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EXPECT NO CHANGES IN AWARDS PROGRAM

There will be no changes in the controversial Ontario Student Awards Program this fall.

Lakehead University student government officials received news this week of the stand-pat decision by Education Minister William Davis. Changes will be made in the program but not for at least one year because more than 5,000 applications have already been processed.

Rare unanimity against the program had been reached when the Committee of Presidents of Universities of Ontario, the Ontario Council of University Faculty Associations and the Ontario Region of the Canadian Un-

ion of Students united to protest against the form and intentions of the new Student Award Program. This program introduced by Mr. Davis in April, combines Davis in April, combines

program introduced by Mr. Davis in April, combines the Ontario Bursary and the Federal Government loan programs. All three parties concerned with the use of the new loan system at Ontario universities agreed that the program must be re-worked as soon as possible.

Lakehead University Alma Mater Society President, Wayne Tocheri, had severely criticized the new scheme.

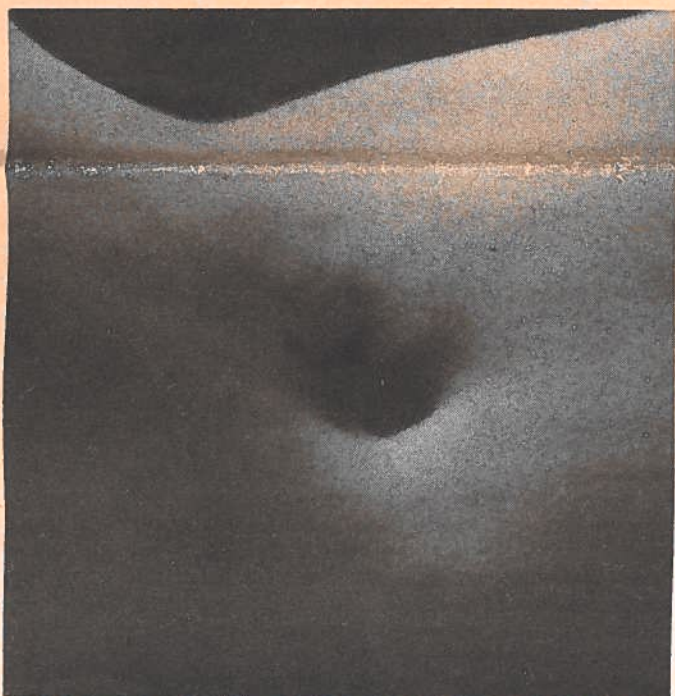
"Although there are some

improvements to this program such as the fact that marks are no longer a criterion for eligibility and the fact that theoretically there is no limit to the amount which can be obtained, the Student Award Program is a step in the wrong direction. It compels all students seeking aid to burden themselves economically and psychologically with a financial debt to be paid after they graduate . . . removes all initiative for obtaining a "B" average or better . . . represents a negative dowry to all females . . . burdens the parents unjustly and it no longer allows the student to claim financial independence. The award forms themselves are an extremely harsh intrusion into the personal affairs of a student and his family."

Lakehead University students are as yet uninformed as to the existence of the new program and of the elimination of the old bursary system. However, the University Administration is making plans to assist Lakehead students. The office of the Dean of Students is making information available to all students who may be having trouble with the application forms. The Administration has also received additional financial assistance from the Ontario government for intramural bursaries, in addition to the new SAP scheme.

Because of the importance of this award system, this founding edition of the summer "Medium" is carrying an editorial devoted to this subject.

Are Navels Naughty? See Page 3



SOCIALS GREAT SUCCESS

A BUSY, FUN SUMMER

It's been a busy summer at Lakehead University. . . from all points of view.

While workmen put the finishing touches to the new administrative wing and the new residence addition, students have been plying the books during the day and enjoying a busy social and sports calendar in their off hours.

Highlight of the summer social whirl was the first annual dinner-dance held July 29 at the Uptown Motor Hotel. More than 200 students and escorts crammed themselves with the smorgasbord supper and then tried to work off the extra pounds on the dance floor to the music of the Hawaiianaires. Guest speaker was Robert Fusillo of Stephen E. Austin State College in Texas who is presently lecturing at the University's summer Shakespeare workshop. In accord with the lightness of the evening, Mr. Fusillo spoke on his adven-

tures hitch-hiking across Europe. With utter disregard for the presence of the registrar, he suggested that everyone forget summer school next year and take to the road! After hearing

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The A.M.S. anticipates that the elimination of technical problems and the increase of the Medium's size will lead to a more popular Lakehead University newspaper.

of his experiences many of the male members wanted to start off right then!

