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Editor's Comments

We're baaaaaaaack!!! As promised, the Sentinel has returned. We are still running low on student help, but we managed to get a second issue out for this term. Thank you for your positive comments and encouragement on our last issue.

Two things run through my mind this time of the year. Christmas, and exams. The first semester is already over and it's time to write our finals. Exams give you stress no matter how prepared or at ease you are. Christmas may even add to our stress. Shopping for all your loved ones is not always easy, especially when you are on a student's budget.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy this issue. Once again, all of you are encouraged to give your say and tell us what is missing. More help and volunteers are always welcome. In fact for the Sentinel to keep on going on a monthly basis, we need your help.

Good luck on your exams, and may all your Christmas wishes come true!

TOP TEN REASONS WHY STUDYING IS BETTER THAN SEX

10. You can usually find someone to do it with.
9. If you get tired, you can stop, save your place, and pick up where you left off.
8. You can finish early without feelings of guilt or shame
7. When you open a book, you don't have to worry about who else has opened it.
6. A little coffee and you can do it all night.
5. If you don't finish a chapter, you won't gain a reputation as a "book teaser".
4. You can do it, eat, and watch TV all at the same time
3. You don't get embarrassed if your parents interrupt you in the middle.
2. You don't have to put your beer down to do it.
1. If you aren't sure what you are doing, you can always ask your roommate for help.

STUDY HARD EVERYONE!!!



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AUSA News

Well folks, thanks to you we've had three very successful events this past month. First of all, the Intergalactic Fashion Show went very well. Our snazzy "models" showed off some out-of-this-world clothing from four friendly sponsors.

The hilarious Yuk Yuk's show with Tim Nutt and Sean Collins was a great success. The performance was sold out! Out of the 500 people who showed up, about 100 were students.

Our costs for that show included:

\$1177 for bringing the comedians

138 for printing tickets

150 for the sound system

totaling up to \$1465. We earned \$1909 in tickets sales, so our net profit for the event was \$444!! This money will be used for other student activities and events. Any suggestions?

Our final event of the semester and of 1998, was the annual Christmas party. About 60 people showed up for the dinner, while several more people came for the dance afterwards.

Here is some more information regarding what your AUSA has been working on:

1. Food Bank: The starving student Food Bank is still in need of your help. If you have any donations please bring them to the AUSA office in GN2. If you are running low on can foods, pasta or sauce, take advantage of the Student Food Bank. It is here for any AUC students who are in need.

2. Health Plan Information: is available in the AUSA Office.

3. C.F.S. table: The Canadian Federation of Students Table is in the T-Bird Lounge, providing students with information regarding the benefits of belonging to this organization.

4. ISIC Cards and Student Saver Cards: are available in the AUSA Office.

5. Senate Committees: Members are required for these Senate Committees:

Curriculum Committee - they meet regularly on Wednesday's at 1:00 pm

Student Services Committee - they call the meetings whenever they are required.

6. Volunteers: Any one who wishes to become involved, volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated. Please drop by the AUSA office and leave your name and number, and we will definitely be calling on you!!

7. Open Positions: Due to the departure of Don Aiken and Cori Litwin (see below) two positions have opened up on your AUSA. All those interested in applying for the positions of *Vice-President* or *Native Affairs Representative*, can drop their resume to the AUSA office. Please include a letter explaining why you are interested in the vacant position.

Dear students, staff and faculty,

Cori Litwin and I are transferring to Lakehead University in January to be closer to home. Thunder Bay is 8 hours closer to Red Lake. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, it is necessary that we transfer mid year, but we hope to be back again next September.

We would like to thank everyone at Algoma and in the Sault for helping us fit in and enjoy our time here. We look forward to hearing from and keeping in touch with you. We definitely plan to come back and visit after January.

Algoma has been a great experience for us, and we don't think other schools in our future will stand up to it.

Once again thank you everyone. We have made new and lasting friendships here at Algoma and we will keep in touch.

Good luck on your exams.

Don Aiken and Cori Litwin



Arts- Movie Reviews

by: D'Arcy Palmer

Star Wars Trailer

Neat, but short.

For the trailer to the most anticipated movie of all time (according to the hype) that is the best description one could give. The trailer satisfies those that were worried about some of the rumours (i.e. the rumour that 40% of the footage shot was blurred) without giving away much of the film's story.

