

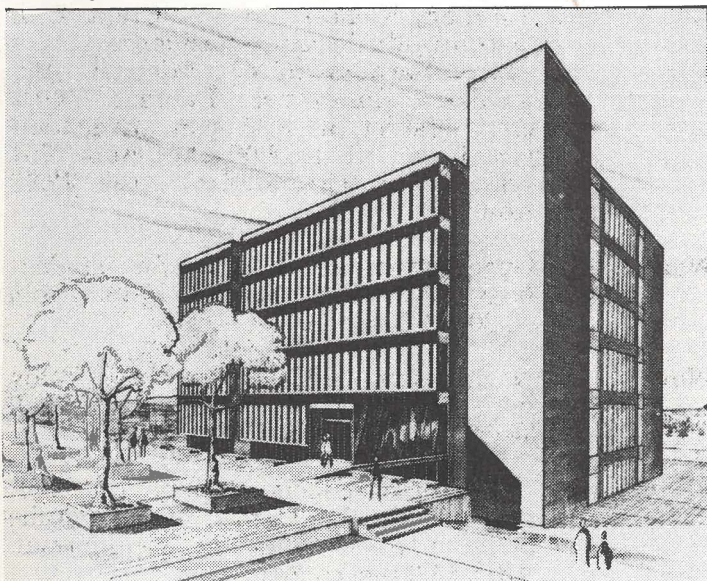
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Wrighting the Wrong

□The following is a reprint of a letter to the Editor of the Globe & Mail from J. M. Fleming, Chairman, Board of Governors, Lakehead University:

"We note with interest your editorial headed 'Force the Marriage' contained in the October 20th issue of your newspaper. This editorial is so erroneous in content and misleading in purpose that on behalf of the Board of Governors of Lakehead University, I am forced to write this letter.

In the first place it shows a complete lack of understanding on the part of the Toronto press and generally the people of Southern Ontario towards the problems of Northern and Northwestern Ontario. To those of us who have lived most of our lives in these regions it is extremely exasperating to have people from Toronto spend one or two days in this area and suddenly become "experts" relative to our problems. This has been the case with both your own reporter and with the committee to which you refer.



In your editorial you state "They offer virtually the same diploma courses in four areas." This is not true. Of ninety-six programs offered at the University and twenty-six programs offered at Confederation College there is only a semblance of similarity in one program. In the six Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology in the Toronto region, I am sure that most of the programs are similar, as well they might be, but you do not criticize these institutions. In the report referred to there was no mention of duplication of courses.

Your references to "Apart from the millions wasted on manpower and machinery, he found that Northern Ontario, its people and its problems, were being overlooked" are so vague that it is difficult to answer such ridiculous charges. It should be pointed out, however, that the financing of Lakehead University, both capital and operating, is based on the number of students enrolled and is the same for every University in the Province. Therefore, it is impossible to provide more than the formula allows for our University students and thereby "waste" millions. It should also be pointed out that Lakehead University provides extension programs for the people in

the region by sending out faculty members to at least twelve communities and approximately 400 students are enrolled in these courses. Therefore, the people in the region are not being overlooked and, in fact, no other University in the Province covers such a huge region. Your statement that "the report is a chronicle of mismanagement and waste" is purely your interpretation and one which no one else who was either involved in its preparation or who has read it would accept. The Committee indicated on its recent visit that they were concerned with what might become excessive costs in post-secondary education in the future, given the potential enrolment that they predicted for the region. There was no mention in the report of either "mismanagement" or "waste" of tax dollars.

To use an example of waste, the fact that "each school has its own library, its own computer system, its own television production facilities" shows a complete ignorance of the nature and locations of the two institutions. The purpose, the function and the need of each of the above examples is entirely different for a University and for a College of Applied Arts and Technology. If the libraries, as an example, contain entirely different types of information for different purposes, is it a waste to have one in each institution? Does not every University and College in Ontario have its own library? Even so there is co-operation and discussion between the departments involved to assure as much compatibility and coordination as is possible.

You finally state that "the representatives of the institutions will undoubtedly balk at the Committee's proposal". Lakehead University has been on record for four years as favouring a single institution of post-secondary education in Northwestern Ontario. In our submission to the Committee, made in April of this year, we suggested some form of unification. In our response to the report in question, we again stated that we are not opposed to the principle of unification recommended in the report.

Therefore we cannot understand why the Globe and Mail would write such an editorial, so damaging to this institution, without any knowledge of the true facts of the situation. It can only lead us to believe that there is some other motive involved that is not related to the educational needs of the people of Northwestern Ontario.

Campus Notes

□Mr. Donald E. Ayre, Secretary of the University announced that, as a result of the Election just held, Dr. R. A. Ross has been appointed to the Board of Governors (three years) from the Senate. Dr. J. Whitfield was the runner-up.