The dinner dance was the climax of a social program established by the summer executive of the Alma Mater Society. Six previous dances were held during the summer including a special Monte Carlo night with \$200 in prizes and a High School Variety Concert and Dance featuring four bands as a folk festival during the intermission. All were great successes thanks in no small part to the go-go girls, cigarette girls, a special fashion show and other such pleasant diversities.

The summer athletic program featured golf, table tennis and squash tournaments as well as fastball. As the Medium was being put to bed many of the tournaments were just coming to a close so announcement of the trophy winners will have to wait.

Lakehead University students represent an unprecedented \$2,000,000 dollar consumer spending market in the Lakehead area for 1966-67.

This figure represents the total spending of University students alone on a variety of consumer products including food, housing, clothing, transportation, entertainment, insurance, and the numerous minor necessities for every day living.

There is an additional \$2 1/2 million University operating budget which is also spent in the Lakehead area. This flow of capital will provide a real economic stimulus to the entire Lakehead business community. The expenditure figure will skyrocket in the next few years as the Lakehead University campus grows to meet the requirements of this community. It will undoubtedly become one of the largest single markets at the head of the Lakes.

A recent cross-Canada student spending survey shows that a typical student will be spending approximately seventeen hundred dollars in the next seven months he is at this university. The expected enrolment at Lakehead University in September, 1966 is approximately 1200 students. There are a further 180 faculty and administrative officials employed by Lakehead University all of whom live with their families in this community.

STRESS NEED FOR ARTS BLDG

Alma Mater Society President, Wayne M. Tocheri, has named the erection of an Arts Faculty building as the most urgent project on the priority list of buildings for Lakehead University.

In a report to the University Administration, the council leader condemned University officials for what he termed "their unjustified disregard of the largest and most powerful sector of the University community--the Faculty of Arts."

"Already Arts students lead the way in enrolment figures and the projected enrolment for the courses in Humanities and the Social Sciences show no let up in growth rates."

Despite these most meaningful signs, he said, University planning officials appear bent on thwarting the Arts Faculty growth rate by keeping the Arts building some years off in the future.

"Let's face it," said the AMS president, "this Faculty cannot grow and produce the kind of graduates our society demands if these students are compelled to take lectures in auditoriums without writing desks or in laboratories cluttered with test tubes and reeking with the smell of formaldehyde."

Mr. Tocheri was eager to express satisfaction with the recently announced \$12,000,000 Science Building for 1968. "It will certainly be an improvement over the conditions our Science stu-

dents have been enduring in the past few years. Maybe now, Lakehead University will be able to keep its students here to complete their Science degrees instead of losing them to eastern campuses."

"However, the need is equally urgent in the Faculty of Arts, and students are not willing to accept the University's excuses of 'lack of funds' any longer. "Stronger appeals to the community are absolutely imperative." He feels that this campus is being grossly underestimated by our own citizens and our business community. "They want to send their sons and daughters here to University and they want to hire our graduates but they don't seem to realize that there are simply not enough adequate facilities here for them!"

The report stated that the fault lies not so much with our citizenry as it does with the University officials whose job it is to inform this community and to obtain the necessary funds for our expansion.

The report was submitted at the request of the University Administration from the student body representatives. It concerns the degree of urgency for facilities and the order in which they should be provided. Further topics dealt with in the report are residence accommodations on campus, cafeteria facilities, parking lots, and a Student Union Building.



A new wing to the administration building and a new addition to the residence will greet students when they return to Lakehead University this fall. Here workmen are shown putting the finishing touches to Wing 'D'.

TWO STEPS BACKWARD

When University Affairs Minister William Davis first announced the new Student Awards Program (SAP) for Ontario in April, emphasizing that need will replace marks as the basic criterion for obtaining bursaries, we thought this was a great forward step towards making higher education more easily accessible to all.

This belief was strengthened by the accompanying announcement that the amount of money available for bursaries has been doubled to more than \$4,000,000 and the value of the entire program had been raised to \$10,500,000 for the coming school year.

But about a month later the University Affairs department sent out directives to the registrars and student aid officers of the Ontario universities with the regulations for the program. These contained some startling information. In order to get a bursary, a student no longer needs to have at least a 66 per cent average. His need is assessed by a government board of bureaucrats, according to a prepared scale, without regard to individual circumstances and without consultation with university officials.

