

UNIV
LE 3 A I K L I S C 2

WEEK

a publication of the Lakehead
University information office

VOLUME 4

NUMBER 12

JANUARY 13, 1972

Search Begins

At a joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Academic Staff Committee held on Wednesday, January 5, 1972, the following terms of reference, composition and procedure for a Presidential Search Committee were unanimously adopted.

1. Membership

- a) Four members appointed by the Board of Governors; and
- b) Five members appointed by the Senate, one of whom shall be a student Senator.

2. Terms of Reference

- a) To solicit and receive applications for the position of President and Vice-Chancellor;
- b) To review the applications received and to prepare a short list of candidates whose qualifications warrant their being invited to the campus for meetings with representatives of the University community; and
- c) To recommend a candidate for the Board's consideration and approval. The recommendation will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, which will transmit it, if it is acceptable, to the Senate for consideration prior to an appointment being made.

3. Procedure

- a) The Committee will elect its own Chairman;
- b) The proceedings of the Committee will be confidential, but the Committee will prepare a final report, and any interim reports it feels are warranted;
- c) Any member of the Committee who becomes a candidate for the position must immediately resign from the Committee and be replaced by an appointment from the body which originally appointed him;
- d) The Committee will invite all members of the University community to submit names of qualified and interested candidates, as well as any suggestions they may have concerning the qualifications which the successful candidate should possess;
- e) Candidates invited to the University will be given the opportunity to meet with members of the Board of Governors, of the Senate, and of the Administration;
- f) Although members of the Committee are not merely spokesmen for the body which appointed them, they should be mindful of the opinions of their colleagues on those bodies whilst preparing their final recommendation to the Board of Governors; and
- g) The final report of the Committee should consist, *inter alia*, of the name of one candidate whom the

Committee is recommending to the Board for appointment. Should the nominee decline the position or prove to be unacceptable to the Board, or not be endorsed by Senate, the Committee will recommend a second name, and so forth, until an appointment is made. The final report of the Committee will not be made public until an appointment is made. Should the Committee be unable to recommend an acceptable candidate, a second Search Committee, of similar composition, should be formed.

L. U. Government Commission

A Commission on University Governmental Organization has been struck to examine critically the existing governmental organization of the University and to make recommendations thereupon. The Commission earnestly solicits opinion from all interested in university governance.

Individuals, groups and associations are invited to submit written briefs by January 31, 1972 for consideration by the Commission. Address briefs to:

Commission on University Governmental
Organization
Lakehead University
Oliver Road
Thunder Bay "P", Ontario

For further information contact:
Professor D. R. Lindsay
Commission Chairman
(807) 345-2121, Ext. 289
or
Mr. H. J. Parker
Commission Research Officer
(807) 345-2121, Ext. 363

Bells On Bobtails

Lakehead University Women's Association are planning a sleigh ride on January 15, at 8:00 p.m., followed by lunch and entertainment in the Faculty Lounge. Members and guests are invited. Tickets for all or part of the evening are \$1.50 and are available from Mrs. Brenda Hastings, telephone 577-1290.



Extension Over-Extended?

The Extension Program of Lakehead University reaches across Northwestern Ontario to bring twenty-four credit courses to the people of twenty-one different communities in fourteen separate teaching centres.

Ken Morrison, Director of Extension and Summer Session, submits the following account of the University's attempts to extend itself even further.

If you allow your eye to drift northwest from the Canadian Lakehead some four hundred miles, it will eventually focus on a large lake, Big Trout Lake. This lake is called home by a community of some two thousand Indians, mostly on welfare. The wildlife, fishing and mining resources which once sustained these peoples have, in the main, been depleted. Along with the Indians are some thirty white adults - teachers, nurses, Department of Transport weathermen, the Hudson's Bay manager and so on.

For two years, 1970 and 1971, Lakehead University offered a spring term course in Big Trout Lake. It was quite an experience. The foray into Big Trout was a response to two challenges. The first was a challenge for educational opportunity issued by the principal of the Big Trout Lake school. An extremely energetic man, he was flying down to Kenora at his own expense every second weekend to take one of our courses. If he could do that, why couldn't Lakehead University take a course to him and the dozen or so others who expressed an interest in enrolling?

The other challenge was the broader one presented by the extension division of the University of Minnesota just to the south. A full page advertisement in the Minnesota papers proclaimed on an outline map of the state that anyone within these boundaries is on the campus of the University of Minnesota. The claim was backed up by the information that there were some five hundred locations in the state at which one could take University of Minnesota courses, including approximately one hundred and eighty-five within the metropolitan area of Minneapolis-St. Paul. This is a challenge to urban universities to go into the community instead of having the community come to them. And it is a challenge to regional universities, like Lakehead, to find some imaginative way to extend their programs. Lakehead University already covers a campus almost as large as southern Ontario through weekend visits of instructors to every centre large enough to support a high school. Was further extension possible?

