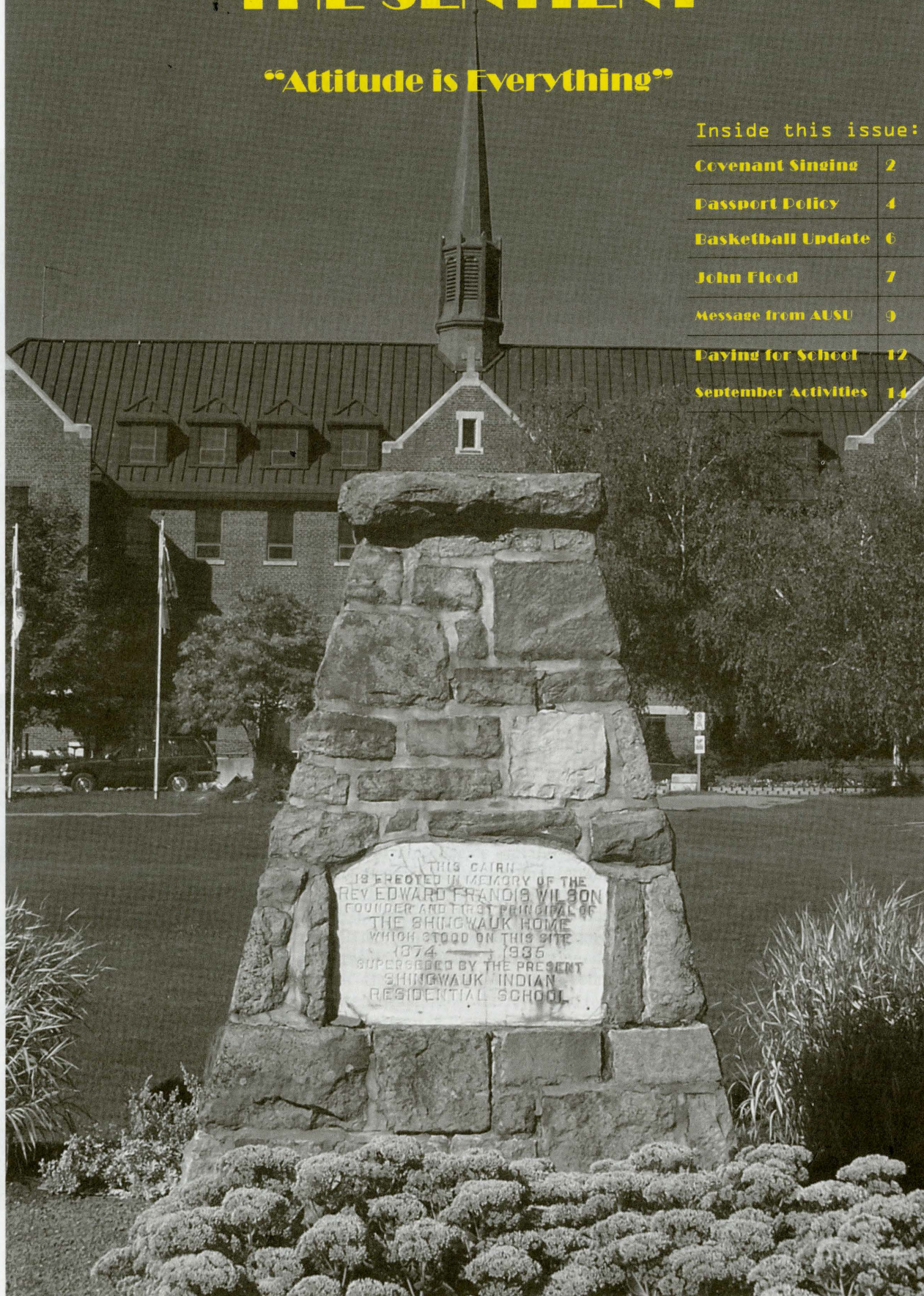


THE SENTIENT

“Attitude is Everything”

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A History in Denial?

This is the first instalment of a series of stories offering different testimonials regarding the signing of a covenant this summer to ensure the tenets of The Shingwauk Trust are upheld.

'One man's dream is another man's nightmare'—a very telling comment from a man who has seen it all at Algoma University College for 32 years. Professor Don Jackson has dedicated his professional life to one thing: the realization of Shingwauk's famous vision through healing the hearts of those wounded by its misunderstandings and its abuse in the name of things righteous.

But what does Jackson mean in those dramatic words? From his point of view; He is referring to a history in denial—a lack of responsibility to promises made long ago; he is referring to the abysmal track record of the institution we all call our university; he is referring to the continuation of colonial tradition through the signing of a covenant this summer which he describes as an 'agreement to disagree'.

To understand Jackson, we need to understand the history of Algoma University College. Not only the fact that this site was once a residential school, but a history filled with enough backdoor dealings and rhetoric to make The Liberals look like they belong in a first year politics class.

The history really begins with the legend of a man. As American troops threatened the very existence of Canada as a country, Chief Shingwauk, rallied northern tribes to defend its right for self-determination. With the conflict ended and the United States' efforts towards Manifest Destiny thwarted, Shingwauk was rewarded by a re-arrangement of the international boarders to interrupt his traditional lands. This would prove to be the first of three times he and his people be would be displaced.

Twenty years later, in 1832, Shingwauk, traveled to York (modern day Toronto) by canoe and on foot to speak with Governor Colbourne and Bishop Strachan. He sought the resources needed to establish a 'teaching wigwam' where natives could

learn alongside Europeans, in an attempt for cross-cultural understanding between the two civilizations. In the following years, his progressive notion came to fruition at a number of different locations. But it was not until 1874, twenty years after Chief Shingwauk's death, that his great vision found a more permanent home on the banks of the Saint Mary's River—the location that our university rests on today.

