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A closing note of optimism (for once)

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It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. The cliché jumps to mind when reflecting on the College's past year. Yet it is worth repeating nonetheless, for many people have stressed the worst of it, and seem to have overlooked the best. The worst of it is well known to readers of Northern Light; indeed there are those who would identify Northern Light as the quintessence of all that was wrong.

Northern Light seems to be in the mainstream of what the Special Senate Committee on Mass Media (Davey Report) identifies as the tradition of the Canadian student press - "Canada's best student newspapers are still unprofessional, shrill, scurrilous, radical, tasteless, inaccurate, obscene, and widely unrepresentative of their campus audience". Northern Light did provoke. Thoroughly reprehensible as some issues were, it at the same time managed to penetrate the clouds of apathy. It probably never has been more widely or more avidly read, and the strength of the reaction in itself is perhaps an indication that Algoma College is not the wholly moribund institution that its detractors have sometimes claimed.

There is every reason for considering Algoma College one of the most vigorous of educational institutions in Ontario. To some that might not be saying much, and to others it might appear that we are merely a weed in the rose garden. Nevertheless, the College is doing more things better, and doing some things a lot better than most. Superficially this can be seen in listing the number of activities that took place at the College this past year. Remembering that there are some 300 full-time students and 30 faculty, then it is apparent that a lot of effort is being put out by a lot of people. (Whether one dislikes it or approves of it, Northern Light is one example.) Consider Theatre Algoma, and the fact that two outstanding touring companies were brought to the Sault, Theatre I and Le Treteau de Paris. Consider the new strength of the Film Society, and that there is not only the Film Society as such, but a French Film Society, a German Film Society, and Third World Series of Film. In music, the Conservatory has founded Opera Algoma, developing the success of its Opera in Concert Programme. With such a small student population to draw from, consider the successes of the hockey team - entering two tournaments and winning both, the one in Sudbury at Laurentian University, and the other in Knoxville, Tennessee. Consider again the activities of the

Chess Club - one of the most active in Ontario universities with three simultaneous exhibitions of note in six months. One of the good things about Algoma College is that visitors want to come back; Jude Acers the U.S. Senior Chess Master, returned to the Sault simply because he liked it the first time he came. Andris Karklins, the flamenco guitarist, returned for the same reason. Theatre I have written to say that the best reception they met across

Canada, from Gaspé to Vancouver was from Algoma College. The list of activities could be expanded - the First Algoma College Symposium, Alternatives in Forest Insect Control, was instituted. A Canada Council grant to organize a visiting lecture series brought leading Canadian poets to the Sault. Artario, the new concept in Art Exhibitions, was probably given its most sympathetic reception in Algoma College. The Keewatinung Institute has entered into an arrangement with the Royal Ontario Museum for a series of displays of artifacts of native Canadian people. The point I wish to make is that there is in fact a lot of energy in Algoma College, and those who visit other Ontario College campuses cannot help remark on that. I do not consider that to insist on that is to view through rose-coloured spectacles; nor do I believe that those activities are irrelevant and designed to lull students and faculty into myopic acquiescence in administrative tyranny. One of the strengths of a small College is that the social and the academic are not rigidly compartmentalized as they tend to become in large institutions. Moreover, in all of those activities there is very strong participation from groups in the community outside of the College. It would seem to me that on one level at any rate, the Algoma experiment is working. The best of times has been shot through with trauma, and there may be even more painful times ahead. To be caught in a budget squeeze hurts, and every Ontario university is hurting. One's optimism for Algoma College does not rest in hopes of evolving a perfect administrative system, although there are obviously pathological features in the present structure that have to be put right. It does not rest on our ability to juggle income and expenditures to arrive at "a nearly balanced budget". It must rest on the vigor that the College is beginning to display in its programmes. In that regard, we may yet look back and consider 1972/73 to have been on the whole a very good year.

