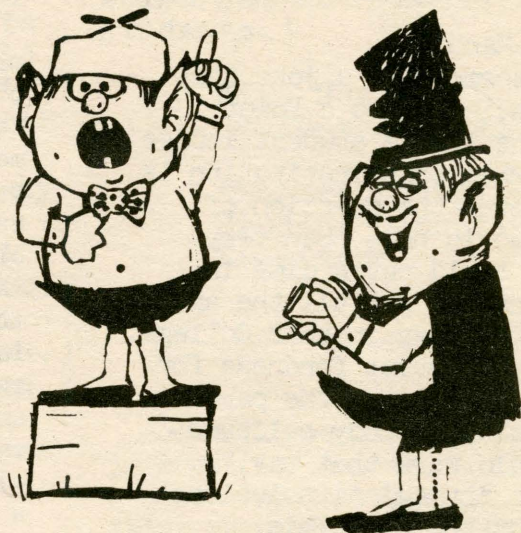
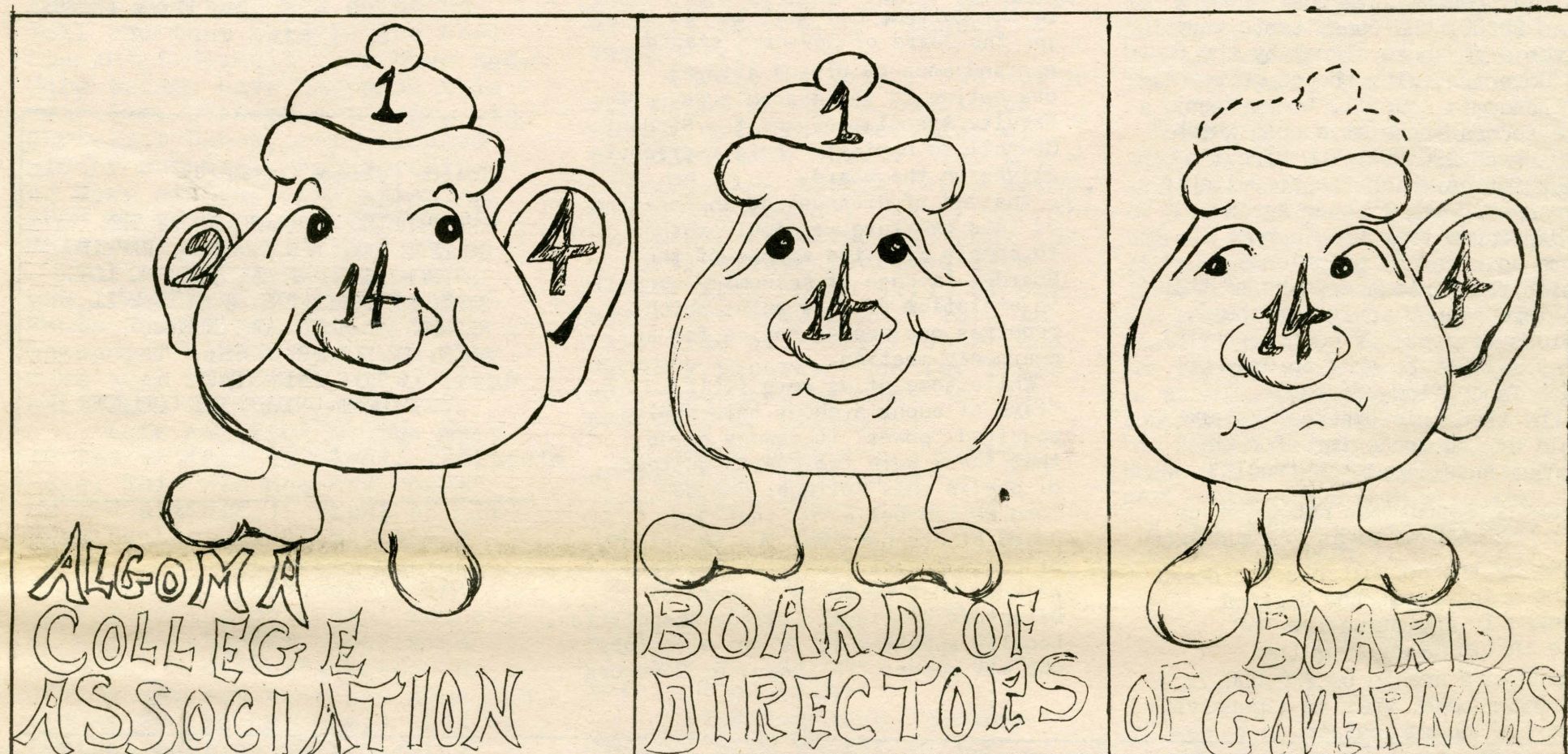


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It reflects the belief that the real is rational, and that the established system, in spite of everything, delivers the goods. The people are led to find in the productive apparatus the effective agent of thought and action to which their personal thought and action can and must be surrendered. And in this transfer, the apparatus also assumes the role of a moral agent. Conscience is absolved by reification, by the general necessity of things. — Herbert Marcuse



## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Power Play Machine.

