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Although specific details are not yet available, the Government of Ontario has confirmed its willingness to provide the University with some additional funds in order to alleviate the impact of our enrolment shortfall. At the same time, the Minister of Colleges and Universities, the Honourable John White, has made it clear that the University, for its part, must make considerable economies and must develop innovative, attractive program offerings in order to retain and attract students.

On the strength of the Government's preliminary indication of extra financial support, the University has been able to minimize the staff reductions required. With the exception of two probationary appointments, the reductions were confined to the non-renewal of a number of short-term appointments. Such appointments are normally made on a one-year basis in order to replace regular faculty members who are on temporary leave. Under our present circumstances, the teaching responsibilities of faculty members going on leave during 1972/73 shall be assumed by their departmental colleagues in order that our course offerings do not suffer.

Difficult decisions have been necessary in order to reduce the operating costs of administrative and academic departments, without jeopardizing essential services and the teaching and research program of the University. This task has been made more difficult by the fact that provision had to be made for additional faculty for the fourth years of the Forestry and the Physical and Health Education degree programs, which will be offered for the first time in 1972/73.

The University's next step must be to continue its review of the present course and program offerings, now without the counter-productive stresses of the financial emergency, with the explicit objective of qualitative, creative improvement.

W. G. Tamblyn, President

CUA Report

On Tuesday, December 7, representatives of Lakehead University met with the Provincial Government's Committee on University Affairs to present the University's Annual Brief. This year's meeting was held at York University in Toronto.

The two major topics for discussion during the meeting were the level of emerging support the University can expect to receive in view of the enrolment fluctuation experienced this year, and the proposal for a new conversion program in Engineering. On the first matter, the University received assurances that the extra emergent grant which the Provincial Government has indicated will be forthcoming for the current year was not simply an *ad hoc* arrangement.

The Committee was confident that the policy on emergent grants would be revised so that the level of extra financial support in future years would reflect the actual enrolment situation.

The Engineering proposal seemed to be well received by CUA. Members of the Committee asked many questions about the nature and purpose of the conversion program, the likely enrolments to be expected, and the financial implications. The University's President, Dr. W. G. Tamblyn reminded the Committee that a small university which was required to reduce its expenditures could not be expected to launch innovative programs without special government support. Dr. D. T. Wright, Chairman of the Committee of University Affairs, agreed that a higher operating weight was probably required for this conversion program than was given to ordinary Engineering programs. During the discussion on enrolment projections, Dr. Wright recognized that CUA and the Provincial Government had some responsibility to assist new and experimental programs such as this one by not allowing duplicate programs to develop elsewhere which would compete for the same students.

For the second consecutive year, the University sought from CUA and the Government special funding for our Off-Campus Program. Due to financial considerations, off-campus courses currently require a minimum enrolment of approximately 15 students. Special funding would make it possible with as few as 8 students. The Chairman of CUA expressed the feeling that extra funds were surely in order for courses involving extra costs for travel, etc. The University also requested that consideration be given to provid-



ing special financial support for non-credit courses given in the region. At the present time the Province does not give any support for non-credit courses, even though such courses might be of greater benefit to some communities in Northwestern Ontario.

Other items discussed at Tuesday's Meeting included:

- the possibility of receiving higher operating weights for students enrolled in technology programs, consistent with those given to similar programs in Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology;
- the academic review of all programs offered at Lakehead University which began this fall;
- the enrolment shortfall experienced throughout the Provincial system this year and possible reasons for it;
- the recognition that Lakehead University is a regional resource centre for all of Northwestern Ontario;
- the possibility of attracting students from Southern Ontario to study in the North so that they might learn more about their province (one suggestion was to arrange exchange programs with other Universities so that students could spend at least one year of their University career in the North);
- and the possibility of a music program in the near future to complement the work of the Lakehead Symphony Orchestra.

Lakehead was the last of Ontario's fourteen provincially assisted universities to meet with the Committee on University Affairs this fall. The Committee will prepare its recommendations to the Government early in the New Year. These in turn will be the basis for Government decisions to be announced at the time of the provincial budget in early spring.

