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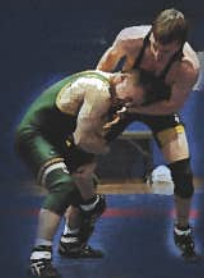
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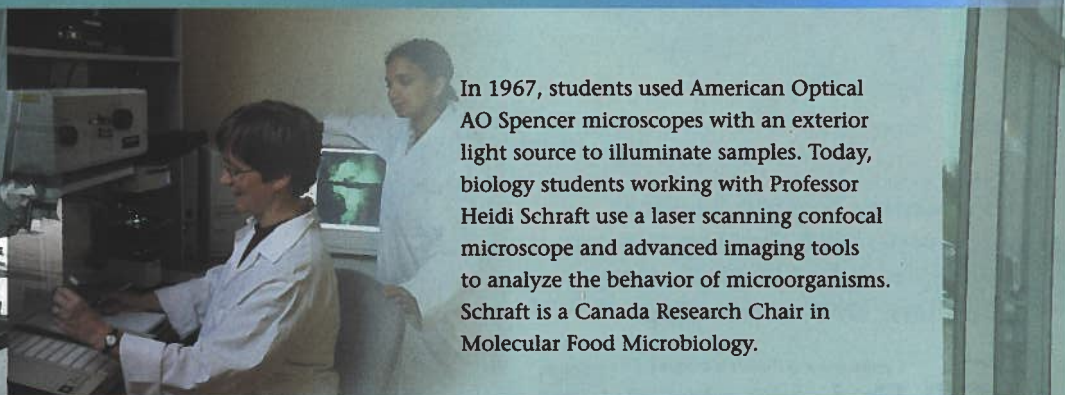
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HOW TIMES CHANGE



In 1967, students used American Optical AO Spencer microscopes with an exterior light source to illuminate samples. Today, biology students working with Professor Heidi Schraft use a laser scanning confocal microscope and advanced imaging tools to analyze the behavior of microorganisms. Schraft is a Canada Research Chair in Molecular Food Microbiology.

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> Poster painting by Professor ANN CLARKE, Lakehead University

'Fatal Flower' Blooms at Lakehead

Members of the local film community have teamed up with faculty and students from Lakehead to pay tribute to one of the most important episodes in the history of film in Canada. "The Fatal Flower" is a feature-length silent film that was shot in 1929, but not completed. It was finished in Thunder Bay as a collaborative effort and had its world premiere at the Finlandia Club on October 7, 2004.

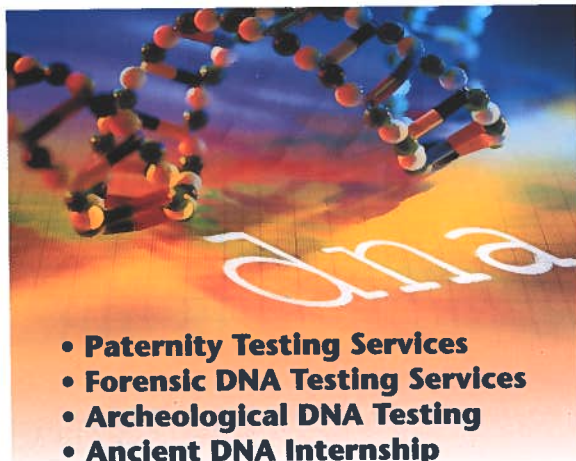
Flash Frame, a local film and video cooperative, has the entire body of original work by the Port Arthur Cinema Society from the 1920s. The Society went bankrupt in 1930 during the Depression, but managed to produce two complete feature-length amateur films – the first feature-length films in Canada.

"A Race for Ties" is a drama involving a family needing to save itself financially by winning a contract for railway ties. "Sleep Inn Beauty" is a slapstick comedy framed around a beauty contest. Both were written by Dorothea Mitchell, perhaps the first independent female filmmaker in Canada.

Producing "The Fatal Flower" has been a team effort, says Professor Ronald Harpelle, project manager and producer. "The film project is one of local resonance with national significance. It challenges conventional thinking on film in remote communities."

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Matheson and his team are currently working on projects to identify



remains from bogs in Northern Europe, mummified remains from Hungary, Egypt, Peru, and Chile, as well as skeletonised remains from all over the world, including Canadian World War I soldiers listed as missing in action.

For more information visit www.ancientdna.com

SCHOOL of MEDICINE Breaks Ground



Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty was on campus last August to break ground for the construction of a new \$8-million building for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. The three-storey structure, beside the School of Nursing, will house smart classrooms, faculty offices, and research laboratories.

SMOKE FREE

In a campus-wide referendum, students, faculty, and staff voted 68% in favor of a smoke-free campus, making Lakehead the first university in Ontario to ban smoking, and the first in Canada to have put the issue to a plebiscite.

VISUAL ARTS



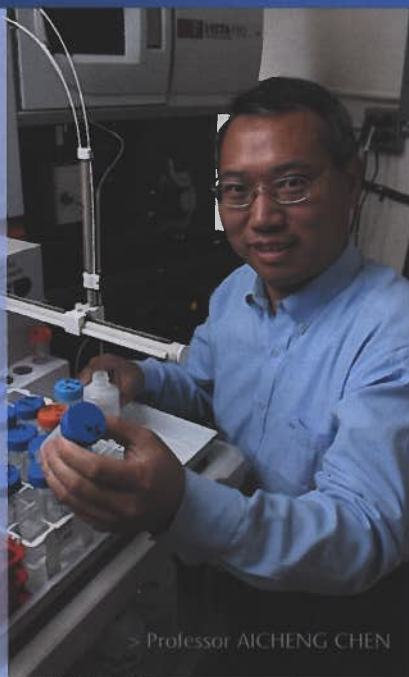
> Photo of SARAH LINK courtesy of LORI FOX ROSSI

Visual Arts Instructor HONORED by Peers

Sarah Link, a Sessional Instructor in Visual Arts, has been inducted into the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts. The Academy was founded in 1880, and artists are selected through a peer nomination and review process. Link has become one of about 20 top Canadian artists in the field of ceramics to receive the honor.

