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Lakehead Awarded \$2.53 Million to Lead Environmental Conservation Program in Ghana

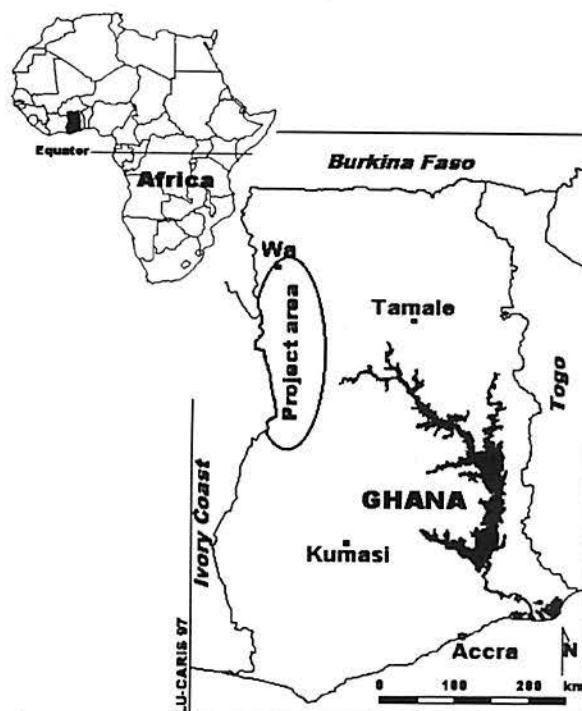
"When you look at the record it is clear that Lakehead University is becoming an established international player on the world forestry scene," says Dr. John Naysmith, program director of two new CIDA-funded programs in Asia and Africa.

The Ghana-Canada IN CONCERT (Initiatives for Conservation in Northern Communities: Entrepreneurship, Resources, Training) Program is the second successful CIDA-funded competition for Lakehead University in the past year. Last fall Lakehead's Asia proposal the "Nepal Resource Conservation and Community Outreach" Project was approved. This latest accomplishment marks Lakehead's fourth international forestry program to be funded by CIDA in the past six years.

"International projects such as these enrich Lakehead's forestry program, bring new substance to both graduate and undergraduate courses and create new opportunities for our students and faculty," says Naysmith.

The latest program was announced last month by The Honourable Diane Marleau, Minister for International Cooperation and Minister responsible for La Francophonie. At a media conference held on campus, Marleau announced that Lakehead University had been awarded \$2.53 million by the Canadian International Development Agency to lead a forest conservation program in Ghana, West Africa.

Participants in "Ghana-Canada IN CONCERT" will implement an integrated resource conservation program in the savanna woodlands of northwestern Ghana. The principal feature of the five-year program is human resources development focused on three main themes: forest conservation, environmental management and small-scale business training at the community level. Over the five years of the Program, four or five Canadian faculty plus three or four



personnel from the private sector will undertake the implementation of a variety of projects within those areas.

Lakehead as the lead university will have as its partners in the Program the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, the University of Ghana, Ghana's Ministry of Lands and Forestry, and the University of Guelph.

Lakehead's proposal was among six recommended for approval by an independent selection committee after a Canada-wide competition in which 18 universities submitted program proposals.

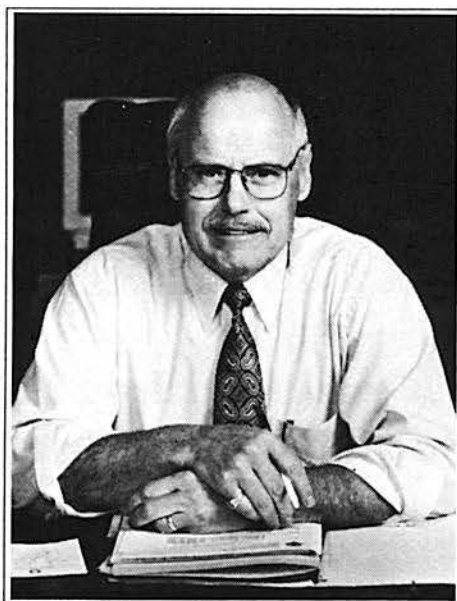
INSIDE

Parents of first-year students play an important role in helping their children adjust to campus life.

For your information we've included a copy of the Lakehead University Parents' Newsletter in this issue.

