



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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Over \$26.4 Million Raised in SONV

A new stained glass donor board was unveiled at a donors reception in January to recognize those who gave over \$5,000 to Phase I of the *Share Our Northern Vision* fund-raising campaign.

"Share Our Northern Vision has truly made a difference at Lakehead," says Joy Himmelman, Director of Student Services and Community Relations. "Through the generosity of numerous donors including the parents of our students, Lakehead has raised over \$26.4 million in Phase I of the SONV campaign, well exceeding the University's original goal of \$19.2 million over five years."

These funds have enabled Lakehead to complete important capital building projects including the Bora Laskin building addition and the Chancellor Paterson Library renovations, the Student Centre, and special needs accessibility. The donations have also enhanced Lakehead's scholarships and bursaries program as well as made it possible for the University to develop new initiatives such as the Halliday Hall Fellowship Residence/Alumni House, the Chair in Finnish Studies, Distance Education Step-Video Conferencing, the Native Access Program for Engineering, and the William H. Buset Centre for Music and Visual Arts.

Our sincere gratitude to all of you who have contributed to the success of the Share Our Northern Vision campaign through financial contributions and participation in the campaign activities and events.

Thanks!

We could not have done it without you!

Share
OUR NORTHERN VISION

Parents Fund Campaign

Parents play a vital role in Lakehead's success story. "In the last few years, Lakehead's Parents Campaign has provided very significant funding to special initiatives that would have been impossible due to recent government cutbacks," says LU President, Dr. Bob Rosehart. "In particular, funding to the Library is vitally important to all present and future students. Since 1993, the Parents Fund has provided substantial support toward the purchase of new books and periodicals for the University's library."

This year, the focus of the Parents Fund has shifted to support the Lakehead University Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (LU-OSOTF) -- a program established in response to the Ontario Government's recent announcement that it will match on a dollar-to-dollar basis any funds pledged by March 31, 1997 and paid in full by March 31, 1999 for bursary endowment. The Parents Fund is striving to create an endowment that will generate ten \$1,000 bursaries for students in financial need.



Financing an education is a challenge for many students. Government cutbacks and rising tuition make it even more difficult. Since January, student callers have been calling parents of current students and asking for their help in providing much-needed support to future students through endowed bursaries. Their goal is to raise \$100,000 over three years from over 3,000 parents. To date, results of the phonathon have been very positive with over \$70,000 received in gifts and pledges over the three-year period. What will this ultimately mean to our students of the coming years? Well, when matched, \$140,000 will be endowed and this will result in eight or nine new bursaries of up to \$1,000 each.

University education is a continuing but large step on the lifelong path of learning. The Parents Fund provides yet another way for parents to be a part of this exciting process. "The current initiative aimed at providing student financial aid," says Dr. Rosehart, "is most important and will ease the financial burden of our students for years to come."

We would like to give A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who have made pledges or payments in support of the Parents Fund Campaign. We hope that those of you who are considering making your pledges to the Parents Fund LU-OSOTF initiative would do so by **March 31, 1997** in order to qualify for the Ontario Government's matching contribution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Rob Zuback, Manager of Alumni Services, at (807) 343-8916.

LU'S BEST

First Canadian to Chair ASCE Urban Transportation Division



Dr. Said Easa (Civil Engineering) has assumed the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Urban Transportation Division (UTD), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). The UTD has about 13,000 affiliate members and consists of 15 technical committees involving some 300 members. According to ASCE News, Dr. Easa is the first Canadian in the history of ASCE to chair its transportation division. Currently he also serves as

chair of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE) Transportation Division.

Imasco Scholarship Recipient

Jim Smithers was one of 19 students to receive financial assistance through the Imasco Scholarship Fund for Disabled Students for the 1996-97 academic year. The \$2,000 scholarship will allow Jim to pursue his undergraduate studies at Lakehead in psychology. Administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), the decisions of the independent selection committee appointed by the AUCC are based on the academic background, motivation, maturity and extent of disability of the candidates.