Christmas Notes

- This is the year's final edition of LU WEEK. The Information Office joins the entire University community in wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.
- The Lakehead University Women's Association announces the Annual Children's Christmas Party. It will take place in the Main Cafeteria on Sunday, December 19, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The party is open to children of all Faculty and Employees of Lakehead University, 12 years and under. Registration costs 60¢ per child. Parents get in free. It is rumoured Santa Claus will be there. To register, call Ann Griffith at 344-0503 before December 16.

Lakehead University Overseas

As a part of Summer Session 1971, two Lakehead University departments presented overseas courses. The Department of English offered three courses in England and the Department of Languages offered five French courses in Caen, France. Both of these programs ran concurrent with on-campus summer programs beginning July 1 and ending about August 16.

There were a total of fourteen students enrolled in the English program. They left Thunder Bay airport on July 1 for London, England. The program was centred at The Shakespeare Institute in Stratford-upon-Avon which is affiliated with the University of Birmingham and at Corpus Christi College, Oxford University.

The group spent two days touring historical points of interest in London. The three courses in this program were Shakespeare, Advanced Shakespeare and Modern Drama. These courses were offered at credit and honours credit levels and students could try one or two courses depending upon their ability and stamina.

The Department of English embarked on such a program hoping that it would allow students to broaden their horizons with respect to the subject matter they had chosen to pursue. This is, in fact, what happened. At the end of the summer the students referred to the program as an experience in learning which gave them new perspectives on true education. The students embarked on the program for the credits offered, but also because it provided the opportunity to learn through travel.

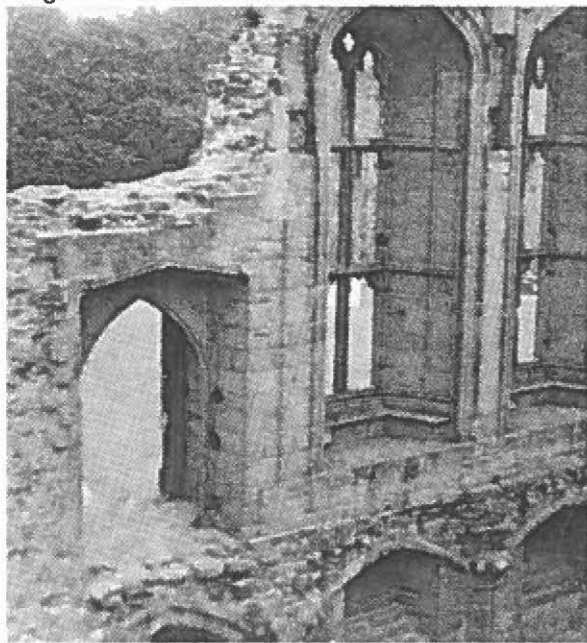
The first part of the program was centred in Stratford, where the students stayed in private homes. This made them feel more a part of the learning which they were experiencing. The students attended plays presented at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and were able to meet and speak with the actors from the plays which they had watched. This immediate access to Shakespeare and his works made the courses seem enriched and alive according to the students. In Stratford, all lectures were given at the Shakespeare Institute which offers one of the best reference libraries for Shakespeare and drama anywhere.

After leaving Stratford, the group moved to Oxford where they were able to study with a group of students from the University of Calgary who were in Oxford on a similar program. In the lecture sessions at Corpus Christi College, Lakehead University students were exposed to professors from both Lakehead and Calgary.



Other guest lecturers were made available for the students throughout the program. These lecturers included personnel from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, The University of Birmingham, The University of British Columbia and Oxford University.

Student evaluations of the program, submitted after the students returned to Canada, revealed many constructive criticisms which the program director, Dr. George Merrill, Chairman of the Department of English at Lakehead University, says will be considered in the preparation of future overseas programs. These evaluations showed that the administrative details of the program were well executed by the Department of English and the Summer Session Office.



Kenilworth Castle

With respect to the stay in England, the students appreciated fully the way in which the program proceeded. Side trips throughout the English countryside touched points such as Warwick Castle, Coventry Cathedral, Stonehenge, Bath and Ludlow. With respect to all such outings it is interesting to note that the students claimed that at no time did they feel like tourists. Rather, they felt that they were somehow meant to be there.

The courses were strenuous, but the students who embarked on the program were prepared to work, and this attitude, coupled with the attitudes acquired overseas as a result of direct contact with the subject material, led to a high passing rate in all student courses. The program incorporated readings, practical

workshops, critical reports and midterm and final exams, in an effort to maintain the best possible academic nature in the courses. According to Dr. Merrill, examinations covered not only academic but also cultural and theatrical material, in keeping with the entire program.