GREEN CHEMISTRY

Professor Aicheng Chen has received a Premier's Research Excellence Award in recognition of his work in the field of electrochemistry. Chen is assisting in the development of innovative technologies to degrade lignin, a waste product of the pulp and paper industry, to form new value-added chemicals and chemical feedstocks. His research has the potential of reducing the environmental impact of industrial processes in the mining and pulp and paper sectors, and of increasing Canada's competitiveness in domestic and international markets.



> Professor AICHENG CHEN

KUDOS

Congratulations to Kailash Bhatia, a Technologist in the Department of Civil Engineering, for receiving the 2004 Lakehead University Award to Staff for Outstanding Performance and/or Contributions. For the past 15 years, Bhatia has played an important role in Lakehead's teaching and research labs and special programs such as the international Student Steel Bridge Competition.

FEEDBACK

We received many comments on the new design of the Magazine, almost all of them overwhelmingly positive. Congratulations to Dominic Lacaria (MEd'82), winner of the draw for a Lakehead U sweatshirt.

SCIENCE MADE SUCCESSFUL

ANDREW BASS is President and Founder of Angstrom Engineering, one of the fastest growing companies in Canada

> by J. Andrew Deman

At the age of 23, Andrew Bass came to Lakehead armed with four years of experience in the workforce and the desire to become a Professional Engineer. Through his dedication and belief in the entrepreneurial spirit, Bass has made his dreams come true.

Bass has made it his life's work to develop and market high-tech, custom-made vacuum chambers. "The equipment that we make is what's referred to as high-vacuum research equipment." His wife jokingly puts it another way, referring to these vacuum chambers as simply "toys for mad scientists."

As the President and Founder of Angstrom Engineering, in Cambridge, Ontario, Bass finds his work in high demand these days. Angstrom's vacuum chambers are used by high-

profile clients ranging from Princeton University to NASA. In 2003, Angstrom was named to PROFIT magazine's list of Canada's top 100 fastest growing companies.

What can vacuum chambers do? "They are used to put down a very, very thin film on materials," says Bass, "They can be used in manufacturing semi-conductors, eyeglasses, industrial glass, aluminizing plastic, protective coating on turbine blades, and even solar cells.



Bass first became aware of vacuum chambers while he was an employee of a large mechanical engineering company. When the company went under, Bass decided to apply the skills and knowledge that he had acquired, this time as an entrepreneur. This decision would become the impetus behind Angstrom Engineering.

These days, as a boss, Bass strives to bring the camaraderie that he experienced during his university days to his business team. "There was a core group of us that stuck together, studied together, and drank together. For lack of a better description, university is 'time in the trenches.' That's some of the energy that I've hoped to capture in my own company."

"LOOK at what you have going for you, WHAT'S WORKING in your life – community, partnership, friendship – and realize that it can apply to business."

"Fifty percent of our business is for organizations researching organic light-emitting diodes (LEDs), a new type of material being researched for Palm Pilots, or cell phones, for example. Ultimately, we're reaching toward flat panel monitors; the dream is that you'll be able to roll up your computer screen and put it into your pocket, then unroll it when you want it."

Bass finds himself in an unusual position. When Angstrom first took shape in 1992, he worked alone. Since then, the company's expansion has forced him to take on staff, leaving Bass wearing two hats as both engineer and entrepreneur.

"I found that as a one-person operation, I was able to do all of the engineering. Now we have a staff of technologists, and I've had to basically give the engineering function away. You can't do everything. At times, I find myself getting more into sales than engineering, but every now and then I manage to roll up my sleeves and get back into what I enjoy doing most."

As to the success of Angstrom Engineering, Bass credits, in part, the advantage of the smaller business. "When a company calls us, they know that they're going to get an answer." This simple dedication to the client promotes both customer loyalty and referrals, two important factors in the company's growth.

This manner of bringing life experience to the business sector is Andrew's advice to the next generation of entrepreneurs: "Look at what you have going for you, what's working in your life – community, partnership, friendship – and realize that it can apply in business."

It was with his core group of Lakehead friends that Bass learned an early lesson in market timing. "We used to go to a local hall for a take-out meal just before closing time. The men would always be the ones dishing the pasta up and, by that time of night, they had gone through at least two or three good bottles of wine, so our pasta portions would be twice the volume. The servers were always a lot happier at the end of the evening than at the start, so you see, timing is everything!"

Bass is looking toward the future, bringing Angstrom technologies to higher levels and new markets. "We're starting to see our name out there a lot more. That market recognition gives you a little more power, and you get more people contacting you."

So it is that through the high-tech world of vacuum chambers, this Lakehead alumnus has built for himself a business to be proud of, and a life worth noting. ■

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ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES' &

FRED GILBERT reflects on six years as PRESIDENT of Lakehead University

Back in July 1998, when Fred Gilbert became President of Lakehead, Mike Harris was Premier of Ontario, gas was \$0.58 a litre, and September 11 was just another day.

Since then, the WORLD has CHANGED.

Here at Lakehead, we've seen the opening of the Advanced Technology & Academic Centre (ATAC) and the formation of the Thunderwolves Men's Hockey Team. Enrolment has risen to 7,304 students in 2003-2004, and research funding has soared. The new Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre has opened on Oliver Road. The Northern Ontario School of Medicine was created (and is now provisionally accredited), and the campus is getting ready to celebrate its

40th anniversary in September 2005.

What better time to sit down with the President and talk about Lakehead's achievements, challenges, and opportunities?

Lakehead University Magazine: Lakehead has accomplished a great deal in recent years. What achievements are you most proud of since becoming President?



OPPORTUNITIES



Fred Gilbert: There are many, but some really stand out. One is the increase in our research activity. Another is the incredible number of talented faculty we have attracted. This is due, in part, to having a strategic plan that is meaningful, and sets clear and measurable objectives. We have moved up in our ranking among Canadian universities, and our reputation is growing.

I am proud of the improved appearance of the campus, and that Lakehead has become a technological leader with the Advanced Technology & Academic Centre, IP Telephony, Internet Cafés, the Cray supercomputer, and the SGI Virtual Reality Centre.

I'm also pleased with the evolution of the Alumni Association and with the talented team that has been put in place at Lakehead's senior administrative level. I'm proud of the work we are doing in internal and external communications, and of the new physical facilities that are as good, if not better, than those at any other university. The new Residences and ATAC reflect our desire to be leaders rather than followers.

