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A NEWSLETTER FOR LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY STAFF & FACULTY



Faculty, staff and students gathered to "roast and toast" Dr. Bob Rosehart at a farewell party held in August. More than 300 people attended including (l-r) Shawna Hickey, Grant Walsh, Pentti Paularinne, Dr. Gary Locker, Dr. Bob Rosehart, Dan Pakulak, Rita Rosehart and Denise Bruley. Photo: Peter Puna

Farewell Dr. Bob!

On a quiet morning in late June, Dr. Robert G. Rosehart announced he would be stepping down midway through his third term as president. "After 27 years at Lakehead," he said, "it was time for a change." On September 1, 1997, he was appointed president and vice-chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University, just a 10 minute walk from the University of Waterloo where he completed all of his post-secondary education.

Most people will remember "Dr. Bob" for his friendly, soft-spoken manner and for crystallizing the vision of Lakehead as a northern and regional University. He joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering fresh out of graduate school in 1970. In 1977 he was appointed Dean of University Schools and in 1984, at the age of 40, he was appointed President.

During his time at Lakehead, Rosehart guided the University through academic and strategic planning

resulting in the development of Lakehead's first PhD program and a number of other innovative programs. He also presided over two ambitious fundraising campaigns which raised a total of \$32.4 million and allowed the University to add much-needed library, classroom, research, residence, and recreation facilities.

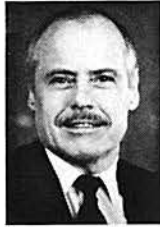
At a farewell barbecue held on campus in August, Executive Director of University Services Grant Walsh entertained more than 300 faculty, staff and students who joined him in "roasting and toasting" their president. When the speeches were over, Rosehart said he had enjoyed "every minute" of his time at Lakehead. "This University is an institution that has allowed a lot of people a chance to grow," he added.

Rosehart said he leaves Lakehead "in fighting trim" and looks forward to working with the next president as a "southern ally." -- Frances Harding



Interim President Appointed

Chair of the Board of Governors Maureen Doig, announced on July 18, 1997, that Dr. John Whitfield had agreed to accept the position of Interim President effective September 1, 1997. "The Board of Governors has every confidence in Dr. Whitfield's leadership and we look forward to working with him in his new capacity." Dr. James Gellert and Dr. David Kemp have agreed to appointments as Acting Vice-President (Academic) and Acting Dean of Arts and Science respectively, effective September 1. -- *Lakehead Media Release*



Staff, Faculty, Alumni and Friends of
Lakehead University
are invited to attend a



Special Evening

in honour of
Dr. Robert and Mrs. Rita Rosehart
October 9, 1997
6 pm

at the Valhalla Inn Ballroom

Tickets \$40/person

Tax receiptable donations to the Robert &
Rita Rosehart Bursary are gratefully
received.

RSVP by October 2, 1997
343-8910

Quotes from the Roast & Toast

"I have been very proud to be the Chancellor during Dr. Rosehart's term when he has created and sustained a northern University which is quite unique. Apart from his gift as an administrator, I think that Bob's real gift is that he is a "people" person and people respond to him well." -- *Chancellor Lois Wilson*

"Your very capable leadership has brought us through the many challenges remarkably in tact. Your obvious commitment and devotion to Lakehead has instilled in all of its Board members a great sense of pride in being part of this University." -- *Maureen Doig, Chair, Board of Governors*

"Bob's style has been very much the "open door" policy and it has been a real asset to our institution. He has left a great legacy... he set the university in a direction which I believe is the right direction. We are now firmly established as a strong, vibrant, regional University doing what we should do...." -- *Dr. John Whitfield, Interim President*

"Along with the many accomplishments Dr. Bob has made at the helm of Lakehead, one of the main ones is that he has interwoven Lakehead University into the fabric of both Thunder Bay and the region... Bob in his quiet, gentlemanly ways was always there to urge on a group, a student, a community." -- *Mayor David Hamilton*

A Final Report from Dr. Rosehart ...

It seems strange to be writing this Final Report to the Agora from a new desk and, although I can see trees, there does not seem to be a Presidential fishing pond.

As I have said before, I very much enjoyed working with all of the individuals at Lakehead University over the past 27 plus years and, although I am looking forward to a new challenge (my desk is already very messy), it is with a lot of emotion that I leave Lakehead University.

As most of you know, I plan to stay connected to the North and to Thunder Bay, and I hope that our paths will cross again on many occasions.

If I can ever assist any of you in the future, please do get in touch with me and, if you are in the Kitchener/Waterloo areas, either give me a call or drop by. I can be reached at the following numbers:

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Home telephone number is (519) 883-0245

I wish each and every one of you, as well as Lakehead University, all the best in the future.

-- Dr. Robert G. Rosehart



Dean of Engineering Appointed

Dr. Henri Saliba has been appointed Lakehead University's new Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. The announcement was made August 22, 1997, by Maureen Doig, Chair of Lakehead University's Board of Governors.



Saliba will be the University's second Dean of Engineering, following the stepping down of Dr. Gary Locker after 21 years. "We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Saliba to the senior administration team and we look forward to working with him in his new capacity," said Doig.