An Update from the Interim President

Dr. John Whitfield



Meeting with the Finance Minister

Although talk is cheap, it is sometimes encouraging. Paul Martin, Liberal finance minister, met with the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) October 24, 1997. This first-ever meeting of a finance minister with the COU Council is an indication of the rising federal awareness of university issues. That is encouraging. Also, recently, federal initiatives such as the Canadian Foundation for Innovation and the, as yet undefined, Millennium Scholarship Fund are welcomed. More needs to be done.

COU pressed the minister about several concerns: student assistance and student debt load; accountability; support for research and, in particular, the federal granting councils; and internationalization. Dr. Bruce Muirhead, academic colleague to COU and SSHRC Board member, was among those urging support for the granting councils. While receptive to COU's importuning, Martin cautioned that the deficit is not yet beaten, but that he is anticipating a "fiscal dividend" for Canadians within 18 months. Universities and their students must receive a share of this dividend.

The finance minister came, spoke supportively, and left having made no firm promises. I was encouraged but money would have been nice.

Maclean's

The 7th annual Maclean's universities' rankings is out. Lakehead was ranked 15th out of 23 in the *Primarily Undergraduate Institution* category. This positions Lakehead well amongst comparable institutions such as Brock (14th), Laurentian (17th) and Ryerson (19th). We continue to believe, however, that our greatest measure of success is the success of our students, graduates and faculty.

Indicators of the excellence of Lakehead's people and programming include:

--Kim Trimble, electrical engineering student, winning a 1997 NRC Women in Engineering and Science Award;

--LU Forum, a primarily political science student organization, has won the Best in Competition category in Model United Nations competition;

--Lakehead's professors have won more 3M Teaching Fellowships than all, except two, Ontario universities;

--Lakehead was one of six Canadian universities to win a major Tier 1 CIDA grant.

The list goes on. Lakehead is justifiably proud of these achievements.

SEIU and IUOE Settle

On October 20, 1997, a settlement was reached with SEIU, Local 268, which represents housekeeping, grounds, mainte-

nance, receiving/shipping and electrical areas. Also, IUOE, Local 865, reached a settlement. This Local represents mechanics and operating engineers. These agreements have been ratified by both parties. They are for the period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1998 and include across-the-board increases and pension improvements.

Versa Strike Ends

After five weeks on the picket line, the Versa employees represented by the Service Employees' International Union, signed a four-year agreement and returned to work Friday, October 31, 1997. It is very regrettable that five persons were hurt on the picket line October 24, and that one of our employees, Shawn Bishop, remains in hospital with serious injuries to his legs. We wish him a speedy recovery. With this dispute now resolved, we welcome back all Versa employees and thank members of the University community for their patience and understanding in coping with the disruption and inconvenience that this strike caused.

Information Day in Toronto

Lakehead is hosting an Information Day in Toronto at the Delta Chelsea Inn, 33 Gerrard St.W., Saturday, November 29, 1997. The day begins at 9 a.m. with a general information session followed by sessions on financial aid, scholarship and bursary programs, and OSAP. Next are individual information sessions for the following programs: business, education, forestry, outdoor recreation, parks & tourism, arts and science, and engineering.

WWW.LAKEHEADU.CA

Lakehead's "new and improved" Web site is up and running and I would encourage all of you who haven't yet visited the site to take a look. The evolution of our Web site is an ongoing process and more work needs to be done, but at this stage I would like to congratulate Chair of the Web Committee Dr. Jim Gellert and all the hard-working members who have brought us this far. Keep up the good work!

Comments? Suggestions?

If you have any comments or suggestions of topics you would like to see covered in this column, please pick up the phone and call me at 343-8132 or send me a note by E-mail: john.whitfield@lakeheadu.ca

Lakehead University, November, 1997



The Ghana-Canada IN CONCERT Program (left to right): Anne Klymenko, Lakehead University; Dr. Terisa Turner, University of Guelph; Dr. James Quashi-Sam, University of Science and Technology, Ghana; Dr. John Naysmith, Lakehead University; Dr. Jacob Owusu, University of Science and Technology, Ghana; Kusi Nkrumah, University of Ghana; Dr. Ulf Runesson, Lakehead University.

Other Lakehead University International Research and Development Projects

Ghana Environmental Management and Adult Literacy Development Project

Partners: Confederation College, University of Science and Technology (Ghana) and the University of Ghana
Funding Agency: CIDA
Amount: \$983,959 over 5 years

CIDA-Lakehead Graduate Forestry Scholarships in Ghana

Partners: University of Science and Technology (Ghana) and the University of Ghana
Funding Agency: CIDA
Amount: \$1 million over 5 years

Nepal Conservation and Community Outreach Project

Partners: University of Guelph and Tribhuvan University, Nepal
Funding Agency: Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC)/CIDA - Tier II
Amount: \$746,288 over 5 years.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

Aboriginal Peoples Resources in the Library

For each of the last two years, the Aboriginal Management Council has generously donated the sum of \$10,000 to the Library for the purchase of library resources relating to Aboriginal peoples.