A call for openness

If Algoma College is to continue operating in the future, it needs the help of every person who is associated with it, whether he be student, professor, administrator, secretary or janitor. It is my firm conviction that if open meetings were held monthly, on a regular basis, much of the confusion and clandestine subterfuge which presently exists at this college would be removed. These meetings would be open to everyone, with compulsory attendance for representatives from the student body, faculty, administration and office staff, to act as a panel and steering committee. Ideally, every member of the stated groups should attend to voice their opinion. The steering

committee would draw up an agenda of topics which are deemed to be of interest to the college.

In this manner, many controversial questions would be cleared up. For example, I think that the controversy surrounding the hiring and firing of terminal faculty, which has been circulating now since January, would be cleared up easily at one such meeting.

If this institution is to be a truly democratic one, centred on issues, not personalities, then there should also be truly democratic decision-making, with the real facts aired out in the open by the respective representatives, for all to hear. I think we've all had enough of this underground b.s.

Algoma College Opinion Survey

Northern Light staff

Recently there has been considerable speculation about how students feel about various aspects of college life. Do they want more courses? Do they want a new cafeteria? Are they satisfied with the quality of instruction?

Fifty students in the Sociological Research Methods course (Soc. 2050) given by professor Feroz Ahmed have just tabulated the results of a sample survey of 138 students--randomly selected. The following represents some of the salient findings of the survey.

Likes and Dislikes
The students were surveyed about various aspects of the college. The students were divided into Freshmen (Fr.) Sophomores (So.) Seniors (Se.) and Extension (Ex.) and were asked to reply as satisfied (sat.) dissatisfied (dis.) or indifferent/undecided/don't know/etc. (etc.).

Academic Program:

	Sat.	Dis.	Etc.
Fr.	57.1%	22.9%	20.0%
So.	64.9	24.3	10.8
Se.	57.1	25.0	17.9
Ex.	68.4	18.4	13.2

Quality of Instruction:

	Sat.	Dis.	Etc.
Fr.	51.4%	37.2%	11.4%
So.	51.4	18.9	29.7
Se.	28.6	42.8	28.6
Ex.	63.2	18.4	18.4

Student-teacher relations:

	Sat.	Dis.	Etc.
Fr.	51.4%	17.1%	31.5%
So.	70.3	13.5	16.2
Se.	67.9	17.8	14.3
Ex.	68.4	10.5	21.1

Counselling:

	Sat.	Dis.	Etc.
Fr.	11.4%	40.0%	48.6%
So.	27.0	32.4	40.6
Se.	17.8	42.9	39.3
Ex.	21.1	21.1	57.8

Library facilities:

	Sat.
Fr.	80.0%
So.	86.5
Se.	82.1
Ex.	78.9

Premises, snackbar and parking
questions showed a considerable difference between fulltime and extension students. Both groups showed considerable dissatisfaction with the snackbar. Fulltime students were much more unhappy with the premises than were the extension students. On the other hand, extension students expressed much greater concern about parking difficulties than did fulltime students.

Students were also asked if they were returning to Algoma College next year. The response, particularly from freshmen, confirms the downward trend in college enrollment.

Coming Back to Algoma:

	Yes	No	Undecided
Fr.	28.6%	57.1%	14.3%
So.	62.2	29.7	8.1
Ex.	63.1	31.6	5.3


Students not returning were asked to state why this was so. Two-thirds of the extension students saying 'no' are graduating. Four out of five freshmen not returning cited the lack of a desired concentration as their main reason. Social work and the sciences were particularly singled out in this regard.

The student survey has collected a large body of background information about the college. Individuals interested in more details may contact students taking Sociology 2050.