Saliba moved to Canada from Lebanon in 1969. He came to Lakehead University in 1986 to take a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. In 1993 he was promoted to the rank of Full Professor, and in 1995 was appointed the Chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Saliba holds a BSc, MSc and PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Ottawa. His research interests include Mechanical Vibrations of Continuous Structures and Design and he has been widely published in his field. He holds memberships in the Professional Engineers of Ontario, the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering (CSME) and Groupement pour l'Avancement de la Mécanique Industrielle (GAMI). He is a Senior Member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and is also a member of a number of other professional organizations. -- *Lakehead Media Release*

Aquatics

The pool will be offering a lunchtime aquatics class Tuesday's and Thursday's, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The cost is \$20 for 10 sessions. Participants must pre-register before September 19, 1997. A minimum of 15 people are needed and the instructor is Anne Parr. Classes begin September 23. To register call 343-8656 or come to the pool office.

Faculty Agreement Reached

On August 15, 1997, the Board of Governors of Lakehead University and the Lakehead University Faculty Association (LUFA) announced they had ratified a three-year collective agreement which includes a 0% scale increase for the first two years, and a 1.5% increase in the third year of the contract. Faculty will be entitled to performance-based in-service increments and there is an agreement by the Board to establish a commission with LUFA representation during the final year of the contract to study Lakehead University's relative salary position in comparison to those at other Ontario universities. -- *Lakehead Media Release*

Looking for Child Care this Fall?

Lakehead's Nanabijou Childcare Centre still has full-time and part-time spaces available for pre-school and school-age children (busing available from several local schools). Evening care is also available. For information call Sheila Wilhelm at 343-8369.

Balacko elected to COUSA Executive

At the June conference of the Confederation of Ontario University Staff Associations and Unions (COUSA) Cheryl Balacko, representing OPEIU Local 96 at Lakehead, was elected to the position of executive secretary. COUSA is composed of 12 employee organizations at Ontario universities with over 5,000 dues-paying members.

Inside Canadian Universities

Dr. Randle W. Nelsen (Sociology) has edited a new book entitled *Inside Canadian Universities: Another Day at the Plant* (Kingston: Cedar Creek Publications) in which he has written two chapters "Marking Time in Computopia" and "Reading, Writing and Relationships among the Electronic Zealots."

Other contributors include Dr. David A. Nock (Sociology) and Lakehead alumni Susan Heald, Stephannie Roy, and Gordon Bruyere who contributed papers on women's and aboriginal educational experiences.

DISPATCHES

More choices in Atlantic Canada

In September 1998 the Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) plans to offer an open learning service that will enable students to earn a degree by combining existing credits with credits earned from universities in Atlantic Canada. The AAU plans to offer a bachelor of general studies as its first degree, and intends to pilot a new degree program each subsequent year during its first five years of operation. The proposal cites the common desire of universities in Atlantic Canada to offer students high quality distance education choices, and to make the transfer of university credits as convenient as possible. -- *Gazette, Memorial University of Newfoundland, July 10, 1997*

Marc Renaud appointed President of SSHRC

Dr. Marc Renaud has been appointed President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada effective September 2, 1997.

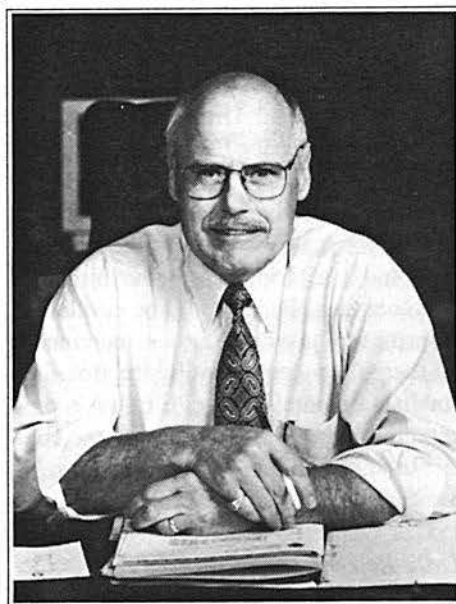
Renaud is a professor in the Department of Sociology at the Université de Montréal. From 1991 to 1997, he was President of the Conseil québécois de la recherche sociale. He has been Vice-President and Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research since 1991, and was Director of the Groupe de recherche sur les aspects sociaux de la santé et de la prévention (GRASP) from 1984-1991. -- *Media Release*

Pictures raise dollars for U of M

A picture book demonstrating the extent of deterioration to the University of Manitoba's infrastructure (water lines corroding, walls cracking etc.) prompted government officials to come up funding for repairs. As well, they earned the University of Manitoba third prize in the 1997 Quality and Productivity Awards given by the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO). -- *University Affairs, August-September, 1997*

An Update from the Interim President

Dr. John Whitfield



Welcome

Welcome to new and returning students and to all members of the University community. The 1997 fall term is off to an excellent start. Registration went smoothly, orientation and welcoming activities were enjoyed by many, and classes are well underway. Thanks to all who were involved in organizing and delivering these activities. A special note of appreciation to the hard work by the Registrar's Office, Student Services and LUSU.

Farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Rosehart

Typically, Bob Rosehart was at his desk until late in the afternoon even on his final day of work at Lakehead. His energy and enthusiasm will be missed. Our best wishes to Bob and Rita on their move to Waterloo and to Bob during his Presidency at Wilfrid Laurier University. There was a full house for the University farewell party for the Roseharts. Grant Walsh did a masterful job of entertaining as Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to all the participants, there was an appropriate balance of roasting and toasting. Everyone is invited to a community event honouring Bob and Rita on October 9. See the notice on page 2 of this issue.

Restructuring

During the period of my Interim Presidency, Dr. Jim Gellert will be Acting Vice-President (Academic). Dr. David Kemp will continue as Acting Dean of Arts and Science, and Dr. Werden Keeler as Acting

Associate Dean of Arts and Science for this period.

Athletics has been separated, administratively, from the School of Kinesiology. The Co-ordinator of Athletics, Stu Julius, now reports to the Director of Student Services and Community Relations, Joy Himmelman. This change reflects the recommendation of the School of Kinesiology and the Athletics Advisory Committee. The two units, of course, will continue to work out of the same space and to co-operate on matters of mutual interest.

Following from the recommendations in the Poulter Report (see the *Report from the President* in the June, 1997, issue of the *Agora*), there has been some restructuring effective August 18, 1997:

Gwen Wojda was appointed Director of Part-Time Studies. This will include the former Continuing Education and Distance Education units. As well, Wojda will lead the revitalization of our part-time programming and, in doing so, will work closely with the Faculties. Also, Gwen Wojda will Chair the Senate Committee on Continuing Education.

Dan Pakulak has assumed the role of Director of International Activities. This new office will bring a focus to our international activities including international student recruitment. Pakulak has assumed responsibility for international exchanges. As well, he will work closely with Anne Klymenko who continues to provide support for international research efforts, particularly through CIDA and other granting agencies.

Both Wojda and Pakulak will report to the Vice-President (Academic).

Presidential Scholars

Congratulations to Lakehead University's 1997/98 Presidential Scholars. Both of the winners of this prestigious scholarship are women, and both are from Thunder Bay.



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The scholarship is valued at \$10,000 and is based on academic performance, community service, leadership, and interests. Winners are chosen following an interview.

This year's winners are: Christine Chezick, a graduate of Westgate Collegiate & Vocational Institute. She is enrolled in Engineering Technology (Chemical), and she plans to be a Chemical Engineer. In addition to a strong academic background in science and mathematics, Christine's background includes arts and drama. At Westgate, she played in the senior concert band, was captain of the dance team and participated in the production of several musicals. As well, she was involved in athletics, has done volunteer work, and held a part-time job.

Ashley Gillson is enrolled in honours B.Sc. in Biology and Chemistry. The Port Arthur Collegiate Institute (PACI) grad intends to pursue medicine as a career. While at PACI, she was chosen to attend the Model United Nations and was an active member of Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving, the Math. Club, Yearbook and Environmental Club. Ashley was the principal flute player in the PACI and Hillcrest Senior Concert Bands and sang in the Thunder Bay Symphony Chorus. She worked part-time and was engaged in volunteer activities.

It is a pleasure to welcome Christine and Ashley to Lakehead University.

Canada Foundation for Innovation

"The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) is an independent corporation established by the Government of Canada to strengthen Canadian capability for research." This is a quote from the recent circular from CFI in which proposed programs are described. There is a call for feedback on these proposals. Details are available from the office of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Connie Nelson.

Avenor

Avenor (Thunder Bay) and Lakehead University have signed a Partnership Statement. The initial phase of the partnership will be to develop a relationship in a variety of areas which include leadership development programs for Avenor employ-

ees by the Faculty of Business, co-operative education placements, support for international student exchange programs, Avenor employee wellness programs, as well as continuing research and development. Lakehead welcomes this partnership with one of our community's major corporate citizens.