The Library has worked together with the selection committee established by the Aboriginal Management Council to identify and order material utilizing this funding. The majority of the material has been catalogued for the main collection in the Chancellor Paterson Library, however where appropriate, some material has been placed in the Reference Collection, the Education Library or in the Northern Studies Resource Centre. In addition to books, other formats such as CD-ROMs, microforms and videos have also been acquired.

The Library is extremely grateful to the Aboriginal Management Council for its contribution to enhancing the Library's collection of resources relating to Aboriginal peoples. As a result of this generous donation, Lakehead University may have one of the best library collections of material in Ontario on Aboriginal peoples.



1996 Census Publication soon to be Available

Selected data tables for a number of variables will be available at the Statistics Canada's Census 1996 web site (<http://www.statcan.ca/english/census96/nation.htm>). The release date for each variable is listed below:

November 4, 1997
Immigration and Citizenship

December 2, 1997

Mother Tongue, Home Language, Official and Non-official languages

January 13, 1998

Aboriginal

February 17, 1998

Ethnic Origin, Visible Minorities

March 17, 1998

Labour Activities, Occupation and Industry, Household Activities, Place of Work, Mode of Transportation

April 14, 1998

Education, Mobility and Migration

May 12, 1998

Sources of Income, Family and Household Income

June 9, 1998

Families (Part 2: Social and Economic Data) Occupied Private Dwellings Household and Housing Costs

Confronting Suicide Together

Reflections on the 8th National Conference of the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention held in Thunder Bay from October 29 to November 1, 1997

by Josh Slatkoff

In her play, "Path with No Moccasins," acclaimed actress, writer, and director Shirley Cheechoo describes the struggles she encountered as a Native child and woman. Her experiences shed light on many of the difficult conditions facing today's Native youth living in reserves. These include low living standards and levels of education, high poverty and unemployment, and the breakdown of traditional cultural supports.

These are some of the conditions which account for levels of suicide among Aboriginal people that are two to three times the national average. As 38 percent of Aboriginal people will enter the highest suicide risk age group over the next 15 years, the need for prompt formulation of prevention and intervention strategies is great.

In response to these alarming trends, the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention (CASP) hosted its eighth annual conference at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay from October 29 to November 1. While the conference is held in a different Canadian location each year, Thunder Bay was an apt setting for this year's gathering as the city is "in the back yard of one of the worst (suicide) epidemics" in Canada, explains David Masecar, conference chair.

Attended by 340 national and international delegates, including 100 First Nations people, the conference sought to increase knowledge and awareness of the problem of suicide in northern and rural communities among professional and community groups. Organizers of the conference hoped to address issues around contributing factors, prevention, and bereavement through the exchange of information between local, national, and international researchers, service providers, and survivors of suicide.

Supporting the conference were many local businesses as well as members of the Northern Ontario Community Partnership, including Lakehead University. Lakehead's involvement is especially significant as the University "has an important role in linking communities in the North and providing post-secondary educational services," says Masecar.

One of the difficulties in addressing suicides in Northern communities is that epidemiological research about community factors is lacking, explains Dr. Bruce Minore, co-director of Lakehead University's Northern Health Human Resources Research Unit (NHHRRU) and panel presenter at the conference. Community efforts have varied considerably, yet the relative effectiveness of those efforts remains undocumented.

Despite these gaps in knowledge, communities are continuing efforts to implement grass roots approaches to suicide prevention and intervention, with government support. Founder of Lakehead University's Native Nurses Entry Program and regional director of the Ontario Region, Indian Health Services, Medical Services Branch of Health Canada, Mae Katt, has been instrumental in helping communities plan their own "primary health care." "Government policy reflects community-

based solutions because it trusts that communities understand the approaches that are going to work," says Katt.

Complementing community approaches to dealing with suicide, are frameworks grounded solidly in theory. Empirical evidence suggests that cognitive variables such as hopelessness, poor self-esteem, and poor problem solving skills play a mediating role between depression and suicide, says Dave Davies, master's graduate student in clinical psychology at Lakehead University. Such findings "may serve to increase the sensitivity and specificity of current suicide risk assessment batteries."

