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ACCESS 2000

Lakehead students captured national media attention by camping out for two weeks to protest continuing hikes to tuition. In an interview with CBC Radio's "As It Happens," LUSU President Brent Evans called on the federal government to increase transfer payments for education and for the provincial government to "freeze" tuition fees.

Approximately 1,400 Lakehead students, staff and faculty took part in the Canadian Federation of Students' ACCESS 2000 campaign on February 2, a day of strike and action.



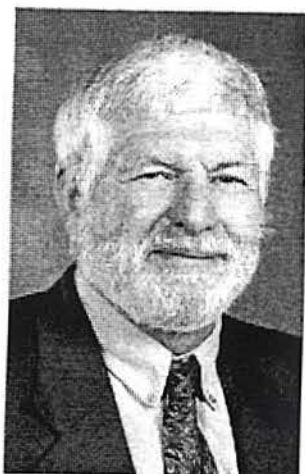
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Joint PhD Program in Educational Studies Launched

(Press Release: Jan. 24) Lakehead, Western, Brock and Windsor have joined together to launch a new PhD program in Educational Studies. The program will start July 1, 2000, and will mark the first time in Ontario that a consortium of this kind has been developed for doctoral study.

"This is an exciting partnership that will provide students, locally and from a wide geographic range, additional opportunities to pursue their PhD in Educational Studies," says Dr. Mary Clare Courtland, a professor in the Faculty of Education at Lakehead University and director of the Joint PhD Program in Educational Studies. "As the province faces an upcoming period of heavy retirement in the universities and school systems, our PhD graduates will go on to provide renewed leadership to the educational system."

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Dr. Frederick F. Gilbert
President, Lakehead University

From the President's Desk

by Dr. Frederick F. Gilbert

Does a university have a collective psyche or is it a construct of self interested fiefdoms? Can an institution such as the university, steeped in tradition and bound by conservative decision-making, modify its being to be relevant to the needs of students and the society it serves? Does all wisdom reside solely within the walls of academe?

How you (working within this university) answer these questions determines, to a large degree, whether Lakehead has the capacity and/or will to become a leader in Canadian post-secondary education. How do we wrestle with the large and potent questions of the value and nature of a core curriculum; the role of the student in helping to create a modern learning environment in the classroom; the relationship of a university to business, industry and government; and the nature of the partnerships that can and should be forged? How do you figure the responsibility and commitment of the individual compared to the whole in a process of collective decision-making? What is the basis for trust and understanding in a workplace where the norms and accepted practices no longer apply? The energy and will to tackle these and many other equally perplexing and important issues and acknowledge the importance of them to the university's future, must come from the faculty, students and staff -- not only administration.

We are behind others in addressing many of these critical issues. Catching up in technology is easy, catching up in thinking and practice is much more difficult. Lakehead is our university, and some of us have seen the possibilities that exist in forging interdisciplinary approaches to research and teaching and taking the risk of pursuing new

ideas, new programs and new ways of doing things. Lakehead has some indicators that suggest movement in this direction. Interdisciplinary programs in Gerontology, Biomedical Ethics, Biomolecular Science, and Women's Studies are examples of cross-boundary thinking. The developing collaborative (with Confederation College) program in Nursing shows a response to societal needs for efficiency in post-secondary education as well as a curriculum that addresses the need for new approaches to training these critical health care providers. The Leadership Management Certificate Program offered by Business meets some of the demand for life-long learning in local private and public enterprises. The initiative to develop a laboratory for, and a graduate program in, Paleo and Forensic DNA Analysis; the new Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer being installed in the Centennial Building, the modernization of the Greenhouse, and the exciting research underway in areas like Anthropology, Economics, Engineering, the physical and life sciences, Psychology and History are testament to a positive trajectory of research and instruction. This list is not intended to be exhaustive or complete, and these areas are presented only as examples. But this is just the start. These are the signs of a revolution in attitude and approach at Lakehead. These are initiatives to foster, nurture and set as examples or models for the future.

I have been impressed by the amount of rumour, misinformation, unfounded speculation and rampant angst within the institution. From my perspective, what has been taking place is a series of changes designed to ensure that decision-making is made by those with the credentials and responsibility to do

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For the Record, the newsletter that provides updates on issues and events affecting Ontario universities and postsecondary education in the province, is available on the Council of Ontario Universities' website www.cou.on.ca

along with other publications put out by COU. These include *Facts and Figures: A Compendium of Statistics on Ontario Universities*

From the President's Desk

so and, in this process, to ensure greater accountability and ultimately create an efficient, productive and humane work environment. Not everyone shares my perspective at this point in time, and that is because the views are from different locations within the institution and are often steeped in conditions of past history.