Professor Ron Ianni

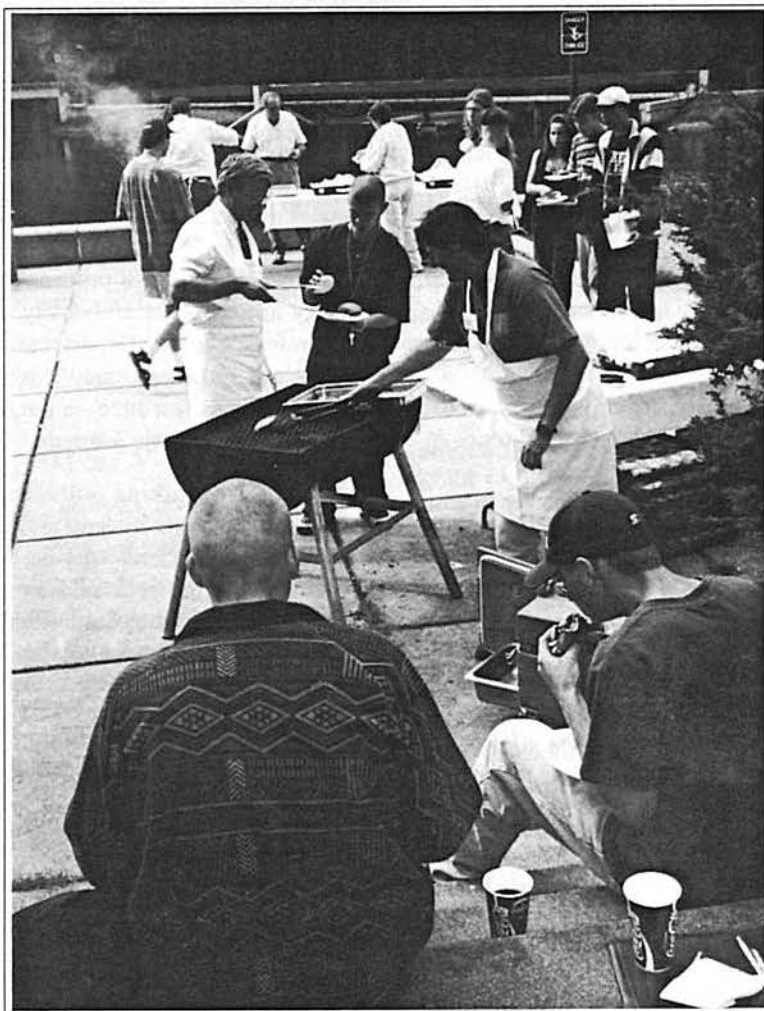
Dr. Ron Ianni, recently retired President of the University of Windsor, died on September 6, 1997 after a lengthy illness. Dr. Ianni was a respected leader and spokesperson for the Ontario university system and served as Chair of the Council of Ontario Universities. Condolences have been sent, on behalf of the University, to Mrs. Ianni and the University of Windsor community.

"You've Made the Right Choice"



Katherine Shedden of the Registrar's Office (right) chats with parents David and Linda Perry about life in Thunder Bay. The Perrys are from Waterloo, Ontario. Their daughter Anne, sitting between them, is a first-year Kinesiology student at Lakehead.

President's Barbecue



What would Registration Week be without a hamburger served up by a Celebrity Chef during the annual President's Barbecue? Registrar Pentti Paularinne and Co-ordinator of Counselling Services Ian Cull do the honours.

Cross Canada Shannon Tour hits Home



Dave Shannon has raised more than \$400,000 to support educational, entrepreneurial and research initiatives for the disabled since his cross Canada tour began last April. The Lakehead University graduate expects to arrive in Victoria, B.C. by the end of October.

The Best Student Chapter in Canada

The Lakehead University Student Chapter of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE) won the CSCE President's Award for Best Student Chapter in Canada for 1996-97. The award was announced at the CSCE Annual Conference in Sherbrooke on May 29, 1997. The executive committee of the CSCE student chapter for 1996-97 are: Nancy Wojciechowski, president; Sean Mooney, vice president; Jim Chisholm, activities co-ordinator; Mike McLean, treasurer; and Jarron Childs, secretary.

"This is the third time the CSCE student chapter at Lakehead won this award since the award was established 15 years ago," says Dr. Said Easa, chair of the Department of Civil Engineering.

"The CSCE executive committee and CSCE Faculty Advisor Dr. Claude Johnson are to be commended for their dedication and hard work."

29th Algonquian Conference

The 29th Algonquian Conference will be held at Lakehead University October 24-26, 1997. Papers will be given on topics pertaining to Algonquian peoples, including Ojibwe, Cree, Micmac, Blackfoot, Delaware, and other Algonquian groups in Canada and the United States.

The Conference traditionally deals with art, archaeology, ethnology, history, linguistics, music, literature, philosophy, political studies, religion, and other areas.

The proceedings of the Conference are published by the University of Manitoba.

Registration fees before October 1, 1997 are \$40 Canadian (\$35 US) for non-students, \$25 (\$20 US) for students; after October 1 they are \$45 (\$40 US) for non-students, \$30 (\$25 US) for students.

A preliminary schedule is now available. For further information contact John O'Meara (Education) at 343-8054; electronic mail: john.omeara@lakeheadu.ca; WorldWideWeb site: <http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~AlgConf97>. john.omeara@lakeheadu.ca

Help with Publishing

Dr. Michael MacLean, a professor of gerontology at McMaster University and adjunct professor to the Department of Social Work at Lakehead, held three workshops on campus last June on the topic of publishing in academic journals.

Currently he is working with 10 faculty members, 10 graduate students and 12 community researchers and will be back on campus during the week of November 3 for another workshop and individual meetings with people who want them.

MacLean has experience as an author, section editor of the *Canadian Journal on Aging*, and editorial board member of the *Canadian Social Work Review*.

The workshops were organized with the support of the Office of Graduate Studies and Research and NECAH.

Michael MacLean can be reached by e-mail: michael.macleam@sympatico.ca



Richard Rebneris, a Lakehead civil engineering graduate, won the first prize in the CSCE 1996 Hydrotechnical Division Undergraduate Student Report Competition for his degree project report entitled, "Rainwater Harvesting for Residential Irrigation." The degree project was supervised by Dr. Umed Panu.

Zulfikar Abdul Karim, also a Lakehead civil engineering graduate, won the second prize in the CSCE 1996 Transportation Division Undergraduate Student Report Competition for his degree project entitled, "Fitting Vertical Alignment to Road Profile Data." The degree project was supervised by Dr. Said Easa.