During my own studies in clinical psychology, there has often been an emphasis placed on the role of professional intervention in dealing with suicide, at the expense of disregarding community efforts. Joyce Begg, a local mental health counsellor in the Native community of Kingfisher, has helped me to reconsider the validity of that approach. "We are on our own two feet seeking answers to our problems."

Josh Slatkoff is enrolled in Lakehead's master's program in clinical psychology.

He is one of several students participating in a student writing program sponsored by The Chronicle-Journal.



Lakehead University, through the Counselling and Career Centre, played a significant role in hosting the conference which increased the University's profile locally, nationally and internationally. Other hosts included Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, Algoma Child & Youth Services, Lakehead Regional Family Centre, Nodin Counselling (Sioux Lookout), Wawatay, and Confederation College.

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-- Mae Katt



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Campus of the Year

Innovative Programming earns Lakehead University an award from a national education group

Parents who are concerned their children may be drinking too much can rest assured they are not alone. There are many students who are also concerned and who are promoting the "Drink Responsibly" message. Julie Kress is one.

Several years ago a young friend of hers was hit by a drunk driver. Since then she's devoted a lot of her time to working with the Lakehead University S.U.D.S. committee (Students Unified for Drinking Sensibly).

The S.U.D.S. committee is made up of student and staff representatives from the Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU), residence, and health services. Another key player on the committee is the manager of the student pub (The Outpost) who has encouraged the growth of the Designated Friend program. The program works this way: students who have decided not to drink for the evening in order to look out for their friends, are welcome to enjoy free soft drinks and coffee.

Alcohol Awareness Week, held every fall on campus, is one of the S.U.D.S. committee's main events. Last year, their "Cab It or Crash It" display attracted the attention of the local newspaper, while another display -- "Tuition in Beer" -- has been copied by other campuses in Canada. By the way, just how many cases of beer does it take to pay for one year's tuition? The answer is 119!

Important Dates

Fall term exams:	December 3-15
University is Closed:	Dec. 24 to Jan. 4
Classes begin for winter term courses:	January 5
Final date for registration and course additions (winter term):	January 14
Final date for course withdrawal without academic penalty:	
fall/winter full courses.....	February 9
winter half courses.....	March 2
Mid-year study week (except for Education):	February 16-20
Winter term exams:	April 8-24



Mission Accomplished!

Shawna Hickey and Julie Kress knew Lakehead University had an excellent alcohol awareness program and that with a little extra effort they could capture the 1996-97 "Campus of the Year Award" from BACCHUS Canada. Shawna is LUSU vice president of student issues and Julie is Lakehead's residence programmer.



Need Some Holiday Gift Ideas?

If your child requires a nutritious snack between classes, consider purchasing a Gift Certificate for a SCANPLUS Declining Balance Card from **Versa Campus Services** in any pre-set amount you choose (i.e. \$25, \$50 or \$75). As a bonus, Versa will add an additional 5% in free money to every dollar you purchase. Phone (807) 343-8142 for details.

For the best in Lakehead clothing (sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc) or a handy gift certificate contact the **Intersection** at (807) 343-8961. If your child is looking for computers, printers, software, computer games and accessories, contact **Campus Tech** at (807) 343-8770. Lakehead students receive a substantial discount on all major software titles when purchasing from Campus Tech.

Parents Ask Us ...

When will my son or daughter be home for the holidays?

Thinking about travel plans for the holidays? Exams take place from December 3 to December 15, 1997. Find out from your child the date of his or her last exam and book accordingly. Classes resume on January 5, 1998.

What type of banking facilities are available on campus?

There is no full-service bank on campus. However, Lakehead does have ATM machines on campus for CIBC, Royal Bank, and Scotiabank.

How cold does it get in Thunder Bay?

The daytime winter temperature can range from around -10 C in December to sometimes -25 C in January and February (our coldest months). Nevertheless, many students can be seen wearing shorts all winter long!

Where are students from?

According to our 1996-97 statistics:

12.3% of our students are from the City of Thunder Bay;

34.5% are from Northwestern Ontario;

46.8% are from other areas of Ontario;

4.9% are from other provinces and

1.5% are from other parts of the world.

What type of health services are available on campus?

Lakehead University Health Centre is open to students five days a week. Both female and male doctors offer clinics daily from September to April and twice weekly during the summer months.

The staff are available to provide comprehensive health care and all records are confidential. Health education programs promoting healthy lifestyles and wellness are targeted at raising student awareness about health issues.

The health educator along with the student wellness committee develop ongoing edu-

cational programs and activities. Students at Lakehead are encouraged to remember that their health is a critical factor in their academic, personal, and social success.

