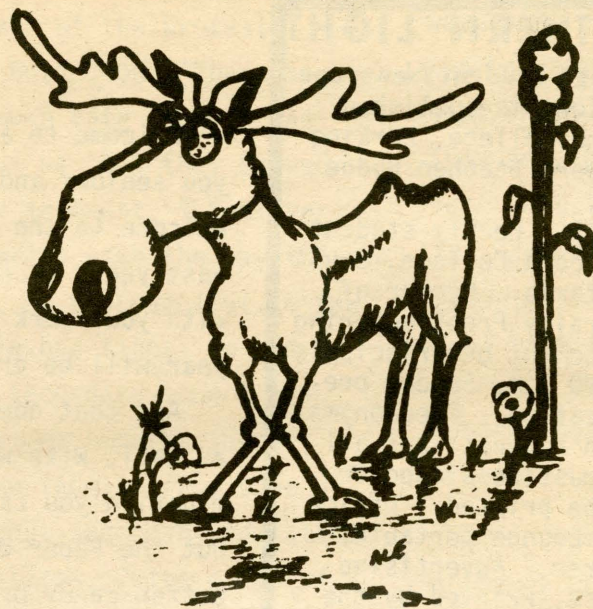


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Enrollment Declines

OTTAWA (CUP) -- A further decrease in university enrollment will show on the account books of institutions across the country this month as the lack of jobs for degree-carrying graduates and increased tuition take their toll.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) realizing this will result in the firing of some of its members is taking steps to protect as many teachers as possible. Donald Savage CAUT assistant executive secretary has predicted the crunch will come this year.

"This year departments will probably have to cut back with non-renewal of contracts," he said in a recent interview. "We fear this will be done in an ad-

hoc hysterical way," he said.

University administrators should inform their senates of the financial picture and let the senate decide if specific programs will be scrapped or if staff will be cut across the board, the CAUT official said.

An Ontario government study cites frustration and alienation of young people from society and the educational system as the causes for the enrollment decrease. There are also fewer young people of university age now than in the sixties.

The frustration stems directly from a disillusionment with university education and the privileges it is supposed to bring. Many university graduates also have discovered a degree

even a doctorate, is not a guaranteed meal ticket to a job.

Tuition costs are also a large factor deterring potential university students. Ontario university tuition fees are \$100 to \$400 higher. Universities such as Dalhousie in Nova Scotia, will provide education at \$720 or more in an acknowledged poor region.

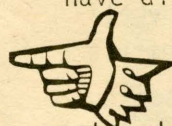
As tuition fees go up, so do student loans thereby putting up the cost of education especially for low-income students. This will succeed in making university purely upper middle class institutions, unless one wants several thousands of dollars in debts with little prospect of employment.

As university enrollment decreases, community college enjoy an unprecedented boom. They had an average of 11%

increase last year, matching that of universities in the sixties. The 130 Canadian community colleges had 185,000 students enrolled last year. The colleges estimate there will be an approximate increase of 28% this year. Many students attending the now popular colleges might have gone to university if employment prospects were not so dismal and the financing such a burden.

On the home front, when the newspaper last spoke with Dr. Ian Brown (principal of this college if you didn't know) he answered casually to our badgering that he wouldn't give us any definite ideas on how enrollment is doing till next issue. However word has it that it is not as bad as it had first seemed.

Fee Hike



TORONTO (CUP) -- A referendum will be held October 10 - 12 on all campuses belonging to the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) to decide if students want a 2nd term fee boycott. The action decided at a July OFS meeting, is a part of an intensive educational campaign to protest increased tuition fees and decreased award grants. The provincial government announced the increases of up to \$600 in March and faced immediate opposition. More than 1000 students demonstrated at the provincial legislature shortly after the announce-

ment and 800 Ottawa students descended on Toronto in early April to protest the increase in fees. Undergraduate tuition fees increased \$100 graduate fees \$395, and teachers' college fees \$600. At the same time the loan portion of the student award program increased by \$200.

As a result of several OFS meetings in June and July five demands were made of the provincial government:

1. The grant portion of the student awards return to its original level \$200 more than the present level;

2. Part-time students have access to the student

awards program;

3. The age of independence (which is a determining factor in student loans) be lowered from 25;

4. Fee increase be deferred; and

5. Full public and formal consultation before changes in fees, student awards program, etc.

OFS representatives and supporters are now organizing students around the issue. Forty thousand pamphlets urging students to withhold second-term fee installments are being distributed and were used in pre-registration mailings and at regis-

tration. During the fall, OFS organizers hope to negotiate with the government for a return to original fee levels and a \$200 decrease in the loan portion of a student award before a student is eligible for a grant of any kind.

