

THE BEST OF RHYTHM

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Fellow Students:

My first few weeks as Vice-President External will probably have been, not only the most exciting, but also the most hectic weeks of my term in office. Within days of the election I was asked to attend the 7th C.F.S. conference in Ottawa. Feeling this would be an excellent opportunity for me to learn the ins and outs of my position on council, I jumped at the chance.

If the sixteen hour bus ride to Ottawa was to be any indication of what was in store for the next nine days it was going to be a long trip.

Upon arriving in Ottawa at 5:30a.m. Berry Shmidle (President of Laurentian's Students Council) and I proceeded to Carleton University for the preliminary O.F.S. conference. After a six hour meeting at Carleton I realized that this conference would be no picnic.

The conference ran for seven days beginning at 9:00a.m. and ending at 2:00a.m. Needless to say, the long hours seemed to take their toll on everyone. Things did look up however when a group of us decided to venture to Hull, Quebec to catch last call after a long day of what seemed like endless arguing and debating.

All in all the week did seem to fly by and before I knew it, it was time to say good-bye to my new-found friends from all across Canada.

I would be happy to discuss exactly what we accomplished at the conference on a one to one basis with any interested parties. If you wish to discuss the conference with me please feel free to come and talk about it or leave a message on the Council answering service and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Nancy Chudoba

"Life Is a Cabaret...."
special to the Algoma Rhythm.

On Friday night, November 16th, at 8:00p.m., the lights came up and the curtains rose on Algoma's first cabaret.

Organized by students Diane Konkin and Hilary Smith, with the assistance of Bob D'Amato (associate professor of English), the event was held mostly for fun. And everyone in attendance had a great deal of fun.

A wide variety of acts provided the entertainment for the evening - guitars, pianos, rock bands and comedians. Vick LaCrosse, AUSAC Activities Coordinator, expressed her delight at the enthusiasm shown by the performers, and wishes to thank them all for participating and sharing their talents with everyone, and on behalf of the Students Administrative Council, also wishes to thank everyone who braved that evenings blizzard to pack the auditorium, and make our first cabaret a success.

In addition, special thanks to the following people: Bob D'Amato, for his assistance in organizing the event and for doing the lighting; David Root, for assisting Bob with the lighting; Cathy Williams, Kim and Gordon Nisbett, for helping to set-up and working the door; Hilary Smith for acting as M.C.; Diane Konkin for promotion and posters; and all those who may not have been mentioned.

Diane hopes another cabaret can be organized for this coming spring.

Also, a collection was taken at the door, with just over twenty-four dollars raised for the Ethiopia fund. A very heart-felt thank you goes out to those who contributed.

COFFEE HOUSES

A bouquet goes out to Lynne Mathieu, organizer of the successful Tuesday night coffee houses here at Algoma. Tuesday November 27 marked the third bi-weekly get-together of a group of very talented local musicians (who must enjoy what they are doing - intrinsic rewards? -cause they aren't getting paid for it). Attendance has increased steadily and although its not "standing room only" - yet, a very solid group of enthusiastic supporters are spreading the word that you can hear Lightfoot, Prince, Cat Stevens, and even America, and still hold a conversation across the table. Although not for everyone, the coffee houses offer an alternative to our regular Thursday rock n roll pubs and welcome any who want to play or just loosen up and have a cup of java and some munchies (the bar is open for those who avoid caffeine).

Special thanks go out to the musicians and all the folks who help out behind the scenes, with apologies to any whose names have been missed:

MUSICIANS: Jeff Smiley

Pat Clark
Charley Martin
Jax Nixon
Mike Palmer
Kevin Hammond
Brian

OTHERS: Don DiAngelo
Dan Rice - M.C.
Dave Root- Posters
Lorraine StAmour- Tickets
Eric Goulx
Terry Leonard
John Williams
Dan -Equipment Movers

Although the bi-weekly schedule will be interrupted by exams and Christmas holidays, Lynne hopes to resume the coffee houses in January and welcomes the help and ideas of anyone who wants to be involved. If you haven't had a chance yet, make an effort in the New Year to reserve a Tuesday evening and come down and give a listen. I guarantee, you won't be dissatisfied!

*Merry
Xmas*



COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Annual Christmas Party - December 22, 1984
- Elks Hall
- Catered by Mrs. Mancuso
- \$10 a ticket

Tickets available in the main office, library, and any council member.

Winter Carnival - is just around the corner! Rest up during the holidays and come back ready to participate in Bon Soo and Algomans' own winter carnival events. It takes you to make it work!

Women's Group - Women for women will be recruiting and organizing a group of concerned women on campus. Education and association will be the main objectives. Watch your neighbourhood bulletin board for dates and places - BE AWARE, BE THERE!