Meetings have been initiated with small groups of faculty and will soon be held with small groups of staff for round table discussions with me over the lunch hour. These informal gatherings will allow us to exchange thoughts on the university and its future and provide a framework for understanding and definition of our common interests. The voices I hear are often the same ones, and I want to hear from everyone. Hopefully, these meetings will assist in that process.

I can provide the rationales and necessities for change but, ultimately, any change results from your collective will and deep-seated commitment to improve and create a better Lakehead University. This is not a matter of providing more money so we can do things in the same way and perhaps that is the silver lining of a fiscal crisis. It provides us with the opportunity to critically examine what works and why it works and what attracts students to a geographically isolated university. At UNBC, where I was a founding dean, the attractions were innovative programs and talented faculty who were equally at home in the classroom and in scholarly enterprise. And the students were attracted from across Canada and around the world. This was partly because of programming and partly because of the willingness to create a friendly transfer environment from the community colleges. This is a lesson that Lakehead's Engineering Faculty learned long ago when it facilitated

movement from the college diploma programs to our degree programs. Efforts are underway in Forestry and the Forest Environment Faculty to achieve transfer agreements with Sir Sandford Fleming College and with Confederation College when they develop a Forest Technician Program. The Forestry Program also recently had a positive accreditation site visit that acknowledged the progress being made to reform curriculum and improve the education environment.

It is time to dwell on the positive. It is time to get the message out that Lakehead will build on its strengths to become a leader in the competitive higher education realm and to create learning opportunities superior to those elsewhere. We will do so by rewarding and celebrating excellence and innovation and following the new world adage of the Information Age -- "If it isn't broken, break it!" Because the abilities to have foresight and be creative and flexible will generate the academic programs, the learning experiences, and the research findings that mark a truly progressive, responsive and successful university. This should be the Lakehead we all aspire to see evolve.



**Order of Canada for
Annette Augustine**

Annette Augustine, a Fellow of Lakehead University and former member of the Board of Governors, will receive the Order of Canada at Rideau Hall in February.

She is being recognized for her achievements as a community leader and her volunteer efforts on behalf of many local organizations including the Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Old Fort William, the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society and Lakehead University.

Annette Augustine and her husband Dr. John Augustine have lived in Thunder Bay for 43 years. She, along with Syd Halter, co-chaired a successful capital campaign to raise funds to furnish and equip the William H. Buset Music and Visual Arts Centre.

IN MEMORIAM

John Edward (Jack) Stokes

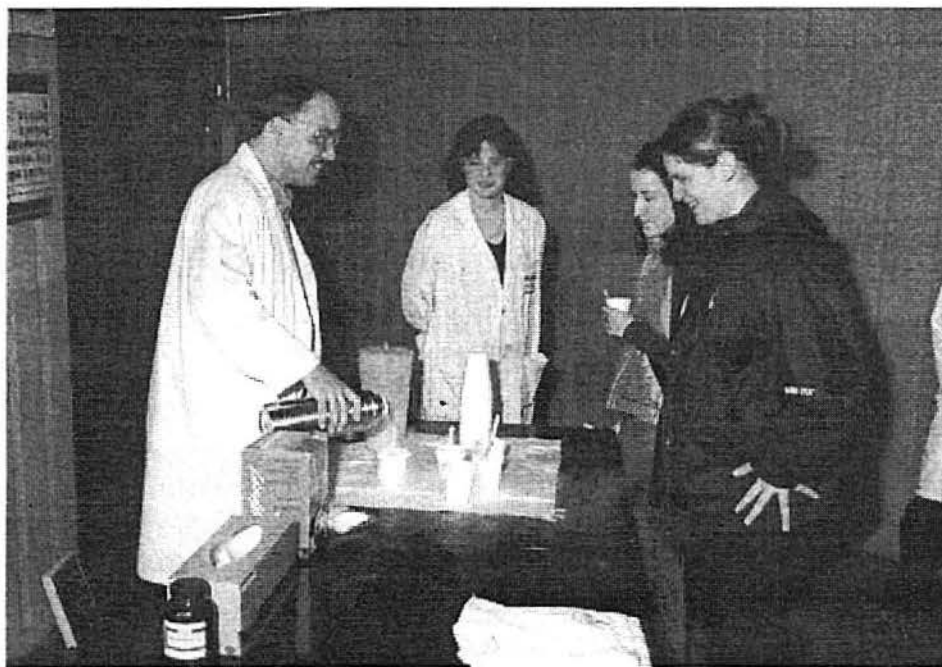
John (Jack) E. Stokes, a prominent New Democratic MPP representing the Lake Nipigon riding, passed away on January 8, 2000. Born in Schreiber, Ontario, Stokes worked as a trainman and later as a conductor with the Canadian Pacific Railway until he was elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1967.

