negative emotions. The predominate ones are anger, frustration and guilt. As time goes on, athletes go through a series of highs and lows on the road to recovery. As a result, psychological healing is very much influenced by those people, such as physicians, sports therapists and physiotherapists, who treat the physical symptoms of an athlete's injury."

Jane Crossman is a professor in the School of Kinesiology.

— Carrie Gibbons

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Disability in Women

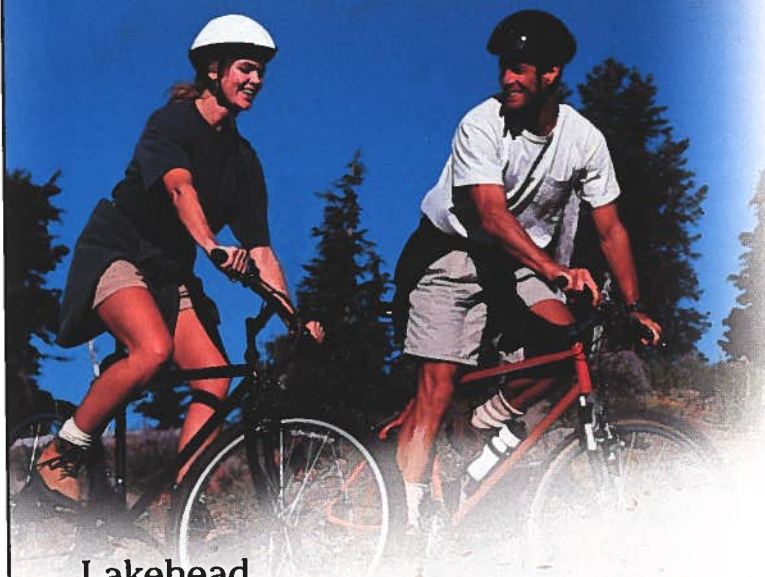
Sharon Dale Stone is a feminist sociologist whose primary focus is on issues surrounding disability, particularly disability in women. In addition to teaching a new course in disability studies, she is currently engaged in two important research projects. The first, entitled *Women Survivors of Hemorrhagic Stroke*, is a qualitative study examining the life experiences of post-stroke women who are now living with invisible disabilities. The second, entitled *Injured Workers and Peer Support*, is a participatory action research project to investigate the perceived benefits of peer support in dealing with consequences of injury.

Through her involvement with the Northern Educational Centre on Aging and Health, Professor Stone continues to contribute to the development of a sociological perspective on the concept of "health aging." While she does not dispute the value of gaining and preserving health and well-being, she is concerned that people do not have equal access to the resources which enable them to age "healthfully." Poverty, low self-esteem, isolation, poor diet, and lack of fulfilling work all negatively impact the prospects for healthy aging.

— Stacey Hare

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- Must be willing to provide permanent full-time employment

Funding

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Internet Service For Alumni

The Alumni Relations Office is pleased to announce that a partnership has been established with Thunder Bay Telephone to offer alumni Internet service. The new program, which replaces the LU-Net service, commenced on May 1, 2001.

The plan offers unlimited Internet service to Lakehead alumni for \$18.95 per month — a savings of \$1.00 per month.

As well, Thunder Bay Telephone will generously provide a commission to the



Alumni Association of Lakehead University for every alumnus/alumna registered with the plan.

"We think that this is a win-win program for both Thunder Bay Telephone and Lakehead University Alumni Association," says Kevin Burns, manager of marketing and sales at Thunder Bay Telephone. Rob Zuback, manager, alumni relations, is pleased to be able to continue to offer alumni with access to reliable and affordable Internet service. "Our alumni will enjoy price and service benefits through this arrangement with Thunder Bay Telephone — a long-time supporter of alumni initiatives here at Lakehead," said Zuback. "We encourage all existing LU-Net alumni customers to adopt this new program."



This year's Alumni Curling Bonspiel was dedicated to the memory of Bob Rescigno (Dip.Eng '63), an energetic volunteer who helped to organize many alumni golf and curling events. In the photo above, fellow volunteer Ivan Cocks (left) presents Alumni Association President David Heald with a plaque commemorating his friend's achievements. Special thanks to this year's event major sponsors: Meloche Monnex Insurance, MBNA Canada and Industrial Alliance Pacific Insurance.