P.S. The Women's Resource Centre, 221 Albert St. East, invite all students to make use of their library which is well stocked with contemporary literature on a wide range of topics (including some publications not available through the public library or post-secondary facilities).

Letters to the Editor

Nov. 11th, 1984

An open letter to the students of AUC.

Fellow Students;

Last week I was approached to write this letter, as a means of airing my concerns about our student council. As this letter will not appear in print until after the election has been decided, I agreed, since my concerns are not merely an election issue tactic!

First of all, allow me to retract one claim that I made; that being the issue of the holdings of a private party in the lounge. Andy Boston told me (on Thursday) that when he arrived for the "painting party" that no one else had showed up and, in order to get the job done, he called a number of his friends and asked them to help. Joel Chisholm maintains that the painting party was announced, and volunteers requested by means of a notice on the sign-board in the lounge. While no one I have spoken to can recall seeing this, I will concede to the benefit of the doubt, and I humbly apologize.

However! There are other issues at hand. The submission of a report to the Bovey Commission, which Mr. Chisholm tells me was done is a case in print. There is no such copy in the library. And during the candidates speeches in the recent annual election, council was accused of not having made a submission, to which the Incumbent V.P. External candidate (Randy Moore) responded by saying that council was too busy at that time.

Joel also told me that it is true that council did not prepare their own submission, but endorsed a submission put forward by the Laurentian SAC. I find it hard to believe that in the year to year-and-a-half that the Bovey Commission was conducting its investigation that our SAC was unable to find time to voice its concerns.

Joel said that Council felt that it would be better to be a part of a unified voice, by letting Laurentian's SAC speak for us. Of course, Laurentian has less to lose than we do!

As for Council not keeping the student body informed of Council's actions and decisions, Joel tells me I should ask any council member any time I need to know anything. But I maintain that not all students have the time to run around looking for people that they don't know! It is up to Council to take the initiative to keep the student's informed.

I've heard so many of the part-time (and a good number of full-time) students ask questions like "who is on students council?", "where is the Student Council Office?", and "what do they do?".

Minutes of the Student Council meetings (which are open to all students) are supposed to be posted, along with copies of any reports submitted within 48 hours of such meetings. This has not been done lately, although Joel assures me this is only temporary as mid-term exams have put everyone slightly behind schedule.

Joel also tells me that any student can find out everything that's going on by checking the \$400 announcement board in the lounge. When I mentioned to him that not all students come down to the lounge, he replied that any student who cared enough to find out would and should come down and check the board. I say council should not rely upon such a flimsy defense. There are other ways of keeping the students informed; this paper for instance (although how many students actually get a copy?).

In closing, I'd just like to pose a final question or two. First of all, why was it Joel Chisholm, the Treasurer, that acted as spokesman for Council, rather than the Secretary or the Vice-President Internal (as the matter is more closely related to their duties)? And is he sure he has the consensus of Council members when he says he speaks on behalf of them?

Whether I win (or have won, by the time you read this) or not, is not important. Granted, I would like to win the election. But what is important is that Council become more open to its student constituents. And whether I'm on Council or not, I'm still going to work to try and get that to happen.

Sincerely yours,
David Root.

Fellow Students:

I would like to congratulate the following candidates for recently being elected to Algoma University Student's Administrative Council:

Andrew Boston	President
Mike Chevrier	Vice-President Internal
Nancy Chudoba	Vice-President External
Jane Walker	Ombudsperson
Joseph Lauzon	Part-time Representative

Your entire council is finally filled and consists of:

President	Andrew Boston
V.P. Internal	Mike Chevrier
V.P. External	Nancy Chudoba
Treasurer	Joel Chisholm
Secretary	Patti-Jean Robbie
Part-time Rep.	Joseph Lauzon
Ombudsperson	Jane Walker
Activities	Vicki Lacrosse
Co-ordinator	
Chairperson	Robin Beilhartz

Our photographs and positions can finally be posted as soon as the photographer is finished. This will enable you to recognize us in the crowd.

Our various job descriptions may be found in the constitution which is available in the library or from any council member. It outlines our required responsibilities but that does not mean that we restrict ourselves only to those duties. In past months we have co-operated with each other to meet any objectives and I am sure that this co-operation will continue for the good of all who are involved.

Meetings of AUSAC are advertised on the announcement board in the student lounge and everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone wishing to contact a member of AUSAC may:

- 1) Phone 949-2656 our answering machine will take your name and message and we will return your call.
- 2) Drop a note in our mail box in the main office or the library.
- 3) Drop a note in the folder on the door of the AUSAC office in the portable.
- 4) Feel free to see us in person in the lounge or wherever we may be found.