A year later the land was deeded to The Algoma Diocese in trust that its sole use be in the interests of the Shingwauk Industrial School—creating the Shingwauk Trust. Essentially, the agreement legally bound the purpose of this site as being towards native educational interests. Under no circumstances was this trust to be violated. And so the vision stood, even through years of its bastardization as a site of the residential school system. Although not as bad as some, the halls of Shingwauk Indian Residential School—and its predecessor The Shingwauk Home—could tell endless horror stories of mental, physical and sexual abuse. Despite being used in name of things unworthy of its honour, the site was still a living memory of a man committed to an idea that was far ahead of its time...the Shingwauk name still stood.

It would not be until 1970 that the two institutions, AUC and The Shingwauk site, would collide as they both worked towards their individual independence. As the residential school era was coming to a close, AUC was looking for a temporary location for its campus. It purchased a plot of land near Fourth line (now Crimson Ridge Golf Course) and the administration was awaiting final costs to establish a permanent campus there. In the meantime, the Shingwauk site was granted to AUC under the guise that it would develop native programming and would uphold the name of Shingwauk Hall to the main building. When the final costs of implementing infrastructure to the Fourth Line site were far too large for AUC to accommodate, they dug in their heels to remain where they were. Illegal negotiations were made between the Algoma Diocese and AUC to amend the original lease agreement from 5 to 10 years, and a clause was added that allowed Algoma University College to purchase the site; a clause in direct legal disagreement with The Shingwauk Trust,

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At the conclusion of the original agreement made between the Diocese and the University, AUC opted to purchase 36 acres on the Shingwauk site for a price of \$600 000. This was an illegal purchase made in breach of the Shingwauk Trust, however, the act's relevance would not see full fruition until 1990. In the meantime, our school was cast into uncertainty on a number of occasions due to horrific management; both financially and socially. In fact, in the late 1970's AUC was found guilty of human rights violations which contributed to its internal erosion and left a black eye on the name of the institution for years to come. In 1990 things went from bad to worse. The skeletons came pouring out as Garden River First Nation filled a lawsuit, to the tune of \$20 million, against the university and the Diocese for illegal breach of the Shingwauk Trust. To save the school from imploding under its own misguided gravity, a deal was struck to sooth Garden River's frustrations. The Senate and the Board of Governors of AUC unanimously voted to change the name of the institution from Algoma University College to Shingwauk University under the condition that Garden River drop the pending lawsuit. Because Garden River's intension was to re-establish the tenants of the Shingwauk Trust, they agreed—believing that native educational interest would be solidified under the great Chief's name. Once again colonial attitudes stood affront and for the last 16 years no real action has taken place to make true what was promised to natives of this land; apparently, until this past summer when a covenant was signed between the three parties to ensure the birth of Shingwauk University. But as the details unfold, Shingwauk's vision dissolves.

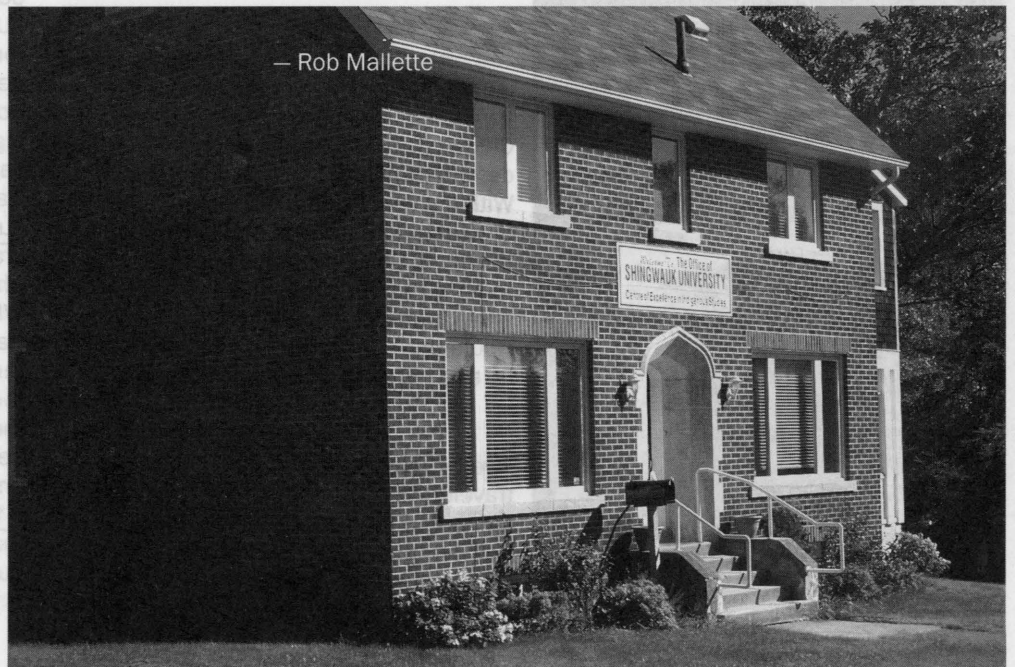
In accordance with an amendment made to the original deal to change name—an amendment made by Natives groups to keep the process moving since AUC was doing little to keep its promise to them—the covenant is an agreement to have two separate institutions on the same site. One

school called Shingwauk University geared to serve the interests of Aboriginal students, and the other called Algoma University College, which is to remain in its current form. Although this solution does meet native educational interests, it is nothing more than an agreement to disagree. Furthermore, it seems to contradict what Chief Shingwauk had in mind for his teaching wigwam. The original notion portrayed mutual integration, not segregation, between Native and European culture. And because of this divergence of ideas, Jackson sees the agreement made this summer as a gross disappointment. Not only by its shortcomings towards a fulfillment of Shingwauk's vision, however, but also as a structural impossibility. He believes that it is ridiculous to think that the provincial government would sanction and fund two universities competing with one another on the same site. Economically it makes no sense.

