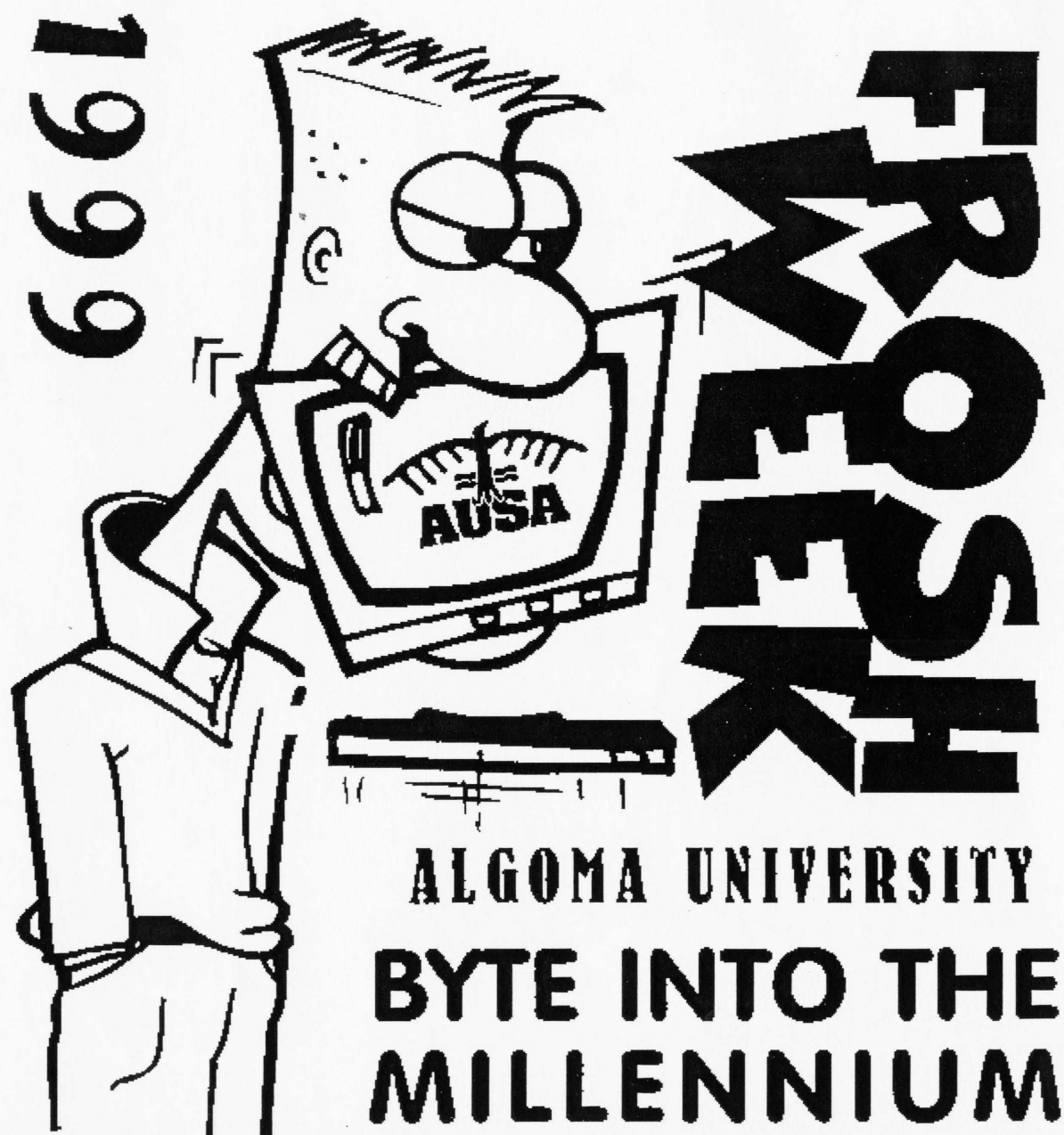


SENTINEL

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NEWS * SPORTS * OPINIONS * ARTS * AND MORE

What's Happening at Algoma?

Do you ever wonder what you could be doing instead of studying? Here are a few of the things to do around the school to keep you busy:

The George Leech Centre for Fitness and Recreation; Intramural Sports include:

Basketball	Tuesday night
Floor Hockey	Wednesday night
Volleyball	Thursday night

Other activities include: full weight room, squash, tennis, aerobics, CPR and First aid classes, dance classes, cross country ski club, and a brand new massage therapist! If you have any questions, call the GLC at 949-2301 ext 500

Algoma University Business Society

If you are enrolled in the Business Administration Program, you are automatically a member of AUBS! This club offers its members social events and professional activities to enhance employability skills. Watch for Business Buddies, Career Fairs, and more. If you have any questions call them at 949-2301 ext 295.