Alumni Matters is a regular column featuring news and information about products and services offered by The Alumni Association of Lakehead University and the Office of Alumni Relations. For further information contact Rob Zuback, manager of Alumni Relations, by phone (807) 343-8916, fax (807) 343-8999 or E-mail: rob.zuback@lakeheadu.ca. Information is also available on the web: <http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~alumni/>



National Car Rental

National Car Rental and the Alumni Relations Office have teamed up to offer alumni the benefits of National's association and affinity benefits program. Upon proof of membership (a Lakehead University alumni card and a National Car Rental group discount card), you will be able to secure a discount ranging from 5% to 20% for lowest advertised rates on automobile rental services. For every rental, the Alumni Association receives a royalty from the company. Call 1-800-832-8076 to get your cards.

Upcoming Events & Activities

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 10, 2001

Lakehead University Faculty Lounge

ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, August 24, 2001

Strathcona Golf Course, Thunder Bay, ON

ORIENTATION

Alumni are invited to participate in Orientation activities for first-year students. Come and share your talents, skills and knowledge. Contact Heather Brown at (807) 343-8674 or by e-mail: heather.brown@lakeheadu.ca

ALUMNI REUNION OCTOBER 13-14

The Alumni Association is planning a Reunion Weekend in conjunction with the annual Zanatta Games. The 2001 Reunion will have a decidedly '70s flavour although all alumni and classes are encouraged to get involved. If you are interested in organizing an event for your classmates, we will be happy to assist you with planning.

Volunteer Opportunities

ATHLETICS ADVISORY BOARD

The Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the their representative on the Athletics Advisory Board. Interested alumni should contact Rob Zuback at Alumni Relations for more information.

CONVOCATION MARSHALS

Every year, the Alumni Association provides volunteers to assist as marshals for Convocation. Marshals help direct the processions and assist with pinning of gowns and hoods. This is a great opportunity for alumni to meet new grads and their families and make Convocation more enjoyable. For more information contact us at 1-800-832-8076.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A number of volunteer positions exist on Alumni Association committees: Communications/Public Relations; Chapter/Branches; Financial Management; Awards; Special; Alumni Annual Fund. If you are interested in assisting with one or more of the committees, or are interested in nominating yourself or another graduate for the Board of Directors, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 1-800-832-8076.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

The Faculty of Education is interested in creating a living history of the faculty. "We have started to collect pictures of faculty and staff from the earliest days," says Ann Osburn-Seyffert, "We want to create a source of biographical and historical information for the University." There is some urgency in starting this project as a number of the faculty have passed away. Interested volunteers are urged to contact Ann Osburn-Seyffert at the Faculty of Education (807) 343-8726; e-mail: aosburns@sky.lakeheadu.ca.



Hope Classic

Lakehead University had a strong contingent at this year's Bearskin Airlines Hope Classic. The women's event, now into its fifth year, attracted 256 women who raised \$115,000 for the Northern Cancer Research Foundation for breast cancer research.

Participants included a cross-section of Lakehead University's administrative staff including (l-r) Donna McGrath, manager, security services, Becky Hurley, manager, alumni bookstore, Susan Childs, secretary to the dean of engineering, and Darlene Yakimoski, manager, aquatics facilities.

"Breast cancer has touched everyone — be it a relative, a co-worker, or a close friend," says Susan Childs. "It is my hope that by raising money we will eventually find a cure for this terrible disease."



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In Memoriam

SIEGFRIED ZINGEL PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF FORESTRY

Siegfried Zingel, professor emeritus of forestry, passed away on March 13, 2001. At a memorial service held on campus in March he was remembered by friends and colleagues including Dr. Bob Rosehart, former president of Lakehead, who recalled that "Doc Zingel was the soils man and each and every one of his students got both a practical and theoretical foundation in soils... it was this type of education that made the forestry diploma program popular with employers." Zingel joined the University in 1966 and retired in 1992.

Lakehead has established the Dr. S.R. Zingel Bursary in his memory.

For information contact the Development Office at (807) 343-8913.