Big Trout Lake presents formidable logistic challenges. It is beyond the northern limits of casual flying, and all planes in this zone must carry survival kits and emergency radio equipment. At the moment, only float and ski planes can be used to get in and out, which means that in spring and fall the community is cut off from the outside world for weeks at a time. (It need not be so permanently. A landing strip is being built. But regional scuttlebut has it that one of the slowest contractors in the north got the job, and the site chosen was a bog. After three years' work one can hardly drive a truck down the main runway in mid-summer, and a Bristol freighter which tried to land a year ago ended up nose down on the side of the runway where it still stands, a silent tribute to our northern vision.)

Oh yes, there is radio-telephone communication with the outside world. Big Trout is listed in Bell's Northern Ontario directory; but try to get through. My batting average is about one in ten. I would not want to get sick in Big Trout Lake.

Investigation indicated that the duration of the University's Spring Term was the best time for a course in Big Trout, for both the weather and the university-eligible population seemed most stable during this period. The big problem was the spring break-up. Once in, the instructor was stuck there. And if the break-up came early, as it did in 1970, there could be great difficulty getting the instructor to Big Trout after his regular on-campus classes end.

No amount of preparation could quite prepare us for the problems encountered in offering the course in such an isolated area. The prices - bread at 65 cents a loaf, milk at \$1.00 a quart when you can get it, and the transportation! The scheduled flying service appears to treat its responsibilities most cavalierly. The first year the texts went out in advance as insurance and sat at Pickle Crow until the course was half over. In 1970 the "sked" was delayed while it rescued a survey party isolated by the early breakups, and then flew off without our instructor. Mail is erratic, to say the least.

And finally, we had a few unusual student problems. What do you do when a student asks permission to write his final examination in jail, and then is released too early to write there, and too late to get home to write with the regular group? There were tensions too, in the classes, the tensions which inevitably appear in a tightly-knit, isolated community making a learning climate difficult to achieve.

In sum, what are the lessons of the Big Trout Lake



experiment? On the positive side we served a community which previously had never been offered university programs except through correspondence courses. Also, a few Indians, eligible to attempt a university course under Lakehead's adult admissions policies, and potentially able scholars, were given the opportunity to attempt a university course. One, at least, has come on to the campus full time as a result of this experience. On the negative side, the program was extremely expensive and difficult to operate. Barring special subsidies, it is unlikely to be repeated in the near future for financial reasons alone.

The educational discontinuities in the native population and the transient nature of the white population precludes, at the moment, the creation of larger and more economically viable university classes. In addition, the living conditions of most of the citizens of Big Trout Lake are not conducive to regular and serious study habits.

In the long run, I have no doubt Lakehead University will return to Big Trout Lake. The efforts of other educational authorities are raising basic educational standards in these communities, and in time the demand for university courses will strengthen. Modern technology will eventually help solve the problems of introducing higher education in remote areas. Yes, and the air strip at Big Trout may one day be completed and that Bristol freighter salvaged or scrapped. But, for the moment, Big Trout Lake appears to be the point at which Lakehead University Extension becomes over-extended.

Graduate Fellowships

The Honourable John White, Minister of Colleges and Universities for Ontario, has announced that the Ontario Graduate Fellowship Program will be continued in 1972-73. This will provide an opportunity for those studying the whole question of graduate support to complete their deliberations and to prepare appropriate recommendations. The terms and conditions under which these awards will be given in 1972-73 will be essentially the same as in 1971-72, pending a complete review, and on the understanding that a major change in graduate student support may be anticipated by 1973.

The number of awards to be granted in 1972-73 will be determined at a later date when more details are known of the total requirements of the universities of Ontario and the amount of financial support which the Government can provide. It is understood, however, that the total amount of money to be expended for

this purpose will not exceed that granted in 1971-72, namely \$3.2 million.