He was re-elected in 1971, 1975, 1977, and 1981 serving through 1985. During the 18-year span he served as party whip for eight years, deputy speaker for two years and speaker for four years. He retired from the Legislature in 1985.

An active volunteer, Stokes was a member of the Board of Directors of Confederation College for six years and Chairman for his last two years. He was an integral member of the Forestry Futures Committee and dedicated to the preservation and environmental sustainability of northern Ontario.

"Jack loved the north," says Dr. John Whitfield, vice president research and development. "He was committed to its well-being and development. His passing is a great loss to the region and its people." In 1988, Lakehead University awarded Stokes an honorary doctorate.

Campus Notes



Dr. Steve Kinrade of the Department of Chemistry demonstrates how ice cream is made during Lakehead's Open House for Prospective Students held on campus earlier this month. The Open House was a new initiative of the Enrolment Management Committee. It attracted 60 students along with their family and friends.

Recognition Dinner

Friends and colleagues gathered last month to recognize the contributions of Joy Himmelman, former director of student services, who left Lakehead University at the end of December.

Himmelman served as director of student services for 15 years during which time she took on additional duties supervising athletics and serving as director of community relations for five years.

As was announced to faculty and staff in a memo from the president in early December, a new position has been created -- vice provost (student affairs) -- that will make the position of director of student services redundant.

It is expected this new position will be filled by July 1, 2000. In the meantime, Geraldine White, the coordinator of the

Learning Assistance Centre, will serve as acting director of student services.

The recognition dinner was organized by the staff of student services and was held at the Prince Arthur Hotel.

Cyber Lectures

Dr. Gary Genosko (Sociology) is embarking on his second series of cyber lectures this month in connection with the Cyber Semiotic Institute at the University of Toronto.

The second course, *Communication and Cultural Studies*, will be of interest to students of communication theory and cultural studies, as well as cultural sociologists.

These lectures are based on a seminar offered by the Department of Sociology in the fall of 1999 and they complement Genosko's existing series of eight cyber

lectures on McLuhan, Baudrillard and Cultural Theory, recently published as *McLuhan and Baudrillard: The Masters of Implosion* (Routledge 1999).

You can read lectures from Genosko's first course by going to the website www.chass.utoronto.ca/epc/srb/cyber/cyber.html

You can register for the second course by sending an e-mail to Gary Genosko at genosko@mist.lakeheadu.ca

OSAP Loan Default Rates

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities has released the latest OSAP loan default rates.

This year's provincial default rate is 18.2% and represents a 3.9 percentage point reduction from last year's rate.

Lakehead University's rate is 10.1%, down from 11.5% last year.

The 1999 OSAP default rates for each sector were as follows: universities 8.4%, colleges 20.1%, private vocational schools 31.0%, other public and private institutions (such as hospital education centres and bible colleges) 7.9%.

Commonwealth Scholarship

Laani Uunila (HBOR/BA'99), has received a Commonwealth Scholarship to attend university in New Zealand where she will be studying coastal resource management.

Northern Rural Medical School

Representatives from Lakehead and Laurentian have formed a working group to discuss the idea of forming a northern medical school focussing on rural health that would be jointly administered by the two universities. It will make a submission, probably in June, to the expert panel formed to examine the long-term recommendations contained in the McKendry Report to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

An advisory committee to the president is being chaired by Dr. John Augustine who was the founding chair of the Northern Ontario Medical Program (NOMP).

New Web-Based System for the Library



A task group was established by the chief librarian in the summer of 1999 to investigate and make recommendations with respect to a web-based library system for the Lakehead University Library. The Library has had its current system since 1987. It is outdated and no longer meets the needs of the University community. Some of the major benefits to the user will include:

- Single point of access for the online catalogue, indexes/abstracts, electronic journals, etc.;
- Flexible searching ranging from simple to advanced capabilities;
- Ability to mark, e-mail, save and download results in a variety of formats;
- Well-developed, integrated interlibrary loan document delivery function;
- User initiated circulation functions.

The task group has been meeting on a regular basis since its inception and in November of 1999, submitted a report recommending four systems which substantially meet the requirements of Lakehead University.

Since that time, the task group has been developing a comprehensive list of system requirements and would like now to receive input from faculty, staff and students. Arrangements have been made for demonstrations of each of the short-listed systems during February and March. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend these sessions or view each of the systems via the library web site.