Students In Free Enterprise

SIFE works in partnership with business and higher education to provide students the leadership experience of teaching others how market economies and business operate. Thus, helping them use this knowledge to better themselves and their community and allowing them to gain business experience before starting their careers. They encourage students to learn more about them by calling 949-2301 ext 295.

"NEW EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OFFERED FOR AUC STUDENTS"

This Fall, AUC students will have an increased number of employment services available to them in the new Student Resource Centre, located in Room 102. The following services are available for those in need assistance with their job search:

1. Job postings bulletin board for Co-op, full-time, part-time and volunteer positions (all positions will also be circulated to the student body through the e-mail system). The jobs board is located across the hall from Room 102.
2. Computer access for resume and cover letter preparation.
3. Internet access for employment related searches and company research.
4. Use of laser printer for any employment related documents (your first 10 copies are FREE, 5 cents will be charged for additional copies).
5. Fax service for employment related faxes (charges will apply to long distance faxes).
6. Resume & Cover Letter critiques/evaluation (by appointment).
7. Mock Interviews (by appointment).

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and ALL students are encouraged to drop in at any time. For more information contact, Brian Leahy, Manager of Co-op and Employment Services at 949-2301, ext. 350."

And now for something completely different...

The Top 11 Things Uttered by Yoda While Making Love

11. "Ahhh! Yoda's little friend you seek!"
10. "Urm. Put a shield on my saber I must."
9. "Feel the force!"
8. "Foreplay, cuddling ... a Jedi craves not these things."
7. "Down here, I am. Find a ladder, I must!"
6. "Do me or do me not ... there is no try."
5. "Early must I rise. Leave now you must!"
4. "Happens to every guy sometimes this does."
3. "When 900 years old you get, Viagra you will need too, hmmmmmm?"
2. "Ow, ow, OW! On my ear you are!"
1. "Who's your Jedi master? WHO'S your Jedi Master?"

Captain Cuisine

Welcome everyone to a new school year. New for this year in the Sentinel is Captain Cuisine. With every issue there will be a review from the Captain on new and interesting dining experiences.

Our first pick is a tribute to all students on a budget. Hence Toonie Tuesdays at KFC. For the most part, the dining atmosphere is adequate and is your typical fast food accommodations, being self serve. The food items consist of a chicken sandwich, or two pieces of original recipe chicken, and a side of fries.

The meal is sufficient and for a student on a budget it accomplishes its goal. This meal is undoubtedly a value price leader and is a hard combination to beat.

Alternatives For Student Financial Needs

Considering the increases in tuition in the past few years, students are finding it harder and harder to make ends meet. Here are a few ideas that you may find helpful:

Scholarships and Bursaries

There is a whole section in the school calendar in regards to scholarships and bursaries, check them out and apply for as many as you can. Spending 7 or 8 hours filling out applications and making phone calls could translate into \$500 to \$2500. Where else can you make that kind of money for that little effort? (Application forms and budget work plans are available from Deborah McCracken, Financial Aid Administrator in the main office.)

Student Loans

The Ontario Student Assistance Program, The Canada Student Loan Program, and student loans available through private institutions are a students first line of assistance. If this is the road you choose be prepared to bare your very soul to these creditors. Personal savings and assets, past credit history, and your parents' income are all required bits of information in order to apply for a student loan. In most cases, these loans are interest free until 6 months after you finish school (the government pays the interest on your loan during this period).

In order to ease the burden on students, debt forgiveness and tax credits for interest payments are being or have been implemented. Expect to pay an interest rate of prime plus 1. There are many cases of students taking out huge student loans and then declaring bankruptcy. Keep your eyes and ears open for new legislation outlawing recent graduate bankruptcy for a period of 10-15 years after graduation.

Part time jobs ~ on campus

Student Services provides students access to part time employment in a variety of positions around the school. They require you to be OSAP eligible, and that you have a resume. Watch out for stipulations capping the amount of money a student can earn over the year before they deduct the excess from your next OSAP instalment. (AUC Work Study Program is also available to those who don't qualify for OSAP. Student services offers resume writing assistance and career resources.)

Watch for the following articles in upcoming editions:

Classified Ads, Dear Matty (our answer to dear Abby), sports and entertainment !

Part time jobs ~ off campus

This is a great way to get a little spending money in your pocket. There are some useful agencies out there to help in your job hunt including the Human Resource Centre of Canada in the Federal Building next to Wendy's, Employment Connection in the Station Tower, and the Student Employment Centre on Queen Street. There are also countless websites, phone numbers, and the classified ads.

Co-Operative Education

Here is an opportunity to gain great work experience in a job relevant to your course of study while earning money to help pay for your education. The first step to becoming eligible for work term placements is by registering for the introductory Career Skills course, CPED 0101.