It almost seems like a joke that someone has installed a Power Play Machine in the student lounge at a time when this institution is embroiled over the question of power. It would have been very nice if we could put a dime in this machine and get all the answers to power play in this College. But, despite a great fondness for simulation process on the part of our faculty, nobody believes that it would work that way.

The faith in magical solutions persists nonetheless. This community has fallen for a bigger and more expensive joke, for a disguised but damaging simulation process: the hiring of a firm of managing consultants to tell us how to run this College. After having submitted a worthless initial report at a cost of more than \$2000, the consultants were given a go ahead signal by the Board of Governors, with the concurrence of Academic Council, to work on the second phase at a cost which may reach \$20,000. The circus of task forces which the consultants arranged recently once again underscored that they cannot come up with any solutions which the various sectors of this college cannot arrive at themselves (except, of course, that they may not be able to draw up such fancy flow-charts.)

Why then this expence? We are told by the apologists for the consultants among the faculty

that the Board does not trust us but if the same ideas are suggested to it by the consultants the Board might bring about the desired changes in the structure of this institution. Thus the consultants are to be \$20,000 messenger boys. What an expensive method of communication.

What a flagrant admission of impotence. What a naïve hope.

For those who have always misunderstood the potentiality of the consultants, the plain fact is that they cannot be our messenger boys. They been hired by the board-- although at our expense--and they know the desires of the Board. It is not suprising, therefore, that they have refused to commit themselves even to the idea of this College having a constitution in which the powers and duties of the different sectors are clearly defined. If all this hullabaloo does not to a legally binding arrangement, whats the point.

The sense of powerlessness and impotence and the desire to be co-opted seem to be overwhelming that we tend to accept the fait accompli everytime and never question the wisdom of our actions. When the question of power relations in the College had just opened up, the Board of Governors staged a grand coup by giving a three day notice to the Academic Council, Faculty Association and the Student Council to nominate their representatives on the Board.

Instead of disscussing the meaning of this overture we simply rushed to comply with the wishes of the Board-- in case of Academic Council, in violation of it's rules which requires one weeks' notice for an emergency meeting.

While some of us were still in a state of euphoria about this newly acquired "power" it dawned on us that there were two Boards unstead of one in this College. For so long we had believed that the Board of Governors was the repository of power in this institution. Now we know that there is a Board of Directors of Algoma College Association. Legally speaking it is the Directors who all powers. The Board of Governors

Governors is merely a creation of the Directors who can dissolve it whenever they like. This action of theirs cannot be challenged in a court of law. (In this respect Northern Light's bidding good-bye to Larry was rather premature because he is still the Chairman of Algoma Association and of its Directors.)

This is certainly bad news for the power-sharers among us. But why worry? The consultants have told us, "Yeah its messy, but lets forget about the Directors and get on with our business."

If our happy consciousness has its way--and I am sure it will--we will forget about the Directors as we have forgotten about everything else which seemed to awe us. But let us not pretend that we are democratising this institution. Like castrated lambs some of us are simply interested in putting on more fat, regardless of the price.

Feroz Ahmed

To:the College Community  
Re: Parking  
THE PARKING REGULATIONS AT THE COLLEGE HAVE NOT CHANGED. PARKING IS PROHIBITED IN THE PARKING LOT. STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF THIS WILL RESUME AND THEN CONTINUE.  
FROM: FRANCIS R. GUTH,  
ACTING PRINCIPAL  
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

# Heidelberg

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And that's the truth!



# letters

In response to your article ("Council") in the Jan. 11 edition of the Northern Light may we please make the following comments:

The article was said to be written by "Joe P." which you stated was tasteless. Is the fact that this person did not sign his or her name upset you or was it the fact that this person presented a good article which was above the standards of your illustrious paper.

Too bad the majority of students don't feel the same way your group does. (Editor's Note: Says who, have you talked to all 900 people?) Ask any of the students that "support" anything in this school and they are going to tell you that this is the best Students' Council they have had. More things have happened this year (eg. planned ski trip, big Christmas Dance, well planned winter carnival, sponsorship of more student activities) than in past years. (Editor's Note: Please list all.)