And so, what have we learned over the last 175 years since the great Chief's vision? We've learned to use segregation as a tool to uphold aging power dynamics. We've learned that a promise to some is a stalling point to others. We've learned to be suspicious and mistrust. In reality we have learned nothing—except that one man's dream is another man's nightmare

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— Rob Mallette



Get 'Em When They're Hot/Available The Passport Initiative

As many of you have probably heard, the United States Department of Homeland Security, and the US Department of State have decided to implement an initiative called the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). The basis of this program is that all travelers to the US from anywhere in the Western hemisphere (whether by air, water, or land border crossing) will be required to present an official passport for inspection before entering the US. The particular dates that have been set are January 8, 2007, for arrivals by air or sea, and January 1, 2008, for arrivals by land border crossings. This is an act to further protect the United States against acts of terrorism, several of which they have seen as of late.

Of course, the Department of Homeland Security blindly assumes that every person in the Northern Hemisphere, who thinks they may travel at some point in the future, will immediately rush out and get a passport. According to Bart Stupak, Democratic congressman of Michigan, "The challenge is to keep the U.S.-Canadian border secure and safe, without damaging trade, tourism and commerce between our two countries." He also worries that rushing this initiative to meet its set implementation dates will "unduly burden travelers," and has the potential to harm the Michigan economy. I'll add the Ontario economy too. Of course, Canada will be the most affected nation by this initiative, as the base of our entire

country borders the top of the United States, and we partake in a significant amount of trade and cross-tourism with them. Personally, yes, I do want to know that steps are being taken to ensure my safety wherever I am, but when bridge security is brought to extremes, it discourages me from crossing it. Who wants to spend an hour on the bridge each way for a two-hour dinner and a shopping sprint? Or a night at the bar? Or every morning on your way to class or work? This initiative directly affects us as residents (year-round or part-time) of a border city, and given our frequent activity with and in the United States. Many people also have family somewhere in the US, who will also be affected by this initiative.

Also, an important note is that the land border crossing rule will also apply to ferry transportation and vessels used primarily for pleasure. I have not yet confirmed if this will include our own Locks Tours Boat Cruises.

One of the main problems with this initiative is that it does have the potential to hurt international travel. Many people who do not travel between countries frequently will likely not want to be bothered with the trouble and expense of obtaining their passport and keeping it up-to-date. The other problem is that of those, who will rush out to get their passport? Currently, it takes a significant amount of time between applying for a Canadian passport and receiving it, largely

due in part to the small number of remaining passport offices. Therefore, with the date for air and sea travel quickly approaching, there is likely to be an overload of applications, and will anyone actually get their passport in time? Even though the land travel deadline is nearly a year and a half in the future, we have to expect that like most students with an end of semester deadline presented at the beginning of the year, Canadians will put it off, put it off, put it off, and then scramble to do it a week (or in this case, maybe a month) before the deadline. And then there will be a backlog of passport applications waiting to be processed. Technically, the only possible solutions to this are to convince George W. to obliterate this initiative, which is not going to happen, or for the Canadian government to open more passport offices, particularly in a northern area of Ontario with a direct border connecting the two nations. Or we can all just apply now and avoid the last minute rush.....but let's be realistic

—Stephanie McMillan

Hidden Gems of Sault Ste Marie: Los Mexicanos

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A little piece of Mexico right in our own back yard, Los Mexicanos, offers an excellent alternative to the almost exclusive dining monopoly that Italian cuisine has on Sault Ste Marie.

Located at 678 Second Line West (right beside Leons), Los Mexicanos opened its doors two years ago this month. Since then, endless satisfied customers have passed through to enjoy authentic Mexican cuisine.

If you're looking for Taco Bell—you've come to the wrong place. Prepare your taste buds and appetite for one of the best meals you ever had; one that won't hurt your wallet...but might test the capacity of your stomach. Your first surprise will be how inexpensive the menu is; your second surprise will be how much bang you get for your buck.

The entrepreneurial Gracias family will take care of you as soon as you open the door. Operated by a

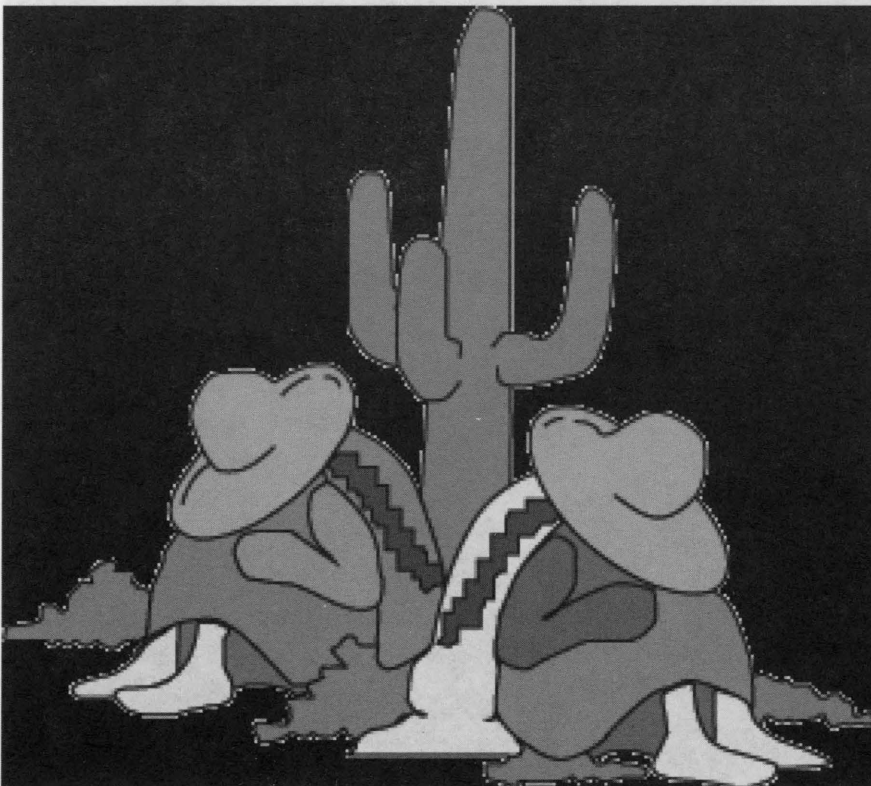
mother/son team, Ben will greet you at the entrance offering any spot you like the restaurant; while mother, Clair, eagerly prepares your meal. On busy occasions you will see father, Henry (owner of Benjamin's jewellery shop downtown) in the back or daughter-in-law, Andy, at the till.