Tough to Beat Facts

- ✓ Lakehead's business students have had the highest success rate of any university in Ontario when it comes to passing the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) admissions examinations. Over the last three years, 80 per cent of Lakehead students who wrote the exam passed;
- ✓ The number of students in Ontario who passed the Chartered Accountants Uniform Final Exams is 68 per cent while the percentage of Lakehead students who passed is 89 per cent;
- ✓ Lakehead's nursing graduates had a 100 per cent success rate in their Registered Nurse (RN) exams in 1996;
- ✓ According to a Graduate Survey conducted by Statistics Canada in 1994, 100 per cent of Lakehead's forestry graduates are employed;
- ✓ When it comes to paying back student loans, Lakehead graduates are tops! In 1993-94 the default rate among Ontario university students was 11.5 per cent. Among Lakehead students that figure dropped to 9.7 per cent!

Engineering Student Receives Awards of Excellence

Kirsten Erica Maki, a Lakehead student in her final year of the Bachelor of Engineering Degree program (Chemical Engineering major) has been awarded one of 15 Governor General's Canada Scholarships in Environmental Engineering funded by Dupont Canada Inc. The scholarship value is \$1,500. Maki is the recipient of several other scholarships including the Canada Scholarship and the Lakehead University Entrance Award of Academic Excellence. In addition, she received the General Motors of Canada Limited Excellence Through Diversity Award which also included summer employment with General Motors of Canada in Oshawa.

Alumni Scholarship Recipient

Each year Lakehead University Alumni Association awards a scholarship valued at \$5,000 to an outstanding student entering Lakehead University. This year, the scholarship was awarded to **Adam Moir**, a graduate of Hammarskjold High School who is now halfway through his first year of the Honours Biology program at Lakehead. Apart from being a top-notch student, Adam impressed the Alumni Scholarship Selection Committee with the breadth and scope of his abilities, particularly in athletics and student government.



Lakehead University Entrance Scholar



Patricia Cotton is a Lakehead University Entrance Scholar majoring in Music. She says "that she couldn't be happier with her music profts at Lakehead University." Her immediate plans are to focus her performance training by developing as a vocalist and percussionist. Most recently she competed successfully in the Lakehead Music Festival. Some of her many interests and hobbies include languages, travel, church choir, canoeing.

Patricia's long-term goals include a career in arts administration or perhaps as a teacher of the arts. Patricia is a great role model. Her motivation to achieve is an inspiration to others. Words of wisdom from Patricia: "I believe that practice makes perfect, but above all, I have learned that attitude is everything."

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

SUDS (Students Unified for Drinking Sensibly)

Lakehead's *SUDS Committee* has been busy hosting a variety of events to promote alcohol awareness and responsible lifestyles. The Committee is comprised of the Residence Life Coordinator, Health Educator, LU Student Union's VP of Student Issues, as well as student volunteers. This year, the campaign got off to a great start with the Kumbaya Festival held at the student pub, *The Outpost*, and an interview of some LU students on *MUCHMUSIC* in September. The Outpost provided a great venue for many other awareness events such as coffee houses, stand-up comedies, an "All U Can Eat" spaghetti dinner, and the give-away of \$100 worth of quarters donated by *Oikonen's Yellow Cabs* to encourage students to call a cab instead of driving home from the pub.

A "Mock Accident" was staged during Alcohol Awareness Week in October. Students had the opportunity to witness the rescue of victims from a smashed-up vehicle by the *Thunder Bay Fire Department* using the "Jaws of Life." Movie and bowling nights, a chocolate pudding wrestling tournament as well as a duathlon (3k run, followed by 10k bike and 2k run) were held to increase awareness of healthy lifestyles and choices.

Students play an uniquely effective role in influencing their peers to develop responsible habits concerning alcohol. We urge you, as parents, to encourage your son/daughter to make wise decisions regarding alcohol consumption.

OSOTF Raffle

At high noon on Thursday, March 27, 1997, one lucky person is going to win a year of free tuition at Lakehead University, another will win a Kona Fire Mountain Rock Shox mountain bike, and a third will win a custom-made backpack from Ostrom Outdoors.

For the cost of \$2 per ticket (or 3 for \$5), participants will be taking their chances on winning these and other prizes totalling more than \$6,000. All prizes have been donated to Lakehead University in support of the University's efforts to raise money for a bursary endowment. The funds raised will be matched dollar for dollar by the government of Ontario through the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund.