I really do not see how you, the "Group," can the Students Council has given the newspaper more money than they have ever received (sic.) (read editorial for more details).

Lets get back to the meat of the article involved. (Editor's Note: This was not the "meat" of the article.) First of all that "scatological material" which you returned to our office was not produced by any member of the Students' Council or anyone closely associated with us. (Editor's Note: We apologize; but your pen name was signed to the article.) Let us further mention that signing our names to any other anonymous letter will only result in severe animosity between us. (Editor's Note: Is this a threat? Do you know the penalty for conspiracy and battery in Ontario? Please tell us if this is a physical threat, as I'll go around barefoot, using boots in Karate makes a terrible mess of one's face, I'm told.) We are getting sick and tired of the annual "shit-on" which your incompetent writers insist on

subjecting us to. Perhaps if your staff would devote more time to releasing informative material the newspaper could become something besides a "bi-monthly joke." (Editor's Note: We are a weekly paper. We don't see many people helping. This is a joke because you've refused us any written info.)

Concerning the financial statement, we have a treasurer who would be glad to show you the books anytime, preferably at the end of the month when the bank statement is returned to us. (Editor's Question: Why not show the whole student body?)

Seeing as how we are on the topic of financial statements we would appreciate seeing a record of all your transactions; since there is

so much advertising the profits must be astronomical. The inception of the Northern Light three years ago was thought to be a sound venture which could be self supporting. (Editor's Note: We weren't involved with the paper then, just as you all were not on Council.) The only thing is it gets worse into debt every year. Funny eh!! (Editor's Note: Yes your statement is funny. The past debt of the paper has not increased.)

The prices have increased but the amount we gave to you should have covered five issues (2 1/2 months) which should have been plenty of time to start receiving money from your advertisers. (Editor's quote: "Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptible we grow strong or weak; and at last some crisis shows us what we have become." - Cannon Westcott.)

(Editor's Note: The Northern Light has been published weekly with the exception of the Christmas break. \$75 x 5 = \$375.00, ie. enough for 5 weeks, not 2 1/2 months. As of yet the Light has received no money for advertisements received from C.U.P. from which 99.9% of our ads. have come from. This is also true of several other university papers. And for these ads. and news service we also owe \$350 to C.U.P.)

Since pubs are a source of revenue, (Editor's Note: Please list these pubs and all monies given.) we see no reason why you people could not have a few more. By no means do we, the Students' Council, have the right to all the pub nights. (Editor's Note: Good Point!)

Concerning our appointment of Joel Thayer as the student representative of the Board of Governors, Francis Guth, acting principal, asked the Students' Council to appoint a person whom they thought could fulfill the needs of the role. The Council was asked to have a name for Wednesday January 9, only being asked Monday Jan. 7. The Students' Council represents the students of this college and we felt that Joel Thayer could and has proven that he too will represent the best interests of the students. Anyone who knows Joel will surely attest to the fact that we have chosen a good candidate who is not afraid to stand up for what he believes is right. You may think that being a first year student has its drawbacks, but we doubt it in this case. He feels like most of the students here; he wants the college to grow and grow healthy. The fact that he is known by most of the members of the Students' Council had no bearing on his being chosen. We picked someone who is capable, informed and interested in this college. (Editor's Note: Does Mr. Thayer's interest in the school this year confirm this? Is he involved in any other school activities? We are not condemning him, only seeking further infor-

mation as he has been given a very important position which can and should benefit students.)

Mike Hogan  
Student Council President

Richard Dovi  
Student Council Vice-President

Gentles:

You will recognize the special interest and concern of the Chairman of Academic Council, for anything that seems to reflect adversely upon any members of Academic Council insofar as their obligations are involved in relation to that body.

In that capacity I must correct an editorial statment in the Northern Light to the effect that Mr. Hogans has been remiss in his duties as President of Students' Council insofar as attendance at the meetings of Academic Council is concerned.

According to the records of Academic Council there have been, at this present date, four meetings of Academic Council, since Mr. Hogan's election to the Presidency of Students' Council. For the first of these meetings Mr. Hogan had only very short notice of the meeting; he did inform the Chairman that he would be unable to attend, and in addition appointed a representative on his behalf who did attend. Mr. Hogan was himself present at the next meeting, and also attended the last meeting-- the emergency meeting of January 9.

Tours sincerely,  
L. Bannerman,  
Chairman AC.

In regard to your editorial in your last issue of the Northern Light and all previos editorials:

If all you can do is find time to make slanderous(sic.) remarks about certain individuals or groups on the basis of false information, then I begin to wonder about your level of intelligence:

"Great minds discuss ideas  
Lesser minds discuss events  
Tiny minds discuss people"  
I wonder who the next victim will be!