How can I tell if my child is eligible for scholarships, bursaries, or awards?

Scholarships are based on academic performance. All full-time students who have at least an 80% overall average in their studies at Lakehead are automatically awarded and in-course scholarship for the following year.

In addition, there are many program-specific scholarships that students may apply for.

Bursaries are based on need. Students who are in need of financial assistance should fill out an application form which includes a budget, and submit it by November 14, 1997. Students will receive their bursary money in late January.

Additional funds are available for those students who miss the bursary deadline and find themselves in extenuating financial circumstances in the second term. However, students are encouraged to submit their application by the November 14 deadline.

Awards are based on satisfactory academic progress and criteria specific to a subject and/or program (e.g. Music Award, Energy Science Award). Students are usually chosen or recommended for awards.

Most scholarships, bursaries and awards are listed in the University calendar. However, students should check with the financial aid office for new listings.

How can I help my son or daughter get through exams?

Be interested in what exams your son or daughter is preparing for. Pick up the phone and give him or her a call or send a message by E-mail. Care packages are always received with pleasure. If your son or daughter lives at home, be patient and supportive during this stressful time.



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and January 10 to April 30, 1998
\$309

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December 16, 1997 to January 9, 1998
\$409

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1-800-667-8386.

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Canadian Holidays

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Ontario Teachers' Strike

Director of Lakehead's Nanabijou Childcare Centre, Sheila Wilhelm reports that in light of the province-wide teachers strike, the Nanabijou Childcare Centre extended its "After-School" program to accommodate parents who needed to find a place for their children during the day.

The program was geared towards students between the ages of 6 and 12 and Wilhelm says there are still places available should parents need them.

As for the regular daytime program, it is "business as usual." There are still places available for children aged 6 and under. For more information call 343-8369.

Disruption in Food Services

Parents will be glad to know that a strike by employees of Versa Campus Services (the University's caterer) has ended after 32 days. During the labour dispute, regular food service was provided in the residence cafeteria and modified food service was provided in the main cafeteria.

"We were very pleased with the tolerance and understanding exhibited by Lakehead students throughout the duration of the strike," said Manager of Residence and Conference Services David Hare.

Thunder Bay to host 1998 World Junior Curling Championships

March 21-29, 1998

If you're a curling fan, Thunder Bay is the place to be this March when 10 Junior Men's and 10 Junior Women's teams from across Scandinavia, Europe, U.S.A., Canada and the Pacific Rim vie for the coveted title of "World's Best".

Event passes are \$75 which covers all games -- 18 Round Robin and 6 Playoff draws (including possible tie breakers) at the new Thunder Bay Tournament Centre.

For ticket information call (807) 628-1998.



Lakehead University to host CIAU Women's Basketball Championships

March 13-15, 1998

If you love basketball, come to Thunder Bay in March to see the best University Women's teams compete for the Canadian title.

For tickets and information call the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse at (807) 343-8213.

We're Wired!

During the summer Lakehead extended its local area network to the Bartley, Prettie and Avila residences. Now students can use the Internet and watch cable TV in the comfort of their own rooms. More networking will be done in the Townhouses next summer.



Find a Job on the Internet

Now there is an Internet tool that is helping employers around the world connect with Lakehead graduates.

It's called the National Graduate Register (NGR)

Once a graduate's resume is on the data base, employers with Internet access have only to perform an electronic search to come up with a list of potential candidates.

Employers without Internet access can ask the staff at the Lakehead University Placement Centre to do the search for them.

To find out how the NGR can help you, contact Moe Kytör at (807) 343-8264.



Nurse/Health Educator Karen Chan is a graduate of Lakehead.

Profile

Karen Chan says the change from working in the Emergency Department at Thunder Bay Regional Hospital (McKellar) to working as a nurse/health educator at Lakehead University has been a positive one.

She especially likes interacting with students. "I enjoy helping young adults make healthy choices," she says.

Chan is a graduate of Confederation College and Lakehead University. She completed her nursing degree in 1993.

In her role as a nurse/health educator, she is responsible for organizing health promotion programs such as the Health Fair, Alcohol Awareness Week, and a number of other programs including the breast self examination seminar that was staged recently in the Gender Issues Centre.

Chan says that the students' concerns relate to diet and nutrition, birth control, sexually transmitted diseases, and the usual coughs, colds and earaches that many students experience. For information call (807) 343-8361.