Also, the following Faculty members have been elected to the Senate:

Dr. E. Eager (three years)
Dr. S. G. A. Magwood (three years)
Dr. E. Zimmermann (three years)
Mr. R. MacGillivray (two years)

for the Faculty of Education:

Mr. S. P. Dromisky (one year)
Mr. W. A. West (one year)

the runners-up were:

Mr. D. Alexander
Mr. L. D. Black
Dr. K. Dodd

campus notes cont'd.

□Dr. N. T. Wang, Chief, Economic Survey Section, Centre for Development, Planning, Projections and Policies, of the United Nations Secretariat at New York, is coming to Thunder Bay on November 2, 1970 in order to give two lectures to the students enrolled in the graduate diploma program in Economic Development at this University.

His first talk will be held on November 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Little Dining Room on "Second Development Decade - National Aspects"; his second talk will be held on November 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Room M2-003 on the topic "Second Development Decade - International Aspects". He will also be addressing the Staff Seminar on November 2nd from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Room M2-007 on the topic "Economic Co-operation for Development - The Case of Eastern Africa."

Dr. Wang has a Ph.D. degree from Harvard University and has published several papers in the area of Economic Development. He has also taught at Columbia College and Pittsburg University. He is a widely known Development expert, and has done very valuable service at the Centre for Development, Planning, Projections and Policies of the United Nations mission to Jamaica, and once again in 1968 he was the leader of the United Nations mission to Eastern Africa.

Capital Freeze

□Plans to proceed with major capital projects at Lakehead University were approved by the Board of Governors at a meeting last Tuesday. However, further action was curtailed almost immediately when the Deputy Minister of the Department of University Affairs, Dr. E. E. Stewart, informed the University that the Minister has reached a decision to curtail such expenditure of moneys on the programme at this time.

Dr. Stewart stated further that the Minister was acting on the recommendation of Dr. D. T. Wright, Chairman of the Commission on Post-Secondary Education in Ontario. Included in the capital projects affected are the \$550,000. athletic extension and the \$1,100,000. library extension.

The Minister has agreed to meet with President W. G. Tamblyn and a delegation from the Board of Governors on Monday, November 2nd, to discuss the matter of the expansion further. At that time, President Tamblyn will again stress that their capital projects are urgently required to meet the needs of existing degree programmes at the University. "It is difficult to comprehend the motives behind the Department's decision when the areas to be served by this expansion presents absolutely no conflict with the statements of the Wright Commission," Dr. Tamblyn stated. He further pointed out that tenders for the construction involved had already been called but that contract awards cannot be made until the Department reverses its present position. This factor alone will affect the community at large by the lost employment opportunities that would have been created at a very critical time for both skilled tradesmen and construction workers. The restriction placed upon faculty and students is reflected, in the case of the library, by the fact that the present facilities are approximately 600 square feet under the minimum recommended area necessary to provide an adequate service. For the 120 First and Second Year students of the School of Physical and Health Education who lack adequate facilities, this decision represents a particular threat to the future of their studies.

Dr. Tamblyn expressed the hope that the meeting with the Minister will result in the reconsideration of the current decision.

Weekly Events

- October 30 Animation Show in U.C.T. from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
-Folk Singing FREE in U.C.T. from noon to 2 p.m.
-Night Club "Blues Train" group from Detroit from 9-12 p.m. in cafe. Admission \$1.00 per student.
-Nor'Westers Soccer Team at 4 p.m. at the Port Arthur Stadium.
- October 31 -Night Club "Blues Train" group from Detroit from 9-12 p.m. in cafe. Adm. \$1.00 per student.

-Nor'Westers Soccer Team vs. Michigan Tech. University Soccer Team at 10 a.m. in the Port Arthur Stadium.
- November 2 Noon Concert in U.C.T. FREE with Rick Masten, touring folk artist, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- November 3 Professor W. S. Tarnopolsky, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor, will address all students interested, particularly those contemplating law school next year. Topic discussed will be "Career in Law", in room M2003 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.
-Intimacy Concert in the Great Hall featuring Musicians-in-Residence: John Barnum-violist, Michael Edwards - clarinetist, Douglas Dahlgren, pianist, at 8:15 p.m. Wine Service from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. Adm. 75¢ per student with student card, \$2.00 Adult.
- November 4 Open Question Session for student body with Mr. George Hees, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the U.C.T.
- November 6 Nor'Westers Girls Volleyball Team vs. the U.M.D. Girls Volleyball Team at 7 p.m. in the Field House.
- November 7 University Schools Society DINNER DANCE in the Cafeteria - Cocktails at 6 p.m. - dress is semi-formal. Adm. \$5.00 per couple.
- November 8 Movies in U.C.T. "True Grit" - "Blue Max" at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings

- November 4 A.M.S. Meeting at 8 p.m. in A.M.S. Board Room
-Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Meeting in Room C4056 from 7-11 pm.
- November 5 Women's Liberation Association Meeting in the A.M.S. Board Room at 8 p.m.
-Ukrainian Club Meeting in Room C1004 from 8-11:30 p.m.