The OFS represents ten of Ontario's fourteen universities, and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute but Algoma College's student union has had no contact with the Federation as far as the Northern Light knows, as yet.

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Editorial



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Welcome to another year at Algoma (to you seniors and sophomores) and a special welcome to the new first year students. Past years at Algoma have been good but with your work and determination this year will be great.

And that goes for YOUR Northern Light as well. With work and sweat and determination you can make the paper great! But the Paper doesn't run on peanuts or cotton candy or subsidiary grants from the college or the student union (although the office is on loan from the college): the Paper runs on cold hard cash. Let me give you an example: it cost approximately \$1325 to put out the first five issues last year. The total amount received till September 1st of this year to help defer these costs was \$380. As you can certainly see bills were not paid. The reason for this is obvious: the lack of enthusiasm on the part of last year's student body. All the paper really needs is a good local ad manager. Getting back to cold hard cash - the ad manager is entitled to a commission of

fifteen per cent on all local ads sold by him and an additional five per cent on all ads sold by people working for him and co-ordinated by him. The other ten per cent goes to the salesman of the ad. And I know that there is no student who is not in need of money at this college. Also for those who style themselves as reporters or artists or photographers or compositors or typists or gophers (that's people who go for things), come in and give us a hand to really make it your paper. And you first year people - don't be shy: you're as much a part of this university as those second and third year bums that call themselves seniors.

So if I don't see you by next issue, I'll be out there with a shot gun looking for you. The office is in the student lounge portable out back (the last one) and we'll see if we can't have someone there to greet you at all times. If not, drop a note in one of our clearly-marked mailboxes (there's one in the front hall and one outside our office)

See you soon - for your sake!!!

Steve Budde - managing editor

letters to The Editor

Dear Sir:

Many individuals connected with this institution (for the insane?) have stated reasons for the abundance of student apathy, and the mass exodus of students upon completion of one year. It is my opinion that they have overlooked the prime reason for these major problems - the quality of the school's (nursery in my opinion) faculty. The teachers (who profess to be professors) of our ante secondary school are, in general, under the delusion that all "non-mature" students are completely irresponsible. Thus certain people, such as Dr. Donald, insist upon mandatory attendance. They will be shocked to discover that attendance was on a voluntary basis for all my grade thirteen subjects. Other teachers insist that every student must write a final formal examination, regardless of the peasant's performance over the school season. They will be amazed to dis-

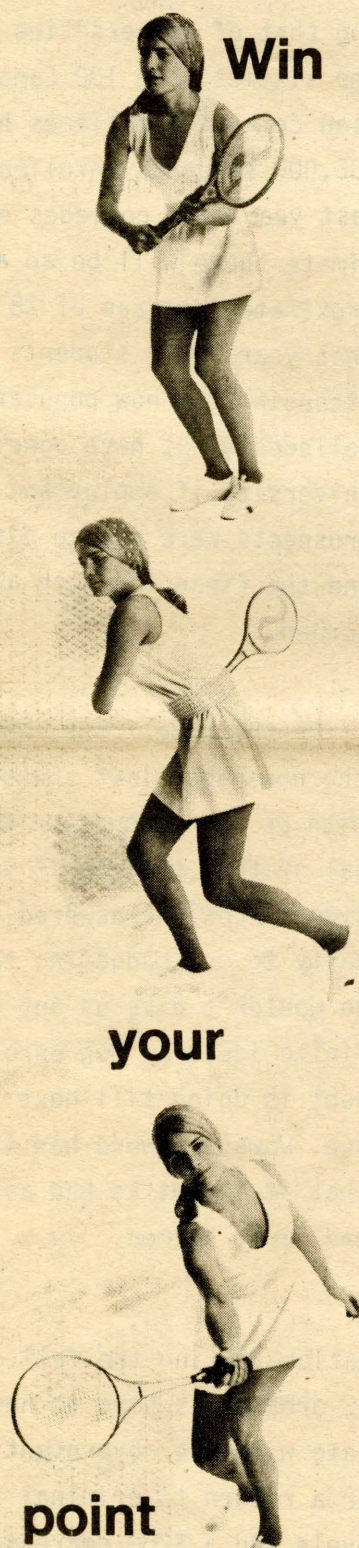
cover that the Hall-Denis Report on Education recommended that examinations be abolished. High schools, such as the one I attended place more emphasis on term work and mid-term exams. Still other teachers in this (for lack of a better word) college, profess that their methods of teaching vary from those of secondary school educators. The only difference discernable to myself reflects the superiority of my pre-college professors, who know how to relate to students as well as to teach them. Another faculty group tends to exalt the "mature" student. (He or she is trying to get a better education so I'll give him or her an eighty-five). I don't have anything against "mature" students but I do resent teachers who "fall all over them" with praise and generous gifts of numerical evaluations. It does seem strange that a person, who averaged eighty-eight per cent last year, is unable to surpass the marks of even one mature student regardless of the amount of work done or ener-