Both Richard and Zulfikar will receive a Certificate of Merit as well as a one-year free membership in CSCE. The abstracts of their reports will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Canadian Civil Engineer* magazine.

In Memoriam

Dr. K. J. Charles

Dr. Koipillai J. Charles, professor, chairman and first appointee to the new Department of Economics at Lakehead University, Ontario, passed away in Madras, India, on June 6, 1997.

Charles had been appointed in 1966 by Dr. Gordon Rothney, first Dean of Arts and Science at Lakehead University. At the time of his death Dr. Charles had retired and was professor emeritus of economics actively associated with a research institute in his hometown of Madras, India. For over three decades Dr. Charles taught hundreds of students. He received his MA from the prestigious Presidency College, Madras and his PhD from McGill University while on a scholarship in Canada. He later taught at McGill and at the University of Manitoba before joining Lakehead and building up the new Department of Economics. He specialized in development economics but his intellectual curiosity took his research beyond his specialization into political economy. He was the author of several books and research papers including *Total Development: Essays Toward and Integration of Marxian and Gandhian Perspectives* and *The Myth of Inflation*.

Charles was a prolific essayist and although initially a Keynesian adopted other modes of thinking and writing about Marx, Gandhi and socialist humanism. Like others of his generation of Canadian economists he was a strong advocate of Canadian nationalism and a critic of American global hegemony. A strong voice for public conscience he was a defender of minorities especially Aboriginal people and drew attention to problems of racism informing his scholarship with an intellectual vigour that was as logical as it was incisive. He worked with the United Nations in New York, organized a CIDA funded program for middle level administrators from Third World countries, and hosted a large number of distinguished economists at Lakehead while upholding the highest standards of scholarship. The death of K.J. Charles removes an eminent economist from the Canadian, Indian and international scene.

Charles was predeceased by his wife Anna Charles and is survived by his daughters Gita and Consuela and sons Ashoke and Mohon.

-- Dr. Pradip Sarbadhikari, Chair, Department of Political Science

Public Lecture
Thunder Bay Branch, CIIA

INDONESIA TODAY

Speaker: David Harries, Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta, Indonesia

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1997

Time: 8 pm

Place: Senate Chambers, Room 1001

Everyone Welcome
(Admission Free)

Co-sponsored by the
Lakehead University
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Honorary Degrees

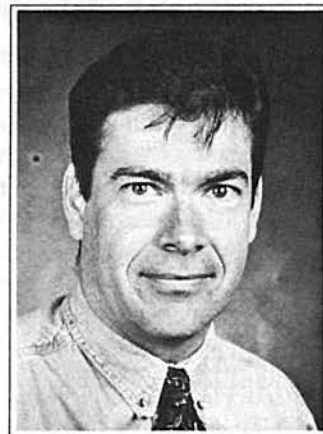
A Call for Candidates

The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees invites all members of the University community to submit the names of suitable candidates for honorary degrees to be awarded at the spring Convocation in May of 1998.

It would be helpful if as much information as possible could be provided about each candidate proposed. All suggestions will be carefully considered by the Committee which will then make its recommendations to Senate.

Please send your proposals, as soon as possible, to the attention of Dr Walter Epp, Chair, Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees, c/o Faculty of Education

Profile



Dr. Mark Gallagher
Assistant Professor
Department of Physics
CB 4031 (ext. 8226)

History: Started working at Lakehead University in August, 1995, having spent two years working in the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory of a U.S. Government Research Lab in Washington State called the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL).

Education: Completed his undergraduate degree in Physics at the University of Calgary and a PhD at the University of Alberta in 1990. Completed a Post-doc at Pennsylvania State University before taking a position to work in the field of Environmental Remediation alongside 3,000 other scientists at PNNL.

Teaching and Research Interests: Recipient of the only NSERC Equipment grant to be awarded to Lakehead in 1997-98 (\$46,988 to purchase the control system for a scanning tunneling microscope) as well as a \$25,000 NSERC grant to study "Heteroepitaxy of ultrathin films of metals and metal oxides."

Why he chose Lakehead: "You get the best of both worlds...It is a small department, but since everyone is focussed in one area of Physics (condensed matter and optical physics) you get to work in a good atmosphere. There is lots of potential."

Roots: Born in England, moved to Medicine Hat, Alberta, at age 10 and developed an interest in Physics by way of high school Chemistry. Has enjoyed lifelong interest in soccer which he plays year 'round in Thunder Bay. Happy to be back in Canada with his wife Moira and daughters, Laura, 8, and Sheila, 4.