The web site will also include a short survey for comments on the systems under consideration and/or suggestions for features to include in the final list of system requirements. The schedule for demonstrations will be included on the website and in the Communications Bulletins.

We encourage you to attend these sessions and provide your comments. For more information, go to the library site and select "New" or type www.lakeheadu.ca/~librwww/select.html or contact Ian Dew, chair of the Web-Based Online Catalogue Task Group at extension 8315 or via e-mail at ldew@lib.lakeheadu.ca.

Another Lakehead University Forestry Class of '85 reunion is being planned for the summer of 2000 in the Okanagan in British Columbia.

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Somewhere Other Than Here

by Chuck Grieve

It blows across the road like snow, dances in the headlights like snow, swirls in the wake of the car in front just like snow — and sometimes, on a moonlit night, you can almost feel the tingle of frost on your nose and you could swear it was snow — but it's not. It's sand, and it's summer and the temperature outside your air-conditioned car is maybe 40 or 45 degrees. Such is life. The snows of memory are always brilliant white.

A camel was grazing on our hedge. Not a wild camel, just a stray doing a bit of freelance browsing before supper. I expected the kids at least to want to photograph it, but no, it was just a camel. Had it been a cow, it would have been a different story. You don't see many of them in Arabia, and certainly not straying into the carefully irrigated shrubbery.

Canada is a long way away from Dubai. We're already up and into the next day when you're going to bed in Thunder Bay. There are enough of us here for a Canadian Business Council, a Club for Canadians and the core of a pretty good junior hockey league, but only just. The Canadian Trade Consul favours cowboy boots. Maybe it's his way of reminding himself who he is. He wears them when he drops the puck for the boys of HMCS Toronto versus the local Dubai Mighty Camels in an exhibition match. The navy always wins, but then their knees don't creak, and they don't have to be in the office at nine the next morning. Meanwhile, in the stands, we're shivering by the third period. No matter how hot it may be outside, you forget how cold it can get at the rink. That's about as close as we get to winter.

My kids have never seen or felt a real Canadian winter. So I sympathise with fellow alumnus Mohit Ul Alam. He's back



in Bangladesh, at the University of Chittagong. "When my children ask me what falling snow looks like, I wish I had some pictures to show them. Like life's many inconceivable matters, this one question torments me: Why did I not carry my camera out in the open snow-clad fields and to the woods around Lakehead?"

Know what, Mohit? Me neither. I remember it's much too nice just being out in fresh snow to be thinking about photographing it too. And as for the falling snow, it's got to be a non-transferable experience. For you at Lakehead it was a "matchless sight" as the flakes floated down from the heavens like feathers, "silent but eloquent." I know exactly what you mean, but how could our kids possibly understand?

Mine are the same, and no matter how many times they've heard my inane stories about snow, they always want to hear them again.

"Does it really get as deep as your armpits?" says the little one.

"Oh, at least, especially in drifts."

"A drift is like a sand dune, right?"

"Yes, just as soft and hard to climb, but cold."

"As cold as the fridge?"

"Colder. Like sticking your head in the freezer and keeping it there for a few months." They laugh. Dad's finally cracked. Nothing can be that cold for that long.

So we decided last year to show them. We took them to Canada for Christmas. We took them to Winnipeg for some real winter. And it was cold all right, as only the Prairies at the tail end of December can be, but... there was no snow. Talk about a credibility crisis. One grey day precipitation threatened. Outside they ran, mouths open, tongues outstretched — "don't touch anything metal or you'll be sorry!" — to trap some unsuspecting snowflakes. Alas, not that day, nor the rest of the week. Back they came to the desert, none the wiser about snow. But their time will come. These things cannot be orchestrated.

Sometimes it bothers me that there are little Canadians like my children who have no experience of Canada. Then I think maybe that's not such a bad place to start — free of prejudices, misconceptions and other intellectual baggage. Better by far to let them experience their own fresh snow falling and see for themselves how wonderful it is.

Chuck Grieve (BA'68) runs a publishing consultancy in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He wrote this story for the Nor'Wester in December, 1998.

Toby Turner

Counsellor, Native Support Services



Toby Turner brings a wealth of experience and lots of local connections to her new job at Lakehead.

She is a graduate of Confederation College and Algoma University in Sault Ste Marie and has spent close to 13 years working in Native postsecondary education.

Prior to coming to Lakehead in early December, she spent 10 years teaching and counselling at Confederation College, during which time she helped to develop a new Native Child and Family Worker program. She recently left Sault College where she worked for two years in the Arts, Liberal Studies and Native Education Department.