D. Cherny.

Those who complain about the way the ball bounces are usually the ones who dropped it. Eds.

## TO ALL CONCERNED:

The Students' Council will hold a meeting which will be open to all those who wish to question or discuss matters which they feel are pertinent. A committee will be set up at this meeting to deal with the rewriting of the Constitution. Any student who wishes to partake in this should be at the meeting, to be held in room 102, at 2 P.M., Monday, January 21.



## MORE LETTERS!

In answer to the Editorial (pardon the phrase) in the newspaper dated January 11, 1974.

Here we sit in the so-called "Jock Capital of the city" with the juke box blaring. After reading this editorial, we feel that it is necessary to reply to the hardnose comments made. We would like to make one point extremely clear—that is, we are answering as student members of this college and not as members. (By the way, we are not hockey players either! It was stated that almost the entire students council is composed of hockey players. Are not hockey players students? Are they not capable of running a Students' Council just because they play hockey? By the way, 5 out of 9 persons on the council do not play hockey.

The \$150 was not given to a motor-cycle gang to form a pep club. It seems to us that signs were posted all over the College reading "anyone interested in joining the Pep Club, sign below". We participated in making the signs and we are not part of the so-called motorcycle gang. The pep club was not given any money as such. All bills were to be first okayed by the student's council and then billed to the council. (A note to the unknown writer of this editorial: figures should be precise before being printed.)

Yes, we did know that there are athletic cliques in this school. But did you know that anywhere in society cliques are prevalent? And did you know that anywhere in society cliques are prevalent.

The purpose of pubs is not only to make money but to promote the "peppiness" of the school. If the council can clear their expenses (which they have done at past pubs) and all have a good time, all the more power to our so-called social club. (Here again, a check on figures is needed.) Speaking of pubs, in reference to the rip-off of beer at the school drunkfest—this is a falsity—as the person to whom you are referring was accompanied by a friend (one of the writers) of this article and not a member of council and they were not allowed or able to complete their rip-off. So, they did not steal one beer, let alone several.

"Did you know that members of council are frequently seen sipping beer in their office? but did you also know that they are all over 18 years of age (the legal drinking age) and they are sipping the beer that they paid for, not the student's council?"

If only 22% of the students voted, was this the present council's fault? Each member of council came to his position in a democratic fashion, regardless of what percentage of the student body voted.

If the student body including the student members of council, can't enjoy the lounge then who can? Would it be better to pay \$150 per pub to rent a hall?

We disagree wholeheartedly with the statement that the council has done very little for the school except for pubs. The atmosphere at the school was almost non-existent last year, but this year we have come a long way from last year's root cellar.

Did you know that the majority of students do not want this private club disbanded or we would not have voted them in?

Dear Mike, Richard, Louis, Ken and company — we wish you all the luck in the world to carry on in the spirit that you have had in the past. We realize that it should not be all fun and games in an academic institution, but there has to be some outlet for the frustrations of the average student.

With pride, we sign our names, unlike the mysterious writer of this editorial.

A Group of Concerned Students  
Petty Anne Seitz  
Nancy Provenzano  
Kerry Mascon

To the Northern Light:

Three cheers for your excellent report on (Hogan's Heroes) or our Students' Council. As usual most of the student body will do nothing to see if we can correct the corruptness of the council. Remember it's our money that those guys are using.

I think that we should have a financial report immediately, that is audited by someone else that is in no way partial to the council. (how about Prof. Gardezi or Ian Bates?) Don't let them make their own statement, because the books will be made to balance!

Why is Hogan able to arrange to get money so he can get possibly a free or partially paid skiing trip to Nub's Nob?

Why does Hogan give money away to the bikers for a non-existent Pep Club? Where did that \$150 go? For beer and new bike parts maybe!

Why is the Students' Council allowed to sample the beverages for the pubs before the pub?

Why do the Students' Council and their friends get free drinks at the pubs? Why shouldn't they pay like the rest of us?

On the last pub of Jan. 12, one council member came into the pub yelling, "Who wrote this crap, who wrote this crap!" Referring to the Jan. 11 issue of Northern Light. How belittling to the Students' Council.

I think that we should have some outside help for our council. They are totally irresponsible to the students. I've seen highschool students' councils run better than this one.

As for their record of profit made at pubs, some money is getting lost somewhere.

