



The Sentient

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ELECTION - NEW PRESIDENT

These are the results from the election of the 94-95 Students' Association Executive.

PRESIDENT	-	Matt Jackson
VICE PRESIDENT	-	Armando Correia
FINANCE COMMISSIONER	-	Lisa Ingram
PROGRAMMER	-	Jeff Ferguson
SPECIAL PROJECTS	-	Carmine Spadafore
ABORIGINAL REPRESENTATIVE	-	Joseph Gilbert

SMOKING:

The majority of the student body voted in favour of the smoking ban. This result has been presented to the Health and Safety Committee.

Jody Delvecchio will hold a seat on Senate to represent students as will Matt Jackson. There are currently two seats available on Senate for students either in the humanities or science departments.

Students at Algoma are now members of the Canadian Federation of Students and are therefore entitled to its many services. For more information, please see the AUSA office.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS: Ombudsperson
 Recording Secretary

* Students wishing to apply for these vacancies must be a member in good standing of the Students Association.

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R.E.A.L. WOMEN OF CANADA

- Chris Crowder

As long as the issue of feminism is in the air, it would be a cop-out not to define the terms. The following are quotes from the text being used this semester in PSYCH 2207: Social Issues:

Liberal Feminism: "emphasizes individual rights and equal opportunity as the basis for social justice ... Liberal feminists believe that reeducating men and women is a necessary step in creating more egalitarian gender relations."

Social Feminism: "see(s) women's oppression as stemming primarily from capitalism, which, in its early period, defined women as the property of men ... Socialist feminist programs for change involve both the development of a socialist society and the abolition of male privilege."

Radical Feminism: "patriarchy as the primary cause of women's oppression. In particular, radical feminists see male control of sexuality as the origin of women's oppression ... Programs for change see the liberation of women as possible only through the creation of women-identified communities and networks."

Defining these terms ought to clear up some misunderstandings. Mr. Walker, for instance, has been attacked for referring to feminism as radical, since it was misperceived as a slur.

{ Scarpitti, Frank R., Anderson, Margaret L. Social Problems. (2nd ed.) HarperCollins, University of Delaware, 1992. }

R.E.A.L. (Realistic, Equal, Active, for Life) Women of Canada was mentioned in our last issue's interview with A.R. Walker as being a feminist group which he supports, vs. the radical feminists whose views he disagrees with. Having read the pamphlets concerning this group which he has sent to the Sentient office, I am now able to tell you more about this apparently liberal feminist movement.

This group's motto is "Women's rights, but not at the expense of human rights". It is a pro-family group which believes that strong family lives in Canada will lead to a more stable society. Their definition of a family is "two or more people, living together, related by blood, heterosexual marriage or adoption." Their goal is to promote legislation which upholds Judeo-Christian values. The following paragraph is a fast summary of the stands they have chosen to make on various issues:

Women in the work force: equal but different. Equal pay for equal work, as opposed to equal 'value', but anti - government wage control. Attain sexual equality of educational opportunity.

Homosexuality: reversible behaviour characteristic that does not deserve protection under law against discrimination (OUCH! -

check out my ten cents worth in the box). Child Care: although an often essential service, but does not support government subsidies of child care. Provincial standards rather than national. Get the tax burden off of the family unit. Women In Combat: women are equal but different; do not confuse the issue of equality with physical differences (e.g. strength, endurance). Trying to achieve 'equality' for women in this area is self-defeating, since most women have been proven unable to meet physical standards. Women would be conscripted just as men in periods of national emergency in the name of this equality, resulting in a weakened national security.

R.E.A.L. Women is a national organization; it is currently protesting the fact that the government should be funding any women's groups, let alone the radicals, but considering the fact that radical groups are supported, all feminist groups should be offered equal support.*

For more information about R.E.A.L. Women, check out the pamphlets at our office.

My Ten Cents Worth
About R.E.A.L. Women
(No One Says You Have To Read This):

Although I would sooner support liberal feminism than radical, and although I like the motto, I highly question any group who claims to be both pro-family and pro-democratic. There is nothing democratic about trying to instigate federal policy that benefits and encourages only one culture's beliefs. Taking such a harsh stand against homosexuality is atrocious for two reasons: 1) it ignores recent research which suggests that homosexuality may in fact have a biological basis, and 2) it is an example of what I just mentioned; one culture's hairs rising at the sight of the practices of another (not to ignore the fact that there are many Judeo-Christian homosexuals - but I suppose R.E.A.L. Women would see that as a contradiction in terms). I saw an ridiculous accusation on television the other day claiming that the United States began based on Christian values. Check your history book - although Christian values may have been integrated, the United States was primarily founded on logic and the defence of the individual, in contrast to the oppressive religions of Europe that so many pilgrims sought to escape. And Canadian values, as we are reminded everyday, have been built on these same rational principles. In other words, although Christian values may be held by an overwhelming majority, they cannot be the flag by which democracy is upheld. I'm not chalking myself up as anti-family; do whatever you like. Just don't force it on the rest of us, calling it 'democratic'. -C.C.

equity, reverse discrimination that is no more justifiable than slavery (perhaps worse, for it is condoned by its victims). Mr. Farrell, and I quote him, is a "socialist, and unashamedly so". Socialism is the lowering of everyone to the lowest common standard; it seems that rather than lifting everyone to their feet, Mr. Farrell prefers that all be trodden upon.

