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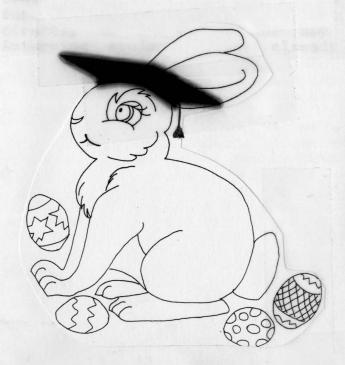


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LACK OF FUNDING

I am writing this article to inform you, the student or member of the AUC Community, about the enjoyment and learning experience I recently had while taking part in an educational trip for one of my courses here at Algoma. As well, I would like to express my disappointment in the University for not trying to better the quality of my and every other students educational experience here at Algoma or for taking an interest in that education.



I recently participated in a class trip to Battleground, Indiana where there is an excellent Wolf located. This trip organized solely by my Psychology Professor, Linda Sorensen, who sacrificed a weekend of her time and left behind tonnes of paperwork as well as family and other commitments in order to further enrich the lives of nine of her students. There was financial help from Psychology Department or University. We, the students, left behind family, papers, and other work in order to discover what that oh-so-boring theory which shoved down our throats classrooms is really all about and in the process, learned something about ourselves.

Yes, this trip was an educational experience, not a joy ride to another country or a vacation - we even had chores to do Saturday morning! Everyone on the

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...look inside !!





OSAP Cutbacks

I believe that OSAP has always been joke considering some of things that have happened to people For example I depend on OSAP to continue my education yet for the last two years I have had to I did receive additional loans when I appealed but it was a ridiculously long process. some people I know buy cars with their OSAP grant. I do believe that the system has been abused and some of us have suffered because of it doubt very eliminating grants is going to get rid of the problems. I would really like a lot more information on how exactly it will affect me but I am still very angry. My education is going to be very expensive and I'll be working for free for a hell of a lot of years.

Sarena Metzger - AUC Student



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As far as the cutting out of OSAP grants, or more accurately, gifts from taxpayers, I ask this highly relevant question: How many other provinces' college aid programs have a grant portion? None? One? Two? I myself am not sure but I do know from personal experience that least two such programmes do not, the Canada Student Aid Programme and the B.C. Student Aid Programme. when you complain about how woetreated you fortunate few who get government aid are, look around, put things in context and be glad you are not a student at the University of Sarejevo.

> Mark V. DeFazio - Sessional Instructor, Mathematics

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OSAP INFO



During the last few years there has been a sharp increase in the number of students applying for financial assistance through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP). During the 1992-93 year over 200,000 Ontario students applied for funding. This resulted in the Student Support Branch (SSB) of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities greatly exceeding their budget and having to request additional funding from the Treasurer of Ontario. During 1991-92 there was an extensive study carried out by the government with input from interested parties to determine the direction OSAP should take in the future. The end result is the new OSAP package we have today.

Commencing July, 1993 (Algoma students September) the type of assistance students receive from OSAP in meeting their post-secondary educational expenses will change. In fact, even the way students apply for assistance will

change.

In the past students applied to the Financial Aid Office at their institution for OSAP. In future, applications will be sent directly to SSB in Thunder Bay. Returning students have already received a simplified pre-printed form and were asked to make any corrections/updates, and return the form to the SSB.

In the past, students were able to access funding to meet their educational expenses through Ontario Study Grant, Canada and Ontario Loans. Ontario was the only province in the country to provide a grant first assistance package. In future, students will be able to access assistance through Canada and Ontario Loans to meet their educational costs (tuition, compulsory fees, personal and living allowances). There will

still be an expected contribution based on the student's income and in certain situations, the family's income. A single student will be able to access a weekly maximum of \$275 while a student with dependents will be able to access a weekly maximum of \$500, depending on need. In many cases, students will be able to access more funds on the new program than they could on the old.

Child care bursaries will be available to assist the married students and sole support parents with child care costs. Disabled students will be able to access bursaries to assist with their educational related expenses. The Ontario Special Bursary Program will provide assistance educational expenses to students who, for valid reasons, cannot attend full time. The Ontario Work Student Program will remain unchanged, providing employment opportunities for students with financial need.