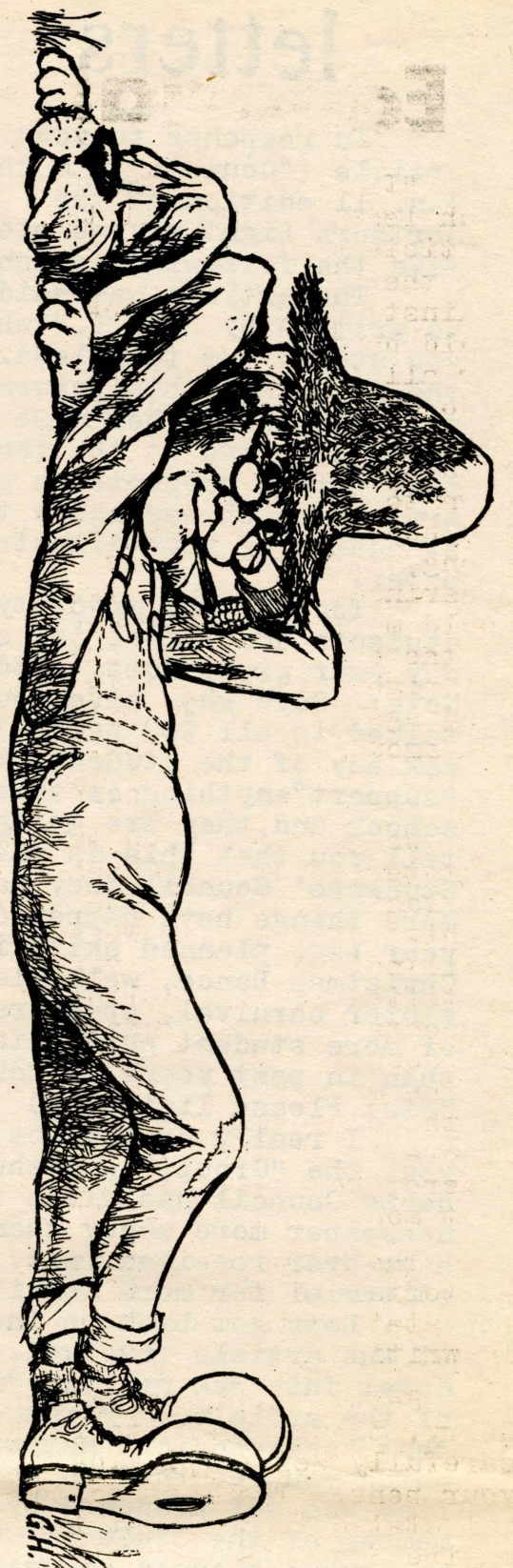
Why can't Hogan go to the Academic Council meetings? That's part of his job as President. I imagine that it conflicts with his and Dovigi's meetings with the office secretaries or some of the girls in first year or otherwise (not mentioning any names).

This same little group has run this school for the past few years, isn't it time for some new people?

May the Northern Light proceed with haste in prosecuting the Council and its activities.

To the students, come on let's do something instead of letting the council fleece us and pull the wool over our eyes. Let's elect a new council! We congratulate you for bringing out this matter and for your forthcoming actions.

Two Concerned Students



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# Editorial

"If I tried to read, much less answer, all the criticisms made of me and all the attacks leveled against me, this office would have to be closed for all other business. I do the best I know how, the very best I can. I mean to keep on doing this, down to the very end. If the end brings me out all wrong, then ten angels swearing I had been right would make no difference. If the end brings me out all right, then what is said against me now will not amount to anything."

— Abraham Lincoln

We have received several interesting responses to our last edition of the Light. At present, we have still not received a viable justification or outline of Students' Council behaviour. The Council, in responding to the many questions raised in the editorial, chose to ignore the crux of the issue; "Where, why and how is student money being spent?"

The purpose of this editorial is to clarify a few statements made to us in writing.

Betty Anne, Nancy and Kerry, please learn to read carefully before picking up your pens. The last editorial stated that almost the entire Students' council is "composed of hockey players or extension students." Five of the six elected members of this group, (and 6 out of the total group of 9) fall into one of the two categories. Betty Anne, Nancy and Kerry, we used figures which were given to us by our Students' Council, which could point out that they juggle figures, we don't. The beer smuggling incident which you mention is a lovely anecdote, but it is not the one referred to in our editorial. The question of sipping beer has another interesting aspect - ie. IT IS ILLEGAL TO DRINK IN A PUBLIC PLACE WHICH DOESN'T HAVE A FULL-TIME LIQUOR LICENSE, even if one is over 18 years of age. We didn't suggest that Council shouldn't enjoy the student lounge. We suggested that they shouldn't be given credit for its construction; they didn't transform the root cellar girls, so please don't tell people that they did. As for frustrations of the AVERAGE student, read the letter signed TWO CONCERNED STUDENTS. And girls, the editor isn't mysterious, and we said motorcycle group not gang.