Women's Wartime Work

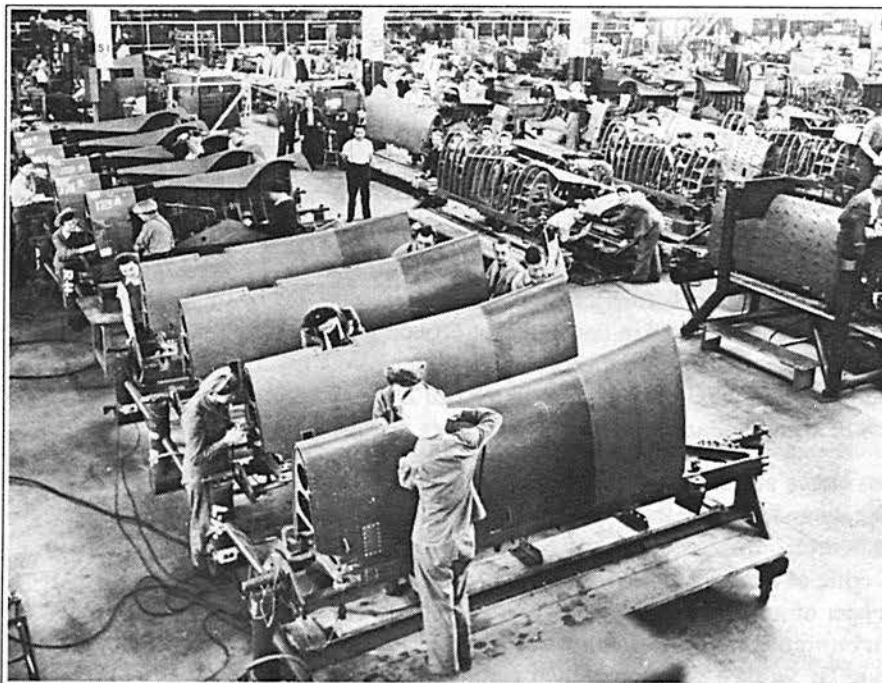
For the past two years, Professor Pam Wakewich (Women's Studies/Sociology), Dr. Helen Smith (Women's Studies/History) and Dr. Jeanette Lynes (English) have been collaborating on an interdisciplinary research project. They are examining women's wartime work and identities within the broader framework of theoretical questions concerning women, work and social change currently being debated in women's history and feminist historiography.

A central component of their research is the collection of original oral histories of women who worked at Canadian Car and Foundry Co. Limited (CanCar), Fort William -- an important site of aircraft manufacture during World War II.

In the fall of 1996, a brief article about the project in *The Chronicle-Journal* generated an overwhelming response from local residents who had been employed themselves, or who knew of women who had been employed at CanCar during the war years. By the fall of 1998 the researchers hope to have collected between 50 and 60 original oral history interviews with the CanCar women.

The following excerpt, detailing some of the researchers' early findings, is from a paper accepted for publication in a forthcoming book and accompanying CD ROM entitled *A Century Stronger -- Women's History in Canada* edited by Dr. Sharon Cook, University of Ottawa, and Kate O'Rourke Provincial Archives of Ontario:

"Of particular interest in the preliminary analysis of the first group of interviews completed are the early work histories of many of the CanCar women which challenge the common sense presumption that the women who worked in war production were primarily housewives prior to the war, and that war industry work itself was experienced as 'non-traditional,' or distinctly different from their prewar work. For the many women who migrated from prairie farms to the Fort William plant, as well as local rural women, work with machinery in the plant was not dissimilar in terms of physical demand and skill to the farm work they had grown up with. For women employed as domestic workers prior



Women's participation in aircraft production at Fort William's CanCar plant began in 1938 with the hiring of a small group of women to sew fabric wings and tails for aircraft (photo, right). Over the next five years, women moved into almost all stages of plant production until, by 1944, they numbered 2,707 out of a total of 6,760 employees.



to the war, the work at CanCar was described as preferable because of its higher pay, clearer job expectations and more employee autonomy, and the camaraderie with other workers. While a few of the women expressed relief at returning to a more domestic role after the plant's closure, many others indicated that they would have preferred to remain in a similar type of employment at the plant if the opportunity had been available to them."

-- "Women's Wartime Work and Identities: A Case Study of Women Workers at Canadian Car and Foundry Co. Limited, Fort William, Ontario, 1938-1945"

This in-depth, interdisciplinary research project has been funded by a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Aid to Small Universities Grant

through the Lakehead University Centre for Feminist Research. Two papers on this project were presented this summer: one by Helen Smith to the Canadian Historical Association Conference and The Learned Societies Meeting, Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, and another by Jeanette Lynes at the "Voices of the North/Visions of the North" Conference at the University of Nipissing in North Bay, Ontario. An article derived from these conference papers is forthcoming in the *Thunder Bay Historical Museum Journal Papers and Records*.

Photo Credits: The large photo above dates from 1943-44 and is from the collection of Mrs. Betty Strasko. The smaller one is from the collection of Mrs. Isabelle Spicer (nee Baird).



Centre for Feminist Research

The Centre for Feminist Research at Lakehead University seeks to consolidate, promote, and expand research from a feminist perspective. The objectives of the Centre are:

- to promote and facilitate, within an interdisciplinary context, the various feminist research initiatives which are being undertaken by scholars within the Lakehead University community;

- to work toward securing long-term funding for activities associated with feminist initiatives at Lakehead University;

- to lend long-term structure and continuity to feminist research at Lakehead University;

- to provide students from all disciplines with the opportunity to incorporate feminist perspectives into their research;

- to provide a venue for research presentations and dialogue among feminist scholars across disciplines;

Membership in the Centre is open to anyone interested in feminist research. The activities of the Centre are organized by a Coordinating Committee selected by the Centre's members.

For information contact Dr. Helen Smith, Women Studies Co-ordinator, Department of History 343-8581.