Born and raised in Thunder Bay, Turner says her community interests were inspired by her mother who was active in the Native women's rights movement.

In her new job as counsellor, Turner's goal is to support Native students in their studies and to help them cope with financial, personal and academic problems. She plans to do this by offering both a "contemporary" and a "traditional" approach to counselling and by coordinating a variety of social activities. "My door is always open," she says, "and you don't need to make an appointment!"

Toby Turner is a country music fan and a musician. During the 1980s she played guitar with a band that performed regularly at the Indian Friendship Centre.

Welcome to Lakehead, Toby!

Lakehead to Host National Student Conference

For three days in March, 120 chemical engineering students from across Canada will be sharing their ideas about technical, economic and environmental sustainability. "We've constructed the conference so that there is the right proportion of knowledgeable speakers, industry tours and time to have fun with fellow Chemical Engineering Students," says student chapter executive member, Marianne Ariganello.

Lakehead's dynamic student chapter was approached by the Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering to host their national student conference which is held every two years. Weyerhaeuser Canada and Shell Canada Ltd. are two of the main sponsors.

The conference will be held at the Travelodge Hotel March 10-12. To date there are five speakers confirmed including Mike Maxfield from Bowater, Dr. Allistair Miller from Atomic Energy of Canada, and Dr. Murray Gray of the University of Alberta.

While in Thunder Bay, conference participants will enjoy a ski night at Loch Lomond and tours of Provincial Papers, Bowater, Neste Resins, Sterling Pulp Chemicals and Ontario Hydro. An industry fair is also planned. For more information call 343-8848 or refer to the website:

www.lakeheadu.ca/~wwwchemeng/chemstu.htm

e-mail: lucsche@ice.lakeheadu.ca

Got a Question for the Coach?

Come out to Applebee's Restaurant after the next homegame and

"Grill the Coaches"

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What's Happening in the Library?

Have you visited the Library's web page recently? Check out the following ...

Electronic Journals

Access to over 450 electronic journals is available through the Library's website. Included are many titles freely available through the World Wide Web. Links to the web pages of newspapers and popular titles such as *Maclean's* and *Nature* are also provided, although it is important to note that access may be limited to the current issue or table of contents only. You will also find links to a selection of electronic journals directories and to free trials of journals.

To view these journals, go to Lakehead University's home page, click on Library, then click on Electronic Journals

Key Reference Links

The Library provides links to many reference sources from your desktop. Check here if, for example, you need to use an encyclopedia or an almanac, find an address, a postal code or phone number, or search universities anywhere in the world.

To answer some of your common reference questions, go to Lakehead University's home page, click on Library, then click on Key Reference Links





Ina Chomyshyn

Audiology Manual

Fills the Bill

An audiology manual developed jointly by the Resource Centre for Occupational Health and Safety and Thunder Bay Audiology has been getting rave reviews since it was launched in 1999.

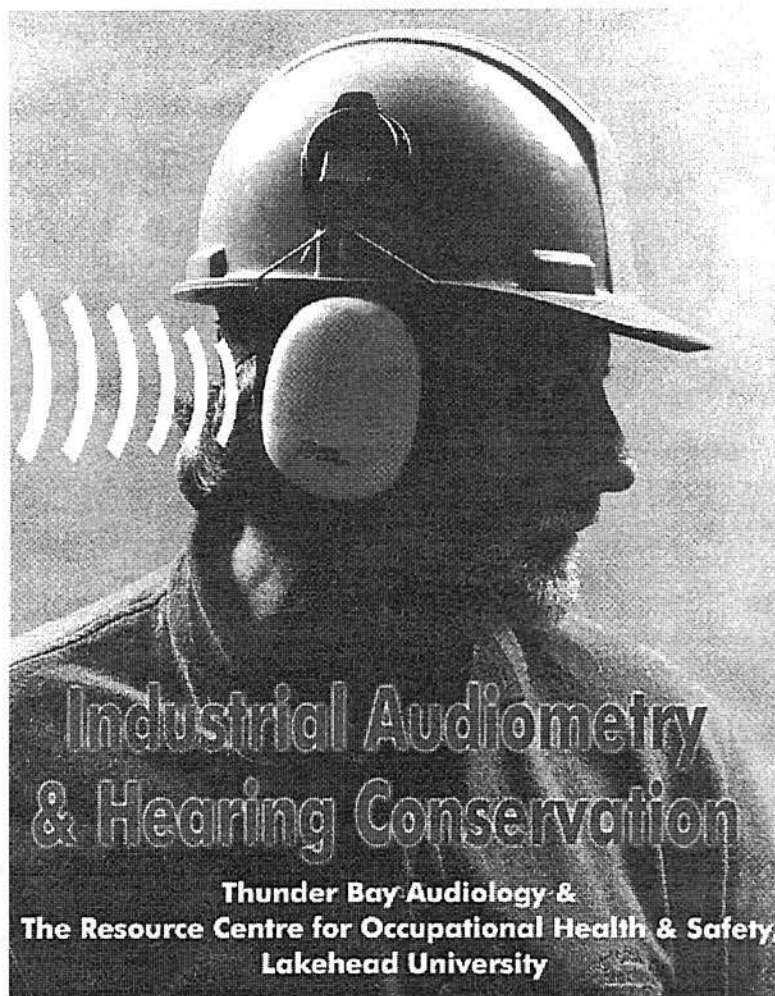
The manual was developed for a specialized training course which has been offered every year for the past 20 years. It is a course that has prepared just about every industrial audiometric technician from Marathon to Kenora and has attracted participants from as far away as Cornerbrook, Nfld.