LUM: During your time as President, two strategic plans have been completed. How does the new plan differ from the old plan?

Fred Gilbert: The new strategic plan, "*Past Strength and Future Promise: Lakehead University's Strategic Plan for 2005-2010*" (www.communications.lakeheadu.ca) builds on the previous plan and will be an even more effective document. It reflects the optimism that now exists on campus. Lakehead is effectively pushing its own agenda forward. All levels of government, and many community leaders, now recognize the positive impact Lakehead is having on this community.

LUM: What are the top three issues that Lakehead University must address if it is to continue to flourish?

Fred Gilbert: Funding. Funding. Funding.

We must grow our student numbers. To do that, we not only have to sustain our numbers in the region, but we also have to be more aggressive in recruiting southern Ontario and international students, and in developing our distributed learning capacity. We are critically short of space, and in

particular, research space. If we can generate new research space, we can then free up existing space for other things.

LUM: We know that Ontario's operating grants per student to its universities are the lowest in Canada and have declined by 25% per student over the last 10 years. Universities in Ontario have been lobbying governments for years, saying governments must invest in post-secondary education if Canada is to remain competitive in a knowledge-based economy. The situation seems to be intractable. Where do we go from here?

Fred Gilbert: Governments are being hampered in what they can do because of the fiscal demands of health care. We're going to have to find a sustainable solution for funding national and provincial provision of health care.

Preventive medicine is one step. Another is to put in place a system of co-payment for service. There should be a basic set of health services available to everyone, but above that, there should be an expectation that people would partially pay for the cost of services. This would accomplish two things: It would be a deterrent to people for overusing the system, and it would provide an effective infusion of funding into the system. Otherwise, health care will ultimately destroy the government's ability to deal with the funding needs elsewhere.

LUM: What major societal trends will affect Lakehead over the long term?

Fred Gilbert: I think the demands for adult education and the impact of "place-bound learners" will ultimately change the way education is delivered. Faculty at Lakehead, for example, are already changing the way they teach, based on the new technology in the Advanced Technology & Academic Centre. ATAC has now given us the capacity to provide education at a distance.

But let's turn that question around and ask, "How will Lakehead University affect society at large, over the long term?"

Lakehead is going to have a tremendous impact in transforming Northwestern Ontario's and Thunder Bay's economy into a knowledge-based economy. Just look at the work of our faculty, our Innovation Management Office, and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Look at the spin-off companies emerging out of our Paleo-DNA Laboratory and the Northwestern Ontario Technology Centre. There is incredible potential capacity here to develop biomedical and biotechnical businesses in Northwestern Ontario. And Lakehead will be in the forefront.

LUM: What are the new challenges facing Lakehead as we head into the 21st century?

Fred Gilbert: One of the big challenges is our deteriorating infrastructure. We're doing what we can, through energy conservation and energy savings, but at the end of the day,

we're still looking at \$30 million in deferred maintenance, and this will only grow as time goes on. But that is an old challenge.

The new challenge is to compete effectively within the evolving Ontario post-secondary framework. Thunder Bay is not one of the rapidly growing population centres. Perhaps it will be in another generation or so, but at the moment, our challenge is to continually attract first-rate students and faculty to our institution. In the past, a university could be almost passive, and still be reasonably successful. This is no longer possible. Lakehead is fast becoming a global institution competing in a global environment, and I think we have a tremendous advantage because of the wonderful diversity of our community. One of the elements of our diversity is helping the Aboriginal population to reach its potential. Lakehead University provides Aboriginal people with effective educational opportunities, including processes that enhance integration into the university system.

LUM: Is your vision for Lakehead reflected in the current vision statement?

Fred Gilbert: The new vision statement is entirely consistent with my own vision for Lakehead. It states:

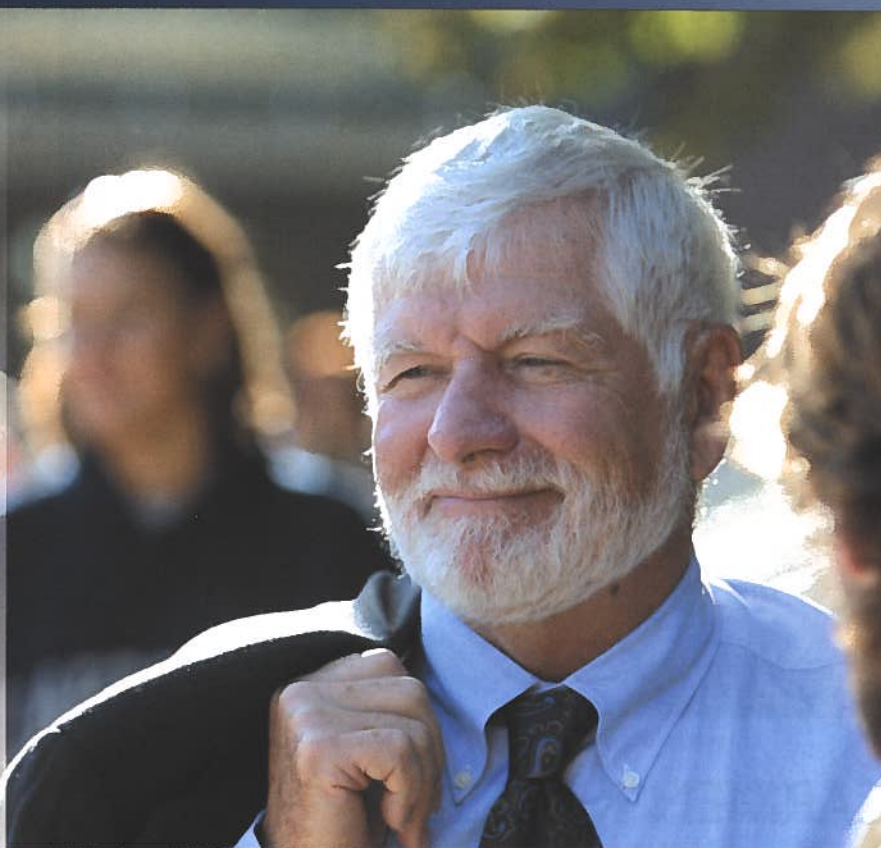
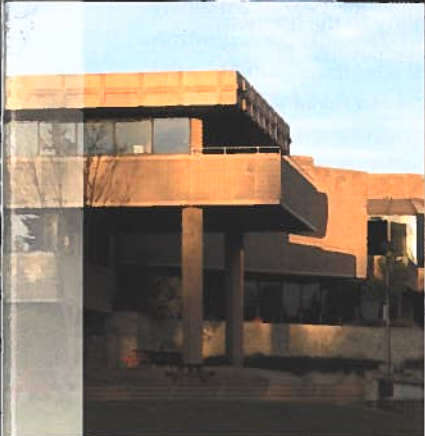
Lakehead University is a comprehensive university committed to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education and research. It will build on its reputation as a welcoming, accessible, and accountable institution known for enabling students at all stages of life to achieve their potential. It will reflect and serve Aboriginal and other diverse cultures, institutions, and organizations that comprise its unique regional setting as it reaches out nationally and globally.