Miss Cherney, in the future, perhaps you can enlighten us as to our false information. Perhaps you could be our editor, as you have a great brevity of style.

Mike and Richard, you haven't answered the majority of our questions, why not? Were they too tough? If the scatological material referred to wasn't written by Council, we apologize for this one minor point, but someone is using the pseudonym specified by your treasurer. Speaking of money, boys, we haven't increased the newspaper debt. Youthstream, from which we receive all of our ads, has not as yet sent us any money for said ads. Several other major university papers are in a similar position. May I ask why the small newspaper staff should have to put on pubs to keep the paper going? You may not believe it but newspaper work is a very time consuming public service. Maybe we should sell apples on Queen Street too, or maybe we should have refused to pay our student fees, and given them to the paper.

## dear PIERRE

Dear Pierre,

I want to convert the world. I've seen the Light.

Holy Person

Dear Ho Per,

That's strange! After seeing the Light, most people try to convert the paper.

Dear Pierre,

Did President Nixon erase his own tapes? I would really like to know.

G. Sinclair

Dear Sin,

What do you think he is, stupid? That would be a crime. Besides he doesn't want to infringe upon the rights of the secretaries' union.

Dear Pierre,

What do you think will happen to the Dow-Jones Industrial Average if the mid-east war is ended soon?

Speculating

Dear Speckle,

I think he'll have a good year if they play him at first base. He should hit around .300, with ten homeruns.

Dear Pierre,

I have a serious problem. All of my profs. are giving me hell because I miss a lot of classes. Everytime I do show up, I'm promptly shot down. Any ideas?

Not There

Dear Not,

Yes, I have some ideas.

Dear Pierre,

When are we having our winter carnival?

Frosty

Dear Fry,

I think they plan to merge it with the spring convocation.

Dear Pierre,

Comment ca va?

Jacques

Dear Jac,

I'm sorry, but I don't read Hungarian. Try writing in our national tongue, you commie creep!

Dear Pierre,

Who is Buck Lee and why does he say those bloody nasty things about me?

H. Gardezi

Dear H.,

He's a Sorry about that smudge.

Dear Pierre,

What is your opinion of the present world situation? Is there hope for anybody? We seem to be running out of everything, even toilet tissue.

Eco-Person

Dear Son,

I guess we'll really be getting back to nature. Are maple trees sanitary?



## APOLOGY

Mr. George Leach:

We would like to apologize to Mr. Leach for a printing error which may have cast him in a bad light. A line in the last issue should have read: "George Leach is not god." We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused to Mr. Leach by this mistake.



## BUCK LEE

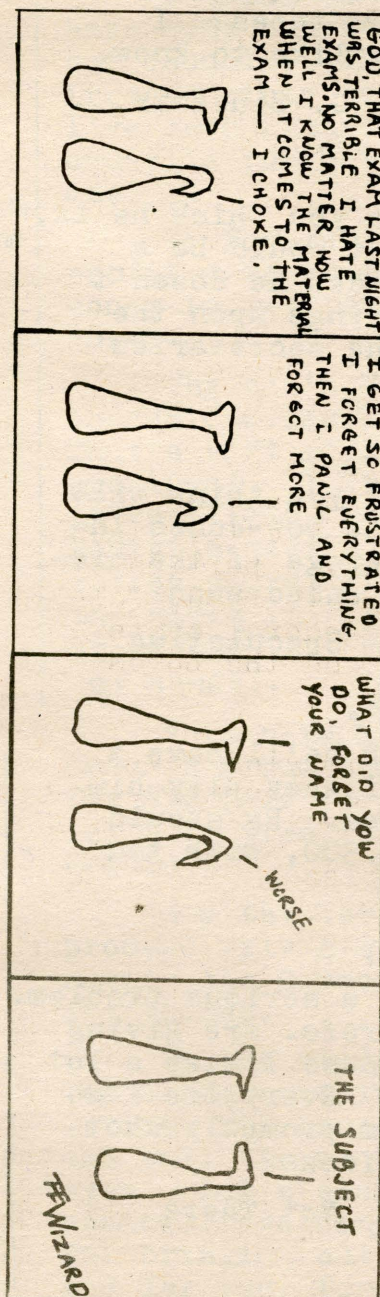
Buck Lee, all knowing, all seeing, all omnipotent sooth-sayer, Kung Fu expert and former admissions officer of the Algoma College Association predicts that the editors of the Northern Light will soon meet an unexpected and tragic end. Reasoning is based on the fact that Lee, while in the act of performing his Houdini escape artist trick in locker 119 of the men's washroom happened to overhear Mike Hogan and Luigi Coccimiglio mapping their strategy. The plan is to substitute sandpaper for toilet tissue in the washroom immediately after leaving a peace offering on the Northern Light's office doorstep of two gallons of ripe prune juice. By the way, will anyone passing by the men's washroom please come in and open locker 119 because Lee is now in there doing his imitation of a starving, half-crazed sleepy-eyed madman being wont to mutter "That's the last damn time I buy a book by Houdini in installments".