The specialized training course, Industrial Audiometry and Hearing Conservation, was developed on the initiative of Don Hood, a principal of Thunder Bay Audiology, and Marion Muldoon, the first executive director of the Resource Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

"Comments from the first group of users are currently being incorporated into the second edition," says Ina Chomyshyn, director of the Resource Centre.

The manual will make an excellent reference for all practising industrial audiometric technicians and has been offered to all of the previous course participants.

Industrial audiometric technicians are the people who test your hearing to identify noise-induced hearing loss.



Kudos to the Contributors

The primary author was Betty DeKraker, audiologist and main instructor for the 1998 presentation of the course. Contributing authors were Wim Baarschers, author and Lakehead University professor emeritus (Chemistry), Ina Chomyshyn, the only certified industrial hygienist between Sault Ste. Marie and Winnipeg, and Don Hood, a practising audiologist in Thunder Bay and Halifax. Wim Baarschers served as editor-in-chief. Jacquie Elvish was production manager. Ben Kaminski was the winner of the male model search for the cover shot. Superb photography, graphics and printing work was done in-house at Lakehead University."

-- Ina Chomyshyn

The Resource Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, has operated from Lakehead University since 1978. Originally funded by the Ontario Ministry of Labour, the Centre's operating funds have been self-generated since June 1993. In May 1999, the Resource Centre became part of LUCAS, an association which has already proven to be beneficial, particularly in terms of administration and business management.

The Resource Centre provides technical support for occupational health and safety programs in workplaces throughout Northwestern Ontario. There are three aspects to the technical support: industrial hygiene consulting, laboratory analyses and information/education services.

For more information call 343-8128.

Staff Appointments

During the months of November, December and January employment notices were issued by Human Resources announcing the following appointments:

Diane Maybee

Administrative Assistant, NLIP, Faculty of Education

Maureen Grant

Clerk, Office of Admissions and Recruitment

Christine Brezden

Caretaker, Physical Plant - Housekeeping

Toby Turner

Counsellor, Native Support Services

Lynda Huneau

Secretary, Chemical/Electrical Engineering

Ted Brown

Mail Clerk, Printing Services

Fusion: Expect the Unexpected



An exhibition of drawings by Lakehead University's Advanced and Senior Drawing Class will be held Feb. 15-March 4 at Definitely Superior Art Gallery (lower level, former Eaton's Building, Park St. and Court St.). Closing Reception: Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m.

The work featured above is by
Marlo Anderson

PhD Program continued from page 1



Dr. Mary Clare Courtland is professor of education and director of the Joint PhD Program in Educational Studies

The partnership's numerous benefits for students and the universities include:

- * the growth of research activity and professional development through collaboration among practitioners, scholars, educational institutions, and Faculties of Education;
- fostering inter-university links and promoting partnerships among Ontario universities;
- further expansion of research culture and service throughout the province.

Students will register with the home university of the doctoral candidate's dissertation supervisor. Students have the right to take courses and seminars or to use the academic facilities at any of the participating universities in accord with the approved plan. Degrees will be granted to students by the home university.

The program may involve part-time study to complete the degree requirements approved by the appropriate governing body of each institution. Students will follow an individualized plan of study that involves multiple approaches to course delivery including distance education through Internet courses.

"The program is designed to prepare graduates with the knowledge and expertise in teaching and learning at all levels on the education continuum," says Courtland. "They will acquire valuable skills and will be able to contribute to the solution of the problems and issues in Canadian education."

Coming Up

Annual Donor Recognition Dinner Planned for March 25

Lakehead is starting a new tradition -- that of hosting an annual gala donor recognition dinner for those who have made *significant* financial contributions to the University.