Congratulations to this year's Presidential Scholars who have each received a scholarship of \$10,000 for their outstanding academic performance, community service and leadership. Pictured above with Lakehead's Interim President **Dr. John Whitfield** are **Christine Chezick** (right), a graduate of Westgate Collegiate & Vocational Institute who is enrolled in the engineering technology program (Chemical), and **Ashley Gillson** (left), a Port Arthur Collegiate Institute graduate enrolled in the honours bachelor of science program in biology and chemistry.

A Presidential Search is Underway

Lakehead University is in the process of searching for a new president to replace Dr. Robert G. Rosehart who left Thunder Bay in September to become president and vice-chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario.

Since September, Dr. John Whitfield, formerly Lakehead's vice-president (academic), has been serving as interim president.

Maureen Doig, chair of the Board of Governors and chair of the presidential search committee, invites everyone who wishes to make a suggestion or contribute his or her ideas on the presidential search to contact:

The Board Secretariat, UC-2009

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Quick Facts About Lakehead University

-- Lakehead University evolved from the Lakehead Technical Institute which was established in 1946.

-- Lakehead University received its charter in 1965 and the first degrees in arts and science were granted in May, 1965.

-- Lakehead's motto is "Ad augusta per angusta" which means "Achievement through Effort."

Lakehead's colours are Royal Blue and Gold. The Varsity team mascot is The Thunderwolf and can often be seen cheering on the fans at Lakehead University's main gym which is nicknamed "Thunderdome."

-- For the current academic year, Lakehead has a total of 5,489 full-time students (5,272 full-time undergraduate and 217 full-time graduate students).

-- Lakehead has many graduate programs at the master's level but only one PhD program -- in clinical psychology.

Want to Get Involved?

Moms and Dads of Lakehead students play an important part in their children's success at University.

That is why we're trying to reach out and give you more opportunities to get involved through...

-- Parent orientation sessions in August and September

-- Fund-raising projects of specific interest to your family

-- Membership on our parents committee

-- Volunteer time with parent and/or student projects

-- Parents' newsletter which is published three times a year and mailed to approximately 3500 parents across Canada

Are there issues and concerns that we should know about?

If so, please take a moment now to let us know.

Clip and send to:

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VISUAL ARTS LECTURE SERIES

The Department of Visual Arts has secured funding from the Canada Council to run a Lecture Series featuring a number of artists. The lectures will be held in the William H. Buset Centre for Music and Visual Arts and are open to the public.

November 21, 1997

Nancy Paterson, Toronto
electronic media/installation

TBA (January 1998)

Anne Meredith Barry, Newfoundland
printmaking

March 5 & 6, 1998

Lyndal Osborne, Edmonton
print/installation

For information call Robbie Buffington at 343-8787

LUMINA CONCERT SERIES

The Department of Music is offering the following performances as part of the 1997-98 concert series.

Unless otherwise noted, all concerts are held on campus in the Jean McNulty Recital Hall of the William H. Buset Centre for Music and Visual Arts at 12:30 p.m.

November 18

Jasper Wood, violin
(Eckhardt-Gramatte National Music Competition Winner);
David Riley, piano

January 13

Les Voix Humanes
Susie Nappier and Margaret Little,
viola da gamba duo

January 28

Piano Six: Andre Laplante, piano
8:00 pm, St. Paul's United Church

Subscriptions and tickets available from the Department of Music.

Complimentary Parking.

For further information call 343-8787

Sponsored by the Lakehead University Music Association

Snobelen Tours Old-Growth Forest

Last month, Dr. Willard H. Carmean, professor emeritus of forestry, accompanied the newly appointed Minister of Natural Resources John Snobelen on a tour of the old-growth forest in the Greenwood Lake Reserve.

Carmean recently gave a paper on the old-growth reserve at an international conference on the Development of Forestry and Wood Science Technology held in Belgrade Yugoslavia.

The Greenwood Lake Advisory Committee has been awarded a \$12,584 grant from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC). This grant will be used for ecotourism developments at Greenwood Lake including trail development, trail and road signs, information plaques, and for an illustrated color brochure describing the Greenwood Lake Reserve.

Native Philosophy Project Receives Funding

The Lakehead University Native Philosophy Project has received \$250,000 (U.S.) to extend the Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship Program for another three years. Deadline for applications is January 15, 1998 (similarly in 1999 and 2000) for residencies beginning in September of that year.

The Lakehead University Native Philosophy Project is an international, cross-cultural interdisciplinary research program committed to further understanding of the manner in which the world is viewed by the Aboriginal peoples of the Americas.

For information contact Dr. Connie Nelson, dean of graduate studies and research at (807) 343-8793.

