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The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, James K. Bartleman, was on campus in early June to meet with representatives of the Native Language Instructors' Program, the Native Teacher Education Program, and the Centre of Excellence for Children with Special Needs.

Bartleman is Ontario's first Aboriginal Lieutenant Governor.

Since taking office in March 2002, he has spoken out on issues he cares deeply about, particularly mental health, anti-racism, and education.

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1. A Day to Remember

Lakehead celebrated its 39th Convocation on Saturday, May 31, by granting approximately 1,600 degrees and diplomas.

2. Message from the President

Dr. Fred Gilbert reflects on Convocation and reports on the progress of the Strategic Planning Committee, ATAC, and NOMS.

3. Excellence in Research

Lakehead faculty members secure \$883,024 in new funding from NSERC and SSHRC.

4. A Proud Graduate

Algoma Steel CEO Denis Turcotte -- Lakehead's 2003 Alumni Honour Award Recipient -- shared his perspectives at the Alumni Recognition Dinner.

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5. Missing in Action

Dr. Carney Matheson and the staff of the Paleo-DNA Lab are establishing a database to help identify soldiers who fought in World War One.

6. Leading the Way to Learning

Superior Science gears up for its fifth year of operation under the direction of Lakehead students Tim Bernardi and Becky Richardson.

7. Steel Bridge Building Team reaches its Goal

Lakehead placed fifth at the annual U.S. Steel Bridge Building Competition held in San Diego in May, assembling their newly designed bridge in 1 minute, 24 seconds.

8. Lakehead Grad appointed Director of Development

Bonnie Moore says faculty, staff, and alumni will play a key role in the final phase of the ATAC-*Future of the North* capital campaign.

9. News from the Northern Ontario Medical School

September 2005 confirmed as first NOMS student intake; Jill Konkin named Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs; Aboriginal Workshop.

10. Campus News

Fatal Flower Project; Gwen Wojda appointed Acting Vice-Provost (Student Affairs); Brian Holm elected President of Alumni Association.

11. Honours, Awards, Appointments, and Publications

John Naysmith and Peggy Smith (Forestry and the Forest Environment); Ali Mirza (Civil Engineering).

12. Welcome New Faculty and Staff

A listing of new hires since May 2003.

13. Agora Online

Share your comments, news and information.

Events @ Lakehead

Events@Lakehead is a weekly e-bulletin sent to all students, staff, and faculty every Friday from September through May. To receive Events@Lakehead, contact Marla Tomlinson by email: communications@lakeheadu.ca. To have an event listed, please send the notice to Marla Tomlinson at least a week in advance of the event.

Poulin Award Winner

Billi Jo Cox, BSc'03

Billi Jo Cox says the past six years at Lakehead have been her best.

The 2003 Poulin Award recipient is heading into her second year as LUSU Vice-President of Student Issues and has spent a total of four years serving on the LUSU Board of Directors. During that time, she has coordinated scores of events and raised thousands of dollars for Cystic Fibrosis and AIDS research. She says her greatest motivation comes from helping people because it makes her want to push harder and achieve higher goals.

Cox's first taste of leadership came during a bout of homesickness in her first year when she organized a mass trip to Toronto for students to visit their families. From there, she went on to become House President and subsequently Chair of Residence Council.

Her involvement in the on-campus committee of Students United for Drinking Sensibly (SUDS) lasted for six years and has earned Lakehead national recognition. As well, she has been a National Coordinator of Shinerama, a Residence Programmer, and the creator of a Residence Fall and Spring Festival to alleviate exam stress.

The Poulin Award, presented at Convocation, is an award for outstanding citizenship given to the student selected by his/her fellows, the faculty, and administration as contributing most to the welfare of the University through student activities.