The gala dinner will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2000, in the main cafeteria. Invitations have gone out to approximately 325 donors who have given a cumulative gift of \$2,000 or more over the past five years.

"We're looking forward to celebrating with the people who have played a leadership role in our recent fund-raising campaigns," says Lakehead President Fred Gilbert. "While we value the generosity of all our donors -- including staff, faculty, alumni and friends -- the purpose of this new event is to recognize the *principal donors* who have contributed the most to the advancement of Lakehead."

In 1997, Lakehead exceeded its \$1-million target for the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund program by raising \$3 million which was matched by the Government of Ontario for a total of \$6 million.

Last year, the Alumni Annual Fund raised a total of \$218,620 from 2,480 donors including those whose generosity earned them a place in the upper-level Annual Fund giving clubs: the Founders' Club (\$5,000 and more) and the Chancellors' Circle (\$1,000 - \$4,999).

Plans for the evening include a performance by Lakehead University music students.

For more information call the Development Office at 343-8300.

Profile

Dr. Glenn Colton
Department of Music
by Kelly Comishin



The past two years have been productive ones for Dr. Glenn Colton since joining the Department of Music. This enthusiastic musicologist and pianist, originally from St. John's Newfoundland, has filled his music stand to the brim with a great number of responsibilities since coming to Lakehead in 1998.

Colton teaches music history courses devoted to Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Twentieth-Century Music; as well as courses in Musical Form and Analysis; Music Criticism; and Canadian Music.

In addition, he spends a great deal of time researching the work of one of Canada's oldest living composers, Jean Coulthard, a subject on which he has written a number of published works.

"Canadian music of the twentieth century is a fascinating area because you're dealing with a research field that is still in its infancy," says Colton.

"Coulthard's music, for example, has received virtually no coverage in the scholarly press, despite the fact that it is of comparable merit to that of her more famous international contemporaries (for example, Aaron Copland, Dmitri Shostakovich, Benjamin Britten, and others). As we enter the twenty-first century, this is a story in Canadian culture which must be told."

Colton completed his PhD in Musicology at the University of Victoria in 1997, and has a master's degree in music criticism from McMaster University. Before coming to Lakehead in 1998, he was lecturing at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Within the Department of Music, where he works alongside the chair, Dr. Aris Carastathis, Colton serves as departmental library representative, scholarship representative and LUFA representative. He is also currently a member of the Senate Computing Committee, the Senate Honourary Degrees Committee, and the Board of Directors of Magnus Theatre.

Colton is excited to be a part of a vibrant department and looks forward to opportunities for growth. As well he encourages everyone at Lakehead to take advantage of the wonderful music being offered through the Department's on-campus LUMINA concert series.



History in the Making

Lakehead music student Steve Baric is producing the first computer-generated edition of Jean Coulthard's Piano Concerto, a work that was composed in the 1960s but never published. He is working from a photocopied manuscript, handwritten notes, sketches, and a single recording by pianist Robert Silverman.

Baric's job is to meticulously transcribe and typeset the musical notation. It is a task he does mainly at home using a computer and a special software program. His ultimate objective: to make the work more accessible.

Part of the appeal in editing her piece is the insight it is giving him into composing. "Coulthard's work is a great piece of Canadiana and it should be played more often than it is," he says.

Helping him with the project is Dr. Glenn Colton, a faculty member in the Department of Music, and two scholars in British Columbia: Dr. William Bruneau, a faculty member in the Department of Education at UBC, and Dr. David Gordon Duke, a composer and musicologist who teaches at Vancouver Community College.

Baric is working on this project to complete the requirements of his fourth-year honours project. His plan is to finish his honours bachelor of music degree this year and begin a master's program in history at Lakehead in the fall.

New Books by Lakehead Faculty

by Frances Harding

Should cellular telephones be used in the Wilderness?

Should there be rescue-free wilderness areas?

Should challenge course instructors be certified?

The answers to these and other controversial questions can be found in a new book by Dr. Tom Potter, written to promote critical thinking skills.

"This book was the most fulfilling project I've ever done, says Potter. "It was a privilege editing papers written by my mentors."

Potter and his colleague Dr. Scott D. Wurdinger, a professor at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan, asked 32 adventure education professionals to take a stand on a particular issue for the purpose of generating discussion.

Each of the 15 chapters are arranged in a debate format where one author argues the "Yes" side of a question and another the "No" side.