LUM: In the context of Lakehead's issues and opportunities, what role can alumni play to assist the University in realizing its goals?

Fred Gilbert: Alumni are our ambassadors. They have tremendous ability and capacity to assist with reputation building, to assist with the recruitment of students, and to serve as mentors. They can also interact with our current student body in positive ways.

Students, as future alumni, need to be engaged with the Alumni Association. Most universities with successful alumni relationships encourage graduates to identify with their class. LUSU can play a role in this, and so can faculty.

Some of the most common questions I hear from alumni are enquiries about news concerning the faculty members and departments with which they were associated during their student years.



LUM: In 2002, Lakehead's accumulated operating deficit reached an all-time high of \$6.45 million. Today, we have reduced the deficit to \$2.93 million (as of April 30, 2004), and we have a mandate from the Board of Governors to eliminate that debt by 2006-2007. Are you confident we can do this?

Fred Gilbert: Lakehead will have to work very hard to eliminate its accumulated debt because, at the moment, there is no "new" money in the university system. Any new funding is tied to growth.

Currently, the Government of Ontario does not fully fund all Lakehead students. This means we operate with a shortfall of over \$3 million annually.

I'm confident, however, that in time – perhaps as a result of the comprehensive review, due in January 2005, of the design and funding of Ontario's post-secondary education system led by former Premier Bob Rae – the Government of Ontario will rectify this situation, and we will see full funding at Lakehead University.

In the meantime, we need to continue to educate people about Lakehead, as we have been doing throughout this past year in our highly successful awareness campaigns in southern Ontario. We must also continue to build on the increasingly positive relationships we have established in Thunder Bay and the Northwestern region, as well as at various levels of government.

If we can get students here, they stay, even if they come with the expectation of transferring out after first year. Our high retention and graduation rates are proof of the quality of our academic programs and faculty.

We have a very positive momentum now that is crucial to maintain. The University will be successful in the long run if we can continue to manage our fiscal resources effectively and have governments recognize how critically important the University is to the socio-economic well-being of the Northwestern Ontario region.

LUM: These are exciting times for Lakehead University, and for its graduates. Thank you for sharing your perspective. One final question: When do you think the Thunderwolves Men's Hockey Team will win the national championship?

Fred Gilbert: I would predict the team will make it to the finals this year, and there is no question in my mind that Lakehead is within a year or two of being national champions. I'm also very encouraged by the positive growth we have seen in our other sports teams – especially the men's and women's basketball programs. We're attracting national scholars in the case of the women's team, and the coaching staff that we have in place makes me very excited about the recognition that Lakehead University athletics will receive, and the attention it will draw to the University. ■



CARMEN KLASSEN Making WAVES in the MARITIMES

> by Glenn Semaniuk

Carmen Klassen (HBA'90) has come a long way from her childhood days of pretending to be a radio announcer with her father's tape recorder. Her creative instinct and love of storytelling has led to a successful career with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Klassen is host of *Mainstreet*, a two-hour radio program that is broadcast weekday afternoons across mainland Nova Scotia.

"A lot of people like my voice, which is really no credit to me," she says with a chuckle. "I feel happy when I get positive feedback because I'm genuinely interested in a lot of things, and am truly interested in talking to people to find out their perspectives."

At Lakehead, Klassen started out in the Nursing program, then transferred to the Concurrent Education program (her father Daniel Klassen is a Professor Emeritus of Education). She graduated

with an Honours degree in English.

Not long after graduation, she found herself in the United Kingdom studying contemporary theatre in a Master's program at Lancaster University. While she was finishing her dissertation back home in Thunder Bay, she received a phone call from CBC Radio asking her if she would mind filling in for a theatre reviewer who was away.

Well, the answer was 'yes' and Klassen spent the next five years there, eventually becoming host of the afternoon program, *Voyage North*.

If there has been a pattern in Klassen's life, it has been knowing how to make the most of opportunities and not being afraid to take a chance. That was evidenced again five years ago, when she pursued the job of Maritime Arts Reporter. She was promoted to host of *Mainstreet* in December 2002.

Klassen was accompanied to Halifax by her husband Paul Dubras (MA'01), who works as a Naval Intelligence Officer. Even though Klassen's love for the job comes through static-free on the air, she says working for the public broadcaster is something she does not take for granted.

"I feel it's a privilege, and I try to do my best everyday because I feel it's a big responsibility to the listeners, who are also taxpayers." 

Glenn Semaniuk is a freelance journalist in Halifax who spent four years as a reporter for Thunder Bay Television. He is currently taking courses leading to a BA through Lakehead's Office of Continuing Education and Distributed Learning.

Lakehead ALUMNI

>22nd ANNUAL Alumni Curling Fundspiel

The 22nd Annual Alumni Curling Fundspiel is scheduled to take place *Friday, April 1 2005*, at the Port Arthur Curling Club.

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MINDY BELL

Work on a conservation project to restore the skeleton of a 26.5-metre Blue whale in New Zealand is going along "swimmingly," thanks to Mindy Bell's experiences at Lakehead.

"Working in New Zealand was not something I had planned when I graduated in 2001 with a BA in Anthropology. However, two years later, I found myself on a flight to Aotearoa (the Maori name for New Zealand meaning 'the land of the long white cloud'). I had a contract with the Canterbury Museum in Christchurch to work as a Conservation Intern on the Blue



Whale Conservation Treatment Project. Our job: to prepare the skeleton of a huge female Blue whale for exhibition.