A loan forgiveness component will be introduced along with the other changes to the OSAP package. If you borrow more money than the pay-back maximum, you won't have to pay it all back. For example, if you negotiated a \$7000 student loan for a two-term program, you would only have to repay \$5,570, with the remainder (\$1,430) being forgiven by the provincial government. This will happen at the conclusion of your program.

In closing, I'd like to mention that the Ministry of Colleges and Universities has published a newsletter entitled "NEWS ABOUT OSAP". It's very informative and I would recommend that anyone interested in the OSAP program should pick one up at the registration area of the

University.

Jean Vowels - Assistant
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Lack of Funding cont'd

trip learned something new about animal behaviour and also gained an advantage over classmates by seeing some of the behaviours mentioned in textbooks actually taking place some behaviours which were not even mentioned in the texts (imagine Some of us learned that that)! wolves howl to communicate or that most of what we know about wolves receive literature we children and as adults is false. Some of us learned that it takes a great deal of courage to go in an enclosure with real live wolves, while others learned how excellent they were at pushing wheel barrows (inside joke). Whatever tidbit of information each individual gained from this trip has only gone towards increasing our knowledge understanding of animal behaviour which gives us an advantage in understanding the textbooks for the courses here at Algoma. How many times have you actually met -face to face- the author of one of the texts you are using for a research paper? I am glad that I had this experience and am better off for having it what I am sad about is that not everyone will have an opportunity to experience the practical side of learning.

My point is that this was an educational experience, one that should be available to every student matter what the educational discipline. Would you not benefit from seeing a performance of Midsummer Night's Dream' studying it in class; or visiting a or courthouse with classmates as part of a Law class. Talk about blowing your mind and visiting France, Italy, or a Native community with classmates from a There is only so language course! much a student or anyone else for that matter can learn in a classroom setting and this means that other resources and methods should be available for the students. This also means that the University, as an institution for higher learning, should be supporting the professors wish make to these resources and methods available to

their students. Yes, this means financial support given to Department which is allocated for things such as field trips. If this isn't on, a start would be a school van or bus along with a fuel allowance to make transportation easier for the groups who are going to continue to exploit this method of education, (not to mention giving free advertising for Algoma as the vehicle would presumably hold the name of this Institution). student population is growing, therefore one would expect that budgets as well as views should be expanding to meet student needs. Everyone knows students are not well off financially, I am not implying that anyone else is either - what I am saying is that this institution is here to educate the students, and like it or not, there is a practical side to teaching as learning.

In closing, I would like to personally thank Dr. Ewing, Department of Geography including field trips as educational tools for his courses. I would also like to thank Professor Sorensen, Department of Psychology for her enthusiasm in the classroom. ever-flowing wealth of information and kindness and her willingness to incorporate practical as well theory methods into her teaching strategy. Thanks also for the ride in 'The Big Blue Whale' to the Wolf Park, it was an experience which will not easily be forgotten by any of us.

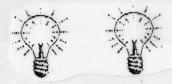


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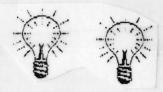
Teaching = the art of assisting discovery.

— Mark Van Doren.



ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

FASCINATING FACTS



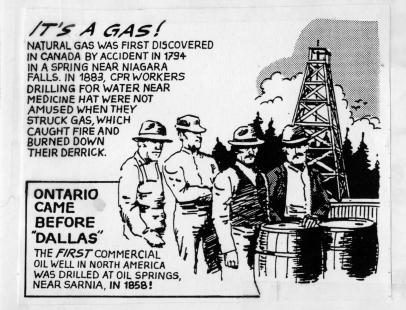
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A brief outline of the job description for the volunteers and approximately how many will be require for each divisions is listed below. We would like to have volunteers recruited by the early part of May in order to ensure they are well-informed and prepared for the Relay event.

- SAFETY/SECURITY DIVISION.......50 VOLUNTEERS
 - Assist in crowd control
 - Provide event information assistance for emergency vehicles Assistance with uniformed security First aid/ CPR would be an asset

 - TREASURER DIVISION......25 VOLUNTEERS

 - Tabulation and update on computer Assist Treasurer with counting money Updating score board
- PARTY/ENTERTAINMENT/FOOD DIVISION......VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS
 - Assist with serving breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and until noon Sunday Assist with fast food pizza, BBQ Assist with clean up after each menu served
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Nostalgia... Celebrating 2,5 years

reprinted from The Sault Star February 28, 1975

> IAN DENNISON College Writer

SUNNY SPAIN - home of flamenco dancers and daring bull-fighters - is the romantic destination of Professor Vince Mancinelli, modern languages teacher at Algoma University College. Accompanying the professor will be a group of 35 to 40 people - mainly composed of students.