Mexican mariachi music sets a relaxing atmosphere accented by a laid back service style. Expect a 'dinner with friends' feel over rigid professionalism in this Northern Oasis.

What really sets Los Mexicanos apart from most other eateries is their commitment to a full cultural experience. Ben's expertise of the Tequila will make you scoff at the next bottle of Jose Quervo you see and his homemade chile sauce brings the right level of Mexican spice to any dish. Claire is a master Mexican chef from years of practice as a mother and wife. After a lifetime of home-cooking, you can almost taste how much she loves to cook for people who love to eat.

Overall the dual appeal of great service and great food will have you coming back time and again. So the next time you're feeling a little adventurous or tired of the same old restaurants in town, stop by for some authentic Mexican cuisine—you won't be disappointed.

—Rob Mallette



Take a walk into The George Leach Centre this week and you might not recognize too many faces as the basketball teams warm up for practice.

A massive overhauling began early this summer with the hiring of new Men's Head Coach, Thomas Cory—who was brought in from Sault College. Cory brings with him endless experience from his years as a semi-pro player in Portugal, playing for Club Nacional du Mederia, and as the OCAA's West Division Coach of the Year in 2005.

Cory has already set a solid foundation in the short time that he has been a Thunderbird. Building around a solid nucleus of returning players that include Cory Glaister, Stefon Wison, Jarrell Hogan and Adam Carpenter, Cory has amassed a very impressive class of recruits. Following him over from the College is B.C native Andrew Turgeon, who is entering into a BBA as a college graduate. The remaining recruits are all first year players, which bodes well for future depth. From West Humber comes Dwane Prawl; from Earl Haig is Peter Champman; out of Toronto comes Zack Wright; Pat Murray is a Sault Boy from Mary's; Mike Bwanka hails from London and Lloyd Coke is a New York Prep School grad. Our new coach believes that with these hopefuls hitting the floor, our school's dubious athletic past will be left far behind. Coach Cory wants to instil a winning attitude at all levels of the pro-

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gram and has made significant moves to this end. From setting up a mandatory study hall for players, to advocating for a new floor in The Leach, Cory is trying to turn the tides of Thunderbird tradition in hopes of leading Algoma to their first ever playoff birth.

Our Women's Basketball team will also have a few new faces this season. Still led by Ed Green, the team looks to build on last season's successes. Forming around stand out Jessica King, is a strong contingent of returning players, including; Jen Muio, Alicia Miller and Melissa Stumpo. Backing the vets will be a group of local ladies stacked with talent. Lara Stillin, Kristy Aloe, Amanda Vernelli, and Miranda Chaw—all emerging from local high school programs—will make an immediate impact; while Kristen Conway is hopeful to contribute to the squad's veteran swagger, as a former player at Fanshawe College. With these elements in place, Green believes that once the team has gelled, a realistic goal for the ladies is a strong drive into the post season.

—Rob Mallette

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Disservice Leaves JURI Program Without a Full Time Professor

Three years ago, JURI students were introduced to an upbeat, interesting, caring and knowledgeable professor - John Flood. John directed his students to success and worked towards the growth of the Law and Justice program at AUC. In 2006, still thriving off of John's knowledge, his students are entering their fourth year at Algoma University. The goal of a four year honours program was achieved, minus a crucial member; a full time professor, which many expected to be John Flood.

Unfortunately, the call made to the Algoma University community for input regarding John's performance went unanswered, as many were unaware or were too lazy to write the Dean or the Peer Review Committee to illustrate what John meant to them as a person and as a professor. Apparently, regardless of John's obvious popularity, his evaluation asserted that his teaching and research were unsatisfactory. John's resume boasts over 17 years of teaching experience, a very successful career as a criminal lawyer and he is one of only two Canadian lawyers who are qualified to practice before the International Criminal Court in the Hague.

Several students did not sit back and let this happen. "Operation Save John Flood" commenced but it was too little, too late. Administration has a strict policy to follow with regards to the evaluation of its faculty and contracts which was negotiated as a part of their collective agreements. Unfortunately, for the students, as well as Professor Flood, this policy was unknown by many and John's contract was not renewed. Although there was little input from the AUC community, this may have been irrelevant as John was evaluated on several criteria; results are to remain confidential as a part of the collective agreement.

Students who were fighting for their respected teacher were simply told that we had to respect protocol and that nothing more could be done, besides an appeal that John would have to pursue on his own. This was a tough pill to swallow.

John's students maintained hope on the facts that John was a talented lawyer and that he would do whatever it

took to be sure that the injustice that was done to him and his students would be rectified. John won his first appeal and his case was sent back to the Peer Review Committee for re-evaluation.

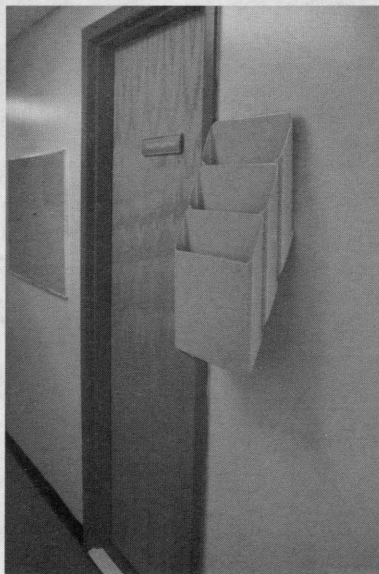
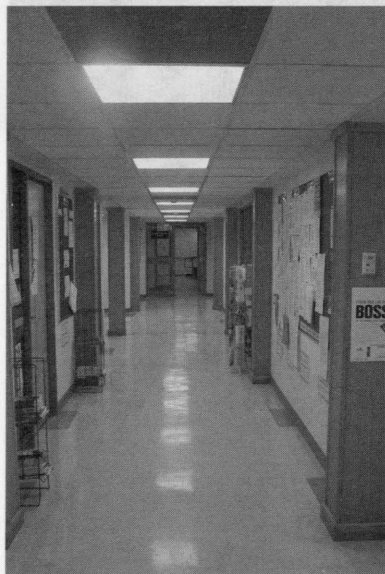
Upon re-evaluation, John was unsuccessful. A second appeal is currently being pursued and it has been said that John has hired "a major Toronto 'big-hitter' lawyer" who is unimpressed with the injustices that has been done. John has spoken to his students, but is reluctant to detail the situation.