Student Placement Notes

- The Government of Canada is accepting applications for career-oriented jobs until January 27. Students in degree or diploma programs are invited to apply. Due to the large number of applications, ONLY Canadian citizens are requested to apply.
- The Ontario Government is accepting applications for career-oriented or other employment until January 31. Included are regular summer jobs with the government plus special summer programs for students. Degree and diploma students are invited to apply.
- The Ontario Department of Transport and Communications (Highways Division) is accepting applications from Civil Engineering Degree or Technology students interested in summer employment. Apply immediately if interested, as interviews will probably take place in the latter part of January.
- The Thunder Bay Department of Parks and Recreation will be hiring approximately 200 students this summer in the following categories: Aquatics, Day Camp, Playgrounds, Wildemess Camp, Tennis, Centennial Park Guides.
- The City of Thunder Bay has been given a grant under the "Provincial Municipal Employment Incentive Program" and is interested in hiring people to work full-time between January and May 31. A number of these jobs are business oriented, but there are others which would be of interest to people with varied backgrounds. Contact the Student Placement Office immediately for more details.
- The City of Thunder Bay will also be hiring students for summer employment through the Student Placement Office, except for recalls from last summer. It should be noted that last summer the city hired over 150 students (not including their recalls.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE ABOVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE STUDENT PLACEMENT OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

Old Fort William

Dr. Bruce Sinclair of the University of Toronto speaks in the University Centre Theatre on Thursday, January 20, at 8:00 p.m. His topic will be "Of Maps and Men: pioneer science at Old Fort William".

weekly events

meetings

- Friday
January 14 -Free Dance, Cafeteria
-High School Basketball, L.U. Gym 6-10 p.m.
Saturday
January 15 -Lakehead University Women's Association
sleigh-ride, 8 p.m.
-FILM "GONE WITH THE WIND", 6:30 and
10:30 p.m.
-Dance and Social
-Junior Varsity Wrestling, Hammariskjold High
-FILM "GONE WITH THE WIND", 7 p.m. only
Sunday
January 16
Thursday
January 20 -Old Fort William Lecture Series, U.C.T., 8 pm
-Intramural Basketball, 9 p.m. Fieldhouse
-Stampede Concert, 7 p.m., U.C.T.
Friday
January 21 -WINTER CARNIVAL BEGINS
-Forestry Dance and Social, "Strange", 9 p.m.
-L.U. Basketball Team vs. Lea College, Field-
house, 7 p.m.
-L.U. Hockey Team vs. Wisconsin State, P.A.
Arena, 8:30 p.m.
-L.U. Wrestling Team vs. Rainy River Junior
College, Fieldhouse 9 p.m.
-WOMEN'S HOCKEY, P.A. Arena, 1 to 4 p.m.
Saturday
January 22 -Winter Carnival Dance Social "Strange",
9 p.m.
-Third Concert Lakehead Symphony Orchestra
Selkirk High Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
-Junior Varsity Basketball, L.U. vs. Crest
Motor Hotel, Fieldhouse, 5 p.m.
-L.U. Basketball Team vs. Lea College, Field-
house, 7:00 p.m.
-L.U. Wrestling Meet - L.U., Rainy River
Junior College, T. B. Freestyle, Fieldhouse,
11 a.m., Table Tennis Singles, 9 a.m. Agora
Sunday
January 23 -Lakehead Symphony Concert, Selkirk High
3 p.m.
-Internation Nite Supper, 4-8 p.m.
-"Variety" Nite, 7-9 p.m., U.C.T.
Monday
January 24 -Film Club Movies, 6:30 p.m.
-Royal Trust Canada Ltd. Interviews
-L.U.N.A. Film "Woodstock", U.C.T. 7 p.m.
-Coffee House to follow film, cafeteria
Wednesday
January 26 -Film, "Woodstock", 11 a.m.
-Social, Faculty of Education Student Society,
12 noon to 7 p.m.
-Zellers Canada Limited Interviews
-Wine & Spaghetti Supper, Cafeteria, 5 p.m.
-Winter Carnival Dance, cafeteria/agora,
"Sweet Blindness".

ISO Event

The International Students Organization presents a Chinese movie entitled "Mother and Daughter" from 2 to 4 p.m., January 22, in the University Centre Theatre. Admission will be \$1.00 for students and \$1.50 for the general public.

Final Exams Scheduled!

A list of Final Examinations commencing April 14, and ending April 29, 1972 has been posted on the Scheduling bulletin board in the Agora.

Students are reminded to verify the dates and times of their examinations and report any conflicts. Forms for this purpose are available at the Office of the Registrar. Final date for conflict submissions is January 25, 1972.

Don't Blow It!

Car plug-ins on the University parking lots are designed to provide a maximum of 400 watts of power to each car. If the load exceeds this figure, circuit breakers automatically shut the power off, affecting not only your automobile but also those parked adjacent to you.

Mr. J. E. Broughton, Director of Physical Services, requests that you use only your automobile block heater when plugged in on Campus. In this way, inconvenience to yourself and others will be avoided, particularly during cold "snaps".

