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Parking at Algoma University

A major topic of concern affecting all is parking. We have all noticed the past construction, paving the way to Pay-for-Parking. Well after a semester of debate by the Board of Governors, the new system is finally ready to be implemented for the beginning of February.

New Computerized Pay Parking to be in Place for February

The new computer systems will be operational in the parking lots and fees will be levied on all students, teachers and staff at Algoma that own vehicles and bring them to school.

The Price structure will be \$44 a semester (pro-rated for this semester) plus tax and a \$5 deposit for the entrance card, or \$2 per exit. Change machines are currently being priced.

The new system will be based on a product new to Sault Ste. Marie, the proximity card. This card does not have a magnetic strip, rather it uses a radio signal with a six inch proximity, allowing drivers to signal the gates without getting out of their vehicle or even rolling down the window.

It is the intention of the Board of Governors to use the parking lot fees to break even on investments in construction and cover snow removal and maintenance.

The parking lot policy will soon be published by the school administration that will outline any further details.

AUSA Promotes Access 2000 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Provincially, reduction of user fees for post secondary education through tuition freezes or rollbacks;

Federally, implementation of a comprehensive, pan-Canadian system of grants and increased funding for education;

Preservation of education and the restoration of student loans as public programs.

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New at the GLC

GLC is the new trainer for the Sault Thunderbirds.

An Athletic Banquet/Awards Pub will be held at the end of the year to honor University athletes and their accomplishments.

Winter Games 2000

The GLC will play host to several events during the Winter Games including:

Rhythmic Gymnastics	March 16-17
Trampoline	March 18
Wheelchair Basketball	March 18-19

Entrance fees will be charged for viewing.

Editor's Comments

Hello and Happy New Year,

I know, I know it's been a while since I had the last issue out. Please be patient and understand we do the best we can with what we have, and I'll tell ya, we don't have much!

Anyway, I'd like to welcome back all of you that have returned for another round. I hope that you have enjoyed the break and are ready for another semester of studying, reading, and hard work.

Be sure to take some time to enjoy what the AUSA has to offer as well, I checked out the Mock New Year's Eve party, and I had a blast. I'm sure the free champagne helped the evening along, but it was good food, good music, and cool people. Check out the coming events section to see what else is happening!

Well that's all for now, best of luck in the new semester,

Matt

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Horoscopes

Aries March 21 / April 20

Start the new year off right, spend time with your friends and enjoy yourself. You have all year to work, and you have earned a couple weekends of fun.

Taurus April 21 / May 21

This month will not be the best for Taurus, expect a relationship breakdown, failing a course, or at least a bad case of diarrhoea.

Gemini May 22 / June 21

Stay away from the opposite sex this month, no matter what you say, you are going to stick your foot in your mouth every time you open it.

Cancer June 22 / July 22

Spend some time searching the Internet, learn about a new country, or buy something on-line, you will be amazed how easy it is.

Leo July 23 / Aug 23

Be extra careful with money this month, opportunities will abound in the spring, and you must have the money to take advantage of them.

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

You will have some creativity problems in the near future, try plagiarism as a means to overcome it.

Scorpio Oct 24 / Nov 22

Don't get carried away in gossip this week, a friend will confide in you and is relying on your trust and friendship.

Sagittarius Nov 23 / Dec 21

Live life on the edge this month, try and do something you normally wouldn't do.

Capricorn Dec 22 / Jan 20

Providing strong support and advice when this friend needs it most will greatly improve your friendship.

Aquarius Jan 21 / Feb 18

You will have a serious family problem this month, stay cool and try to act in the best interest of those involved and not necessarily your own best interest.

Pisces Feb 19 / March 20

You may be in for an unexpected surprise in the near future if you aren't careful. Take precautions against unplanned pregnancies.

Algoma University Student's Association

Access 2000

The Campaign for Post-Secondary Education

Though the 1998 federal budget was dubbed the "Education Budget", it failed to address the funding crisis in our colleges and universities. Interest relief and the Millennium Scholarship Fund were superficial measures introduced to soften regressive changes to student financial aid in the 1998 and 1999 budgets. In fact, in areas such as student financial assistance and transfer payment funding, the federal government has taken significant steps towards an elitist system of post-secondary education. Access to education is quickly becoming defined by the ability to pay rather than by universal access.