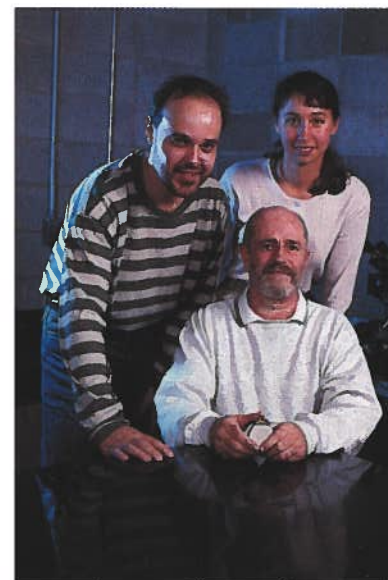
DECLAN M. BARRY PROFESSOR OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Declan Barry, a professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering, passed away on March 30, 2001. Born and raised in Ireland, Barry studied at the University College Cork and did a post-doctoral fellowship at Cambridge University in England before accepting a teaching position at the University of Bradford in England. Declan Barry joined the Faculty of Engineering at Lakehead in 1980, where he served the University and the students admirably until his retirement in September 2000.

Declan Barry's research on the reliability of semiconductor devices was one of the first SPARK stories commissioned by Lakehead when the program began in 1994. The story, which ran in both the *Agora* and the *Nor'Wester*, detailed the work Declan Barry, Marco Meniconi (BEng'86) and Alina Dinca (BEng'95) were doing in collaboration with the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation, now Cancer Care Ontario.

DAVID G. FROOD PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF PHYSICS

David Frood, professor emeritus of physics and founding chairman of the Department of Physics, passed away on March 8, 2001, following a lengthy illness. Born in Vancouver, Frood completed undergraduate degrees in mathematics and physics at the University of British Columbia and then worked as a research scientist with the Aeronautics Department of the National Research Council in Ottawa. He began to study at the University of Liverpool, England, under Dr. Herbert Frolich, one of the most renowned theoretical physicists of the 20th Century. In 1960 he earned a PhD in theoretical physics. Six years later, he joined the faculty at Lakehead where he provided leadership, not only in the Department of Physics, but in the development of Lakehead University and the Faculty of Science in particular before retiring in 1990. In addition to his academic career, David Frood served on the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's General Hospital in Thunder Bay and was a member of the founding Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Heritage.



Declan Barry (centre),
Marco Meniconi and Alina Dinca

Edited by Genevieve Knauff
(HBScF'00)

1960s

Norman Hodge was last in Thunder Bay in 1980, 10 years after leaving the city and 18 years after completing studies at, then, Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology. In 1978, he went to Transeki University, in South Africa, to set up an English Department. Now Transeki is a modern university with over 6,000 students. He feels his success at this endeavour is connected to his experiences at Lakehead.

1970s

Mike Beeby (HBPE'77) accepted a position with Pricewaterhouse Coopers as a principal consultant in the Ottawa office. He is married to Marie Langlois and they have two children, Justin, 12, and Camille 8.

Donna Gillis (ForTech'79) left tree improvement with the Province of Manitoba to pursue other career endeavours. She is currently the manager of a stone quarry and fabrication plant. She married Harry Kopeschny and has three children. Donna would love to hear from other 'techies.' E-mail: gqadonna@mb.sympatico.ca

University of South Australia in 1996. Matthew authored and published Financial Management For Small Firms in Malaysia in October of 1999. He is also married, has two teenagers and says he would love to hear from people at Lakehead, especially faculty members. E-mail: kimhlim@tm.net.my

After corporate transfers from Toronto to Montreal to Vancouver, **Rob Isabelle** (BEng'84) now resides in the New York City area. He and his wife Jill of 11 years have two children, Kayla, 8, and Marc, 6. Rob is the president of an elevator manufacturing company. His most recent accomplishment was completing the IronMan competition in Canada and qualifying for the Ironman competition in Hawaii. E-mail: rob@swiftcec.com

Catherine Lewis (BEng'85) resides in Montreal where she is the manager, environment, with Abitibi-Consolidated. She extends her greeting to all classmates from 1985.

