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**WE'RE
ALMOST
DONE!!!**

Spring is finally here!



More Jokes!

**TOP EVENTS OF
THE YEAR**

D'Arcy Palmer reminisces on 1998

NEWS * SPORTS * OPINIONS * ARTS * CONTESTS

Editor's Comments

After a disappearance of a month or two, the Sentinel has returned once again. As usual, we are still low on student help, and if the situation doesn't improve, the gap between issues is only going to get bigger...

It's hard to believe spring is upon us, and our second semester is almost over. Soon enough it'll be time for summer vacations. Now there's something to look forward to! The Sentinel wants to know what your plans are for the summer. Are you going on vacation, working, or just slacking off? Tell us and we'll take your picture and publish it in the next issue. Eventually we'd like to create a Question of the Week column appearing every month, so contact us!

Anyway, enjoy the issue. And remember, life is only as good as you make it to be. Same goes for the Sentinel!

Short Jokes

Here are some (bad) jokes to get this issue started...

Did you hear about the dyslexic Satanist?
He sold his soul to Santa

How do you get holy water?
Boil the hell out of it.

What do prisoners use to call each other?
Cell phones.

What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?
A stick.

What do you get from a pampered cow?
Spoiled milk.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite.

What do you get when you cross an elephant and a skin doctor?
A pachydermatologist.

What is a zebra?
26 sizes larger than an "A" bra.

What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?
A nervous wreck.

What's the difference between roast beef and pea soup?
Anyone can roast beef.

Where do you get virgin wool from?
Ugly sheep.

Why are there so many Smiths in the phone book?
They all have phones.

And my favourite of the month....
What has four legs, is big, green, fuzzy, and if it fell out of a tree would kill you?
A pool table.

If you are groaning and think you know better jokes, email us (sentinel@eagle.auc.on.ca) and show us your sense of humour.

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AUSA News

News

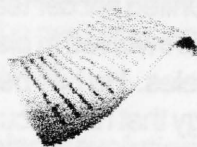
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Events of the Year

by: D'Arcy Palmer

I have not yet seen enough movies to present a top ten list for the year 1998. I have therefore looked to other areas for a top 10 list. Hence, I give you the top ten list of stories in sports and the news.

Top 10 Sports

1a) The World Cup - It was probably the best world cup in almost 30 years, as France produced a storybook victory at home. Croatia and Netherlands also proved great



stories, while traditional powers Germany and Italy looked tired and uninspired. Probably the most memorable image was that of Brazil in the final, the players for the greatest soccer country in the world looking like they would rather be anywhere than on the pitch with France.

1b) The Home Run Chase - The contest between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa was the event of the year for North American sports, as the greatest sporting record was overcome. McGwire

finished with a new mark of 70 home runs for a season, but it was his 62 home run, passing Roger Maris's 61 home runs, that will be most remembered. With Sosa's Chicago Cubs as his opponents, McGwire hit a lined shot over the leftfield fence to remove the old mark from the record books. After his trot around the bases, he embraced Sosa and the Maris children, making for a wonderful emotional moment.

3) The Olympic Bribery Scandal - This is a story to follow over the next year, and could threaten the future of the Olympic movement.



4) Drugs in Sports - The controversy over performance enhancing drugs came to a head in the Tour de France (more like Tour de Farce), as most of the teams competing withdrew or were thrown out over charges of using drugs. Then there was the andro controversy surrounding McGwire. This is another story that is going to grow.

5) The European Superleague - The proposed European Superleague in soccer has been put off for the moment, as UEFA (European soccer's governing body) has changed the format of its cups. But the recent suggestion to have the World Cup played every two years to counteract the power of club soccer shows that this superleague speculation has already had a major impact.

6) The Decline of Canadian Hockey - For a Canadian sports story, this is the biggest. Lets all face it, we are beginning to suck at our own game. Our developmental system needs improvement, but most of those in charge have their heads in the sand.

7) The NBA Lockout - Yawn.

8) The New York Yankees - McGwire was not the only story in baseball, as the Yankees easily captured their second championship in three years and was likely one of the best teams of all time.

9) Rupert Murdoch's Buying Spree - He bought the Los Angeles Dodgers, and proceeded to make Kevin Brown the first \$100 million player in that sport. He attempted to buy the Manchester United soccer team for \$1 billion, and it is rumoured that he is involved in plans for an expansion NFL team in Los Angeles. He has become the greatest example of the synergy that has occurred between sports teams and communications companies.

10) An AFC Team Wins the Superbowl - The most hyped event in the world finally looks legitimate for the first time in 15 years as the Denver Broncos beat the Green Bay Packers in a thrilling game.

Top 10 News

1) **The Global Economic Crisis** - Many seem to think that the problem is isolated to Asia and Russia, but the problem is worldwide and threatens the existence of the global economy. I was going to say that Brazil would be the next victim in February, but the crisis has started there a month before I expected. Also expect the United States economy to be engulfed in the crisis by the end of the year (probably October, since it holds symbolic value to the stock exchange). It is likely that no action will be taken to regulate the global markets, which has become obviously necessary, until a major nation like the U.S. is affected.

2) **The Pinochet Decision** - Although the decision maybe overturned this month, it appears that the precedent may have already been set. Justice now appears global, and those who commit crimes against humanity will increasingly find it difficult to avoid punishment.



3) **The Euro** - Although officially coming into being in 1999, it was already having an impact as the year 1998 closed out. The Euro will likely be the currency of choice instead of the American Dollar, and that has a enormous impact on the economic situation in the world.

4) **The APEC Controversy** - A major blow to the image of the Prime Minister. The commission looking into the APEC issue fell apart and now has to start again, and many glumly predict that this will be swept under the carpet. It is the opinion of this writer that this issue will in fact grow over the next year, and may pave the way for the retirement of the P.M.