Regardless of what happens with John, there is still major concern with regards to the new four year law and justice and political science program. John is concerned that his students will not have a full time professor, a disservice considering two full time professors would be ideal. This upcoming year will consist of mainly sessional faculty, which is viewed by the majority of students as a waste of time and money. It is a difficult task to find full time professors with legitimate degrees and sufficient teaching experience who know the students and the program requirements.

As well, the full time professors that the JURI and POLI students do have are stretched to the limit in terms of time, energy and work load and it is unfair to them and the students. Professor Don Jackson, another professor who will do anything to guarantee that his students get a top quality education in hopes of full success, has been so overworked in the past couple years that he cut his vacation overseas short in order to provide academic advice to his students and mark all of his work from his overwhelming course load.

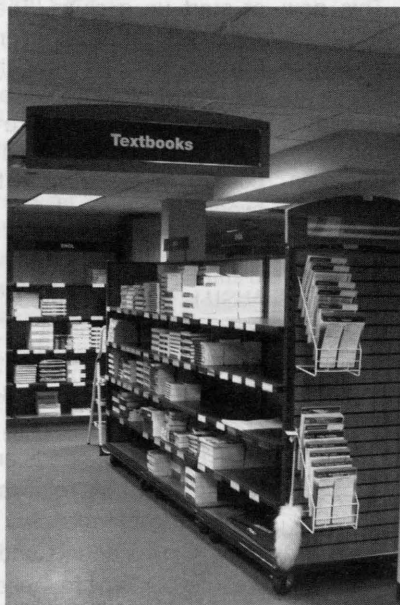
Algoma University is a great university to attend and I am pleased that it is growing in terms of program offerings, but if the school is planning on growing, they must be prepared to facilitate this growth and maintain a high standard of professors to guarantee a high quality of education. The students must remain a priority. Any professor will not do, and it would be in the students' best interest to retain professors that have a zest for their profession and who know the program in order for the growth to be retained.

—Jessica Ferlaino



New Bookstore on Campus!!

AUC has seen a number of new initiatives over the past several years which have included growth in unity, growth in attitude and growth in campus size. With campus growth has come a brand new bookstore with a fresh look and a great selection of both academic items including books and supplies, and a bigger and better selection of Algoma apparel. Located on the ground level of the university, room NW 100 (I apologize if you are a new student and the room numbers are still a bit confusing), is the Campus Shop. The Campus Shop is a large upgrade from the previous "room" that was used as the bookstore. Here you can find all the necessi-



ties for a successful year, both academically and fashion-wise. With more space comes a larger selection to ensure that you get the book you need when you need it, as well as a greater opportunity for you to find used books at a more reasonable price. As well, Algoma merchandise is in stock with more styles and items to choose from than ever before. When you walk in you get the feeling that you get when you attend larger schools – a bigger bookstore for a growing university. Stop in – you're going to have to if you plan on being successful!!!

—Jessica Ferlaino

Algoma Ink: AUC's Own Collection of Art

Algoma University College: a small school with big opportunity. One might see how such an assertion is so true when looking at Algoma Ink, an annual publication of creative writing, poems, short stories and black & white photography.

Andrew MacDonald, a third year Fine Arts student and one of last year's Project Coordinators of Algoma Ink, was good enough to sit down with me and tell me a little bit about the project. When asked about the growth of Algoma Ink over the last couple of years he answered what one would expect, as right on par with the rest of AUC: "It's grown exponentially". When MacDonald started out, he explained, "all the

submissions were made by a class with limited outside contributions. Since then it's now become an open call to Northern Ontario".

What does MacDonald love the most about Algoma Ink? The big opportunity it gives to such writers and photographers as himself. "We have creative writing at the school; many people don't even know that. Algoma Ink is an outlet which not only allows us to express our work to Algoma students, but to potential editors and future employers."

At many other larger institutions one student's aspiration to have a piece of work published may have their desire lost as they view themselves as one

voice amongst thousands. With AUC's very own Algoma Ink, however, it's more than possible. To learn more about how you can have your work of art in Algoma Ink's annual edition, email Dr. Alanna Bondar at etn-scholar@yahoo.com. And be sure to check it out for yourself! It's always great to see what Algoma's very own local talent can whip up.

— Robert Skeggs.

Message from AUSU President

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First year and returning students, AUSU would like to welcome you all to a new semester at Algoma U. The Algoma University Student Union is here to ensure that your time spent at AUC is enjoyable, equitable and enriching.

The calendar has filled up quickly over the summer months with pub ideas and show bookings. Last year an emphasis was placed on entertainment in the student pub, The Speak Easy, and while this year's shows will be even better, AUSU will be working hard to bring in a wider array of music, awareness campaigns, and cultural events.

We've also opened doors on our own new office space just downstairs from

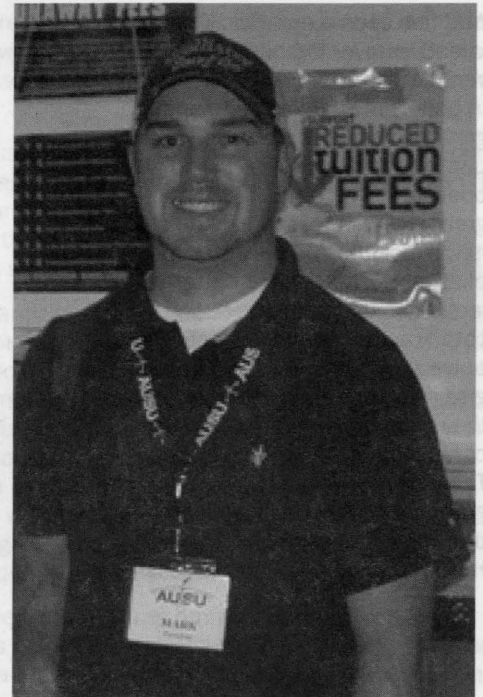
the Speak Easy and down the hall from AUC's new Campus Shop. This new space allows AUSU to maintain a more visible presence on campus as well as provide us with a more workable head quarters. The new offices include a boardroom for AUSU to hold its meetings as well as allowing on-campus clubs to gather outside the student centre.