I must admit that I am looking forward to *Episode 1*, but I have been worried that George Lucas would deliver a *Return of the Jedi* instead of an *Empire Strikes Back*. The trailer put to rest my fears. The special effects look great, especially the space scenes, although some of the effects in the trailer showed "newness" (my term for effects that do not look dirty and realistic). But they have 6 months to clean up such flaws.

The quality of the acting is hard to tell, but a couple of actors do stand out. Liam Neeson looks right at home in his Jedi getup, while Jake Lloyd looks to be decent but not spectacular as Anakin (kind of like another actor who played a different generation of Skywalker). Darth Maul, the guy with the red face, looks like a cool bad guy. The other big name actors (Ewan McGregor, Samuel L. Jackson, and Natalie Portman) are given some time, but not enough to formulate an opinion.

All in all, it was an interesting two minutes. It served its duty to drum up hype and gave some evidence of what we can expect in 6 months time (both on-screen and off). George Lucas has set some high expectations; may the force be with him in his attempt to meet them.

Enemy of the State

There just happened to be a movie after the *Episode 1* trailer, a paranoid techno-thriller from the Bruckheimer/Scott team that gave us *Top Gun* and *Crimson Tide*. It is designed like your typical popcorn selling summer movie, with some high-minded concepts for the fall crowd. There are even some good performances, but pedestrian direction and some lame plot twists bring the final quality of this product down.

The premise of the movie is that a secret bureaucracy within the American government is watching and

listening to everything you and I do or say. They want a bill passed that would extend their powers under the guise of improving the nation's security. Unfortunately those pesky politicians, led by a Republican congressman (Jason Robards), do not see how butting into people's privacy would be good for Americans. Thus the top official in the bureaucracy, named Reynolds and played by Jon Voight, has Robards killed.

Unfortunately for Voight, a nature photographer accidentally tapes the entire murder, and through a series of events the tape ends up in the possession of an ace lawyer played by Will Smith. But Smith does not know he has the tape, and he is totally perplexed as a series of events (losing his job, charges of embezzlement, framed for murder), created by the bureaucracy, occur. His search for answers leads him to a former agent for the bureaucracy, played by Gene Hackman, who opens Smith's eyes to the depths of the conspiracy.

The acting is quite good. The movie itself appears to be a homage to *The Conversation*, and Hackman's character comes across as a reprise of the one he played in that 1974 film. Still, Hackman comes off convincingly as a cynical, lonely man who is paranoid of everyone. Voight gives us another example that he has patented the bureaucratic, cold-blooded bad guy seen in films like *Mission: Impossible*. And Smith is the same charming, likable good guy that he has played in every movie he has been in (I dare you to picture him as heroin-addicted pimp or some other lowlife). Besides the big three, there are numerous recognizable faces that show up throughout the film.

The script itself has some ingenious ideas, the primary one being the vision of the evil bureaucracy. Instead of pumped-up bad guys, we have a group of computer nerds who likely grew up worshipping Bill Gates and Anthony Michael Hall. The shots of the technology at use are also imaginative and well done by Tony Scott.

Regrettably, Scott overdoes it on these shots, forgetting the human element in the story. The story also has flaws. There is the typical reduction in IQ of the main character in movies like these so that certain plot twists take place. And the ending of the film is stupid, involving a similar reduction in the bad guys' IQ.

Despite the mistakes, the movie is enjoyable, but they turn what could have been a good movie into a merely decent one.

Sports

Results as of November 30, 1998

GLC Volleyball League Standings

	W	L	D	Points
Team 1 (WOOP'S)	8	1	0	17
Team 6 (K'DAWGS)	7	2	0	16
Team 2 (LO RIDERS)	6	2	1	14
Team 3 (REZ)	2	6	1	10
Team 5 (SPIKERS)	2	5	5	9
Team 4 (HITTERS)	0	6	3	6

GLC Floor Hockey League Standings

	W	T	L	D	Points
Team 1 (HUSKER DU)	7	1	0	0	16
Team 2 (JONATHON'S HEROES)	5	1	3	0	14
Team 3 (TERMINATORS)	4	0	5	0	13
Team 4 (THEROSTER)	0	0	9	0	9

For both leagues: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a loss of a tie, 0 points for a default

Joke of the Month

Every night, Frank would go down to the liquor store, get a six pack, bring it home, and drink it while he watched TV. One night, as he finished his last beer, the doorbell rang. He stumbled to the door and found a six-foot cockroach standing there. The bug grabbed him by the collar and threw him across the room, then left.