Emergency First Response wins Web site Award

http://flash.lakeheadu.ca/~lu_efrt/home.html

Lakehead's Emergency First Response Team has been given an award of excellence by the Paramedic Times for the Canadian content of its Web site. Lakehead's Team Director Aris Scott says that since the Web site was launched in November, 1996, Lakehead has received many inquiries from other universities and agencies.

Tune in to the CBC (Clean Beautiful Campus)

Clean Beautiful Campus is a campaign at Lakehead to encourage EVERYONE to help keep our campus clean and beautiful. We do have one of the most beautiful campuses in Canada but its going to take effort and cooperation to keep it that way.

The Clean Beautiful Campus campaign is an effort to encourage all individuals, clubs, and associations to take responsibility for not just maintaining the condition of our campus, but enhancing it. For individuals, this means putting your garbage (lunch bags, disposable cups, cigarette butts) in the containers provided. Clubs and organizations may choose to be more proactive by planning events and activities that are ultimately going to improve the aesthetics and health environment of our campus. Recycling issues are also of interest to the Committee.

There is a representative group who meet regularly to promote CBC and all that this entails — recycling, cleaning, art work on campus, grounds, and green space. If you are interested in participating on the Committee, please contact the LUSU Office (343-8259) or Student Services and Community Relations (343-8522).

Please take PRIDE — do whatever you can to promote our Clean Beautiful Campus.



Conference and Call for Proposals STLHE'98 at Mount Allison University

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in the 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education to be held at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. June 24-27, 1998.

The theme for the conference is "The Voices of Learning: Student and Teacher."

Organizers welcome panels, short demonstrations of specific teaching tips, workshops and other interactive sessions on all topics relating to the communication between teachers and students in higher education. For more information visit their Web site at

<http://www.mta.ca/stlhe98/>

Colleague FAQs

*Frequently Asked Questions
About Lakehead's Administrative Information System*

In June 1996, Lakehead University purchased an integrated administrative software package from Datatel Inc. known as Colleague.

Colleague will replace existing student, finance and payroll information systems and also support the information needs of human resources and fundraising.

The decision to purchase new administrative software systems followed an extensive review of the University's current and future information needs by Re-engineering focus teams.

A major project to implement Colleague is well underway and is being done in co-operation with Laurentian and Trent universities which have purchased the same software. For Student implementation tasks, the University of Guelph is also part of the consortium.

Once fully operational, the integrated Colleague system will eliminate data duplication, provide enhanced services and see Lakehead University efficiently and effectively through the "Year 2000" and beyond.



If you have questions or concerns regarding the implementation please contact any of the following people:

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Shared Codes;
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Purchasing

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Much work has been done over the past year by four teams. Listed below are the major accomplishments of each and the challenges that lie ahead.



FINANCE

Major Accomplishments:

Formal Training, Testing, Implementation and Live Operation of General Ledger, Purchasing and Accounts Payable modules

Delivery of online requisition and receiving training

Next Challenge:

Implement user reporting, Budget Management and Fixed Assets modules



TECHNICAL

Major Accomplishments:

Implementation and operation of multiple Colleague environments for testing and Live Operations

Establish appropriate security at operating system, database and Colleague application levels for *Finance* system

Next Challenge:

Implement live environment with appropriate security and provide technical support for the *Student* system



DATA STANDARDS AND SHARED CODES

Major Accomplishments:

Formal Training, Testing, and Implementation of shared database components to support *Finance* system

Establish required shared codes, addressing standards, vendor entry standards

Next Challenge:

Implement shared database components to support *Student* system



STUDENT

Major Accomplishments:

Completed formal training for Admissions, Curriculum Management, Academic Records, Registration and Degree Audit

Analysis of current processes

Development of specifications for Ontario University Application Centre interface

Next Challenge:

Implement Admissions and Communication Management modules

Q. How do I get trained for Colleague Financials?

A. First you should ask yourself if you need to be trained at this time.

Training to date has been in the area of electronic requisitioning. Anyone who requires purchase orders should receive Datatel/Colleague Electronic Requisition Training.

Those with signing authority should also be trained, i.e. all deans, chairs, directors and department heads. As well, researchers who have signing authority for research projects should be trained.

Subsequent to training, you will be expected to send your requisitions to Purchasing electronically.

Training is scheduled through the Finance Department. Please contact either Rita Blais at ext. 8526 or Margot Ross at ext. 8730.

Requisition training sessions are available for both PC and MAC users and are usually conducted on Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

When available, training sessions in other areas of the Colleague system will be announced.