Tom Ryan (HBPE, BE'85) recently completed his PhD in Education at OISE (University of Toronto) and is a member of the Faculty of Education at the University of Lethbridge. He is married to Leslie (née Dodds) (HBSW'86). She is the director of the Family, Adolescent and Children's Mental Health Program, in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Amy Kate Marie. A sister for three-year-old Evan, Amy was born on July 11, 2000.

1990s

Robert Poulter (HBComm'90), wife **Heather** (nee Heilman) (BSch'91), and their children Amanda, 7, and Adam, 5, send greetings from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Bob accepted a position with Accenture in September 2000. They are taking this opportunity to travel to other areas of Southeast Asia, including Thailand, Vietnam and India. E-mail: rjpoulter@hotmail.com

For the past seven years, **Salim Dharsee** (HBA'91) has lived in Tanzania, East Africa, and owns an entertainment business (television cable operator) and mobile hand set leasing agency. He says, "I miss Thunder Bay people and weather."

Derek Bailey (BE'93) teaches computer applications at the Cape Breton Business College in Sydney, Nova Scotia. He is married and has a three-year-old son and a baby due in May of 2001.

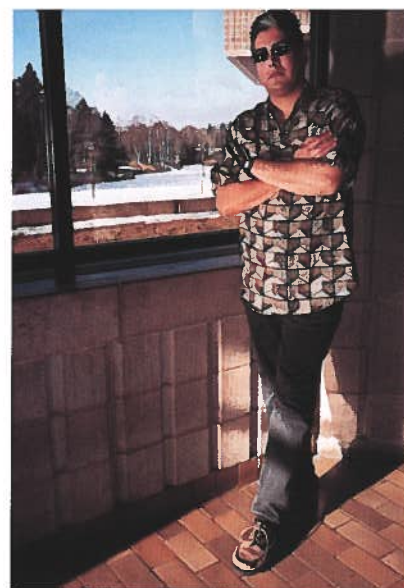
Daniela Sota (MA'94) and **Ross Henriques** welcomed their twin boys, Tristan and Cole, to the world on November 29, 2000. Things are extremely busy for them!

Jeremy St. Louis (BSc'94) relocated back to Winnipeg to become the prime time weather anchor for Global TV. He would like to encourage all his old classmates to tune in and says, "No laughing!"

Britt Blum (BAdmin'97) is currently working in the Republic of Panama as an English teacher and project co-ordinator. In the last issue, we incorrectly reported that she was a graduate of the Education program.

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David Groulx

Critics return to the adjective "powerful" when talking about the poetry of David Groulx (BA'97). They also add "stirring, striking and enjoyable." "I am trying to talk openly about racism in my poetry," says the award-winning poet. "I'm looking for clarity, to get to the bones of issues."

David Groulx's first book, *Night in the Exude*, was a self-published compilation of poetry and short stories. His second book, *The Long Dance* published by Kegedonce Press, was released last December.

Like many poets, Groulx draws from life experiences for his poetry. Growing up in Elliot Lake, an almost white mining town in Northeastern Ontario, it was tough to be Métis. With a French Canadian father and Ojibway mother, he didn't fit in either community. Nor was it acceptable to pursue the writing which gave him such positive feelings.

Groulx is the recipient of the Munro Family Poetry Prize for Outstanding Poetry, the Simon J. Lucan Award for Outstanding Achievement, a Canada Arts Council Grant, and a National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Award.

— Jolene Davis (MA '98)

Jolene Davis is a freelance writer living in Kakabeka Falls, Ontario. This piece is excerpted from an article she wrote for *Windspeaker*, a national Aboriginal newspaper published in Edmonton.

"I never thought I would be the one to miss snow, but it's just not the same in southern Ontario."

— Matthew S. Simpson (HBK'99)

1980s

Jamie Gadal (BSc'81), originally from Hudson, a suburb of Sioux Lookout, is now the manager of Thunder Bay Regional Weather Centre.

Matthew Kim Her Lim (HBAAdmin'81) received his Master's of Science degree in international banking and financial studies from Heriot-Watt University (Scotland) in 1986 and his Master's of Engineering in manufacturing management from the

Vicki Vanderburgh (HBPhEd'88) resides in Toronto, where she works for Nelson Thomson Learning publishers as a software and marketing support specialist.