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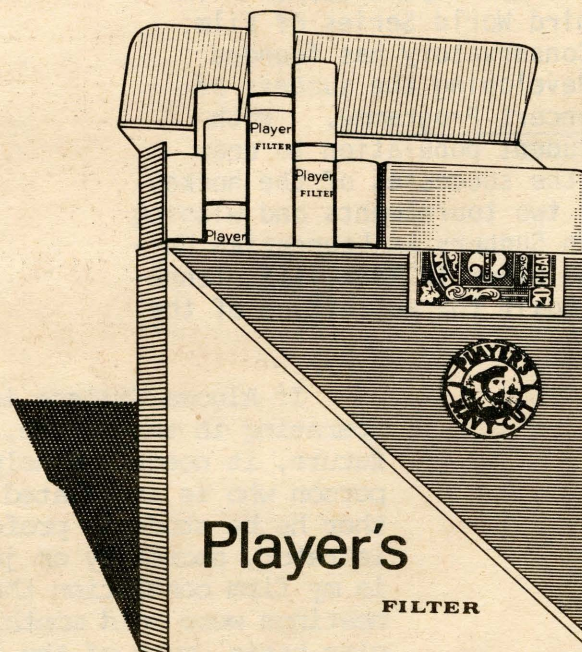
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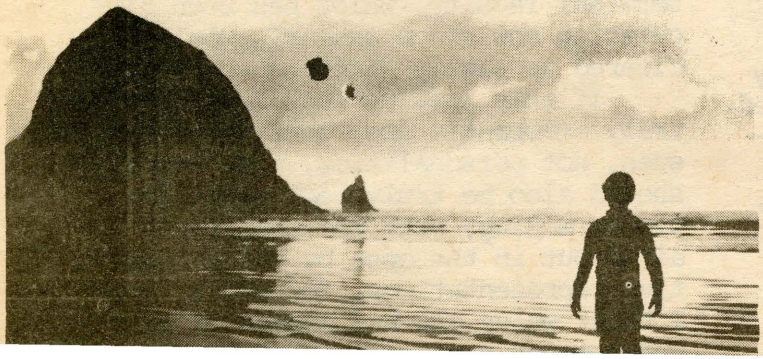
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Since this is the last column of the year, I think it is in order to consider some of Canada's best players. Some week's ago we talked of Lawrence Day, Canada's fourth strongest master.

DUNCAN SUTTLES, 27, is a Vancouver investment analyst. He is our strongest player and should soon gain the grandmaster title. He has a highly convoluted positional style, which is difficult for most amateurs find difficult to follow. He and Petrosian generally draw.

His Yugoslavian wife, Dobrila, is a great friend of Bobby Fischer. She told him win his matches with Taimanov and Larsen by 6-0 margins and he obliged her. He even followed her advice and crossed the Rockies by train.

Matulovic-Suttles, Pirc
Interzonal, Sousse, 1967

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 c4 d6 4 Nc3 e5 5 d5 Nd7 6 Nfe2 h5 7 h4 Nh6 8 f3 0-0 9 Bg5 f6 10 Be3 a6 11 Qd2 Kh7 12 Ng3 Nf7 13 Bd3 c5 14 0-0-0 Qa5 15 Nf1 Nh6 16 Qe2 b5 17 cxb5 f5 18 exf5 gxf5 19 Ng3 axb5 20 Nxh5 c4 21 Nxg7?(Bc2 b4 22 Na4) cxd3 22 Rxd3 Kxg7 23 f4 b4 24 fxe5 Nxe5 25 Bd4 bxc3 26 Rxc3 Qxd5 27 Rd1 Rxa2 28 Rc7+ Kg8 29 Qh5 Ra1+ 30 Kc2 Qxg2+ 31 Rd2 Qe4+ 32 Kc3 Rcl+ 33 Kb4 Rxc7 34 Qxh6 Qb7+ 35 Ka3 Qa6+ 36 Kb4 Rb7+ 37 Bb6 Rxb6+ (0:1) [38 Kc3 Qc4X]

Dear Sir:

Through past articles published in your paper, and through discussion with an acquaintance now sitting on the Budget Committee, it has been brought to my attention that there is some difficulty in arriving at an equitably distributed budget for next year.

