

ALGONQUIN TIMES CONTINUES AWARD-WINNING STREAK

Ottawa, ON, May 5, 2003: April was a good month for the Algonquin Times. Algonquin College's award-winning student newspaper continued its winning ways by receiving four Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) awards as well as the Glenn Crombie Memorial Award.

"I am proud of the Algonquin College Journalism students that have received these prestigious provincial awards," says Algonquin College President Robert Gillett. "They underscore the fact that Algonquin College graduates are recognized as the "graduates of choice" in the post-secondary system."

The Algonquin Times is no stranger to the OCNA honours, as they have won many such awards in the past, taking home top honours last year in the online category.

"These awards are a continuing string of honours that go back over a decade and reflect the fact that the curriculum we teach surpasses the industry standard," says Algonquin's Journalism Coordinator Joe Banks. "It is more difficult to win awards these days as the technology available to make an attractive paper changes, so the Glenn Crombie Memorial Award and the OCNA awards reaffirm our ability to stay on top of those technological changes that have happened in the newspaper industry."

The OCNA awards won by the Algonquin Times this year consist of one first-place, one second-place and two third-place honours accepted by Algonquin Journalism students at this year's ceremony held April 5 in Toronto. Josh Cohen picked up first place in the Student Photography category, while the second-place honour went to Robert Madore in the Student Writing category. The two third-place awards were for the Algonquin Times' online edition and a General Excellence award.

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The Glenn Crombie Memorial Award was also given to the Algonquin Times for their series of articles regarding the challenges facing the College's students with disabilities. The award is given each year to a College that has an impact on the awareness of others regarding the importance of services to students with disabilities within the college system. The Glenn Crombie Memorial Award is a provincial honour sponsored by the College Committee on Disability Issues.

"I am absolutely proud of the students and of their level of dedication," continues Banks. "They ensure that the Times' tradition of award-winning excellence continues to this day."

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