Buck Lee predicts that the Algoma College Hockey Team will soon embark on an extended winning streak. Reasoning is based on the fact that the team, after playing together now for four months, is just starting to gell and also that George Leach has threatened to quit paying them if they can't even beat out the Barons in the Brotherhood Hockey League.

Buck Lee predicts that further items, in the great tradition of the infamous stereo and microphone rip-offs, will soon be stolen from the school. Reasoning is based on the fact that crime in society was reported in a recent study to be up 40% and also that the school's all night security guards are making a habit of sitting in a car outside the side door of the school drinking beer with their athletic cronies. However the school might have nothing to worry about. Studies have also shown that many burglars have a pathological desire to be caught. If the burglar, while walking away with the main office's electric typewriter happens to be overcome by guilt feelings and phones city police reporting a break-in at the school, the police, upon arriving two hours later can awaken our drunken security guard sleeping in his car who will then come in and beat said burglar, who by now will be sleeping in a foetal position in the Ahbenooje Nursery Room, to death with a hockey stick, thus giving George Leach the opportunity to exclaim "See Francis, I told you it was a good idea".

Buck Lee predicts that Mike Hogan has put his foot in his mouth again. Reasoning is based on the fact that Hogan in his dealings with one member of the Northern Light staff had stated that "things are going to start happening at Algoma College". This was not taken too seriously however because Mike's last public threat was "I'm going to attend an Academic Council meeting sometime".

Buck Lee predicts that in the near future the Algoma College Bookstore will cease to exist. Reasoning is based on the fact that the bookstore is reported to be losing money and also that if the store does not reopen its doors at night within the next week, 600 screaming extension students will descend upon Anne Ferris and staff like bowevils at an outdoor concert of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, leaving nothing left but blood, underwear, and a tattered copy of Robert's Rules of Order reserved for the president of the Students Council, whoever he is.



At some moment I did answer yes to Someone or Something, and at that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that my life in self-surrender had a goal. — Dag Hammarskjöld

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# HISTORICAL NOTES

## ON SHINGWAUK HALL

### by Ibne-Batoota

#### (Part six)

Between 1874 and 1893 alone, during Rev. Wilson's days at Shingwauk, at least 558 pupils went through the institution set up for the education of Indians. It is not possible to estimate the number of Indian students who attended Shingwauk during the next 8 to 9 decades because the succeeding principals did not keep as good records as Wilson did. However, one thing seems to be quite clear. Whatever the Institution and its missionary sponsors were trying to accomplish ended in a colossal failure, and for good reasons. With very few exceptions the Institution was neither able to "educate" the Indians, nor did it succeed in integrating the Indians in the lower scales of the white, Christian, Anglo-Saxon, urban-industrial society.

Through war, trickery and deceit of the invaders the Indians had lost much in life, land, waters and hunting and gathering rights. The missionaries sought to complete the process by alienating them from their cultural and spiritual heritages through Christianization, Westernization, and proletarianization. Some like Rev. Wilson may even have sincerely believed that if the Indian was to survive, this was his "manifest destiny."

But the methods used by the missionaries to achieve their goals were naive, often cruel and always uninformed with regard to the reality of native cultures. The harder the missionaries tried to erase the cultural imprints of the Indian students from their personalities the more was their disappointment accompanied very often by the use of coercive methods. Wilson often used "ingenuity" rather than brute force to combat the "regression" of his students to their own ways. For instance there is the following entry in one of Wilson's

journals, Lake Superior Mission, Shingwauk Home, 1876, explaining how he used to motivate his pupils towards the use of English and to prevent them from using Indian languages in his Industrial Home:

#### "Buttons"

"Every boy knows what it is, there is great fumbling in pockets and a jingling and whispering, then they form line and come up one by one past the desk. Each boy gives in his buttons and receives an equal number of nuts in exchange. The first ten

or twelve are old boys and can talk English well so they receive no buttons to begin again with, the second lot can talk English a little, they get two buttons each; and the last lot are new comers who don't know the floor from the ceiling or the bench from the stove pipe and they each get five buttons. The plan is simple, any boy hearing another speak Indian says to him, "Give me your button", and those who get the most buttons get most nuts."