In essence, one of the problems seems to be: with declining student enrolment and the consequent decline in government grants, there is difficulty in finding money to retain some popular professors now on one year contract. Some students appear to desire to keep these professors, since they are considered excellent teachers by the students, at all costs.

May I offer an elegant solution to this problem. Pre-tested and guaranteed to work. The solution is of such simplicity I am surprised neither faculty nor students have proposed it.

Budget cuts in 1968 prevented the College library from making much desired purchases deemed essential for the growth of the College.

Four students and two spouses, decided to do some thing about this. Action, not talk, was the word. This group of six set up a raffle for a car, moneys accrued thereby to go to the library.

ABE YANOFSKI, 48, is a winnipeg lawyer, and Canada's only grandmaster. He has won the Canadian championship seven times. In 1946, he defeated the great Mikhail Botvinnik at Hastings. His most recent efforts show his lack of tournament practice.

Yanofsky-Dulanto, French Defence,
Eighth Olympiade, 1939

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 dxe4 5 Nxe4 Nbd7 6 Nf3 Be7 7 Nxf6+ Nxf6 8 Bd3 c5 9 dxc5 Qa5+ 10 c3 Qxc5 11 0-0 0-0 12 Re1 Rd8 13 Ne5 b6 14 Bxf6 Bxf6 15 Bxh7+ Kf8 16 Qh5 Bxe5 17 Rxe5 Qc7 18 Be4 Bb7 19 Bxb7 Qxb7 20 Qh8+ Ke7 21 Qxg7 Rg8 22 Rxe6+ Kxe6 23 Re1+ Kd6 24 Qf6+ Kc5 25 Re5+ Kc4 26 b3+ Kd3 27 Qd6+ Kc2 28 Re2+ (1:0)

PETER BIYIASAS, 21, is the current Canadian champion, and will represent Canada in the Interzonal being held at Brasilia. (The other Interzonal will be held in Leningrad.)

Biyiasas is a phlegmatic player-- he suffered only one defeat in the Canadian closed. He won third prize on fourth board at the recent olympics.

Biyiasas-Suradiredja, Sicilian
Skopje Olympiade, 1972

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 0-0 Bg7 5 c3 e6 6 d4 cxd4 7 cxd4 Qb6 8 Na3 d5 9 exd5 exd5 10 Re1+ Nge7 11 Bf4 Be6 12 Bd6 0-0 13 Bxc6 Nxc6 14 Bc5 Qxb2 15 Re3 Na5 16 Rb1 Qxa2 17 Re2 (1:0)

By hard work, application to an ideal, and some luck, this group presented over \$1,500 as a no-strings-attached gift to the College library. It took two months to raise the money.

Now, it seems to me if there are 80 students per professor, by simple mathematics, the following calculation arises:
80 students x \$1,500 per group of six = approximately \$20,000

This sum should even at to-day's prices keep the average professor in cigarette money at least.

So, go forth and sell support shares for your pet professor.

The results thereof will not cause redistribution of the present budget. The budget be damned.

An additional benefit will accrue therefrom: imagine the pleasure, the gladness felt by the professor when he's presented with a years's salary by his students as a token of appreciation of his ability to "rap" therewith. What more could any professor ask for?

It took us two months. You still have time. At your age, you should have more steam than we did.

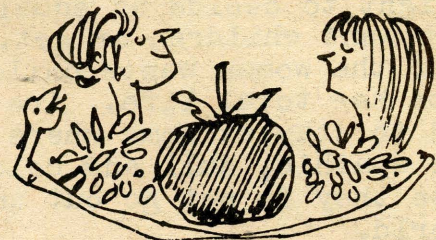
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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE COURSE EVALUATION

Student Council removed the course evaluation from the agenda of Academic Council on the basis that it is a legitimate expression of student opinion whether or not Academic Council has approved it. Approval by Academic Council will not insure the course evaluation from claims of sabotage. If cries of sabotage are going to be raised, they will be raised regardless of who approves the course evaluation. In addition the course evaluation was designed as a STUDENT course evaluation rather than an Academic Council evaluation. Therefore the approval of Academic Council adds little more than extra consumption of time to the legitimacy of the course evaluation.