The trip is part of an International Cultural Exchange sponsored by the college. Last year, a group journeyed to Italy. Italian students are expected here this summer to complete the exchange.

Openings are still available for adults with passports for the three week trip beginning February 8. "In addition, a cameraman will film highlights, including a debate with students at the University of Madrid one morning. Every morning, a university professor will be giving us a conference on such topics as the history of Spain. Mornings will be used for cultural exposure and afternoons will provide free time for group activities such as bullfights, fashion shows or soccer games.

"From central cities the group will travel south to Malaga, a seaport on the Mediterranean, where a deluxe hotel will provide a base for excursions to Seville, Granada, Tangier in Morocco and possibly Casablanca," Prof, Mancinelli said.

The cost is \$499. "Through

The cost is \$499. "Through the co-operation of the Ministry of Education of Spain, prices have been reduced, taxes have been removed and as a result, each person will not have to pay the \$900 to \$1000 that would have been required."

VINCE MANCINELLI, MODERN LANGUAGES PROFESSOR AT ALGOMA
giving special lectures to those travelling with him to Spain.

"It's all very well organized each bus used during the travels will be air-conditioned, have a nurse and a teacher. We'll see most famous museums and art galleries as well as the Royal Palace in Madrid.

"And we'll be visiting gypsy camps in the province of Granada where flamenco music and dancing originated. While there, we'll have the option of skiing in the mountains in many parts of which it is warm enough to ski in a bikini," he said.

Madrid averages 50 to 60 degrees in February; Malaga normally has temperatures of 70 degrees or more next month.

Orientation classes have regularly been conducted by the professor for those bound for spain. They've included "tips about the Spanish culture, tips about money and a film about what we're going to see." Next summer, Spanish students will spend time in this city. And next year, an exchange with Greece will begin.

Professor Akram Rajput of the anthropology department at the college is planning a trip to New Mexico during the spring break for 12 to 13 days. About 15 students will be participating.

"The Anthropology Club has already raised \$450 on its own initiative through social functions," according to Professor Rajput. They'll need to earn at

least another \$1,000.

"The students will be visiting Mesa Verde, a national park in south-western Colorado, where 1,000-year-old ruins of cliff dwellings of Pueblo Indians remain.

This is the oldest remaining occupation site.

"And we'll be visiting pueblos where the Indians have adopted some of the values from the outside society and are using them in the electronics industry.

"The Indians are trying to make use of the technological know-how of mass society but are doing it in their own traditional framework. The students will be seeing in actuality what they've read in anthropology books," he said.

Scholarship funds have been received by some tribe members in the last 10 to 15 years. These scholarships have been encouragements for the Indians to attend nearby universities. The Indians will be discussing with Algoma college students how they look at the mass society around them

them.

"We'll be finding out how the Indians are handling social change, how they're establishing industries and what role industries are playing."

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ONE LAST NOTE...

Regrettably, the term of this past Algoma University Students' Association Council (AUSA) is coming to a close. It wasn't easy, but the Council worked hard to achieve many

things.

The AUSA is now incorporated with a new progressive constitution. Determined to support the students of Algoma, the AUSA hired 2 Co-op students to office become our coordinator personnel. As a result, the AUSA office has held regular since September and provides an essay typing service for students and assists students in buying and selling used textbooks.

The "Sentient" newspaper originated from the AUSA, and without a doubt, will continue to progress. Furthermore, the AUSA has held various events from the Constitutional Referendum Forum to the OSAP info night. Financial support has been given to the Student Services tutoring program

and the AUC emergency student loan fund. Besides our many new initiatives, the Council members were busy with their regular responsibilities, sometimes becoming overwhelmed, but managing to survive.

The AUSA is what you make it and I would like to thank all those students who volunteered their efforts and time to contributing to Algoma University's student life. Also, I extend my appreciation and gratitude to the entire AUC community for supporting the Student Association as an important and integral part of Algoma University.

Congratulations to the newly elected Council and I wish them well as they begin their new term.