gy expended. Is Dr. Bannerman paying attention?

For fifteen years I have suppressed any strong desires to "buck the educational system." I even detested kindergarten. During this time I have run the Gauntlet of teaching methods and have encountered a variety of educators. I have worked diligently, had my character changed, initiative dulled, and curiosity destroyed, but I have always endured. I have, at times, gone to extremes to succeed in school regardless of divergences with instructors. However, I have never encountered an organization which so disgusts and depresses the individual, as does the faculty of Algoma College. I have pondered the merits of saying to hell with final exams. People would say that "he's copping out," they wouldn't look upon my past, only my present. But as Bill Shakespeare once said: "To thine own self be true."

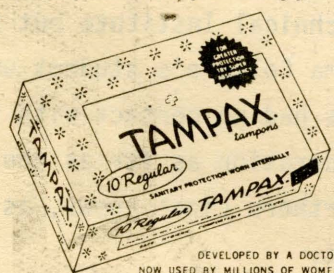
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Kenneth Robert Davies



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Last March there were even some stirrings here about the fees hike. A second year student when asked for his opinion on the raise gave the only answer that could typify the apathy of A.C. students: "I don't have an opinion", but when pressed further on the subject, he spouted in an unprecedented bolt of anger: "I think it's rotten, a rot-

Student Union?

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Canadian student council representatives will meet in early November to attempt to initiate a new national student union, following several country-wide meetings during the summer.

But it appears that major support comes from western Canada with little interest in Ontario and almost none in the Maritime provinces.

The new organization would either resurrect or replace the now defunct Canadian Union of Students (CUS) which died in 1969, amid charges that it had adopted too radical a political stance.

A preliminary meeting at the university of Windsor in May set the ball rolling, with the formation of a national steering committee, mandated to solicit proposals for the new union and write a draft constitution.

Delegates from Ontario's larger universities doubted the feasibility of establishing a national organization, and said that they preferred to consolidate and improve the fledgling Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), which was formed last spring.

Few Maritime representatives attended the Windsor conference, while the main protagonists for a national union were delegates from Simon Fraser University, the University of Saskatchewan - Regina campus, the University of Manitoba, and the host University of Windsor.

At a conference of prairie student councils in Regina

ten deal. They're going to up everything like gasoline tax and liquor tax and everything else; I don't see why they should raise the price of education."

On April 10, about 50 students and faculty crowded in to city council chambers to protest the fee hike and request support. The results of that meeting were stated very well by an or-

July 14 - 16 representatives from eight universities and technical institutes agreed that a national students' union would be the best vehicle for tackling problems facing students. Only the U of S - Saskatchewan campus was opposed. Delegates passed a statement of princi-

ganizer of the protests, Lynn Bovingdon: "There's not much city council can do for us, but they showed their interest. I feel very satisfied with the way things went, it was peaceful, a few people had signs; we had some secondary school students; we had the support of the faculty from some of the post-secondary education institutes. Quite a few of our students from A.C. were there too. And then there

were some concerned citizens who had nothing to do with post-secondary education. They are tax-payers and they feel that in giving of their tax money towards education (and it is a high percentage) that this is the way to raise extra money for the general coffers of the government.

So, generally, ended the struggle on the home front. More on the national front as it comes in.

ples listing priorities in forming a new union, although no delegation held the power to commit its students' union to definite plans.

The prairie schools indicated that a regional association will be organized even if a national body is

not established.

To this date, nothing has been said by Aloma's Student Union about a connection with the OFS or the possible new CFS.

Meanwhile plans for the November meeting are well behind schedule.