But then, maybe he is right after all. Mr. Farrell correctly sees a world where our minds are led by labels. Society is told by a few that political correctness is right, and believes it without thinking, a neon 'good' sign flashing on and off in their minds, blocking all counter-consideration. Society is told by a few people that employment equity is right, and believes that too. Society is taught that all anti-racists are correct, regardless of their desired means to their goal - and apparently society believes that as well, judging by the lack of criticism Mr. Farrell has recieved; I saw only nods of agreement in the auditorium that night.

I am not a racist. A racist is someone who judges another's geneological heritage, their physical characteristics, their chemical composition, as being a reflection on that person as an individual, ignoring that person's personal achievements, personality and ideology, the true measures of a person's worth. Supporting policies that single out the sons and daughters of transgressors and kick them in the face will not improve these descendants' attitudes. It is crucial that we see the difference between atoning for past wrongs, and trying to correct them with others. I know what is right - and Mr. Farrell is not on my side.*

Criticism:

LENNOX FARRELL: NO
FRIEND OF MINE

-Chris Crowder

I am writing this column in response to Lennox Farrell's speech concerning racism, given on March 15th. I found him to be an excellent orator and in pursuit of a noble cause - the end of racism, and a cause which I strongly commend - yet at the same time I was both disappointed, and even horrified.

Disappointed because, although Mr. Farrell approaches his subject head on, he seems more wrapped up in emotional motivation than logic - I personally distrust anyone who acts simply in response to what they 'see'. Horrified because, although Mr. Farrell obviously despises slavery (and rightly so), although Mr. Farrell believes that it is a noble thing to be a human being (which it is), his version of an equal world of freedom is not one where we are all independant and free, but one in which we are all slaves to each other.

Few people would make accusations of any kind against Mr. Farrell because he has his cause to protect him, but his approach to the problem is completely wrong. Although he states that no one should pay for the crimes of their forefathers and that it is only our duty to heal the evil effects of that wrongdoing (which is partially true), he defends political correctness that harnesses or hides the opinions of our university professors, the most educated among us, not to mention being an attempt at covering up history - reminders of black slavery, as of the Holocaust, are not meant to be put in the closet but to be kept with us so that we may never forget. He defends employment

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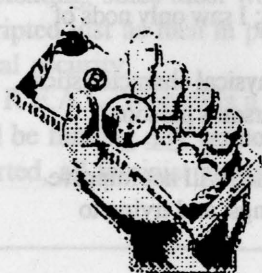
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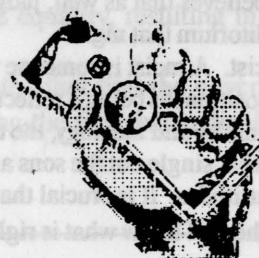
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(Ladies and Gentlemen, the word is 'squish!')

EDITOR'S PAGE

-Here it is, third issue of 1994. If you haven't seen the last two (issues 6 and 7), you can get extra copies upon request at Student's Council.

-Let's kill a rumour right now.. It is true that I personally represent a politically right ideology, and this is reflected in the columns which I write. If the Sentient was a business which I owned, it would be fair to expect all content to represent the same. However, the Sentient belongs to the university as a whole. That being the case, articles which I do not agree with personally will still be printed - anyone who says otherwise has not tried; student response/input so far has been practically zilch.

-Incidentally, that's the last time I call myself right-wing anything. The political right has been blamed for everything from religious fanaticism to neo-Nazis; perhaps you'll excuse me if I don't want to be mistaken for any of these guys.

-Having a student newspaper all to myself was fun for a while, but I don't mind extra writers - really!

COMMENTARY: THE INCREDIBLE "SCHINDLER'S LIST"

Although I don't intend to make critical reviews a regular part of the Sentient, in this case I can't help myself. Schindler's List is without a doubt the best movie I have ever seen. What follows is a column I wrote immediately upon emerging from the theatre. Parts of it look a bit silly now that the magic has faded with time (I guess I knew that would happen when I wrote it), but I still agree with myself on every word. I can think of nothing better to say that will encourage you to go and see this movie than what I have already written, on the night of Tuesday, March 30th.

"Never before have I been so afraid of writing the wrong thing. So I will put down the right thing immediately - if you have not yet seen this movie, go and see it now. Hesitant to spend the eight bucks? I would have paid twenty.