Alumni Support

During the summer, the President of the Alumni Association Jim Kalyta presented Lakehead University with a cheque for \$7,500. It is the first installment toward its three-year pledge of \$45,000 to create a LU-OSOTF bursary.

Web Development Office

Lakehead's Web Development Office can help you generate high quality and creative web pages in keeping with Lakehead policies and graphics standards. For information contact Lakehead's Web Administrator Carol Otte at ext. 8408.

Visiting the UK?

If you are visiting Britain or spending a sabbatical there the Academic Relations Unit of the Canadian High Commission in London would like to hear from you. The Academic Relations Unit promotes teaching, research and publication about Canada in the United Kingdom, and academic linkages with the UK. Contact Michael Hellyer, Canadian High Commission, 1 Grosvenor Square, London, W1X 0AB

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Help with Public Speaking

Thunder Bay Toastmasters has produced two 30-minute videos in collaboration with Shaw Cable which give tips on organizing and delivering a presentation and running an effective business meeting. They will air on Shaw Cable 7 to coincide with the first Toastmasters International District 6 conference October 17-18, 1997, at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay.

For more information contact Dr. Yves Prévost in the Faculty of Forestry. Prévost has been elected Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training for Toastmasters International of District 6 which includes over 4,500 Toastmasters from Minnesota and Northwestern Ontario.

Partnership with Avenor

Avenor (Thunder Bay) and Lakehead have entered into an agreement that will see the two organizations renew and strengthen their corporate-to-corporate partnership.

The initial phase of the partnership will be to develop a relationship in a variety of areas which will include Avenor employee leadership development, co-operative education participation, cultivation of international student exchange programs, research and development enhancement and Avenor employee wellness programs.

Technology Centre Gains Momentum

Lakehead University is doing what it can to ensure that small businesses get a foothold in Thunder Bay. The University, in partnership with the private sector, City of Thunder Bay and Confederation College, plans to establish the Northwestern Ontario Technology Centre -- a facility designed to provide a setting for business to create and expand new employment.

Project Manager Ray Rivard explains the concept in a preliminary business plan: "Technology Centres are effective and efficient mechanisms for the transfer of technology from the research labs to the private sector, and ultimately the marketplace. Such centres play a vital role in the development, commercialization, and growth of new ventures resulting in job creation and general economic development." His goal is to present a full business plan to Thunder Bay's City Council in October with the hope that a decision on the Centre's location will be made by spring.

Embedded in the plan is the idea of having a number of "anchor tenants." These might include the Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP), Development Thunder Bay's Small Business Self Help Office, and Lakehead University's Technology Transfer Office all of which currently offer services to entrepreneurs. Other savings would be achieved by having tenants pool administrative facilities and services such as board rooms, reception areas, computers and fax machines.

Initial funding for the planning of the Technology Centre was provided by Human Resources Development Canada. The Board of Directors currently comprised of Sharon Hacio (Chair), Dr. John Whitfield, Roy Murray, George Fleming, Ken Bruley, Marvin Detweiler and Frank Pullia will be increased to include two representatives from the region and three from the local business community.

For further information contact Ray Rivard at 343-8887 or visit him at his office in the Student Placement & Co-operative Education Centre on the second floor of the University Centre.



Scouting Out Lakehead

You can be sure that when 12,000 scouts visited Thunder Bay to attend the 9th Scouts Canada Jamboree July 12-20, 1997, Lakehead University had its recruitment materials all ready! In fact, Lakehead had a strong presence on the CJ'97 site at Boulevard Lake thanks to the many staff and faculty from Forestry, Geology, Biology, Geography, Engineering, Languages, Computer Science and Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism who volunteered to staff the University's display and activity area. Scouts who correctly answered a few skill-testing questions such as "What city is Lakehead University in?" and "Name three areas of study that Lakehead University offers" earned a Lakehead University crest and the opportunity to enter their name into a daily draw for prizes.

Registrar Pentti Paularinne has been a long-time volunteer with Scouts Canada. He is the regional commissioner for Northwestern Ontario region, Scouts Canada, and served on the CJ'97 special events committee.

Life is Simple: Eat, Sleep, Play Golf.

Eighteen teams turned out to play a lively "best ball" tournament at the annual Maintenance Choice Golf Tournament in June. After dinner, organizers handed out a variety of prizes including the Maintenance Choice Trophy which went to the team with the lowest score: Al Law, Norm Gallows, Rob Nahachewski and Judy Bates. The department is grateful to all those who donated prizes, the volunteers who organized the event, and the Print Shop for their continued support. Proceeds from the tournament were directed to the Lakehead University Maintenance Choice Bursary Fund.



\$4800 in annual graduate student bursaries. These bursaries will first be awarded in January, 1999. (l-r) Marv Detweiler, Manager, Northwestern Business Centre, Royal Bank; Len Scramstad, Area Manager, Royal Bank; Dr. Bob Rosehart; Denise Blair, Account Manager, CIBC; Cameron Nicholson, Manager, CIBC.

Alex Pasquali International Student Advisor



A well-travelled Lakehead graduate who is fluent in four languages has taken on the job of advising our international students this year. His name is Alex Pasquali and you can find him in a new office beside the LUSU office (in what used to be the Gender Issues Centre).