The signs of the crisis we face are familiar to students: the quality of education is compromised by funding cuts and the encroaching influence of corporations in matters of curriculum, student aid policy and institutional governance. Students who are forced to finance their education are dissuaded by the staggering rate of student debt and the participation rates of those who need the skills offered by a post secondary education are falling quickly. The cycle of student debt is also exacerbated by the perennial problem of youth unemployment that has been at least double the overall rate of unemployment throughout the 1990's. In addition, the policy of the Canada Student Loans Program is driven by bank profits rather than access to post secondary education. On paper, the central mandate of the program is still accessibility but the reality is that a social program has become beholden to the profit margin of the banks. Despite the success of the business lobby in making tax cuts a media story, tax cuts consistently rank far below quality of health care and accessible education when Canadians are asked to rank their priorities. It is imperative that we create the political momentum necessary to increase funding and strengthen accessibility standards and performance.

At the November 1998 national General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students, delegates developed a campaign strategy in response to the growing crisis in Canada's post secondary education system. The campaign has since evolved into Access 2000, the Campaign for Post Secondary Education. Access 2000 provides a national framework within which to implement the campaign. Through Access 2000, the Federation has heightened pressure on federal and provincial decision-makers to implement crucial measure for post-secondary education:

\$3.7 billion for a dedicated, enforced, post-secondary fund;

A pan-Canadian system of grant - \$500 million in the first year, \$750 million in the second;

\$350 million for a comprehensive "youth strategy", including job creation, restored services, better programs, and action to reduce tuition fees.

In the absence of these measure, Canada will continue to fall behind the many industrialized countries that have no user fees for post secondary education, and better records on access. Heading into the new millennium, Canada needs a vision and a plan for access to post secondary education, not the rhetoric of governments who talk about access and implement policies designed to choke off access to all but those who can pay.

COMING EVENTS

Devil's Advocate

January 17 Hilarious Comedy Show

Health and Wellness Awareness Week

Jan 17-20

Karaoke Night

January 20

Recreation Awareness Week

Jan 24-27

Hollow

January 27 Alternative music, cover tunes, opening act, Algoma's own Mark Dunn

Ski Night

February 4 Details TBA

Sleigh Ride

February 11 Details TBA

Editorials and Opinions

A message from SASA

The Shingwauk Aboriginal Students Association would like to invite all students at Algoma University College to participate within our Association.

Our meetings are held every Tuesday at 1:00 pm in room gp-15.

If you have any questions about our association or if you would like to become a member, you can contact us in room gp-15.

We look forward to seeing all of the new faces at our next meeting.

Sincerely,
Yves Chenier
President
Shingwauk Aboriginal Students Association

AUSA should quit the CFS

By Rob Smylie

For those of you who don't know what the Canadian Federation of Students is I'll inform you. The CFS is a political lobby group that promotes student rights and lobbies the government for the betterment of University students. Unfortunately the CFS has been horribly ineffective to improve or maintain the basic standard of living for university students. What has all of this constant lobbying and windblowing gotten us? Let's give the CFS a small report card from my experience the past 4 years.

Tuition Rates

-Since I started university 4 years ago, my tuition bill has gone up about \$1000.

Grade F

OSAP forgivable loans

-When I started university there was forgivable loans.

Grade F

Student Debt Load

-A single parent who started university 4 years ago will have a debt load in excess of \$60 000. When payments start after 6 months the payments on this load will be \$900 in addition to regular cost of living. This would in essence force a woman who was trying to improve her standard of living to earn over \$40 000 to survive out of poverty.

Grade F

Student Health Care and Drug plan

-What is that?

Grade F

Travel Cuts

-The only pursuit that the CFS has not failed it's people.

Grade B

Algoma University Student's Association is a member of this organization. AUSA spends about \$8000 or \$20 per student to be a member of CFS. I call to question if this money has been wisely spent on our behalf. Where the CFS has failed our student population time and time again, AUSA is constantly cash strapped.

Could our \$8000 be spent better? I'm sure the students at Algoma University would be better served if the pool tables were replaced with free tables. People complain about the poor student life here, I say AUSA can improve student life by withdrawing from the CFS and spending that money on capital expenditures to remove user fees to everything we do here.

Quit the CFS!!

Give us Free Pool!!

Give us NTN trivia!!

Use the money that I pay in my best interests!!

ACCESS 2000 is a farce!!

Dear Matty

You know you're from Canada when ...

Our local expert on etiquette and relationships speaks on Dating advice.....

This is my second year in University, I am from Sault ste. Marie and I am taking Sociology. I am 20 years old, I work out a few times a week, I have a good complexion, and my mom and grand mother say I am good looking, I am not saying I have a face only a mother could love, but I am not exactly GQ material. I work part time and stay busy with my friends playing hockey.