Last but not least, I want to thank all the Council members for their unwavering commitment, enduring those times when tensions were high and our goals seemed unattainable. We did it and it was one hell of a ride.

Ausa

Until later, Jane

PRESIDENT

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to the continuing pile of drivel called "If I were Ontario's Premier" by Steve (The Baby) Infanti (This is not an insult, just a play on words!). I want to say that I am sick and tired of people bitching about things without putting them in context. Whether this is done because of ignorance or malice, I can't say...

Mark V. DeFazio - Sessional Instructor, Mathematics

KAASHNAA-KI

Dedicated to the memory of Dan Pine, the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation did an excellent job of arranging the exhibition of Kaashnaa-ki; Our Earth - Our Survival.

The words of the elders provided the themes for the exhibition. They have witnessed many changes in the environment and are concerned with what is happening to Mother Earth.

Each artist did a superb job of portraying these concerns using only paints and canvas. Some of the artwork depicted animals becoming sick due to humans polluting the environment, while others vividly displayed large plants pumping out smoke into the air and dumping pollutants into the water supply.

If the purpose of this exhibit was to promote awareness and educate the public about the environment, then all went well. I felt it also gave those viewers a sense of unity in fighting for a common and worthwhile cause and showed us how much we <u>all</u> have to lose by treating Mother Earth without respect.

Ana Dyni - Co-Editor, The Sentient

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STUDENT KNOWLEDGE UNDER PAR

When asked, "Why are you attending university?", the most common response is, "To get a job!". Without a doubt, real and a university experience education are the best combination to achieve the almighty "JOB", -Enlightenment is nice but it's the job we want. So besides the "textbook" variety knowledge, a general understanding of current politics, economics and local politics, community happenings is critical. However, a recent quiz given to a first year/2nd term class of the BBA programme revealed some disturbing results. 29 students participated in the quiz. The results are as follows:

Algoma University College

Who is your (AUC) Students' Union pres?

- Jane Karhi is AUSA president...

5 students knew the correct answer What are the mandatory ADMN courses for the 2nd year of the BBA programme.

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ADMN 2006/2007

ADMN 2606/2607

1 student knew the correct answer good luck in your pursuit of a BBA degree!

Sault Ste. Marie TT

What does the local 3. organization HATS stand for?

Hospitality and Travel Sault

Ste Marie ...

3 students knew the correct answer Approximately how many people are employed by Algoma Steel today? What was the maximum employment figure in the past?

Approx 11,000 employees worked at Algoma Steel down to 4,000 today

2 students knew correct answer

III Politics

Who is the leader of the Ontario Liberal Party?

Lynn McCleod leader ... Unfortunately none of the students knew the Ontario Liberal Party Leader but the most favourite responses included Bob Rae, Sheila Copps and Jean Chrétien

What party governs Newfoundland and who is the leader - Premier?

Clyde Wells is Premier and is of the Liberal Party affiliation ... 2 students knew the party while 5 knew the Premier

Economy

7. What was the inflation rate for

1992 in Canada?

1.5% inflation rate for 1992 3 students knew the correct answer

When (how often) is the bank rate set? By whom?

Set every Tuesday by the Bank

of Canada

9 students knew the correct answer

Hopefully these results were only the consequence of a bad day, too much homework or stress... But what if... One day you woke up and found that the student union president has decided that AUSA become affiliated with the Klu Klux Klan, that the ADMN courses now basket weaving require prerequisite, that HATS stands for Hostility and Tyranny Sault Ste. Marie, that the recent closure of Steel has made Algoma opportunities in Sault Ste. Marie nul and void, that the new Federal Government is facist, and eliminating provincial legislatures, that inflation is out of control at 100%, and that the Bank of Canada doesn't set the bank rate anymore since the International Monetary Fund (IMF) took over our financial institutions. But hey - it's not your fault - you didn't know.



- Jane Karhi

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If the farmer bought at least one of each, find the number of cows, pigs, and c h i c k e n s purchased.

ANSWERS: SEE EDITORS' NOTES

Courtesy of Dr. E. Giesbrecht, Associate Professor Mathematics

IF I WERE CANADA'S PRIME MINISTER ...

... I would relocate Parliment to Mexico to become more cost efficient.

... I would pay off the deficit with my expense account.