Q. What hardware and software do I need to access the Datatel/Colleague system?

A. HARDWARE: A minimum 386 based PC (running Windows), or a MACintosh is required. A network connect is also needed. For more information contact Geoff Hill ext. 8400.

SOFTWARE: Terminal emulation software provides terminal login access to the Datatel host machine, which is called "trillium," and also sets up the function keys for use by the database software.

FOR PC's the terminal emulation software is called wIntegrate and is available to those who have accounts on the Novell servers SKY, GALE and FOBA

FOR MACintosh the terminal emulation software is called NCSA telnet and is available to those who have accounts on the Novell server MIST

If you have been scheduled for training, or have been provided with a Colleague account, contact Pat Cholin ext. 8574 for instructions on accessing wIntegrate or NCSA telnet.

Q. As a Requisitioner, what steps must I take to have my requisition approved?

A. Once you have entered all necessary information on the REQM (requisition maintenance) screen:

- * go to the "approvals field 17" and detail to the APRV screen
- * go to the "next approvals field 2" and:
- * enter the "approver login id", or
- * search for the appropriate "approver login id" using the ... lookup feature
- * finish to return to REQM
- * note: on REQM screen, "approvals field 17" remains blank
- * go to "requisition done field 26" and enter "Y"
- * finish

The requisition is forwarded electronically to the (next) approver.

Do you have a question for Colleague FAQs? If so, contact Judith Mackie, Re-engineering, at ext. 8536.



"You've got to look at learning Colleague as an adventure and know that you can always phone us for help."

Ask **Marilyn Husiak** what she thinks of Colleague and you'll get an honest answer.

"I like it," she says. "Once you get the hang of it, it's actually quite convenient. It saves time and reduces paperwork."

Husiak has been working with the system since last December. While she admits there is a learning curve involved, she appreciates and enjoys certain things about the system -- like having all the current data on a vendor stored in one data base. She

also likes the quick look up features on the status of requisitions and purchase orders. And she likes being able to see the effect on budgets.

"There's a lot more to purchasing than just placing an order," says Husiak. "And everyone who has gone through the Colleague Requisitioning Training now has a much better understanding of what is involved in the entire cycle of ordering. The cycle does not begin until you start it with a requisition and it does not end for you until the goods or services have been accepted and paid."

MONTREAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, December 5, 1997
12:15 p.m.
LU Agora

Students, Staff and Faculty are Welcome

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Lakehead University Community Council will be having a Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14, 1997 from 1 to 4 pm in the Faculty Lounge.

USED CLOTHING AND TOY DRIVE

Lakehead Residence students are organizing another drive to collect warm winter clothing and Children's Toys. To make your contribution, contact Norma Jean Newbold at ext. 8622

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Lakehead Residence students are participating in the annual O.P.P. Christmas Parade. On Saturday, November 22 and will be collecting non perishable food items for distribution to local foodbanks.

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING

A Benefit for Lakehead University Music Scholarships
Thursday, December 4, 1997
Valhalla Inn Ballroom

Entertainment including the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra with violinist Maria Cooper performing Max Bruch's Violin Concerto. Symposium 6:30 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Concert and Dancing to follow. Tickets are \$65 and available at Thunder Bay Travel, Lakehead Music Department and Changes. For information contact Samantha Wrenshall at 577-6575.

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Extended Hours from Nov. 14, 1997 until December 12, 1997

Monday to Thursday
8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Friday
8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday
12 noon to 11:30 p.m.

PUBLIC LECTURE

Zoocheck Canada and Northwestern Ontario Animal Habitat present

Mr. Ian Redmond

for a lecture entitled

"Gorillas in the Mist"

Saturday, December 6, 1997
Lakehead University Centre Theatre
8 p.m.

"Ian Redmond was a longtime colleague of Dr. Dian Fossey, and a leading character in her book Gorillas in the Mist.

Dian Fossey, who ventured around the world to live in the jungles of Africa between two volcanoes, forever changed the gorillas' lives and obtained landmark scientific data through her close interactions, respect for, and friendship with them.

Fossey was murdered in her bed, on a mountain at the Karisoke Research camp, which she founded.

Redmond is a Director and Trustee of the Digit Fund for gorilla research and conservation, and as well, has an impressive list of titles and credits."

-- Susan Lundgren, President, NOAH, Northwestern Ontario Animal Habitat, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the LU Bookstore, or at Ticket Express (Fort William Gardens and the Community Auditorium or by calling 684-4444).

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