Joanna A.A. Hoad (HBOR'89, BA'90) has begun graduate studies at Concordia University in community economic development.

Colleen Doerksen (née Finlayson) (BA'86/MA'86) and her husband Keith are pleased to announce "the birth of their second (and final!) child,"

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A Father's Gift

John Richardson, senior executive vice president and chief information officer of Manulife Financial, is a strong proponent of increased educational opportunities. Various volunteer commitments underscore his conviction and Lakehead University is one beneficiary of his vision, leadership and generosity.

Richardson recently donated a gift of securities worth \$50,000 to Lakehead — the Alma Mater of his daughter Beth Richardson (BAdmin '93). The contribution was made in support of Lakehead's future Advanced Technology and Academic Centre.

As the vice-chair of the Lakehead University Foundation, Richardson is a key player on Lakehead's fundraising team. The Foundation is a volunteer committee that works alongside the Office of Development to secure private support to supplement the University's existing funding base.

What motivates a corporate executive from Toronto to become so connected to a university in Northwestern Ontario? Plenty says Richardson. "Apart from being impressed with Beth's experiences at the University, I like the direction this

by Jennifer Willianen,
Development Researcher and Writer

University is headed based on its Strategic Plan. Also Lakehead's accessibility with its college transfer programs and distance education options appealed to me. Smaller institutions that fill a market niche need support just like the larger universities in Southern Ontario," he said.

Beth, who had transferred to Lakehead from Sheridan College, is now a police officer assigned to the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit of the Durham Regional Police. She is exuberant about her father's affinity with Lakehead: "I think it's wonderful. This is not something I asked him to do; he approached me about it and I was thrilled because my entire experience at Lakehead was great."

John Richardson is also a governor with the Junior Achievement of Metro Toronto and York Region, an organization that promotes staying in school to youth. Moreover, he finds time to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Peter F. Drucker Canadian Foundation. The Foundation recognizes excellence and innovation in the marketing of non-profit organizations and encourages the exchange of ideas within the social sector.

Beth Richardson with her father,
John Richardson



Reduce Capital Gains Tax by Donating Securities

by Mark Piovesana, CFP,
(HBComm'85)



The 1997 Federal Budget introduced a provision to encourage the gifting of marketable securities to charitable organizations.

These securities must be publicly traded and can include stocks, segregated funds and mutual funds. The provision reduced the capital gains inclusion rate for these gifts by one half. In other words, if an individual were to donate securities with an accrued capital gain, the tax payable on the capital gain would be half of the tax otherwise payable. Under the current legislation, the securities need to be donated by January 1, 2002 to take advantage of the tax savings.

Some donors to Lakehead University have realized the benefits of donating some of their shares resulting from the insurance industry's demutualization process. Certain insurance policyholders with companies such as Manulife, Sunlife, Clarica and Canada Life received shares as the companies transformed themselves from mutual companies owned by the policy holders to publicly traded companies. The cost of these shares for tax purposes is zero. The substantial appreciation in the share price of many insurance companies and the resultant capital gain can create a problem for many taxpayers.

For alumni wishing to make a gift to the University, donating shares of a recently demutualized insurance company can reduce your overall tax burden while contributing to the well being of an institution we all care about.

Mark Piovesana is an investment executive with ScotiaMcLeod and secretary of the Alumni Association of Lakehead University.

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On Top of the World

Jeff Hammerich (HBOR'01) and Mat Pellett (HBOR'01) are two of the four members of the Vertical Nomads, Denali 2001 Expedition, that will be climbing the Alaskan giant (20,320') in June of this year. Mat and Jeff were also members of the highly successful VN, South American Expedition last summer, climbing several mountains in Bolivia and Peru. One of these being an unclimbed mountain in the Caraz Range of the Cordillera Blanca. This time, they are joined by Outdoor Recreation Parks and Tourism instructor, Rodney Swatton, and Mat's father, Robin Pellett. The team will be carrying two Canadian flags with them. One of those flags, with the names of Lakehead students, staff and faculty, will be hung in the Agora.