The means test the government is using for SAP is more severe than an income tax form. Assuming that a parent is responsible for the education of his unmarried undergraduate children, the application asks for such information as the parents' income, present market value of their home, life insurance holdings, bank accounts and investments. Parents are also expected to support any unmarried undergraduate who has not taken at least one year off to work regardless of whether he lives at home.

Once his need is assessed, the student is given his so-called award in the form of a large loan and a small bursary. The first \$150 is given as an interest-free loan backed by the federal government, and of the remainder of what he needs, 60 per cent is given as a similar loan and 40 per cent as a grant. The loan is to be repaid at 5 3/4 per cent six months after the student leaves school.

To a student whose need is assessed at \$350 the Ontario government's aid will consist of \$270 of his own money and an \$80 bursary. If the student is dissatisfied with the assessment the department made of his need, tough luck! Appeals may be launched through college registrars only in cases where the student's circumstances have changed since the time the application was made.

Ever since SAP was announced, the academic community has joined forces in a vain attempt to have it changed. In a rare display of co-operation and agreement, university administrators, professors and students have all assailed the scheme.

Associations of university presidents, of university faculty and of university students have prepared briefs for the government criticizing the plan. It places "over-reliance on loans" which force all students who need financial aid into debt, they say.

Even the best students will have to take out bank loans in addition to their scholarships, Dr. Geoffrey Payzant, registrar of Innis College, said. In the past they could apply for a bursary without having to consider a loan. Now the scholarship amount will be deducted from the bursary portion of SAP money.

The means test is too severe, Hugh Armstrong, president of the Ontario Region of Canadian Union of Students, said. It may stop some students from applying, because they will consider it an invasion of privacy. Their basic criticism is of the compulsory loans for all needy students. They have pointed out that "loans are a deterrent rather than an incentive for students in the lower income groups". In the past, a student who was in dire need of funds, and who would be reluctant to go into debt, would have received enough bursaries arranged by his registrar from government and private sources to see him through university.

With the advent of SAP such needy students will have to take out loans or else will receive no aid and may have to discontinue their education. Thus the statement "bursaries will be based on need" takes on a different and more sinister meaning than we originally thought.

SAP will be administered by a single government board instead of university registrars. More than 4,000 applications have already been processed, Jack McCarthy, deputy minister of university affairs, said. SAP represents one step forward and two steps back. While the 66 per cent barrier has been eliminated from bursaries, two worse barriers have gone up: the bureaucratic administration of a stiffer means test and the compulsory loans.

If Mr. Davis is genuinely interested in student financial aid, he should act now to remove these two insidious barriers.



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NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS

WELCOME DEAN KERR

Lakehead University has just appointed its first Dean of Students, Dean John Kerr. Alma Mater Society president Wayne Tocheri and Canadian Union of Students chairman Roman Petryshyn interviewed him for the Medium with the following result:

As Lakehead University's first Dean of Students, you must be faced with the many initial problems of Organizations. Could you give us some idea of the programs which fall under your supervision?

Everything that concerns the well-being of students comes within the purview of the DEAN OF STUDENTS. As regards the programs which fall under my supervision, they are at present; student awards and loans, that is to say I am sort of a liaison officer between the university and the awards officer of the Department of University Affairs. I have something to do with the Athletic Programme in as much as Mr. Akervall and Mr. Shannon discuss their program and plans with me. I am also responsible for the residences along with Dr. George Merrill. It will be my responsibility to organize medical services and I have already made a start on this. Off-campus housing is also my concern. Discipline in non-academic areas falls under my supervision as of course does the work of the Alma Mater Society. Guidance and counselling constitute another important responsibility. However, in all these areas I look upon myself as presiding rather than supervising, perhaps better still, as leading a team of workers whose basic interest is the creation of a milieu in which students can become educated men and women. Perhaps these last words sum up the overall purpose of everything a Dean of Students does. He is to find ways and means to move the students to become educated men and women.

If you asked me what I mean by an educated man and an educated woman—I can almost see that question in Wayne's face—I mean men and women who have become aware of their own human powers, and who have accepted the burden of perfecting them. I mean too, men and women who are becoming increasingly aware of their environment and who can put questions to themselves, to the world around them, and the university at large, but who are also willing to put forth the effort to find meaningful answers to their questions. What are your feelings exactly in regard to student counselling?

Well, needless to say, I'm for it. A good counselling programme endeavours to help the student to become all that he is capable of becoming, intellectually, physically, and emotionally.

Effective counselling, however, does not mean that all who counsel students must have a diploma in guidance and counselling. Inev-



problems. You do encourage the students to come to see you?