Academic Dates

Mid-year Study week (for Education)	March 10-15
Good Friday	March 28
Easter Monday	March 31
Winter Term classes end	April 8
Examinations	April 14-26
Convocation for conferring degrees and diplomas	May 31, 1997

"New and Improved" Fitness Centre



Lakehead has expanded its Fitness Centre to provide an attractive activity facility for students, alumni, staff, and community users. The new and improved facility, located in the auxiliary gymnasium space opposite the squash courts, has a variety of resistance exercise machines, Olympic and standard free weights, plus an aerobic exercise and stretching area. Future plans include providing fitness testing, counselling, and individualized programming through staff and graduate students in the Kinesiology program.

More Bursary Funds for Financially Needy Students

Lakehead University increased funding for bursaries for the 1996/97 academic year by over \$265,000. To help alleviate the cost of higher tuition fees for financially needy students, a new \$600 entrance bursary was offered to high school students entering Lakehead University. Students were required to complete an application and successful students were informed of the bursary with their offer of admission in June. Over 300 students were offered bursaries, most of whom applied for and received OSAP assistance.

More bursary dollars were also made available to continuing students. Over 400 students were awarded in-course bursaries during the past academic year. Values ranged from \$200 to \$1,000.

There is **more good news** for entering and returning students. For 1997-98, **even more funds** will be available for both in-course and entrance bursaries. Students who have financial need are encouraged to apply for OSAP assistance, whether or not they think they will be entitled to assistance. Those students who apply for OSAP assistance will be given first consideration for bursaries. Students with unusual or special circumstances should not hesitate to contact the Financial Aid Office for advice and information.

Did You Know?

Lakehead University's combined residence and food plan is still one of the least expensive in the province! Our residence food plan is one of the few in Canada that includes 21 meals per week!

QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED BY PARENTS

Q: What is the full-time student enrolment at Lakehead University?

A: This year, there are 5,375 full-time undergraduate students and 197 graduate students enrolled at Lakehead.

Q: Where are the students from?

A: According to our 1996-97 enrolment statistics, 12.3% of our students are from the City of Thunder Bay; 34.5% are from the Northwestern Ontario region; 46.8% are from other areas in Ontario; 4.9% are from other provinces and 1.5% are from other parts of the world.

Q: What type of banking facilities are available on campus?

A: During the orientation/registration week in September, employees of CIBC, Royal Bank, and Scotiabank came on campus to process student loans. Throughout the year, banking services are provided by these banks through automatic teller machines on campus.

Q: What do students do for R & R?

A: As parents of university students, you know they are busy, busy, busy!! Heck, with all that academic stuff happening, you would think that they never get a chance to get out and enjoy life! Lakehead recognizes that recreation and "down-time" are an important part of the student's overall experience at the University. In order to ensure students have ample opportunities to broaden their horizons and meet new friends, a variety of social activities are offered by the Lakehead University Student Union and various departments throughout the school year. Noon-hour concerts, Multicultural Day, International Students Day, PowWows and Feasts, Aboriginal People's Conference, Craft Shows, and Career Fairs all help to take the students' minds off studying, at least for a short while.

Q: What can I look forward to when my son/daughter comes home for the summer?

A: When a university student returns home for the summer after the first year of being away, many changes have taken place. Your son/daughter will be a lot more independent and will not be used to telling someone what time he/she is coming home. You may wish to discuss with each other how your lives have changed and bring any issues out in the open.

Q: Should I be insulted if my son/daughter doesn't come home for the summer?

A: With the job market being so tight, some students may have to seek employment elsewhere and this is no reflection on their love for you.

Q: What kind of educational programming goes on outside of the classroom at the University?

A: We have a variety of educational campaigns on campus. The Lakehead University Student Union, Student Services, and the Residence offer activities surrounding many issues which include: alcohol awareness, wellness, eating disorders, diversity, time management, study skills, and stress management. Many of these programs complement the academic and social aspects of the university to ensure students a well-rounded education.

Q: How can I help my son/daughter get through the stress of final exams?

A: Care packages are always received with pleasure. If your son/daughter lives at home, be patient and supportive during this stressful time.

Parents Program Committee

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We'd like to hear from you

If you wish to join the Parents Program Committee or have any questions/topics that you would like us to cover in the next newsletter, please write or call:

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Suggestions on how we can improve the Parents Program/Newsletter would be most appreciated.