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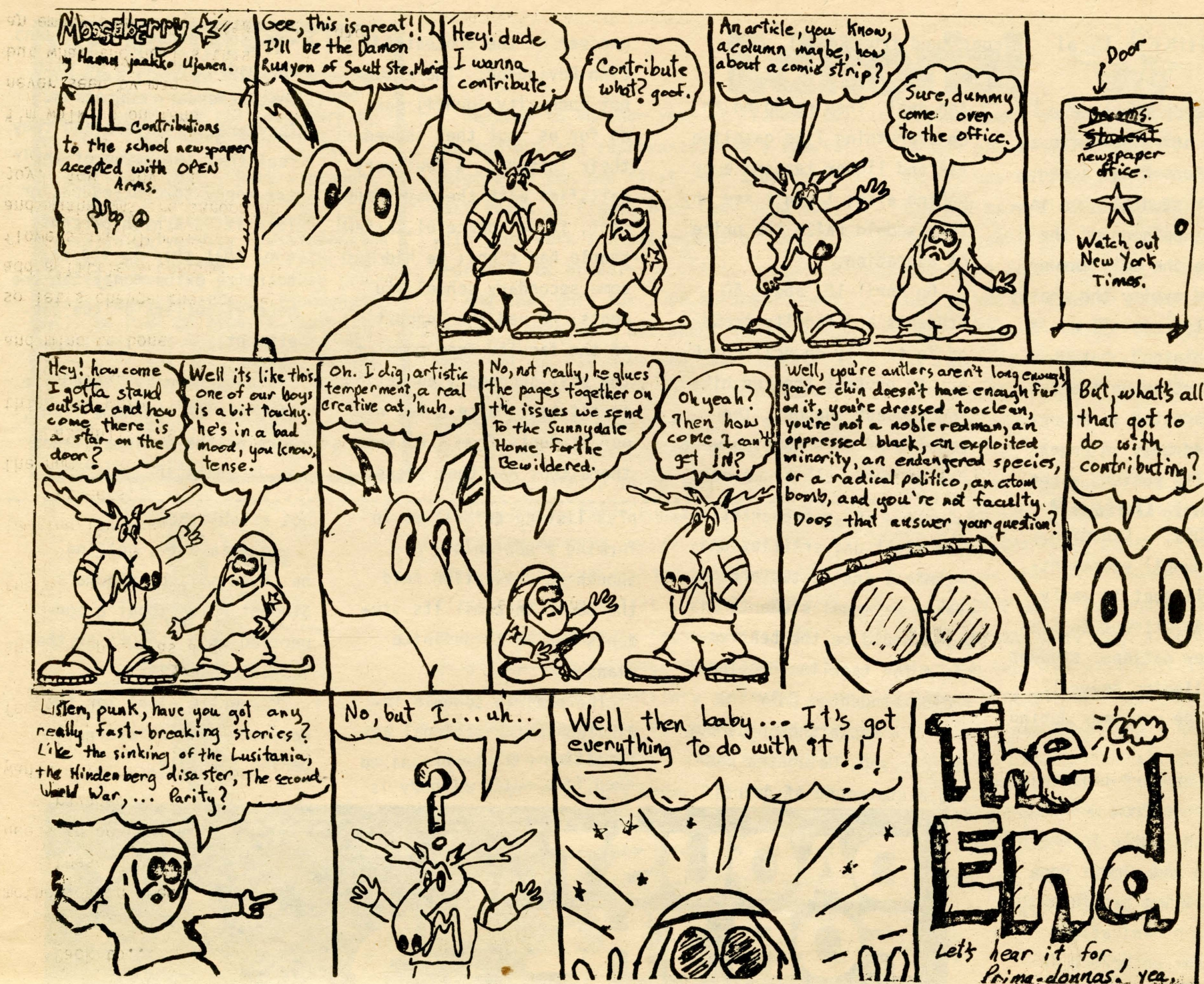
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few worthy children to speak
of -
she's helpless as a dove.

there's a concrete carpet
at our feet,
lemming-like crowds fill the
streets,
the hum of locust traffic
assaults the ears,
this, and more, turns flesh
to stone
and mind to bone.

so let's change the scenery,
add a little greenery;
flowers are blooming
and mushrooms are shrooming
joy. .joy. .joy. .!

i'm walking on land
never seen by man
but what the hell's this...?
an empty beer can. .#\$%&*...!
Gerry P.

Poetry

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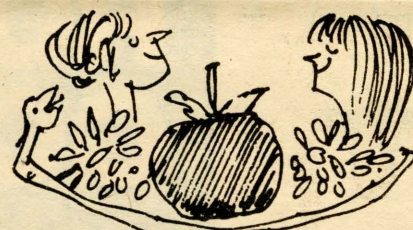
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