Dr. Tom Potter is a professor in the School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism

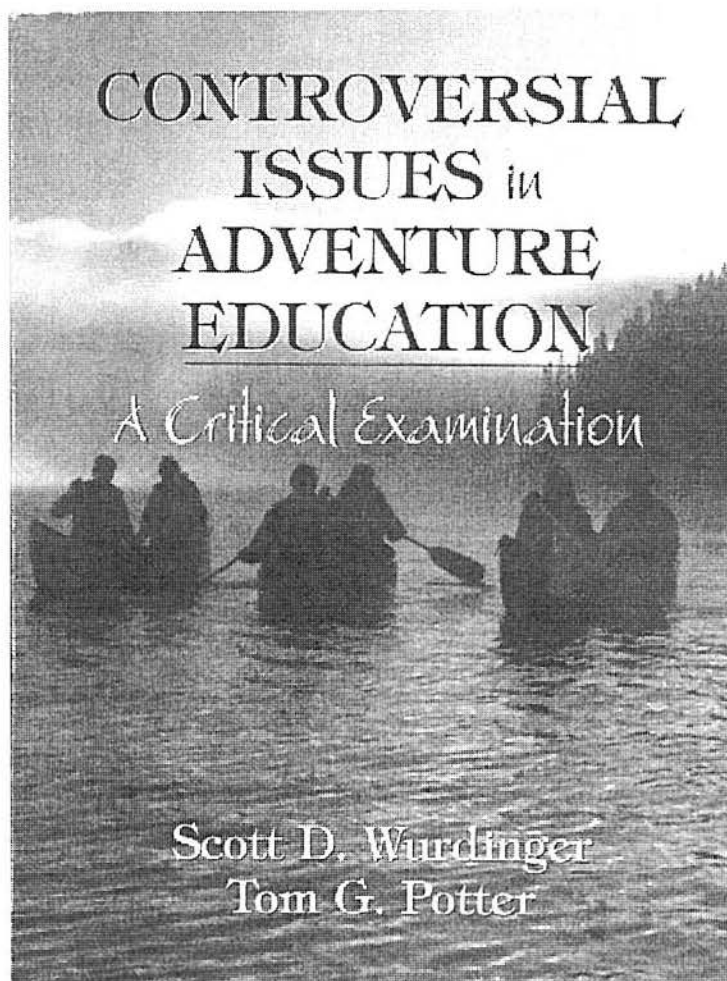
"Educators can use the book to set up debates which will help students and practitioners develop important critical thinking skills," says Potter. "It can also be used to help readers identify and clarify arguments, examine why some arguments are stronger than others, examine their own personal values on various issues, and expand their own views by examining both sides of an issue."

Tom Potter is a journal reviewer for the *Journal of Experiential Education* and is a member of the editorial board for *Pathways: The Ontario Journal of Outdoor Education*.

He has been teaching at Lakehead University since 1994 and conducts research on personal growth in wilderness, outdoor leisure pursuits and family relationships, protected areas, and human dimensions.

The foreword to the book was written by Peter Habeler who along with Reinhold Messner was the one of the first to climb Mount Everest without oxygen. The cover photo features Lakehead students canoeing in Wabakimi Wilderness Park.

The book is published by Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company and sells for \$59.95 in the Lakehead Bookstore



Mark your Calendars...

Booster Club Social will be held February 17 at the Great Northwest Coffee House at 7:30 p.m. and a "Grill the Coaches" will take place at Applebee's after the next home basketball game on February 19. For information call 343-8213.

Strengthening Our Circle Pow Wow will be held March 10-12 at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse. The event is being put on by Confederation College, Oshki-Anishnawbeg Student Association and Lakehead University, and the Lakehead University Native Student Association. For information call 343-8085.

Beyond Borders -- Once again Lakehead University will be celebrating International Days during the week of March 13-18. Events include a Parade of Nations Fashion show on Monday at noon in the Agora, an International Fair and and Silent Auction to be held every day in the Agora, and daily foreign films. For more information call 343-8958.

The Department of Music's Lumina Concert Series continues in the Jean McNulty Recital Hall of the William H. Buset Centre for Music and Visual Arts at 12:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Upcoming concerts include:

Feb. 29: Steven Dyer, trombone and Heather Morrisson, piano

As well ..

On Tuesday, March 21 an Evening with the Lakehead University Music Department is scheduled with performances by the Lakehead University Vocal Ensemble (choir conductor Susan Marrier) and the Lakehead University Student Composers Project.

The Annual Student Juried Exhibition will be held March 10 - April 9 with the opening on March 10. The Major Studio Exhibition (4th year thesis shows) will be April 11-23, 2000 at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

Canadian Abstract Painter Libby Weir will give a public lecture at 7 p.m. on Thursday March 16 in Room 2004 of the William H. Buset Centre for Music and Visual Arts.

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