Upon the completion of this course, students are provided with a schedule which cycles the remainder of their academic terms with co-op work terms. Since work-terms are full-time paid positions, the length of time required to complete a degree is extended (typically by about 12 months). Although this might not appeal to everyone, students who complete their co-op certificate, graduate with a resume full of great work experience, earned money to help subsidize their education and often have the inside track towards post-graduate employment. Some words of advice, although careful planning, flexibility, and good time management are important considerations for all students, co-op students must pay extremely close attention in all of these areas. (For more information on Co-op, see Brian Leahy in the Student Services Office.)

Student Line of Credit

The student line of credit is a relatively new phenomenon available to students that is arranged between a student and their bank. It is similar to a student loan, except that you only pay interest on the money you actually use, as you use. Interest is paid monthly, and the principal payments begin 6 months after completion of school.

Prison

That's right, prison. Why even bother paying tuition and living expenses when you can go to prison, rent free, and have your tuition paid by the government. By avoiding heinous and violent crimes you could end up in a minimal security country club and get out with good behaviour with an under graduate degree. Avoid the good behaviour and you are on your way to a Masters or even a Ph.D.

Editor's Comments

Welcome here or welcome back, pick which ever one suits your needs. So the beginning of a new semester, the last semester of the Millennium none the less. And what a Millennium it has been, remember when they discovered electricity, man that was great.

I can only hope that the upcoming millennium provides you with some great opportunities and a few laughs along the way. I hope to be sticking around as the Editor this year, but they tell me my job is up for grabs. Keep that in mind all of you Journalism Hopefuls, the Sentinel is always looking for your input, because this is the voice of the school, it's your voice!

So if you have an opinion you want to share, an idea for an article, or you want to boost up your resume with some volunteer experience, Call the Sentinel at 949-2301 ext 517 or you can drop by the office at GN 4.

Matthew Ferris
In Term Editor, Sentinel

Numbers, Numbers Numbers

According to data from September 3rd, 1999, the official headcount at Algoma was 466 Full Time Equivalent Students. This number reflects a Full Time course load consisting of 5 classes, and has increased significantly in the past week. Unofficial sources claim a 10-15% increase over last years enrolment. More information to follow as it becomes available.

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Horoscopes

Aries March 21 / April 20

Go that extra step when working with others this week. The extra effort will pay off experientially when you least expect it. Remember the ass you kick today, could be the butt you have to kiss tomorrow.

Taurus April 21 / May 21

An old school friend will unexpectedly drop into your life late in the week. Do not loan them money.

Gemini May 22 / June 21

I am running out of ideas, you're likely to have a pretty boring week.

Cancer June 22 / July 22

Don't bite off more than you can chew, you are very ambitious, but you need a reality check. Remember what is important and give that the most attention, otherwise you may find yourself up the creek with out a paddle.

Leo July 23 / Aug 23

It is time to share your deepest secret with a Scorpio. Be strong and don't hold back. Sagittarius will play a role in your life in the not too distant future.

Virgo Aug 24 / Sept 22

Honesty is important, but knowing when to tell someone something that could hurt them could make the difference this week. Thursday will be an important day, don't sleep in too late.

Libra Sept 23 / Oct 23

Be prepared for your relationship with your mate to take a turn for the worse, and not improve for sometime. It may be time to start up some new hobbies.

Scorpio Oct 24 / Nov 22

A Leo that you are very close is going to come out of the closet this week. Try to remain supportive and accept this change in lifestyle.

Sagittarius Nov 23 / Dec 21

Don't be afraid to try something different this week. Introduce yourself to a Leo.

Capricorn Dec 22 / Jan 20

Don't get carried away in gossip this week, a friend will confide in you and is relying on your trust and friendship. Providing strong support and advice when this friend needs it most will greatly improve your friendship.

Aquarius Jan 21 / Feb 18

Don't drink and Drive, but it's ok to smoke and fly.

Pisces Feb 19 / March 20

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

Algoma University Student's Association

Welcome to Algoma!

On behalf of the Algoma University Students Association, we would like to welcome our FROSH and returning students! We are happy to offer a wide variety of activities to meet and greet all students during FROSH week, and through out the year. Our office is in Room GN-2, on the way to the locker room and our phone number is 949-2301 ext 314.

Our student Council Executive is:

Joe Lo	President
Michael Gekas	Vice President
Rob Key	Finance Commissioner
Krista Ciotti	Events Coordinator
Vacant	Entertainment Programmer
Ross Romano	Secretary
Kim Rose	Ombudsman
Rob Smiley	Chairman

If you have any questions about the school, your classes, student activities, the Canadian Federation of Students, or just about anything under the sun, just drop by and ask. We will be happy to help.