5) **The Indonesian Revolution** - Indonesia is in a state of crisis, the butcher Suharto has been deposed from leadership and his hand picked successor, Jusuf Habibie, has not been able to placate the protesters. What occurs in this nation will have a tremendous effect on the rest of Asia. Watch the situation in Malaysia as well to see how it turns out.

6) **Kosovo** - The war in the former Yugoslavia continues as ethnic Albanians and Serbs fight over this province. This

was not the only hotspot in the world, as the Congo, Algeria, Afghanistan, Yemen, Burma, and other nations saw bloodshed.

7) **Death of a Dictator** - The death of Nigeria's dictator, Sani Abacha, has provided hope that Africa's most populous nation will return to democracy.

8) **Peace in Northern Ireland** - Here's hoping that they can make this peace deal a success.

9) **Israel-Palestine** - The peace process has become a mess. At least Netanyahu will be a goner by the end of May.

10) **President Clinton** - There was something in the news about an intern, but I forgot what it was.



Monica: "Do I have something in my teeth?"

Do You Have Some Spare Time Between Classes?

Aerobic classes, aerobicycles, AUC & GLC athletic wear, badminton, ballroom dancing lessons, basketball, blood pressure testing, CPR classes, clubs, concept rowers, exercise prescriptions, fitness testing, floor hockey, free weights, indoor & out door tennis, global gym, golf lessons, gravitron, heart to heart program, jogging, leagues, national coaching certification courses, Nordic Track, punching bag, saunas, Schwinn bikes, spinnaker bikes, squash, St. John Ambulance first aid classes, stretching, quinton treadmills, taekwondo, tai chi, teams, tennis lessons, upper body ergometer, universal weightlifting machines, volleyball, yoga and MUCH MUCH more!!

For further information call 949-2301 ext. 500

University Graduate Soft Skills

by: Dr. George Gekas

A common complaint from employers of green university graduates is that they, although are well-qualified technically, they often lack many soft behavioural skills. In fact, quite often above average performers are differentiated from the average university recruits by the extent to which they are good at the soft skills required for the job.

In spite these realities and demands of the job market, students seem not to take the development of their soft skills very seriously. This realization by educational authorities may lead to the development of a program that forces students to think about soft workplace skills. Incorporating into curriculum these skills rather than developing a separate course is often favoured by many academics. For example, time management, team work, effective communication can be incorporated in several courses. Employability skills, workplace ethics, corporate politics and street smarts can provide a comprehensive set of soft skills making up a "world of work" program. Teaching

work place skills may include experiential activities, job shadows, work terms, interviews with employers, attendance of meetings all of which could provide a useful framework for such a program. While the student benefit from the "world of work" experience is obvious, employers could also gain from this program: They may be able to evaluate students as potential permanent employees, get useful projects done that regular employees don't have the time to do, and they may rake gains in the public relations arena. A world of work programme is expected to promote positive feelings among students/consumers for products and services of sponsor companies.

Employer participation is vital to such a program, not only for the design, but also for evaluation on the success of such a programme. Career services and student placement departments' involvement is pivotal to the success of the programme.

Clubs



Algoma University Business Society (AUBS) organizes educational, academic and social events which are of interest and benefit to all of Algoma's business students and Algoma University as a whole, preparing today's students for tomorrow's world!

WANT YOUR CLUB IN THE SENTINEL?

Just bring your text, graphic, or picture to GN 4, and it's done!

Anyone interested in contacting AUBS for information or with ideas for future events, can reach us at 949-2301 ext. 295. Our fax number is 949-6583, and our e-mail address is aubs@tbird.auc.on.ca.

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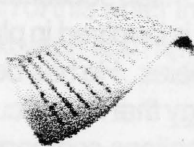
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The Last Page

The Problem With Reading Courses

There has been a problem this term with reading courses. The continued cutbacks in the number of courses and/or the infrequency of their offering have caused some serious concerns among students. Some worry that they may not be able to graduate on time without the availability of reading courses.

Strangely enough the university seems to have adopted a tough position on reading courses. Rather than making them more readily available to offset the reduced course offering, it has narrowed its interpretation as to what are extenuating circumstances calling for reading courses. Some students are plainly angry with the situation. It seems that no university official is willing to take responsibility of refusing reading course requests.

Last month some 60 Business students signed a petition complaining about the present reading course policy. Apparently several of them had been denied the opportunity to take the reading courses they applied for by the Dean's committee, the Dean himself, and the three divisional chairs.

The AUC Senate is expected to deal with this issue soon. Students are waiting with anticipation for the Senate's decision.

In The Next Issue....

Our special issue on the proposed student fee increase! We will give you all the details on the new Student Life Centre, and its implications. Also, we will print your thoughts and ideas on this matter. And of course, there will be more reviews, articles, stories and jokes!

Lack of Communication

Lack of communication and real understanding between parties is often blamed on their inability to agree even on basic concepts. Yet, most of the times one party knows exactly what the other party wants. The problem is that both parties frequently want the same thing. Their communications are simply designed to prevent each other from obtaining their respective objectives. One knows, the other knows they know. Simply put, one understands each other perfectly, in spite of a history of ineffective communication.

Dr. George Gekas

Eine Kleine Nachmusik

**A Sault Symphony Concert
Featuring Vocalist Elizabeth Kinghorn**

Saturday, March 20th, 1999 8:00 PM

ADVICE BLURB OF THE MONTH

Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be the miracle.

Phillip Brooks

Courtesy of
Dr. George Gekas

FREE MYSTERY PRIZE

Clip out this form and bring it to the Sentinel office (GN-4) or the Students' Council office (GN-2). You'll be entered in a draw for a mystery prize. I guess you have to enter to find out what it is!!!

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____