Jeff Hammerich (left) and Mat Pellett
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A Letter to Maclean's

by Erik S. Knutsen

Some of the most important components in the decision to attend a Canadian undergraduate institution are the personal, subjective criteria which guide a prospective undergraduate student in choosing a university which will have a unique and personal impact on the student, propelling him or her to succeed. These criteria include such things as opportunities for close faculty contact, location of the university, and a feeling that one is more than just a student number at an overly large institution. I believe that, while the current *Maclean's* categorical ranking does attempt to hint at some of these criteria, it misses the mark in



Erik Knutsen

accounting for these important factors which can really only be discovered by digging beneath the numerical scores to see what really does happen at a Canadian university. I recognize that these factors are not easily quantifiable, unlike many of the apparently objective factors currently used by *Maclean's* such as the number of library holdings per student or the number of grants awarded to a professor....

Why Lakehead University was so integral to my academic experience is because I am continually reminded of the individual, truly personal attention and encouragement I received during my four years there. I attended many

upper year classes, mostly in English literature, where there were 30 students or more and still the professor knew every one of us. I do not mean just knew our names. I mean met with us in his or her office, had coffee with us, organized parties at his or her home, went with us to movies about works we were studying, and said hello to us in the local shopping malls. They cared. They challenged us on an individual level, devoid of pretentiousness, and treated us almost as fellow academic colleagues....

I do not know how one would objectively measure that. Class size is not the tell-tale measurement. Certainly reputation figures did not spell that out. Indeed, in your rankings, this special phenomenon at Lakehead University did not show through at all.

Although my own experiences after graduation from Lakehead University may be uniquely individual in nature, my briefly mentioning them may help to demonstrate that, depending upon one's educational needs and goals, it might not matter whether or not one attends university number one or university number twenty-one. Indeed, perhaps university number twenty-one might well be the better choice, depending upon the circumstances. Please note that I mention my own experiences not to tell my story but only to flesh out how subjective criteria may be quite important in choosing an undergraduate institution which sets proper academic foundations from which to explore one's goals after graduation.

It is the heartfelt and personal encouragement I received at Lakehead University that I feel was so integral in propelling me to earn two law degrees and seek a law faculty appointment.

Lakehead University instilled in me both the necessary skills to seek academic challenges and the confidence to strive for academic challenges. I earned my first law degree at Osgoode Hall Law School after graduation from Lakehead University in 1996 with an Honours Bachelor of Arts in English. Three years later, I earned a Masters of Law at Harvard Law School. I was fortunate to receive a number of offers of admission to study for my Masters, including offers from Oxford University, the London School of Economics, and New York University School of Law. After graduating from Harvard last year, I sought out a law school faculty position and am currently teaching legal writing, research, and advocacy at Florida State University College of Law in Tallahassee, Florida.

To the best of my knowledge, having an undergraduate education from Lakehead University was never a stumbling block in any admissions process or academic appointment competitions at any Canadian, American, or British university. No one said otherwise to me. I think this is something that students struggling to choose an undergraduate institution would like to know....

In closing, one may think that this is simply a letter from a Lakehead University alumni who is shocked and troubled by the very low ranking of his Alma Mater. On the contrary, it is a Lakehead University alumni who is shocked and troubled by the fact that, through the use of only quantifiably objective criteria not bolstered with experiential reports, *Maclean's* ranks last his Alma Mater that he has always, and still does, consider to be number one.

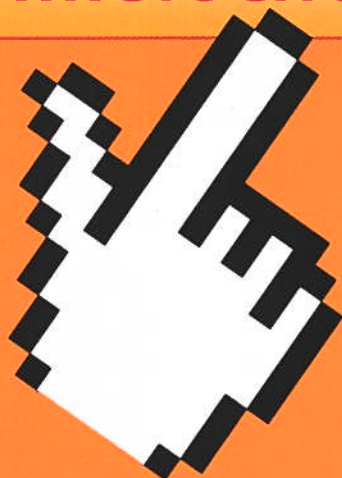
Erik Knutsen (HBA'96) is part of the Legal Writing Faculty at Florida State University College of Law. This text is taken from a letter he sent to the managing editor of *Maclean's* in January 2001.

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