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*“Changes come from the power of many, but only when the many come together to form that which is invincible...the power of one.”*

**-From The End Card Of The Power Of One**

It has been quite enjoyable at times to be District 10’s Human Rights Officer for the last couples of years.

I have made a number of new contacts and met some interesting people across the province who were in the same position. The exchange of ideas and approaches were quite enlightening.

Perhaps the one drawback is the concept of OSSTF Provincial Meetings being held once every 3-4 years. Human Rights should be upfront; there are too many ideas out there to discuss...in person and not via electronic media.

The idea of the magazine Concannon tried to present a crisscross of many of the issues across Ontario, North America, and the World...but too few teacher comments were made about them.

I led this report with a quote from the film The Power Of One based on the novel of the same name. It’s a story I use in Civics to show students how one person can make a difference in their society. But the character Peekay is only one person...and he could not fight Apartheid by himself. It’s only when he got all the tribes together under the “Rainmaker Myth” to fight the oppression of the racial bigotry of an elected “democratic” government could change be made. I also sadly relate the story of Zola Budd and her quest for her Olympic dream during those years of Apartheid. She was only one person. To repeat, if one wants change and justice and Human Rights, we too must come together to form a “Power Of One”.

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