Absolutely! I would look rather ridiculous if I didn't. Where there are problems that are symptomatic of some deep emotional disturbances, I would hope to refer such students to a psychiatrist.

Since your arrival, you have had a great amount of exposure to the activities of students. What are your impressions of Lakehead students.

I have some experience with students on the McGill campus and at Macdonald College, a suburban part of McGill. The students I have met at Lakehead have impressed me with their seriousness of purpose. But then I have not met all the students, not by a long shot, and therefore I am not in a position to know whether or not the students I have met are typical of this university. I must say I think Lakehead University has gone much further than most in including students in its policymaking, especially at the level of important committees.

Do you feel that is good? Yes of course I feel it is good.

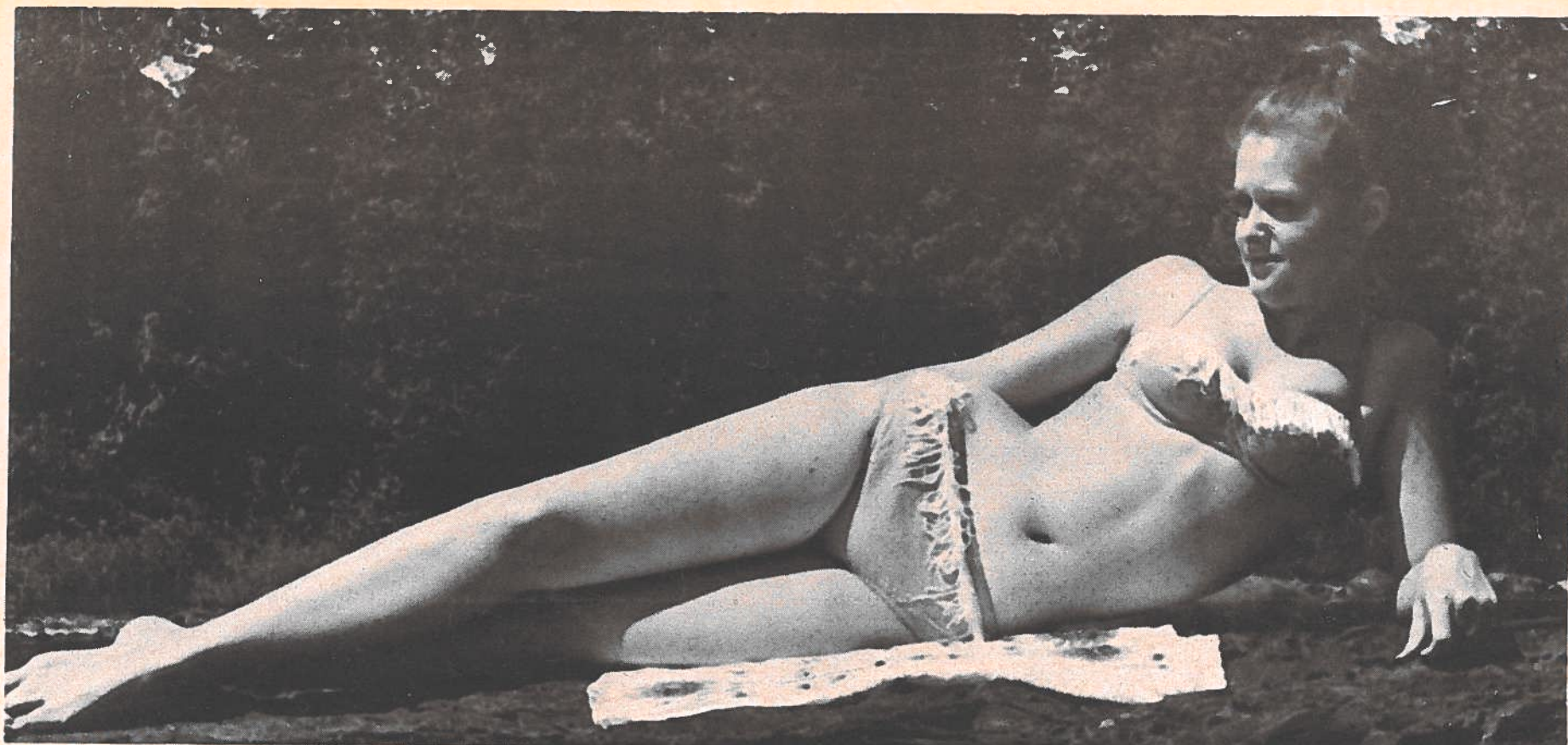
every university there ought to be people whose experience and character qualify them to offer students effective advice and counsel. Many members of the faculty are admirably qualified to counsel students not only as regards their courses and academic future, but also to help in personal problems. The student should always feel that he can talk over his problems with any member of the university whom he trusts. Some members of the faculty may feel they neither have the time nor the inclination to deal with the students' personal problems. During this coming year, I hope there will be two ways in which the student can ventilate his problems. I will be available at all times and I would not exclude myself from counselling in educational problems. At the same time I would hope that some members of the university would be available to give advice and counsel and I would not exclude them from counselling personal