... I would abolish - no, increase - I mean reform, - no, leave the Senate alone.

... I would have a Royal Commissioner investigate why the Senators live to an average of 378 years old.

... I would relocate Montreal to B.C. and Vancouver to Quebec to promote national unity.

... I would make U.I.C. cheques payable in Pesos, so laid-off workers will have something to spend while looking for work.

... I would trade Eric Lindros' citizenship to the U.S. for Ross Perot, cash and future considerations.

... I would throw a party with the leftovers in Mulroney's liquor cabinet.

... I would give the banks Humanitarian Awards for being so decent to people.

... I would change the national sport to "Looking for Work".

Steve Infanti - MP (Riding of Limousines)



Thanks to the Soo's Grey Dogs, Canada's National Junior Hockey Championships will be coming to Sault Ste. Marie. The Memorial Cup will be held at the Memorial Gardens from May 15 - 23 and will involve the top teams from the Ontario, Western, and Quebec Major Junior Hockey Leagues.

We join the AUC Community in wishing our boys the best! GO HOUNDS GO!!!

FACTUAL CONCEPTS

THINGS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW BUT YOU DON'T!

* Congratulations to Mark Kontulainen for being MCTV's Local Hero for the week of April 5th.

* For you sports fans...

the Lakers did indeed score the tying goal during the last minute of the NCAA Championship game, however the Referees' said ... NOT!! As a result, the Lakers came home with the NCAA Runner-Up trophy (how's that for rude!)!!

* With the GLC, Algoma University has

increased in size by 40%.

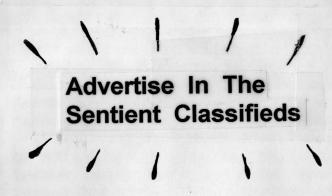
* Due to student concerns and AUSA intervention, any comments included on the Teacher Evaluation Questionnaires will now be typed before Professors get to see them.

* Approximately 250 students exercised their right to vote during the AUSA elections. We hope that

you were one of them!

Next Issue -- September, 1993

Write your acticles, collect your favourite funnies, or whatever you can think of over the summer months and bring them in for the next issue. The Sentient is YOUR student newspaper, so don't let your concerns and interests go by unnoticed.





EDITORS, NOTES:

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT! THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE SENTIENT FOR THIS TERM.

HOPEFULLY, MANY OF YOU WILL GET A BREAK FROM THE BOOKS THIS SUMMER AND GET TO ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS (LIKE US!!!), ALTHOUGH WE'RE SURE A FEW OF YOU UNFORTUNATE SOULS WILL STILL BE AT IT, TAKING A SPRING COURSE OR TWO. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THOSE GRADUATING THIS SPRING AND SUMMER, AND GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS. WE STILL NEED AS MANY ARTICLES THAT YOU CAN MUSTER TO MAKE SEPTEMBER'S ISSUE RUN. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN, WE MAY SURPRISE YOU WITH A JUNE-JULY ISSUE.

THE ANSWERS TO THIS MONTH'S 'MENTAL MATH' ARE:

5 cows

1 PIG

94 CHICKENS

WE WISH ALL OF YOU LUCK ON YOUR FINALS, WHETHER YOU ARE STUDYING OR CRAMMING AND REMEMBER TO DOUBLE-CHECK THE TIMES AND ROOM NUMBERS FOR YOUR EXAMS. HOPE TO SEE MOST OF YOU BACK NEXT FALL, AND UNTIL THEN ENJOY THE SUN WHILE IT LASTS.

Ana & Tasha Dyni

AUSA COUNCIL



Hi! My name is Michael Mancinelli, your Students' Association President for 1993/4.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who helped during the campaign. (So as to not forget anyone, I won't mention any names!) My gratitude goes out to everyone who helped by making and putting up signs (you know who you are!), and to those who supported me in any A special thanks to everyone who vote regardless of who voted for! This year we saw how EVERY vote really does count. would also like to thank all this year's candidates for exciting and unforgettable campaign.

I'm looking forward to challenging year ahead. I am also eager to start working with the rest of your Students' Council to make next year an eventful memorable one for all. Just to let know, our term officially starts May 1st. But, if you have any questions, concerns, comments in the meantime, feel free to stop me in the halls, lounge, or come and see me in the Students' Association office (GN-2).

Mile

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