With the recent growth and additions to AUC, now is the time for students to become more involved and come out to help build great times and memories of your Algoma years. The new look Sentient is always looking for contributors, and student clubs have been growing every year with something for just about everyone. If there is something you're looking

to do or experience at AUC come discuss it with AUSU or start up a club. There will be many events through the semester that will need volunteers and participants so be sure to pay attention to emails, posters or the buzz in between class.

AUSU is your on campus representation for all things relating to student life, so it's our job to make sure that your opinion is heard, and your needs are looked after. We're always happy to get feedback from fellow students and we'll do our best to make sure that your experience is everything you want it to be.

—Mark Pitcher



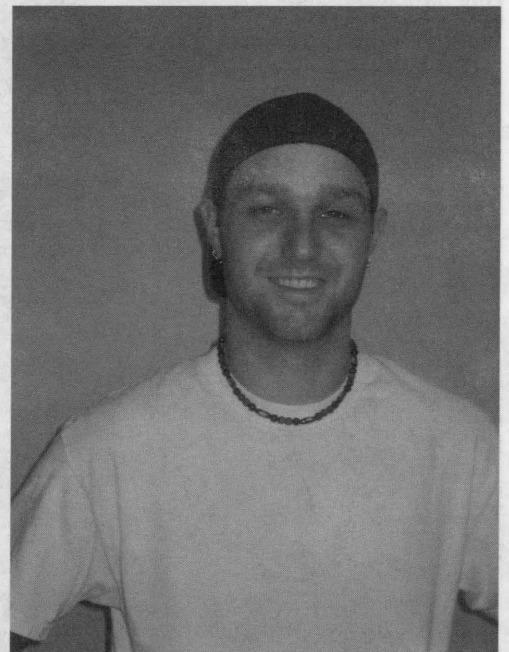
Message from AUSU VP-Internal

When I first came to Algoma University College last year I was struck by a few things. Obviously, by the beauty of the campus; coming from Wilfrid Laurier University, a campus under massive construction, it was a very pleasant change to not walk through a work site on my way to and from class everyday. I was struck by the close knit student community; a microcosm of the Sault, AUC is a kin to 'Cheers'—where everyone knows your name. I was taken by the commitment of the staff; as mentioned in my campaign for this position last year. But most of all I was surprised by the attitude that a lot of us have about our University. Too often I was confronted with a less than positive view regarding what I

thought was a fantastic school by my fellow students. Once I noticed that the people I was talking to were not isolated in their opinion, I promised myself to try to effect change towards building stronger unity and pride in our collective institution. And from that promise stems the theme of the first edition of this year's Sentient: "Attitude is Everything". Some may regard this mantra as cliché, and doing so proving it evermore true! So, I would like to take this opportunity to ask all you us to wipe the slate clean about our attitude about AUC and take this year as something entirely new. My hope is that if we get past our defeating attitudes, we can see all the hard work that different people are putting in cam-

pus wide to instill a sense of pride in the Algoma name; from athletics to AUSU, from cultural diversity to academic excellence, Algoma U continues to grow.

—Rob Mallette



"Why is Mr Harper not here to show leadership on the world stage?"

Today at lunch I was walking back to the office from College Park and I ran into a man. He wanted directions. "Where is Bay Street?" he asked. "It's right behind those buildings," I responded. Seeing the confused look on his face I added, "You can follow me if you want." The man started talking. He asked if I lived in Toronto and I asked where he lived. The man was from Georgia and was here attending the AIDS Conference. The man had never been to Canada before. "What a great country Canada is to allow such an important conference in the country" the man proclaimed, "The streets are so clean and the people are so friendly."

It was at that moment I felt a profound sense of both pride and embarrassment. Pride because our country has taken such a great step to become a world leader in the prevention and study of HIV/AIDS. But utter shame that our Prime Minister Steven Harper could not even bother to attend.

I think the co-chairman of the conference, Mark Wainberg, summed it up best in the article when he said, "HIV is one of the worst enemies we have on this planet. Why is Mr Harper not here to show leadership on the world stage? As a Canadian it

breaks my heart."

It's not really so surprising that Harper refused to attend. After all, he comes from a party with such notable right-wingers such as Stockwell Day who believe that Adam and Eve rode dinosaurs to church.

Is this the kind of leadership that Canadians voted for in January? Which one of the 5 priorities was it where Harper said that he would diminish Canada's role on the world stage? Which one said that he would ignore the biggest epidemic our world faces? Maybe Harper was too busy "Standing Up for Canada", by scheduling a photo-op to conflict with the conference to announce that Canada was trying to assert our Arctic sovereignty, that he forgot that we as Canadians should be "Standing Up" for those crippled by HIV/AIDS and for those in poorer countries who cannot stand up for themselves.

I for one am sickened by Steven Harper's lack of leadership on this issue. So he would have gotten booed. That's leadership. Instead, he sends Tony Clement as a sacrificial lamb? Take it like a man and move on. The real problem is that the people in the crowd cannot be muzzled. Harper can't control them and he can't

stand it. They can't be fired, like the pilot on his airplane who asked him to turn-off his blackberry or like career bureaucrats that aren't yes men.