We are open to any suggestions or requests you may have and encourage you to communicate with us.

Treasurer,
Joel Chisholm.

HALLOWEEN PUB



The need for a high quality undergraduate university in Sault Ste. Marie spawned in the 1960's a local citizens' movement, the Algoma College Association, whose efforts led to the establishment of Algoma University College. The College opened its doors at the Sault (then Cambrian) College campus in the fall of 1967. Housed in the metal Butler buildings, now the School of Nursing, it was in the fond words of its first Principal, the Rev., Dr., Col. Charles Krug, "the back-house of a CAAT-house".

The Laurentian affiliation which has continued to this day was a shot-gun adoption. Determined not to create any new universities, the Province acknowledged the need and gave into the pressure for Algoma. The College opened as a feeder College with only the first year of the Laurentian programme as its mandate. The several hundred new students were greeted by 23 faculty and an enthusiastic support staff. Everyone was gung-ho.

Birth-pangs associated with the quest for an appropriate identity, mandate and governance procedures led to controversy, and controversy to disputes. Though the Board included high-quality locals many with corporate experience, dealing with academics and academic administration proved difficult. The Principal was caught in the middle of what Lloyd Bannerman remembers as a year which ended with only himself on speaking terms with the rest. The Principal and 11 faculty left after one year.

Ian Brown was brought in as Principal ("Acting" he would say) in 1968 followed by his "PEI Mafia" (Abbott, d'Amato, Hahn, and T. Ross). Enrolment continued to increase and pressure for the second-year mounted. Local teachers now had to have degrees and the College aspired to improve services, facilities, and advance to the full degree programme. Faculty, staff, and student numbers increased, and in spite of having to cancell classes when the rain beat drum-like on the metal roofs, the feeling was upbeat.

The University College had good relations with Sault College and the suggestion to amalgamate was made several times -- a prospect not well received by the Algoma crowd. As Lloyd Bannerman put it, "If a mouse and an elephant are to marry, it makes a hell of a difference which is the bride and which is the groom." The CAAT or "job-training" style was quite different from the academic style of the university in which casualness in non-essentials is accepted. The remark was often heard, "That scruffy person in blue-jeans will give the institution a bad name."

The aspiration for a permanent and autonomous site was also strongly felt. Ian Brown remembers when the Lake State students planted an old outhouse on the front lawn as a "new wing" for AUC -- "I arrived to see a shithouse on the front lawn." The hangout for staff and students in those days was the Canadian and it was here that the plots were hatched and plans formulated.

All in all, in the early days and until the move to Shingwauk in 1971 and the attainment of the full degree programme in the same year, the faculty, staff, and students were clearly a highly motivated, dedicated and competent group. The level of instruction was very high. Faculty, many with four and five degrees, taught in the intimate atmosphere that has become Algoma's hallmark. The first years of undergraduate instruction provide the foundation. A strong foundation through programme development and teaching excellence has been the main aspiration of the College since its inception, and accordingly, Algoma has always been second to none as a School in which to work as an instructor.

Can you put names to the faces of some of the College's early staff members?



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AFFLATUS

Fictionary: (Insert any relevant submission in this format: WORD: part of speech; definition; name of person submitting) The actual meanings of last issue's noun, afflatus, are: 1. The communication of supernatural knowledge, as in a state of exaltation: the divine afflatus. 2. Any creative inspiration or impulse. 3. A breathing or hissing. We hope our readers can guess which meaning we intended in choosing this column's name.

For T*BIRD RHYTHMS #3, the word is "Rampallion".

ELEGY

Grieve not for payday lies not afar off.
While it is yet a desolate flicker
in the distance
it is spent
like a lover too quick
abrupt and dissappointing,
the user wasted and drawn
pitifully awaiting the next encounter.

V. M^CMaster.

Miz Dubois Goes to the Detox Centre

middle-aged lonely
she thought god was her friend
all her friends let her down
crying to the cabdriver
for want of someone else
she's had one too many
in her seven-room emptiness
frightened tearful she's reaching
not believing
anyone can car
she relies on kind
strangers on saturday night

--P. Kaufman



by Trevor Fyfe

The late arrival of Old Man Winter has given rise to a strange phenomenon. Ordinarily a single headlight on a late November night would indicate a car with a wiring problem, but of late it could indicate the appearance of that complex creature, the cold-weather motorcycle enthusiast. Undaunted by kick starts, ice, patches of gravel, and tingling distal regions, he carries on in his quest to squeeze out the last waning moments from his riding season.