Pasquali has travelled to 61 countries since visiting Italy as a child. Most recently he spent a year supply teaching in London. But he's also taught in Korea and Costa Rica.

His passion for travel is connected to his love of languages and "new ways of thinking." His many experiences abroad, he says, will help him to empathize with the international students at Lakehead who may be unfamiliar with Canadian ways.

Banks Support Graduate Bursaries

The Royal Bank and CIBC, ongoing Lakehead University supporters, established significant endowments through the Ontario Student Trust Fund program which will result in a payout of

Library News

September news including tours, renovations, hours of operation, new electronic sources, placing materials on reserve, etc. is contained in a newsletter edited by Gisella Scalse.

Lakehead University Library News is also available on the Library's web page <http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~librwww/home.html> (click on Library Hours/News).

Staff News

During the spring and summer months, employment notices were issued by the Human Resource Department announcing the appointments of the following:

Michael K. McIsaac, Counsellor, Native Support Services; **Karen Chan**, Nurse, Health Services Unit; **Kevin G. Maggrah**, Technologist, Civil/Mechanical Engineering; **Pat Kanary**, Residence Facilities Supervisor, Residence and Conference Services; **Elsie Stoney**, Research Assistant, Faculty of Education; **Deneen Dutchak**, Shelves, Library; **Marsha Porter**, Library Technician/Secretary; **Alex Pasquali**, International Student Advisor; and **Sandi Covino**, Coordinator, Health Services.

In Memoriam

Lakehead University extends condolences to the family and friends of two women who passed away at the end of August. Both were employed in Campus Development:

Alma Giovanna Petricig passed away on August 18, 1997. Petricig had been employed in Campus Development for 12 years. She is survived by her husband Luigi, a daughter and a son. If friends desire, donations may be made to the Alma Petricig Memorial Bursary, c/o Lakehead University Development Office.

Beverley Ann Rayner passed away at her residence on August 28, 1997. Rayner had been employed in Campus Development part-time for four years and full-time since August, 1996. She is survived by her son Kenny and her mother Beverley Ann Rayner.

Kim Trimble awarded NRC's Women in Engineering and Science Award

by Linda Wood, Financial Aid Office

A first-year electrical engineering student, has been awarded the 1997 National Research Council's Women in Engineering and Science Award.

Kim Trimble entered Lakehead University in the summer of 1995, having completed the Native Access Program in Engineering. It is her ambition to work in the information and communication industry.

The National Research Council's (NRC) Women in Engineering and Science Program was established over five years ago. This unique program is designed to encourage greater participation of women in the under-represented fields of engineering, science and mathematics. NRC's research portfolio includes expertise in disciplines as diverse as biotechnology, manufacturing, information technology and telecommunications.

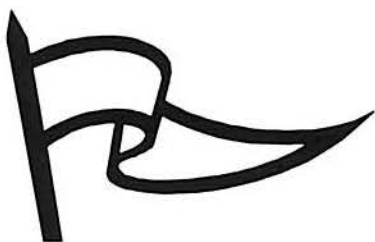
This year, NRC screened over 100 candidate nominations. Universities across Canada were able to nominate three candidates for this prestigious award. Trimble is one of 26 nationally recognized candidates!

Submissions included information on the student's fields of study, public exposure, job training, leadership skills, communication skills, two letters of reference as well as a letter from the student explaining why they wish to be considered for the NRC Women in Engineering and Science Program.

During the next three summers, Trimble will become a part-time NRC employee, working with researchers in NRC laboratories. Throughout the tenure of the Women in Engineering and Science Program, Trimble will be partnered with an NRC scientist or engineer who will act as her mentor, providing the guidance and direction necessary for her to define and reach her goals.

Trimble says she is elated with her 'good news' and is somewhat overwhelmed with all the opportunities NRC's Women in Engineering and Science Award has opened for her in achieving her academic, research and career goals. Trimble is looking forward to sharing her success with her family and friends. This summer, she was working with Suncor Energy Oil Sands Company in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

NOTE: Last year, Neety Panu, who was registered in her first year Honours Bachelor of Science in Biology, was also successful in receiving the NRC's Women in Engineering and Science Award. Panu spent the summer working in an NRC laboratory in Ottawa.



**John Zanatta Alumni
Games**

October 18, 1997

Information -- 343-8213

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

October 29-November 1, 1997

Lakehead University is one of four organizations hosting the 8th annual conference of The Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention at the Valhalla Inn from October 29 to November 1, 1997.

The goals of the conference are:

- to increase awareness of the problem of suicide within northern and rural communities and among professional and community groups,

- to increase knowledge as to the contributing factors towards suicidal behaviours and problems with bereavement for individuals, families and communities,

- and to increase suicide prevention skills.

A variety of presentations, activities and opportunities for interaction and discussion will take place over the four days. As well as keynote speakers, there will be a presentation of the one-woman play "Path with no Moccasins" written and performed by actor Shirley Cheechoo, and a "Blues for Life" Banquet featuring one of Canada's premier Blues bands -- the Downchild Blues Band.

For information contact Ian Cull, Counselling and Career Centre, at ext. 8934. A registration form is available through the Association's web site -- <http://www3.sympatico.ca/masecard/index.html>

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