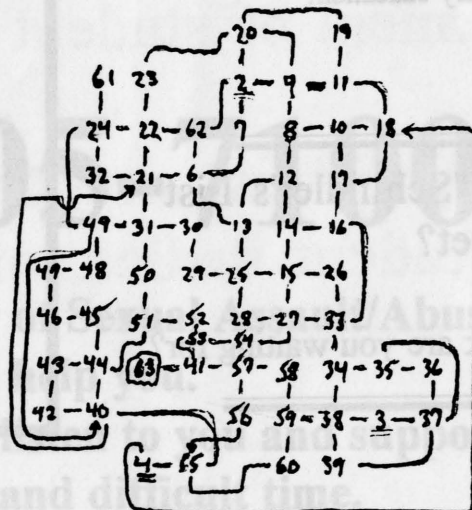
"It will not make you angry. It won't simply make you sad. I'm not keen about emotional analysis, but this movie will simply make you feel unlike anything you have ever felt before. You will want to be there with Schindler - you will want to help him save the Jews, to be there at his side. Apparently Schindler was not a perfect man. He drank and he was a womanizer. But for once, the petty acts a human being has committed cannot drag down or even marr the memory of the central act which a hero has performed.

"Before I saw this film, I heard people say everyone in the world should see it. What a nice compliment, I thought to myself. Now that I have seen it, I know that it is true. This movie is medicine for the soul unlike any you have tasted, whatever your faith or beliefs. If you've forgotten the value of human life, this will reinstate that awareness in no uncertain terms.

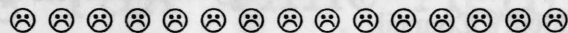
"I would like to think that this message Spielberg has brought to us has the power to touch anyone on Earth. I was in a theatre full of teenagers. The movie was not an action-adventure thriller with million-dollar special effects. It is black and white. It is three hours long. Yet never have I seen such a hard-to-please audience so completely spellbound. I heard clapping. I saw tears. If this movie can reach them, I know it can reach you.

"It is not a documentary, and as I have said, it is not an action thriller. It is beyond any category you are accustomed to. It is the beauty of human life, looking back at you from the screen. It is not simply a fantastic work of art you are witnessing - it is the preservation of humanity in the face of inhuman adversity. It is an experience you will not soon forget".*

Solution To Maze Of Issue Seven (What do you mean, 'What maze?'☺):



TUITION PACKAGE DEVASTATING FOR STUDENTS



-Canadian Federation Of Students

Education and Training Minister Dave Cooke's recent decision to increase tuition fees is having a devastating impact on Ontario students. According to the CFS, Cooke's claim that the fee hike will encourage enrolment growth and protect the quality of education is pure fiction. Nothing the Minister has announced could possibly justify such an unrealistic statement.

"Cooke has just imposed the largest tuition increase in the history of this province", stated Jason Hunt, Ontario Chairperson of the CFS. "The minister is deceiving himself and the people of Ontario by presenting the fee hike as an incentive to higher education. Increasing tuition only makes it more difficult for students, especially those from disadvantaged groups, to pursue a college or university education. Cooke's contention that enrolment will magically increase is pure unsubstantiated speculation."

On March 23rd, Minister Dave Cooke announced a 20% increase in current tuition fee levels. The decision will increase the average undergraduate arts and sciences university tuition fees by \$425 and standard college fees by \$193 over two years. Related announcements further discouraged students and offered little or no tangible positive action.

"Ontario students are feeling tremendous pressure following Dave Cooke's announcement. The added barriers of a 20% tuition increase, a higher loan forgiveness level, an ambiguous ancillary fee freeze and the potential implementation of ICLRP has forced many high school, college and university students to question their future", continued Hunt. "How can Cooke and the NDP government defend its policies when its actions are creating a system whereby only the children of the wealthy are able to afford a post-secondary education?"*

Haven't seen "Schindler's List"
yet?

What in the heck are you waiting for?

AUC Committees (see the AUSA)

Academic Planning Committee

- do you want more 4 yr. programs to be offered at Algoma?
- FIGHT FOR IT**

Academic Standards Committee

- do you want 'A's to be given only in extreme cases with class averages at 63%?
- FIGHT AGAINST IT**

Appeals Committee

- consider student appeals with respect to grades, including exams, term assignments, academic dishonesty etc.

FIGHT FOR THEM

Student Services

- what if...there will be no more counselling, the GLC is charging \$50 to take a shower, and the t-bird lounge will only be open Monday mornings!
- HAPPY**

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Chris Coward

Students.....

Good Luck

on Exams ☺

Do you know someone who is graduating and has been actively involved in the betterment of student life at Algoma?

The AUSA is accepting nominations for the student dedication awards presented at convocation.