Let's get this leadership process over with so that we can give Canadians a real alternative. Someone who lets ministers do their jobs, someone who doesn't raise the taxes of the lowest income bracket, someone who doesn't reduce the GST taking billions out of federal coffers and reducing the ability to run social programs, someone who doesn't pit one province against another, someone who doesn't interfere in provincial politics claiming someone is the "next Premier of Ontario", someone who doesn't call for Senate reform and in one of his first acts as Prime Minister appoint an unelected Senator to cabinet. I can go on and on and on and on. I think in some ways this Harper government might be the best thing to happen to the Liberal Party and to Canada. Canadians are starting to realize how good they had it. You can see it in the Conservative's falling poll numbers. Come March or April don't be surprised if you see another "Canada's New Government". Unfortunately, some of the people who Harper chose to ignore cannot wait that long.

—Justin Tetreault

Sentient Looking for Political Writers

This is a call for writers for The Sentient on political issues. The idea is to create a forum where a topic of relevance will be discussed from the point of view of different political parties every month. By looking at different issues from different angles, us as students can be better informed as to which parties we support on various issues. Please if you are interested in writing for The Sentient, email Rob Mallett @ rmallett@students.auc.ca for further information.

Shinearama is Bigger and Better this Year

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Shinerama is Canada's largest post-secondary fundraiser involving students at almost 60 university and college campuses across Canada. While Shinerama began in 1964 as a shoe-shining campaign during Orientation week, it has since grown to include a wide variety of shining and non-shining activities under the Shinerama banner.

In 2005, Shinerama attracted more than 35,000 student volunteers in more than 52 Canadian cities, towns, and communities. Together, students from coast to coast shined shoes, washed cars, co-ordinated raffles and barbeques, as well as numerous other events, in support of cystic fibrosis research and

care.

Shinerama students have raised more than \$16.5 million to support the fight against cystic fibrosis since the campaign began. In 2005, enthusiastic 'shiners', Canada-wide, banded together to raise more than \$920,640 to help fund CCFF research and treatment programs -- proving that by working together, students really can make a difference in their communities, and in Canada.

On **Thursday, September 7th**, you and your fellow frosh can win great prizes and have tons of fun at the Algoma U Discovery Zone Carnival. For \$5 you can play games like Basketball Toss,

Speed Pitch, Golf, Soccer Kick and More! Play these games and win great prizes! And all proceeds will be going to support **SHINE-RAMA**.

On **Saturday, September 9th**, join other frosh as well as returning students for the **Algoma U Squeegie Fund-raiser**. We will be hitting Queen Street shining car windows for **SHINE-RAMA**. This promises to be tons of fun, and we can only imagine the water fights now!

To get involved early call the AUSU office at 949-2301 ext: 4719 or email AUSU at ausu@auc.ca



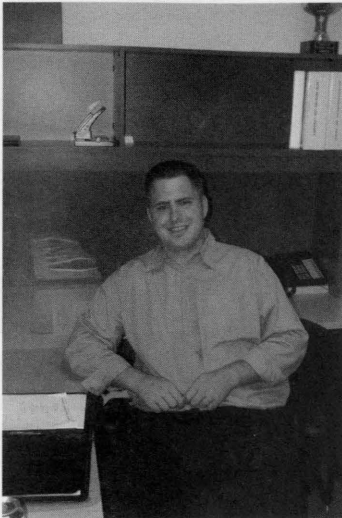
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A Big "Thank-you" goes out to the following businesses....

Those of us who know how much work is put into an event as big as Welcome Week realize that it would be impossible without the support of the local community. For this reason, AUSU would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local companies that contributed to the cause. Without all of you, there would be no Welcome Week...

- Algoma Telephone Systems
- Canadian Tire
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- U-Betcha Tap & Grill
- Joe's Sports and Surplus
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- Lone Star Café
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Paying For Your Studies



Bursaries & Scholarships

Post Secondary Institutions award bursaries and scholarships to help cover part or all of a student's expenses. Scholarships are awarded in the basis of academic merit and/or extracurricular activities, most scholarships do not require you to pay back the funds. However do expect serious competition if you do apply.

Bursaries are typically awarded on the basis of financial need to help eligible students cover school expenses. Sponsored by various organizations such as Post Secondary Institutions, hospitals and private companies, bursaries sometimes involve work terms as a form of repayment.

Government Assistance

Available for full and part time students, government loans are offered on both a federal and provincial level. Basically, the government pays the interest on the loan while you are in school. Six months after you complete your studies, you will begin to repay your student loan.

In Canada, the federal and provincial governments jointly administer student financial assistance through the Canada Student Loan Program. There are several types of assistance available including the following:

- Federal Student Loans (Called Canada Student Loans)
- Provincial Student Loans (For full-time students varying by province)
- Canada Study Grants (for students with disabilities, students with dependents, high need part time students, and women in certain doctoral studies)
- Millennium Bursaries (for

full-time students demonstrating high need or merit)

- Provincial grants and bursaries

Understanding Your Responsibilities

Once you have received a government student loan it is your responsibility to:

- Understand and respect the terms and conditions spelled out in detail in your loan agreement.
- Tell your lender and the student financial assistance officer at your school or provincial student assistance office or any changes in your situation such as a change in name or marital status, a change in your status as a full or part time student, or a change of address
- Provide your lender with proof of enrolment for each study period that you are enrolled, even if you are not applying with a new loan
- Keep track of the amounts you borrow each year.
- See your lender and complete a consolidated student loan agreement within six months of ceasing to be a student.
- Repay your student loan,. If you are a full time student, you will require to start repayment of your student loan on the last day of the seventh month after ceasing to be a student. However, you can start, repayment earlier if you are in a position to do so. If you are a part-time student, you are required to make interest payments even while enrolled, and start full repayment on the last day of the seventh month after ceasing to be a

student.

Bank Loans and Credit Lines

While government student loans may be an option, they are not available to everyone. Many financial institutions have developed a loan program especially for students, charging a preferential interest rate.