WINNING RAFFLE TICKET NUMBERS

Divers Co-op Package	8654106
Stain Glass Angel	8654297
Binder, paper	8654367
Regis Gift Pack	8654386
2 Pounds of Pasta	8654469
Baseball Hat and Ice Time	8654468
Massage	8654280
Tans, free pool	8654588
Celie Dion CD, Hair Cut	8654345
Second Cup mug, Hair Cut	8654296
Picture Frame, sweater	8654195
Phone Card	8654174
RJ Gift Certificate, dry cleaning	8654339
Hair cut, dry cleaning	8654105
Carved Statue	8654454
Trans-Provincial Package	8654112
Martini's Gift Certificate	8654153

If you have a winning ticket, and have yet to claim your prize, you can pick it up in AUSA office (GN2) or call 949-2301 ext 314.

Thank you for supporting Cystic Fibrosis Research!

Shinerama

Cystic Fibrosis is a fatal, inherited disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. One in 25 Canadians carries the gene responsible for this disease, and 1 in 2500 Canadians have the Disease. Shinerama is an annual shoe shining campaign carried out in local colleges and universities across Canada, and to date they have raises over 11 million dollars for this worth-while campaign! This year Algoma University raised over \$2000!

FROSH WEEK ACTIVITIES

Congradulations to Student Council, Frosh students, and all other students that participated in this year's frosh week activities. A variety of sucessful events were held including, Comedians, a Mystery Pub Tour, a Boat Cruise, and a Scavenger Hunt.

Vacancy in Student Council

Currently, the Algoma University Students Association is seeking an Events Programmer. The Events Programmer position is responsible for soliciting entertainment on behalf of the school. It requires strong social and communication skills, and the ability to be a team player. If you are interested, contact the Student Council Office at 949-2301 ext 314 for more information on specific duties and responsibilities.

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Your
Article
Here

Hey all you wannabe writers, poets, story tellers, and sports fans, this space could be yours. Call 949-2301 ext 517 with your ideas.

The Last Page

I bet you didn't know this:

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.
 John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.
 Lincoln was elected President in 1860.
 John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.
 The names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain 7 letters.
 Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.
 Both wives lost children while living in the White House.
 Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.
 Both Presidents were shot in the head.
 Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.
 Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln.
 Both were assassinated by Southerners.
 Both were succeeded by Southerners.
 Both successors were named Johnson.
 Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.
 Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.
 John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.
 Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.
 Both assassins were known by their three names.
 Both names are comprised of fifteen letters.
 Lincoln was shot at a theater named "Kennedy".
 Kennedy was shot in a car called "Lincoln".
 Booth ran from the theater and was caught in a warehouse.
 Oswald ran from a warehouse and was caught in a theater.
 Booth and Oswald were both assassinated before their trials.

And here's the kicker.....

A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland.

A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

MONTHLY ADVICE BLURB

Whenever you are working at a computer on a major assignment, Always always always backup your work on a disk or the hard drive.

Student Parking

In an attempt to quell some of the rumours floating around the school surrounding student parking, I interviewed Bruno Barban, Director of University Services.

"I want to make it clear that are plans are still not finalized and that we are still in the process of coordinating this project," says Barban. "We are working with statistics from a two year old survey, and we can not be sure if the numbers are still relevant, so we are in the process of conducting another survey."

According to Barban, construction will be completed this fall and the Payment Plan will be implemented for the Winter semester of the new year. "There are still logistics to be determined; software, management, and of course fees."

To the best of Bruno's knowledge, rates will most likely range between \$35-\$40 per semester, or one or two dollars a visit, yet may be subject to change.

Thanks to a Government Grant of \$129,000 from Canada-Ontario-Infrastructure-Works (COIW), the paving was accomplished much below previous estimates. This grant coupled with an increase in enrolment could significantly affect the parking fees.

"The parking lot is not intended to be a cash cow, it will merely cover its' own expenses, including maintenance and snow removal.

The University was pressured by the municipal government to pave the lot, as city by-laws prohibit gravel lots as a nuisance to home owners.

Message from the Acting President

On behalf of the Algoma University community I would like to extend my warmest welcome to each and every one of our incoming students, particularly the students from out of town and abroad. For the returning students, it's great to have you back! I knew you would come back.

During the past year we have worked hard to improve our academic programmes, service to the students, and physical enviroment. As a result, Algoma University is a better place to learn adn live. Our work will continue. We are trying to make AUC not only a good place to learn but a place for experiencing a unique Algoma-style campus life and forming life-long friendships.

At Algoma we are committed to helping you to realize your full potential. It is going to be a great year. Enjoy and work hard.

Dr. Jong You