Riding in this late part of the year has its attendant hazards. The pavement becomes harder, and the rider must be more aware of the intimate relationship between the tires and the road, which has become covered with ice and gravel and other nasty little surprises which threaten to snatch the rider from his upright position and into a more intense relationship with the macadam. A feeling of loneliness can overcome the rider because the camaraderie of fellow riders is gone, so he must be content with the sound of a well tuned engine and the surge of power that accompanies a flick of the wrist. Like the skipper of the Great Lakes freighter, he must keep a weather eye on the barometer so as to avoid becoming stranded by a snow-fall and being faced to push the bike home and being an object of mirth for passers by.

Invariably, however, the snow falls and the motorcycle must be put in the garage and drained of its life's fluids. The motorcycle enthusiast should take up painting or astronomy to pass the time, and should not be found in front of the T.V., staring, staring. He can be assured of at least one mid-winter thaw, during which he can refill and ride out onto the streets of the city.

Hi Andy,

We would like to know when the administration is going to get off their carcasses and see to extending the now inadequate hours. The rest of the facilities here are not as adequate as the High Schools we all attend, the only facility that is available is other college libraries. Our library is excellent, but what about Saturday? Bookworm

Unfortunetately, this is one problem the Administration is working on. I am confident that our new Administration will have some very good news to give us by the end of January.

Dear Andy;

I've heard through our very vigorous rumour line that you have access to the new students card. I find this very hard to believe. Yet it appears to be quite an exciting story travelling throughout the lounge. If these authentic students cards are available where?, how?, and especially WHY? would I want one!!!! Lost!!!

Hello Lost:

Well I hate to break the bad news to you, this disappointment will only lead to a new rumour I'm sure. Someone evidently likes to drag my reputation through the "SEPTIC TANK". The only kind of advice I can give you is to look where the gossip is coming from. Fortunately, thanks to a very few HONEST students, myself have determined the original source. This quote made by a very soon to be Canadian is for, I know who, "PAYBACK'S ARE A REAL BITCH"

This is cold weather riding at its best, and demands much of both man and machine. Not only must the rider contend with motorists whose acknowledgment of two wheeled traffic in winter is casual at best, but snowploughs, engine-stopping puddles, and ill-brought up children armed with snowballs. This mid-winter victory is brief, however, but the rider can be comforted to know that the ice-racing season is beginning, and that he can indulge in some high r.p.m. madness.

The object of ice racing is really very simple. The rider locates his trusty two-stroker, studs up the tires, fills it with airplane fuel, and then waits for the flag to drop. During the course of the race, the rider must avoid the social excess of running over fellow competitors who have been unfortunate enough to fall, thereby avoiding, becoming known as a "poor sport". When the race is over, the rider either gets a trophy or a hospital bed.

Like all good things, winter motorcycling comes to an end. When the snow piles up so high as to preclude any thought of venturing forth, the motorcyclist should content himself with hot toddys and NFL Sundays and the thought that spring is not far away.

Answers from page 3

1. Ian W. Brown
2. John Abbott
3. J.K. McLarty
4. Elizabeth McGoldrick
5. J. Gibson
6. Dr. L.C. Bannerman
7. Pam Cameron

The following people are thanked

Nancy Chudoba
Patty-Jean Robbie
Don Jackson
Cathy Greco
Vickie Lacrosse
David Root
Trevor Fyfe
Perry Kaufman
Andy Boston
V. McMaster
Joel Chisholm

Christmas
party
Dec. 22

dear andy

Hello Andy;

I am a very concerned student who is worried a great deal about the construction outside. There appears to myself that there is a very enormous "lack" of consideration by the administration upon the students and Faculty as a whole. I would assume that it would be a great deal more practical to continue this in the summertime. There certainly are fewer students as well as better working conditions. This current situation disrupts classes as well as hinders students trying to gain access to the main building. The barracades they have constructed are a disgrace as well as being extremely inadequate. This is my first year here at Algoma and I hope that the situations that occur can be improved upon the completion of my three year term.

"Rookie"

Rookie;

Well are you sure that you have complained about everything. There are many students and Faculty members who have been here since Day 1, until you have watched this "Time Bomb" be defused I believe you should hold your breath. I now must set you straight! First of all the entire administration is being extremely cooperative. They are trying to allocate proper as well as adequate space to the construction company as well as to the students. Unfortunately you are only a first year student and have not enjoyed all of the luxuries that we have had in the past. To fully understand the actual importance of "new" construction you must look back at our past. This institution has been in a "survival mode" for the past ten or so years. On one occasion last year on the third floor, we enjoyed indoor plumbing. That constant drip remained for twelve hours and two pails later. To see a totally new set of goals developed is a very bright light at the end of a very long tunnel. So please bear with this inconvenience.