Finally, the students were given a week for free travel before the return to Canada. The students felt this gave them time to follow up on some activities and interests which previous courses had made impossible.

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The French courses, administered through the Department of Languages, sent a total of forty-five students to Caen, France, where they learned through an almost total immersion in the French language and culture.

Students in this program lived in private dwellings with French students who acted as constant tutors. They studied at the University of Caen under Lakehead University professors and they also took lectures from the teaching staff of the University of Caen.

On four of the seven weekends in France, the students took part in excursions throughout the French countryside around Caen. These tours provided ample insights into French culture, and were much appreciated by the students.

Comments by the students in the Caen program with respect to the program's value were not unlike those accorded the English studies which took place in Stratford and Oxford.

Students in both programs, the staff that went to teach the courses, the program administrators and the Lakehead University Faculty of Arts all feel that the value of such a form of learning cannot be overemphasized. One of the students put the feelings of all into words when she wrote, "a learning experience of such a fine quality cannot be translated into words."

It is with this spirit that the Lakehead University Faculty of Arts hopes once again, next summer, to offer overseas programs in the best interests of all students in search of a better quality education.

Editor's Note: Responsibility for the above article rests entirely with the Faculty of Arts, the Department of English and the Department of Languages.

weekly events

- Friday
December 10 —L.U. Nor'Westers Hockey Team meets the University of Winnipeg at 8 p.m. in the Port Arthur Arena.
- Saturday
December 11 —Examinations Begin
- Sunday
December 19 —Lakehead University Women's Association Children's Christmas Party, Main Cafeteria, 2:30 to 4:30.

"Democracy: A Great Spirit"

The University is an organ of public inspiration and public will and its target is to make democracy a working tool in the hands of free men and women, declared Hon. Mr. Justice Lawrence T. Pennell, the new Chancellor of McMaster University, during his address at Autumn Convocation on Friday evening, November 19.

"Our society has been carried forward by a faithful adherence to the principle we describe in the oversimplified phrase, 'Government by laws and not by men'", said Chancellor Pennell. "However, we must never forget that it is implicit in this philosophy that the discontented have a duty as well as a right to voice openly their dissatisfaction, and the contented have an obligation to tolerate and answer opposition.

"But something has happened and something is happening to our society. We are, for the moment at least, in a period of agitation and criticism of our democratic institutions. We must not complacently assume that the storm of protest is wholly without cause or provocation. Nor is it sufficient for us to merely denounce it. The most distinctive feature of a free society is the right to dissent, to protest, and to debate with one another in the search for better answers to better questions. Let us remember that democracy is something more than laws and a form of government - it is a great spirit.

"Tolerance is the basic principle of a free society. To respond to protest and criticism gracefully, sincerely and respectfully - and at the same time to insist on due respect for your own competence and interest - will not be easy. Sane and honest compromise is an indispensable instrument in the practice of a democracy. But there is no room for any form of lawlessness.

"The task of bringing social cohesion and purpose into our society and providing enough for those who have too little will inevitably bring an increase in the functions and size of government. Those in authority must be constantly reminded that the whole purpose of government is to secure the freedom of the individual. Of what avail is freedom, if we do not live? If government is to express healthy public opinion, it is evident that it must be generated by a disciplined and informed public mind. You have well-trained minds not easily deceived by distortion of facts or stampeded by prejudices. To ignore your political duties is tantamount to an escape from freedom..."

meetings

- Friday
December 10 Senate Meeting in the Senate Chamber at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday
December 14 University Committee Meeting in Senate Chamber at 9 a.m.
- Thursday
December 16 Senate Judicial Committee Meeting in Senate Chamber at 10 a.m.

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Anybody Seen Mount Loo?

Word is out that a ski hill has been built behind the Fieldhouse. According to reliable informants, the hill has a vertical height of sixty feet and an outrun of one-thousand feet. Henry Akervall, who affectionately calls the hill "Hank's Dilemma", is anxious to install night lights and a towrope so that the hill can be enjoyed for Winter Carnival activities. If there are any readers who have always wanted to make a mountain out of a mole hill, please contact Hank at Ext. 544. He'll be more than glad to discuss the possibilities of Mount Loo with you.

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