Note in the above passage that Wilson is not only attempting to alienate the Indian children from their languages but also introducing them to the capitalist incentive system. The irony of the situation was that nuts and berries were part of the staple food of Indians. The missionaries could not have used nuts as rewards to the Indians before people were pushed into reservations and their hunting and gathering rights denied to them. Wilson apparently did not understand the meaning of his pupils' "fumbling in pockets and a jingling and whispering". Were they enthused about the whole thing?

In the same journal Wilson describes the school routine having to do with induction of his pupils to Christianity in the following passage:

"Being Wed. eve. there is Bible class at 7 P.M. The boys are ranged in 3 classes and those of the first and second division stand while they read the New Testament verse by verse. This is the general class for all the school, but on Friday evenings we have a class of senior pupils only, in the class room when the Acts of the Apostles is read and they are taught to look out references and to study the Scriptures more thoroughly.

At 8 P.M. is evening prayers. All stand and answer to the roll call. Then a hymn is sung, a portion of the Scripture is read, followed by the general confession, prayer and the Lords prayer. \_ \_ \_"

Can you imagine Rev. Wilson's "pagan" pupils yawning away during these sessions?

Nevertheless, Wilson and his successors often came very close to accomplishing their purposes, but these successes were short lived. In a letter written in 1886 containing a report of the early history of Shingwauk Home, Wilson talks about a 13 year old Ojibway boy from Michipicooten. His Indian name was Muswadeens, meaning little man over there. He is stated to have been a "Pagan" and "wild and untaught" when he came to the school. But he "made fair progress", was one of 78 baptized on October 27, and given the

name Louis Joseph. On September 18, 1879 "he died of consumption," and was "buried in Shingwauk Cemetery."

Then there was the case of John A. Maggrah, an Ottawa, from Manitoulin Island, age 22, who attended the Shingwauk Home for five years and whose picture appears, in academic robes, in Our Forest Children, one of Wilson's last journals. He was attending St. John College, Winnipeg as a Divinity student, and a desperate Wilson captioned his story as: EX-PUPILS STILL DEPENDENT ON US FOR SUPPORT. More on the success stories of Shingwauk Home in the next issue.



#### SCHOOL SONG

God Who Touchest Earth With Beauty

Like the dancing waves in sunlight  
Make me glad and free.  
Like the straightness of the pine tree  
Let me upright be.

Rev. Michin selected the above song from the hymn for Shingwauk in 1944. Shingwauk means pine tree.





# And He Ate

And he walked down  
The crystal glass road  
With his peppermint wagon  
Which was trailing behind,  
And he stopped as  
He came upon an orchard  
Where he straddled the fence  
To jump t'other side.  
He stood up on tip-toes  
But his fingers could not reach,  
So he kicked and shook  
The rubber trunk,  
And the aluminum apples  
Tinkled as they fell to  
The lemon skin ground,  
He ran helter skelter  
Picking them up as  
They might have rolled down  
The big marshmallow hill.  
And upon feeding them to  
Himself and little clay donkey,  
They continued on their way  
Down the melting road  
Into the marmalade and licorice sunset.

Gale Jack

while  
the fresh frost  
nips  
my cheek  
and hands,  
handing  
me  
a new day's  
delight.

by Jerry Ackerman

I go  
fresh  
through the person park  
nipping  
eyefuls of garnish  
to toss  
onto the salads of my leafy mind

## OPINION POLL

As a result of the reaction to the editorial that appeared in the Northern Light dated Jan. 11, 1974, we the editors feel that the only recourse left, is to in fact approach you the student including extension students. Therefore please find a few minutes this week to answer the following questionnaire.

1) Has Students' Council, in your opinion, functioned as a group representative of the entire student body in fulfilling its obligations?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2) Has Students' Council used your money in an honest and just manner?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3) Do you feel Council aids certain sectors of the College community and not the others?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

4) Has Students' Council, in your opinion, taken the initiative to promote all activities?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

5) What areas do you think Students' Council has neglected?

- a) Social \_\_\_
- b) Cultural \_\_\_
- c) Educational \_\_\_
- d) Recreational \_\_\_

6) Do you want to know where your money is being spent?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

7) List priorities of groups that should in your opinion receive money.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_

8) Would you vote for the present Students' Council if there was another election?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE AND RETURN TO THE NORTHERN LIGHT MAILBOX OR OFFICE BY FRIDAY JANUARY 25 1974.



That tree outside my window ...  
Through each season it grew with me  
Leaves shed for each tear  
Green, brown, finally black.  
That tree outside my window remembers  
I've branched out these days...

-a friend-



As he pondered the meaning  
of Joyce,  
An English Lit. student  
named Royce  
Knew stream-of-thought games  
That flowed from dear James  
Meant the flavour of 'Blue'  
was his choice.



Labatt's Blue smiles along with you