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SUMMER SCHOOL OPINION POLL

NAVELS AND KNEES WIN IN A BREEZE

Is the Lakehead area really the mid-Canada chastity belt of puritanism and shyness or do our gals really swing with the best of them?

Bikinis and mini skirts are getting smaller and smaller in swinging centres around the globe. But here in the Lakehead navels and knees are still hidden under a cloak of conformity.

Your editors asked summer school students their opinions on bikinis and mini skirts and sought out a sweet gal to explain, pictorially, what a bikini can look like when worn by a winner.

Here are the results:
LARRY O'BRIEN Psych. 1a6,
French 1a6

Bikinis and minis should be worn more often by those who are naturally endowed . . . Mind you, anticipation is half the enjoyment, so let's leave a little up to one's imagination.

MICHAEL R SOUTHON Psych. 1a6,
French 1a6
If bikinis become bikinier and mini skirts minier sexiness will lead to vulgarity. Would I let my mother wear

a bikini? Sure, but you should see my mother. Don't print that!

BURTON JONES French 1a6,
Economics 2a6

A brief bikini is excellent for women who can wear them but deplorable for women who can't. I've seen most of the latter down at the beach. I haven't seen too many either in Sudbury or here. I guess they're more conservative than southern girls. Have I heard of the micro skirt? From the word I suppose it's briefer than the mini skirt. ha ha ha Would I take a girl out dressed that way? I'd feel self-conscious--for her I suppose. Vulgar? Not if the VITAL areas are covered.

DIANNE LUCAS English 1a6
I'd wear a mini skirt but not a bikini. There's a difference! A mini skirt could be worn for sports or shopping. Although I'd wear one here, I wouldn't wear one in such a place as downtown Toronto. Would I wear one while working at the hospital? Well . . . I mean, it wouldn't be a good effect on the patients and there is a tra-

dition to contend with. Getting back to the bikini, would I sacrifice an even tan? Well a sun tan is not the be all and the end all.

MARY O'ROURKE Psych. 2c6
I think there is a time and a place for them as long as one has youth and a figure. I don't think a skimpy bikini is proper on a public beach as far as this locality is concerned. It has to be part of the culture such as in Southern France. We are changing our culture and becoming more accepting but I certainly wouldn't want to see a "potty 45-year old women in on one."

MARY WOOD English--1a6
I don't like bikinis because they don't flatter people. I like a really brief two-piece bathing suit. What's the difference? The leg cut. Why do I wear a two-piece bathing suit. It gives you more freedom and a better tan but mostly it's the freedom. Do I like the mini skirt? No, I think it throws everything out of proportion. Is it sexy? Yes, it can be if you have nice legs.

BURIALS A GO GO

WHAT A WAY TO GO!

NEWS ITEM: In keeping with modern marketing techniques, a Hollywood mortuary has recently initiated a service called 'Burials a Go Go'--complete with 'soul' music, electric guitars and dancing girls (bare breasts are optional).

Well, why not! It's about time someone put some life into funerals. Simply because a loved one has passed away, that's no excuse for keeping the festivities down to weeping and wailing.

We are supposed to be living in an age of swingers, yet, we insist on entering The Greater Glory like squares--with the obscene drone of stock laments trying our faith.

A radical re-vamping of our death rites is long overdue. Black veils, pious hymns and sober expressions serve only to heighten the survivors' suffering and discomfort.

The Chinese mourn a loss with fireworks and chop suey. The Irish get stoned when a neighbor succumbs to gall stones. Therefore, why shouldn't the North Americans have some fun and jerk around his wife's coffin.

Consider the deep satisfaction a departed soul would derive from hearing the merriment outside the casket.

Imagine the warmth a corpse would feel as it vibrates to the pulsating gyrations of a topless Go Go girl.

And when the mourners sing "For He Was A Jolly Good Fellow," what body could resist from joining in the chorus?

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