"Canterbury Museum acquired the colossus in 1908, after its discovery on a beach near the town of Okarito on the west coast. The 26.5-metre skeleton was transported to Christchurch and exhibited outdoors, on the museum grounds, in covered shelters. In the early 1990s, it was moved to indoor storage, on site. Now, as part of the Museum's current revitalization project, the whale is being resurrected as a showpiece for a proposed new entranceway.

"My job is to deal with the effects of damage and deterioration to the bones, caused by human interaction with the skeleton and exposure to the elements. This is no small order, as there are almost 200 bones weighing a total of 3.5 metric tonnes!

"Each bone is cleared of its old iron mounts, cleaned, and then consolidated (strengthened with an acrylic resin). Broken pieces are re-attached and completely missing

pieces are reconstructed.

"It's quite a task. And initially it was intimidating, but my time at Lakehead ensured that I would 'swim' instead of 'sink.'

"Scott Hamilton's third-year Zooarchaeology class introduced me to the intricacies of mammalian skeletal structures and the processes of bone deterioration. Weekly seminars in Joe Stewart's fourth-year Environmental Anthropology course prepared me for the rigours of presenting a paper at my first professional conference (New Zealand Professional Conservators Group), in October 2003.

"My LUSU experience as a Board Member more than prepared me for the diplomatic exercise of working closely with a diverse team of professionals. And, my time with the Office of Admissions and Recruitment enabled me to feel more than comfortable giving the grand tour of our project to visitors, fellow conservation professionals, and other interested staff." ■

Mindy Bell left New Zealand at the end of August. She can be contacted by email: melindabell@hotmail.com. If you have a story you would like to share, send it by e-mail to: frances.harding@lakeheadu.ca

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Pic 2 (L-R) Bill Mork, Brenda Mork, Trish Nelson, Bruce Nelson

40th Anniversary Celebration

> by Heather Ives

It was a beautiful summer day back in 1965 when the Lakehead University Act was given Royal Assent by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and Lakehead University was established. Forty years later, it's time to celebrate.

The year 2005 marks the 40th Anniversary of Lakehead University, and the Alumni Association, along with the campus community, invites you to join the festivities. Currently plans are under way to hold celebratory events throughout the year, with our "Celebration Weekend" taking place September 8-11, 2005.

All alumni, students, and friends are encouraged to attend as we honor our past accomplishments and look forward to future success. Possible activities for the weekend include a golf day, campus tours, open houses, the grand opening of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, BBQs, gala dinner, and much more. If you have an idea for an event please let us know.

Class and small group reunions will also take place over the weekend. Classes from 1965 (40th), 1970 (35th), 1975 (30th), 1980 (25th), 1985 (20th), 1990 (15th), 1995 (10th), 2000 (5th) are encouraged to celebrate their own unique anniversaries. As well, other small group reunions are also welcomed as part of the Celebration Weekend. The Office of Alumni Relations will offer assistance in planning reunions by providing mailings, helping to find lost classmates, booking venues and meals, and co-ordinating any other special details.

Of course, a weekend like this would not be possible without the help of many volunteers. Opportunities exist for volunteers to assist in various roles over the next year including participating in planning committees, organizing reunions, as well as assisting at the weekend itself. Make the "Celebration Weekend" an event you won't forget. Contact Heather Ives at (807) 346-7784 or by e-mail: 40years@lakeheadu.ca. Be sure to check out the 40th Anniversary website for updated information: www.lakeheadualumni.ca/40years.

SCHOLARSHIP CLASSIC raises \$23,000

The AALU held its 21st Annual Scholarship Classic on August 27 at Chapples Golf Course in Thunder Bay, raising over \$11,500 in support of student financial aid. These funds will be matched through the Ontario Student Opportunities Trust Fund II, resulting in a total of \$23,000 for scholarships and bursaries for Lakehead students. Special thanks to sponsors:



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Toronto Alumni meet at QUEEN'S PARK

On May 19, the AALU hosted its first Toronto reception in over 10 years at the Government Caucus Room in the Ontario Legislature. Over 60 alumni and friends met with President Fred Gilbert to learn about recent developments at their Alma Mater. The event was hosted by Eric McGoey (HBA'02), Amanda Koivuranta (HBA'02), and Brian Stroud (HBS'02). If you are interested in volunteering or participating in future events, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-832-8076.

Student Send-Off

Alumni are Lakehead's best ambassadors. This was evident at the third annual Ottawa Student Send-Off barbecue held on August 11 at MBNA's headquarters. Sixty alumni, friends, students, and parents attended the event, hosted by the AALU and featuring President Fred Gilbert. If you are interested in hosting a similar event in your city, contact Heather Ives, Alumni Officer, at (807) 346-7784.

E-zine

The AALU is publishing a regular e-newsletter to keep you in touch with Lakehead. Each issue will contain stories on campus news, research, achievements, programs, projects, and upcoming events. Let us tell your story by sending us your tales of success and achievement. Each month a graduate will be profiled. To subscribe or submit a story, visit www.lakeheadualumni.ca.

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ATHLETICS

> by Mike Aylward



THUNDERWOLVES

The 2004-05 Lakehead Athletics year looks to be an exciting one for all of the staff and students who participate in the various varsity, club, and recreational programs. Lakehead will see a new student athletic centre opening in 2005, and some former coaches are returning to the helm of two Thunderwolves varsity teams.

Lakehead has also put in its bid to host the 2007 and 2008 CIS Men's National Hockey Championships, and will learn about the success of its bid this December. Finally, this year Lakehead is exploring the possibility of making women's soccer its tenth varsity program for next season.

On the varsity side, Coaches Maureen and Mike Hay return to develop the Cross Country and Track programs, while Lisa Patterson takes over as Head Coach of the strong Thunderwolves Nordic Ski program. Men's Hockey and Women's Basketball look to have strong seasons. Men's Basketball has brought in some strong transfer students and recruits to make it a playoff contender. Volleyball also has some bright new prospects for the developing squad. Perennial contender Wrestling has brought in some great high school recruits and looks forward to great results this year.

This season's lineup includes the Lakehead Invitational Men's Basketball Tournament in October, the second Women's Championship Cup of Wrestling in November, and the third Bell Varsity Cup Men's Hockey Tournament at the Christmas break. Men's Wrestling will be hosting a new meet in January.