Most financial institutions also have a credit line, which allows more flexibility, setting a maximum amount of money that you can borrow. You arrange the overall amount that you will need and withdraw what you need when you need it. The benefit of a credit line is that you pay interest only on the funds that you use, not on the total amount as you would a regular loan. And you are expected to pay back the interest only on a monthly basis while you remain in school. After you have completed your studies, you're entitled to a grace period of about six months during which you can continue to pay only the interest only. After that, you'll meet with your financial institution to make arrangement to repay the credit line over the period of up to 10 years or more.

—Josh Pringle

We Shall Overcome: Springsteen and Seeger Sessions Band

A breath of fresh air on a saturated and over marketed music scene, Springsteen revitalizes century old songs in his tribute to the legendary American Folk singer, Pete Seeger.

From the opening line of the album ('Old Man Tucker was a fat old man/ Washed his face in a frying pan/Combed his hair with a wagon wheel/And died with a toothache in his heel") you realize that The Boss has grown infinitely from being "Born in the USA". The warmth of his worn guitar is a perfect vehicle to carry the welcoming feel of these American masterpieces while the signature grit of his voice conveys the strife that many of these songs were born from.

"Old Man Tucker" is a witty tune that will have to danc-

ing and laughing at the same time; "John Henry" is a timeless song telling the great American story of a railroad worker that proved machines are no match for a man; "Erie Canal" accounts the life of a sailor on the Great Lakes and "My Oklahoma Home" (Which contains my favorite line of the album. In reference to his new Oklahoma wife; "Mister, as I bend to kiss her, she was lifted by a twister") documents the struggle of western settlers and the life of those who raced for land when Oklahoma was opened up. The title track will inspire a powerful sense of positive energy, however, the most infectious song on the album is "Pay Me My Money Down". It is not difficult to tell that during the recording, Springsteen had one condition for musicians to be on the track—that you must

have a drink (or two) before the tape rolls. The desired effect was defiantly achieved.

The CD is also accompanied with DVD on its flip side which contains a documentary covering the creation of the album. You don't have to be a huge Springsteen fan to appreciate the artistry put into the project, which is easily seen in the way that he and the band plays these songs.

Whether you're looking for a great album and something fresh or want to participate in the growth of the cannon of music, We Shall Overcome by Bruce Springsteen and The Seeger Sessions Band will feed your need for good music.

—Rob Mallette



From the Editor

First off...Welcome back everyone and to those new comers to AUC I look forward to meeting you. I hope that the Welcome Week activities go well for everyone and that all the hard work people have been putting in over the summer pays off. Please don't be shy to tell the Student Services 'thank-you' for their large contribution and commitment ensuring that this week goes off without a hitch.

Having said that, I want to take this opportunity to talk about some of the changes The Sentient is making this year. Besides already having a committed writing and editing team—of which we are always looking for more members—we will be increasing our distribution and the quality of

the publication dramatically. For these and other reasons, I want to take The Sentient in a different direction. Instead of having the project seen as strictly a newsletter or paper, it will be a more dynamic, more exciting publication. As you can see, there are many elements to The 'New' Sentient. Alongside news about our institution, we have included a more artistic feel to the project—which will driven by a creative component where our school's artists can showcase their talent. Our team will also be pursuing advertising in the new editions. This development will lead The Sentient towards more legitimacy as a free standing publication. In addition, we will be covering not only news about our school, but also local, provincial, national and in-

ternational stories through the lens of an informed student. The perspectives forwarded will add to our reader's insight into how events effect and pertain to us as a student body and individually. These are just a few of the things that have been developed over the summer and there will be more changes to come! As always, feedback is welcome and endorsed so please contact me either in the new AUSU offices (on level 1 near the bookstore) or by email at rmallett@students.auc.ca.

Peace

—Rob Mallette

September 2006 @ The Speak Easy

| Sun | LABATT Monday Night Football | Tequila Tuesday/ Karaoke Night | Wired Wednesday W/ Buzz and | Thu PUB Night | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 Gunz N FN Roses \$5 | 4 Norman Nawrocki- Tales from a Seven Foot Penis | 5 | 6 Talent Show- \$500 Prize for best performer | 7 Mardi Gras Doors open @ 9 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Master Illu- sionist Ryan McFarling |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Wired Wednes- day Hosted by Current Swell | 21 Powderpuff Pub \$5 Profs/School Girls | 22 | 23 Startlefish Doors open @ 9 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Swollen Members | 27 | 28 | 29 High Holy Days W/ Bondar | 30 |

For more details visit www.speaktheeasy.com

Our Week Long Party!!

It's that time of year again when the weather starts to cool and the leaves begin to change colour and school is about to start. Before you know it you'll be working on papers and assignments and readings and studying for exams instead of beach parties and hanging out with friends but before that all begins again there is time for one more party. Not just one party, how does a week long party sound? Sounds pretty good right; well the school has organized this for us. For those of you who are new to Algoma University this is a great way to get to know the school and meet new people, some of whom will become your professors and others who will become your friends for life. For the returning students this is a great way to catch up with friends and relax one last time before school begins.

Welcome Week begins Sunday September 3rd with speakers from important AUC personnel. There will be lunch in a secret location which is always fun for everyone with icebreaking activities. Then, don't forget to end the night with us in the AUC bar, the Speak Easy, where there will be a Tribute Night. On Monday, join us for the Single and Sexy performance at 11am and then a BBQ lunch on the sidewalk. Tuesday night, come on over to Galaxy Cinemas for "Toonie Tuesday". Bring your student ID and \$2.00 and see the movie of your choice. Wednesday, there will be a Jam Night in the Speak Easy with a \$500.00 prize for the best entertainer which begins at 10:00pm. Thursday is a whole day of fun with a Carnival from 11:30am-3:30pm and then AUSU's Annual Mardi Gras Pub in the Speak Easy beginning at 9:00pm. A Beach Day will take

place on Friday from 1:00pm-4:00pm at Harmony Beach and Saturday there is an Outdoor Concert "On The Lawn" of AUC. More details about Welcome Week can be found on Algoma University's website, www.auc.ca.

Don't miss out on your last chance to party before the chaos of the semester takes over. Join us for a whole week of fun at Algoma University's Welcome Week!

—Victoria Thomas