The course evaluation has just been re-typed for easier computer programming. It has to be checked over and will then be ready for duplication. Duplication and putting it together may be finished by the middle or end of the week of March 18-25. Subject to this, the official distribution will start Thursday, March 22 or Monday, March 26. Hopefully all will take advantage of the opportunity to fill out this document of clarity, precision, and finesse; of length, blood, and sweat, with conscientious ardour.

Any students desiring to volunteer with the administration of the course evaluation contact: Judy Kokis or anyone on Student Council. I can be reached at 3-5451, or grab me in the hall. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.
signing off,
jk



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This is the last issue of the paper for 1972-73.

Women's Liberation Movement

Before this newspaper's demise I would like to explore some avenues of the Women's Liberation Movement. Do you feel women have cause to banner together demanding equal and interesting jobs, equal pay, day care centres, equal education, abortion on demand, representation in Parliament, and also the right to conscription? Or do you laugh and mock these women for burning their bras! Revolutionary yes but are you not missing the point? Do you not realize the full implication of such acts? Or does it not enter your lives, even in a small way? Think! We are the lucky ones. We get the education and maybe if we fight hard and are talented we too shall have the chance of landing an interesting job with comparable pay. But what about the other women who marry fairly young and are saddled with children for the next thirty years. Do you really feel that they can fulfill themselves in this way? What happens to them if their husbands die, or they are deserted or even if there is a separation or divorce? Is their next choice a chance to step into a good paying job with a day care centre looking after their children or do they have to turn to the help of welfare in total frustration.

I have heard the answers to all these questions. Women are discriminated against not because the male actually feels the female inferior, but because the male is the bread winner. He has been told this from an early age and this appeals to his ego. The female's duty is to bare the children and look after them and if she cannot fulfill this role she is a failure. If she wants to send her children off to day care centres then she is accused of being a poor mother. The woman without a husband in our society is de-emphasied making people unaware of the problem. I say this is wrong. There are many women who have had to go out and support the family. Some women do not want children but prefer a profession. They are looked upon as an oddity in our society. Shouldn't they be allowed this right to decide as equal people, if they want children or not. And even if the woman wants children must that be her total life. Are women doomed to stay at home where they become apathic, dull and colourless because they do not go out and fight the world.

Some of us feel we have to give up quit a bit for this liberation. Conscription doesn't appeal to a lot of women as it doesn't appeal to men. But we do not have conscription in this country even for men. With abortion

on demand there is a lot of moral questions to be answered. Equal pay and the chance at interesting job are put down by the old argument that if the women were capable of such jobs then they would have them. This is not true. The fact is, because of her sex she is categorized for the lesser jobs. She works against her own sex for menial jobs and low pay. She is made to feel her inferiority at better jobs. As for giving up the luxuries of having the door opened for her this argument is pure trivia. If the woman had the chance for a better job as opposed to the door being opened I'm sure she would take the job. Come to think of it how many men now open doors for women.

There is another realm to explore. Why are commercials so patronizing to women? Why do they make the woman

feel that she does not have a brain in her head? Her body is used to sell commodities as she is sold. The woman must paint her face and wear short skirts not because they are comfortable to her but to look attractive to the male or even to other females which is total absurdity.

Lets stop all this nonsense now and try to achieve for our sisterhood at least some small goals. Day care centres should be started by any means that they can and should be supported by all women. If you agree with abortion then you should support The Women's Coalition Movement in enacting legislation in this area. Equal jobs and pay can come through organizations to fight against this and by the individual women becoming aware of themselves and their situation. The woman, up till now has only been given token demands. It's time for a change.

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