Lakehead Director of Athletics Tom Warden says it's going to be a great year. "I am really looking forward to this season with so many new developments here at Lakehead. I am very happy about the recruiting done by all the teams, hosting new tournaments, and making a bid for the Men's National Hockey Championships. I'm also very excited about the new Multi-Sport Athletics Complex which will serve as a great recreational venue for the whole Lakehead student body as well as help our varsity athletes in their training." ■

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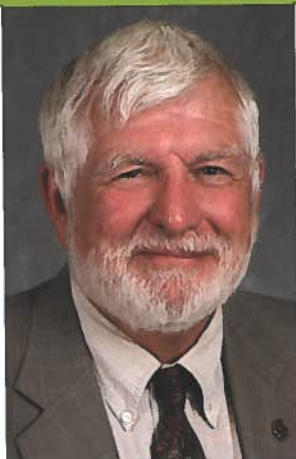
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Donations are critical in nourishing the University's constantly expanding societal role. They enable us to establish new scholarships and bursaries, add new facilities and technology, and expand the scope of academic and research programs.

Thirty new scholarships, bursaries and awards have been established, the Advanced Technology & Academic Centre (ATAC) is complete, and the new Northern Ontario School of Medicine facility and the new Multi-Sport Athletics Complex are

under construction. Innovative research and academic programs continue to grow as do facility and technology upgrades.

A university is not just about buildings. It is about education, about moulding minds, about shaping young people into being contributing and involved members of society. We are successfully fulfilling this mission. Our graduates find employment, they go on to make a difference in society, and they look back on their years at Lakehead University as some of the most challenging and rewarding of their lives.

On behalf of Lakehead University, I thank you again and encourage you to support us in the years to come as we continue to grow and strive to meet the challenges of the future.

Dr. Frederick F. Gilbert
President & Vice-Chancellor
Lakehead University



This past May, I had the honor and pleasure during Convocation to shake the hands of Lakehead University's most recent graduates.

Over the years I have congratulated thousands of new Lakehead alumni, and am proud to be part of a ceremony that means so much not only to the graduates, but also to their families and loved ones.

Every one of the students I've met has probably benefited from the generosity of Lakehead University donors. Some have benefited

directly through scholarships and bursaries, or funding for research initiatives. A great many more have benefited indirectly from your gifts. They have used the computer labs and attended classes in the new ATAC facility. They have experienced student life in the new residences, participated in Lakehead's athletic program, or have had access to more library resources than ever before.

Your gifts to Lakehead, regardless of their size, have combined to help young people obtain a fine education.

It is my great pleasure to thank you, our donors, for your contributions to the education and future of our graduates.

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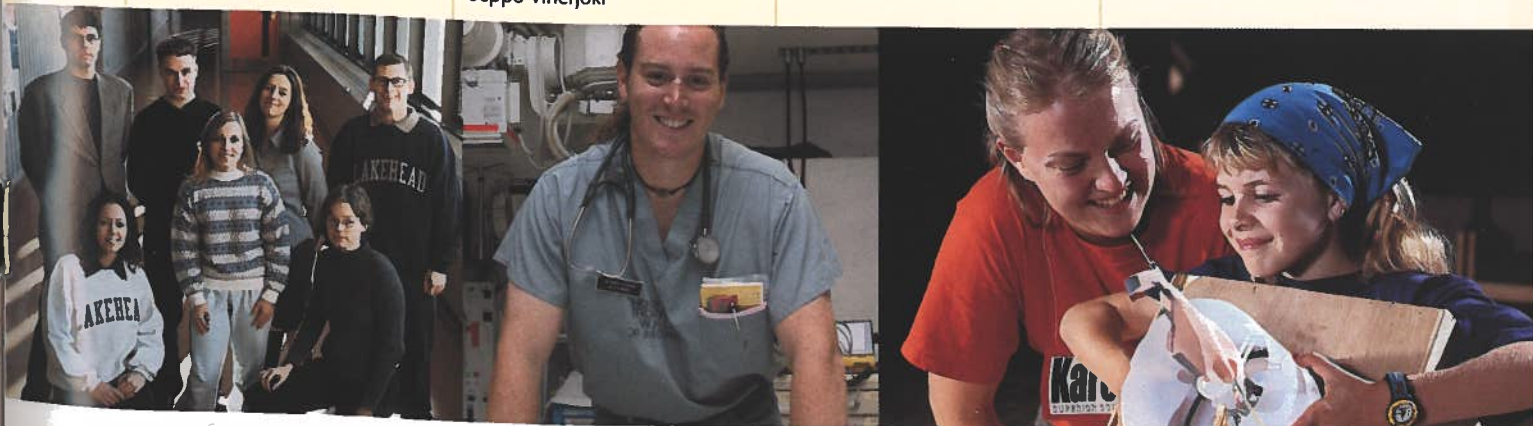
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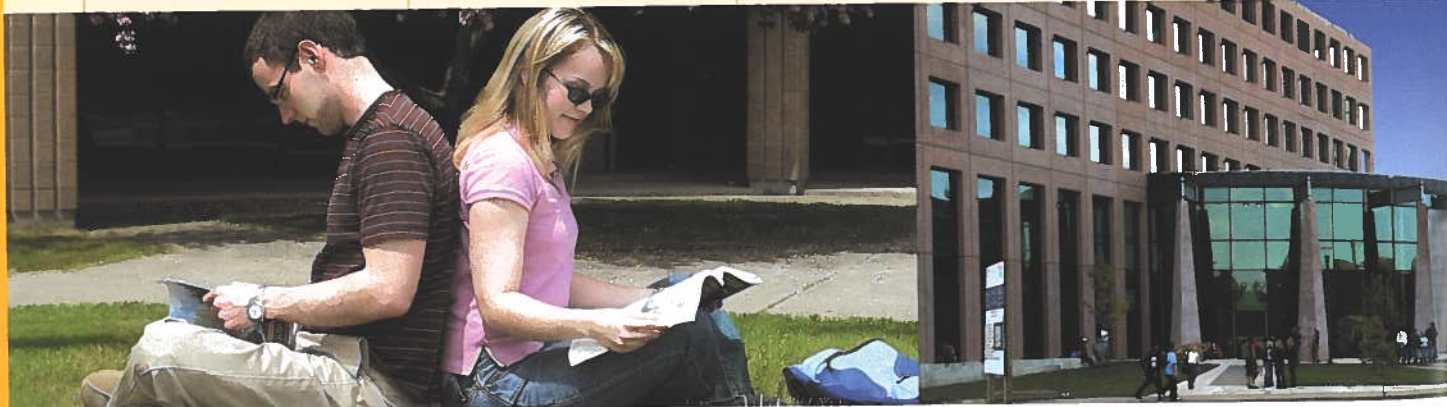
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The Northern Ontario School of Medicine is a joint venture of Lakehead and Laurentian Universities and will admit 56 students to Year 1 in August 2005. Twenty-four of these students will be based in Thunder Bay.