The next night, after he finished his 4th beer, the doorbell rang. He walked slowly to the door and found the same six-foot cockroach standing there. The big bug punched him in the stomach, then left. The next night, after he finished his 1st beer, the doorbell rang again.

The same six-foot cockroach was standing there. This time he was kneed in the groin and hit behind the ear as he doubled over in pain. Then the big bug left.

The fourth night Frank didn't drink at all. The doorbell rang. The cockroach was standing there. The bug beat up Frank and left him in a heap on the living room floor.

The following day, Frank went to see his doctor. He explained events of the preceding four nights. "What can I do?" he pleaded.

"Not much," the doctor replied. "There's just a nasty bug going around."

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



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!

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@bird.auc.on.ca.

AUBS would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We would like to thank all those that attended the pub and the tour of *Northern Breweries*.

AUBS has a few things planned for the new year. These include: a *Simply Accounting* course that will run four weeks, some more tours, a *Careers Day*, and another bowling night.

Graduation frames are still available. These are great for putting your diplomas in, so get yours as soon as possible.

WANT YOUR CLUB IN THE SENTINEL?

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

News from the Business Department

The Sentinel has obtained some confidential information about the new curriculum the Business Administration Department is preparing for the next year. "We are very exciting at the prospect of offering a greater variety of courses to our students in areas that no other business school in Canada, and in fact in North America has before" Dr. Gekas reported. This is a collaborative effort of the entire department. Everyone has worked hard to bring these courses to life showering with credits deserved professors Galotta and Matthews.

When approached by the Sentinel, Prof. Galotta happily admitted that his new finance course is expected to attract many special students that now do not attend AUC. The new course, *Mortgage Reduction Through Arson*, will be offered in the spring of 1999. Galotta clearly stated that this is not his favourite way of mortgage reduction, however, he added he wants students to be aware of all potential ways that one can pay off higher mortgage.

It was the number of failed students in Prof. Matthews entrepreneurship class that inspired him to develop his new course: *How to Fail in Business Without Really Trying*. "I have the feeling the marks in this class will be quite high" Matthews said.

Dr. Gekas could not be left out of these developments, so he came up with, not one, but two courses. The first, entitled *How to Profit from Your own Body* provides a

new hope for those students who are concerned with the limited employment opportunities for new graduates. Gekas swears that, contrary to the rumours, he has no business relationship with any of the local escort services. Any similarity between their approach and his is purely coincidental.

His second course will be an easy sell to mature students. Especially those who are parents are expected to flock to this course. Gekas insists that most parents have thought of this course at least a dozen times. This course, *Packing and Selling your Children* has been recently approved by the Curriculum Committee.

By an anonymous business student

On a more serious note, the Business Department offers a brand new course for the very first time at AUC: *Management for Non-Profit Organizations*. There are two sections of this course; the first on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 - 11:30 am, and the second on Wednesdays at 4 - 7 pm. The course starts January 5, 1999. The so-called third sector, is increasing in significance, especially after the decline of the public sector. Many jobs can be found in education, health, and various non-profit organizations and charities.

Opinion - Free East Timor

by: D'Arcy Palmer

December 7 was the 23rd anniversary of Indonesia's invasion of the former Portuguese colony of East Timor. On December 7, 1975, Indonesian forces swept into the East Timorese capital Dili, starting a blood bath that continues today. It is estimated that over 200,000 East Timorese, about one-third of their population, has been killed in the last 23 years.

In the last year we have witnessed massive changes in Indonesia. Fed up with years of oppression and engulfed by the global economic crisis, Indonesians revolted against the authoritarian government. Suharto stepped down and was replaced by his hand-picked successor, Jusuf Habibie. There was a pledge by President Habibie to make reforms in Indonesia. Despite this pledge, little has actually been done and Indonesians are again in the streets calling for change.

For East Timor, these events have given them hope, but so far they have seen little change. The much publicized pull out of 1,000 Indonesian troops (out of 14,000) has turned out to be false. Recent leaks out of East Timor tell of army crackdowns and massacres. Other provinces like Western New Guinea have also been terrorized by a military that seems out of control. The situation is desperate, and the need for international intervention is obvious.

The East Timorese have demanded negotiations on self-determination, with the objective being a referendum within 5 years of a deal being signed. They also request the immediate release of Xanana Gusmão, the East Timorese resistance leader, and the withdrawal of Indonesian troops, to be replaced by UN peacekeepers. This demands have been supported by the United Nations and many national governments, including most recently the United States Senate.