My question Matty is what do girls want from a guy? I have had a couple of dates, but never a serious girlfriend, I just don't understand what I am doing wrong.* Is it because I don't have a car? I think that I am a fun guy, I have a good sense of humour, and I am smart. Why don't girls like me?

Signed
Lonely in the Sault

Dear Lonely,

If you don't know what girls want, you obviously don't have "it".

Do you just want to meet a girl just for the sake of getting laid? If you have to ask people for advice, why would anyone go out with you when they could be dating the person giving you advice and skip the middle man.

Girls will like you if you make them laugh, compliment them, are honest with them, and most importantly, don't stalk them. Total honesty isn't always the best policy, but it is a good rule of thumb.

If you listen to what I say, think about it, and actually try it, you will notice a difference. If you do try it and it doesn't work, you may have to deal with the possibility that you might be a homosexual. And that would be a whole other letter.....

1. You only know three spices: salt, pepper and ketchup.
2. You design your Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
3. You have more miles on your snowblower than your car.
4. Canadian Tire on any Saturday is busier than the toy stores at Christmas.
5. You live in a house that has no front step, yet the door is one meter above the ground.
6. You've taken your kids trick-or-treating in a blizzard.
7. Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled in with snow.
8. You think sexy lingerie is tube-socks and a flannel nightie with only 8 buttons.
9. You owe more money on your snowmobile than your car.
10. The local paper covers national and international headlines on 2 pages, but requires 6 pages for hockey.
11. Your snowblower gets stuck on the roof.
12. You think the start of deer season is a national holiday.
13. You can play road hockey on skates.
14. You know 4 seasons: Winter, Still Winter, almost Winter and Construction.
15. The municipality buys a Zamboni before a bus.
16. You understand the Labatt Blue commercials
17. You perk up when you hear the theme from "Hockey Night in Canada"

The Last Page

Captain Cuisine

The Captain got a little seasick over the break and we had to invite our old friend Lieutenant Leftovers to say a few words about his favourite restaurant: U Betcha.

I like U Betcha, albeit the beer is a little pricey, and the service isn't always the best, but it does have ambiance. I can go with friends, have a few beers, some wings or nachos, watch sports or play NTN, eat free popcorn, and just talk with my friends and the price isn't going to kill me.

I give the food a thumbs up, a thumbs down on beer prices, and a "schwing" for some of the hotties they have working there!

Ron Irwin, the Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, will be speaking at Algoma University on Friday January 21st in the Doc Browne Lounge at 10 am.

This presentation will outline current political and business events within Ireland and how that is affecting Canadian/Irish relations.

TEN BEST THINGS TO SAY IF YOU GET CAUGHT SLEEPING AT YOUR DESK:

10. "They told me at the blood bank this might happen."
9. "This is just a 15 minute power-nap like they raved about in that time management course you sent me to."
8. "Whew! Guess I left the top off the White-Out. You probably got here just in time!"
7. "I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm."
6. "I was testing my keyboard for drool resistance."
5. "I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work-related stress. Are you discriminatory toward people who practice Yoga?"
4. "Damn! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem."
3. "The coffee machine is broken..."
2. "Someone must've put decaf in the wrong pot..."

And the #1 best thing to say if you get caught sleeping at your desk...

1. ".....in Jesus' name. Amen."

PERSONAL ADS

Males seeking Females

SWM age 21, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks female twins with low expectations. **must not be allergic to leather.

SWM age 20, blond hair, blue, side burns, likes plaid shirts and chewing gum. Interests include heavy drinking, classical music, and looking at pornography on the Internet. Seeks females to email him nude photos of themselves.

SWM age 30, brown eyes, brown hair, crooked teeth, international man of mystery. Enjoys photography, fighting evil, and shagging. (yeah baby) Seeks attractive oral hygienist that looks good in leather pants, and likes being spanked.

Females seeking males

SWF age 23, 5'10, brown hair, two eyes, voluptuous, and enjoys vigorous physical activity. Seeks wealthy older man to pay for tuition and textbooks.

SWF Blond, blue eyes, enjoys country music, and sleeping with her cousins. Seeks university professors willing to trade grades for sex.

Married WF age 38, blond hair, brown roots, enjoys the BACKDOOR on Wednesday nights. Seeks healthy young males for discrete encounters.

In order to contact these people, or insert your own ad contact: sentinel@eagle.auc.on.ca