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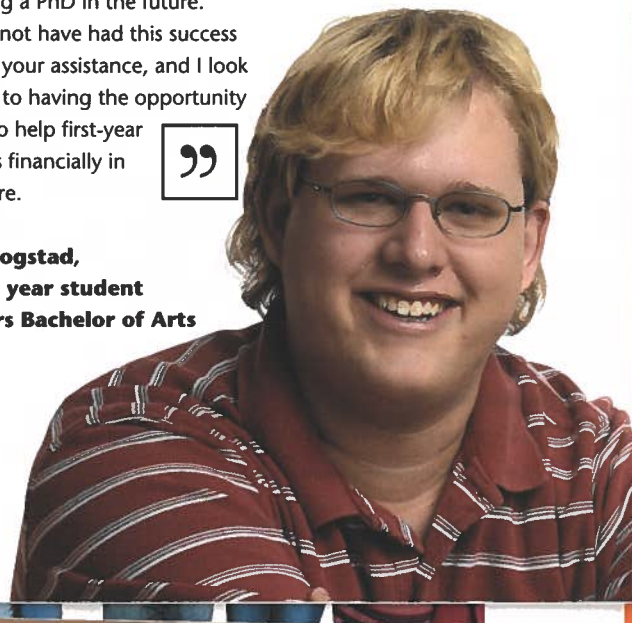
“ Now that I have completed my first year of post-secondary study at Lakehead University, I would like to thank you for the financial assistance you provided. Your generous contribution helped me pay for the necessary courses and books I required to complete the first year of my HBA. Thanks to the opportunity you provided, I was able to discover I have an interest in economics, and I have thus changed my major from History and Political Science to Economics. I am proud to inform you that my final average was 89%.

Your financial contribution not only allowed me to finance my education, it helped me get through a rough first year, which included a minor car accident and a period of clinical depression.

The extra scholarship money provided a financial cushion that guaranteed me a chance to continue my education. Your generosity enabled me to work fewer hours each week than most university students. This gave me time for extra studying to maintain my grades. Though I had hardships in my daily life, knowing I did not need to worry about my financial situation was certainly a relief.

Thank you once again for this fantastic opportunity. I look forward to completing my HBA in Economics and then perhaps obtaining a PhD in the future. I would not have had this success without your assistance, and I look forward to having the opportunity myself to help first-year students financially in the future.

Karl Skogstad,
Second year student
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Moe Kytör,
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Maureen Doig,
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We take pride in the role of our many professors, administrators, and students who contribute their time and expertise to a range of organizations and causes. This includes volunteering as a board member for a corporation, working in an advisory capacity for a professional organization, or fundraising for charitable groups such as the United Way, the Salvation Army, or the Diabetes Society. Our work extends far and wide.

We are proud of our employees and their efforts in the community. While you're GIVING for the betterment of our students – we are GIVING BACK for the betterment of our society.

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> by Marla Tomlinson

1970s

Marcus Slotiuk (BSc'70) received his BA from the University of Manitoba in 1973 and his M.Cl.Sc in Communication Disorders at The University of Western Ontario in 1977. He has worked as a Speech-Language Pathologist since 1978. Marcus has three sons and an adopted daughter, all between the ages of 14 to 25.

1980s

Ann Kajander (BSc'80) BEd, MA, PhD, started as a tenure track professor of math education at Lakehead in August 2004. "My family is happy to be able to stay in town. Also, I want to let my fellow alumni from our undergrad class know that their predictions came true – I did publish a book for children (okay, so it's a MATH book for children...)"



Szabolcs Szterszky (BA'84/BEd'86), is currently pursuing his Masters of Theological Studies at ACTS Seminaries of Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia. "I am planning to teach at a Seminary or Bible college, possibly overseas – wherever the Lord may lead!"

Lorna Catherine Poole (HBScN'84) moved to Calgary a year ago to keep up with Steven, now working for Loblaw's as VP Photo/Electronics. "I'm thinking about retiring from nursing altogether and spending my life in my extensive gardens and traveling. Kids are grown – life is very, very good."

Jennifer Cumming (née Galloway) (HBScN'88) married **Gordon Cumming (HBScF'86)** in 1988. They are living in Huntsville, Ontario, where Jennifer is a public health nurse and Gord is Chief Forester with the Algonquin Forest Authority. They have two girls ages 11 and 10. They can be reached by email: cummings@vianet.ca.

"I would love to get a reunion going for all of the fun people from Lakehead during 1986-1991 – you know who you are!"

> Cathy Boyle (BA'91)

Anyone interested should contact Cathy by email: cdebergh@hotmail.com.

1990s

Carmen Klassen (HBA'90) and **Paul Dubras (HBOR'92/BA'92/MSc'01)** are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, **Annaliese Danielle Dubras**, on January 2, 2004, in Halifax. Paul and Carmen are temporarily living in Ottawa, where Annaliese continues to thrive.

Catherine Kaukinen (HBSc'92) has a new job as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina.

Scott terHaar (BAdmin'95) and wife Jean and have two children Daniel and Nicholas, and one more on the way in January 2005.

Andrea Trembath (née Perry) (HBA'95/BEd'97) was married in October 2003 to Cameron Trembath of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The couple resides in Fort Frances, and Andrea works on the Canadian side

for the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, while Cam works for the National Park Service as a wildlife biologist in Minnesota. They recently placed seventh in the Annual Emo Walleye Classic fishing tournament, and they spend lots of time of the local lakes. Andrea teaches occasionally in Fort Frances.