Our government should join other nations in supporting the right of East Timor to self-determination. Raymond Chan, Canada's Secretary of State for the Asia-Pacific region, has himself agreed with the principle of self-determination for East Timor. His subsequent backtracking after making the statement indicates that there are still those in our government who think that we should not step on the toes of our "friends" in Indonesia.

Canada should not stay neutral. We should advocate the holding of a referendum on the issue, and we must call for the release of Xanana Gusmão and the pull out of Indonesian troops. As a peacekeeping nation, we could offer troops to ensure peace while the island set about determining its future. With the economic hardships that Indonesia is going through, it is a perfect time to put the pressure on to change their dictatorial ways in Indonesia, and to allow freedom for East Timor.

Listening Skills...

I spent a lot of time working on an assignment for English class, so I decided to share my work with you. Here are some guidelines to become a better listener:

- Stop talking. Give the speaker a chance to fully express themselves and explain their intended message. It is impossible to talk and listen effectively at the same time.
- Be patient. People have different paces and styles of talking, so don't rush them to get the point. Not everyone can get to the point quickly.
- Do not interrupt. It is impolite and may derail the speaker's thoughts.
- Do not argue or criticize. The speaker may be put on the defensive, and it may jeopardize communications.
- Concentrate on what is said. Do not prepare an answer or what to say next. Just listen attentively.
- Be sincere. Do not go through the motions of listening when you are not.
- Take time. If you are in a hurry, explain to the speaker that you can arrange a full discussion at a more convenient time.

- Concentrate on the message not the messenger. The message itself is more important than the mannerisms, or the voice of the messenger. Do not let an annoying voice get in the way of receiving the message.
- Control your reactions. Even when strongly held convictions are challenged, do not let your emotions overcome you.
- Be prepared to learn. Keep an open mind and be willing to change your mind even if other ideas conflict with yours.
- Empathize with the speaker. Put yourself in the talker's place to see his/her point of view.
- Encourage the speaker. Ask questions and encourage the speaker to continue and improve the message delivered.
- Ease the speaker. Convince the speaker that you are listening to understand rather than oppose.
- Do not be a distraction. You should avoid fidgeting, biting your lip, frowning deeply, playing with your hair or jewellery, looking at your watch.
- Take notes. Short term memory is fallible, so to be sure any pertinent information is not lost and forgotten, write it down soon after the message has been received.

Now don't you feel enlightened?

The Last Page

What girls say, and what they mean....

- Can't we just be friends? = There is no way in hell I'm going to let any part of your body touch any part of mine, again.
- I just need some space = I just need some space without you in it.
- Can you help me with my homework? = If I keep whining, the fool will do it for me.
- Do I look fat in this dress? = Let's fight. We haven't had a fight in a while.
- Yes, pizza's fine = No, pizza is NOT fine you cheap bastard.
- I just do not want a boyfriend now = I just do not want you as a boyfriend now.
- We're moving too quickly = I am not going to sleep with you until I find out if this guy in Bio has a girlfriend
- I'll be ready in a minute = I AM ready, but I am going to make you wait because I know you will.

What guys say, and what they mean....

- I need you = My hand is tired.
- I had her = I had wet dreams about her all week.
- I really want to get to know you better = I really want to get to know you better so I can tell my friends about it
- You're the only girl I've ever cared about = You are the only girl who has not rejected me.
- I want you back = I want you back for tonight anyway.
- We've been through so much together = If it was not for you, I never would have lost my virginity.
- I miss you so much = I am so horny that my roommate is starting to look good.
- I am different from all the other guys = I am not circumcised.
- I'm just going out with the guys = We are gonna get drunk and make fun of you and your friends.
- I like you but... = I don't like you.

In Next Month's Issue....

You can expect more news, reviews, sports, contests, and who knows, maybe some controversy! Also we will be preparing for Valentine's Day. So look out for our "love forms" to fill out, so you can tell your loved one how much you care. All these "love forms" will appear in February's issue.

And the Winner is.....

The winner of last month's contest is Mark Greco! Mark will receive a gift certificate for two people at Station Cinemas. Congratulations!

ADVICE BLURB OF THE MONTH

Good enough never is. **Debbi Fields**
 Founder, Mrs. Fields Cookies

Courtesy of
Dr. Ed Giesbrecht

WIN A FREE CD AND T-SHIRT

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 free Stabbing Westward CD and T-Shirt.

Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____