Ian McTavish (BEd'97) and his wife Marni are please to announce the birth of their first child, **Liam Brooke Martin-McTavish**, on June 6. "We are building a new house, and I'm looking forward to returning to the classroom. I would love to hear from the crew by email: i.mctavish@tdsb.on.ca."

Belinda Quinn (DiplEngTech'96/BEng'98) and **Griff McDevitt** are expecting their first child in February 2005. Belinda continues to work for Dynea Canada in North Bay, but returns to Thunder Bay frequently for personal and business trips. She can be contacted by email: luertw@sympatico.ca

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Diana Serotiuk (BA'02) had a baby girl in February of 2003.

Jennifer Cook (née Hallman) (BEd'02) was married on May 15, 2004, in Goderich, Ontario.

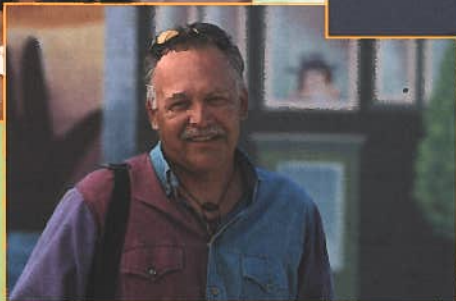
Frustrated by repeated moves across Ontario with her family while she was a youngster, **Catherine Taddo (DiplEngTech'95, BEng'97)** found solace in music at age 11. She's been playing and writing songs ever since. She released her first CD in December 2001, a three-track EP highlighting her musical versatility. Taddo performs regularly in settings that showcase her original work including last summer's BOOM Thundering Women festival held June 26-28 at Chippewa Park in Thunder Bay. Visit her website: www.catherinetaddo.com

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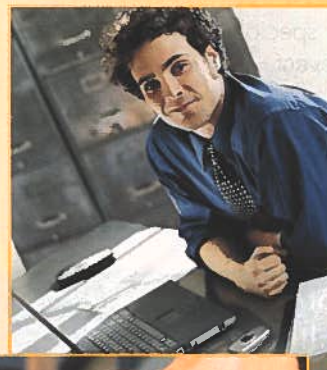


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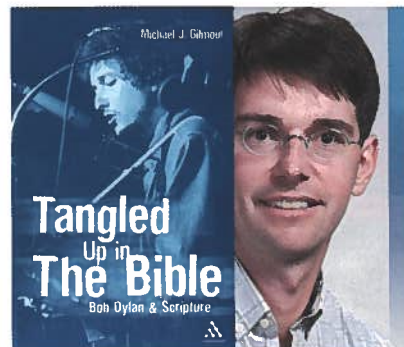
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Michael Gilmour (BA'91) was so inspired by Professor Bill Heath that he mentions the name of his favorite prof in the preface to his new book, *Tangled Up in the Bible: Bob Dylan and Scripture*. The book offers a thorough study of Dylan's reading of scriptures, and it explores the way in which Dylan transforms biblical images and concepts when he incorporates them into his literary world.

"Bill Heath was my favourite professor at Lakehead, and it was during his classes that I developed a love for poetry," says Gilmour. "This has remained with me, along with the lesson that good literature has the potential to provide direction for life. It serves in some sense as a tutor, helping the reader to become a better person. I couldn't resist noting this in the preface to the book, even though Dylan's writing is outside what most consider the 'canon' of great western literature." 

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"The REAL voyage of DISCOVERY consists NOT of new landscapes, but having NEW EYES."

Marcel Proust

Lakehead accepted this opportunity and there is now a rainbow 'Pride flag' on permanent display in the Agora. (The rainbow is an international symbol of pride, self-understanding, respect and solidarity.) Students, faculty, and staff entering the Lakehead campus are greeted with a symbol of awareness and compassion, telling them that Lakehead University will not tolerate prejudice or heterosexism, but will, in fact, be a proactive partner in the elimination of discrimination and hatred.

From now on, members of the LGBT2 community can walk the halls, work, and sit in classes with the confidence that Lakehead University supports them. Lakehead is now a visible and vocal ally in the struggle for our rights.

As alumni, we should have an appreciation for the value of inviting people from various walks of life to come together in the public space of our University to dispel some of the stereotypes that exist among our communities. In order to achieve these goals, it is important that we find new ways to listen to each other, to learn each other's public discourse. This change in attitude points the way to a more genuine learning experience, recognizing that we share the same space in peace, trust, and friendship, on separate but parallel paths. It is on this note that I shall conclude by challenging you to make yourself more aware of prejudicial tendencies and to help fight to bring an end to all forms of hatred, discrimination, and stereotyping. ■

LAKEHEAD U: A Visible and Vocal Ally > by JEN KEYSTONE

Throughout my years at Lakehead, I immersed myself in a never-ending journey of discovery, challenge, and change. Over the course of my studies, environmental consciousness and social justice activism became the focus of my desire to effect positive change. My efforts were successful on several fronts, with progressive developments such as an on-campus photocopier that prints on reclaimed paper, travel mug washing stations, and designated parking spaces for carpoolers.

On a number of occasions, however, my efforts were met with resistance, from verbal defamation of my character to physical abuse, slander, and discrimination. Homophobia and heterosexism are attitudes that still exist in today's society, and Lakehead University is no exception.

There have been times in my life when I have felt frozen and silenced for fear that regardless of what I said or did,

I would be judged by others and that my words and actions would be misinterpreted. It's a fear that is shared by all people who have encountered hatred, discrimination, and stereotyping because of race, religion, gender, age, ability, or sexual orientation.

This fear persists among the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/2-Spirited (LGBT2) community and continues to silence us and cripple our ability to be honest with ourselves and with others. This silencing has made it difficult for us to be vocal, and is the reason our fight for acceptance continues.

In partnership with supportive friends and allies, I presented Lakehead with a challenge: to become aware of prejudicial tendencies and to become a proactive member in the fight to bring an end to one particular kind of prejudice – homophobia.

Jen Keystone is the recipient of the 2004 Poulin Award, given for outstanding citizenship to the Lakehead student, selected by her fellows, the faculty, and administration, as contributing most to the welfare of the University through student activities. She is currently working as an Administrative Assistant with the AIDS Committee of Toronto.

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