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re writing in appreciation of the workers who quickly cleaned, threw out food, and restocked the cafeteria so that it would be open the next day after the fire in the tunnels. Many staff members worked late into the night and it was greatly appreciated by those residents dependent on the food service.

The Students' Food Committee Representatives
S. Mellish
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L. Kilfoil
L. Barry

It seems strange to me that their should be a problem with food donations for the upper room (a noble thought in reality) but what about those students who are trying to make it go and living hand to mouth having to hold down a number of jobs — when they should be studying!

Council Won't Support Pro-life Group

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) Memorial University's student council unanimously refused to fund a campus pro-life group last week, citing the organization's focus on moral issues.

"The decision was solely a professional one as all personal beliefs were put on hold. If (the student council) had chosen to pass such a resolution, it could have possibly been perceived as a stand on morality — something (we) have no intention of doing," said council president Ann Marie Vaughn.

Gerry Carter, the council's vice-president academic, and pro-choice crusader Dr. Henry Morgantaler was denied permission to lecture on campus for the same reason.

But members of MUN for Life argued that the council has accepted other groups which reflect stands on moral issues. Last year a campus gay and lesbian group was given club status.

Responded Vaughn, "Memorial's gay and lesbian association was

recognized because they are a minority.

Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your point of view, the rights of the unborn fetus are not recognized as having minority status.

MUN for Life President Annette Hart said the group serves an educational function, making students aware of the issues surrounding the rights of the unborn.

"The only stand this group has as a whole is pro-life," said Hart. "We do not want to get involved with any issues such as capital punishment."

Vaughn told the group, which was formed this spring and is affiliated with the St. John's Right to Life organization, that it should make its aims known to the Council funded Women's Resource Centre. The group will be allowed to use campus facilities. Council also recommended that the organization look into the legality of using the acronym MUN in its name.

Dear Editor:

In the last issue, there was a letter which praised the quality of the Gem, calling it the best paper of the last four years. I cannot understand how he could say the Gem is a quality newspaper at all. To be frank, the Gem is no better than the Guardian, which is considered by Ontarians to be one of the lowest quality newspapers in North America. UPEI students should not be so complacent about the quality of our newspaper. We need more students who are willing to contribute their talents to the Gem.

The major difference between this semester's Gem and last semester's is the increased sports coverage. I assume the author of the letter must consider this change to be significant. However, I presume he has a short memory. Only three years ago, Hartinger Ross, a dedicated sports reporter, provided the best sports coverage ever, for a full year. Mr. Ross would report on every sports event possible, visiting the mainland when our teams played there. As a whole, I believe the newspaper, then called The Netted Gem, under the editorship

of Carolyn Ryan, was better than what we have now.

David Gallant (still a pseudonym)

EDITOR'S REPLY: I take exception to your comments. Sports is not the only thing improved about the Gem this year. This paper was governed in the past by a few editors who were either disinterested or incompetent and The Gem sunk to a level where it published almost no local news or locally written articles. This year, every issue but one has had a topical on-campus news story on the front page and several locally written columns.

The letters page has turned into a lively forum of discussion, and several students have written personal opinion columns. The Gem has supported the efforts of several on-campus groups such as the Engineering, Business, and History Societies in writing their own regular columns. The new Five Lines Free unclassifieds section has proved to be a smash hit.

I will not even mention the internal improvements the Gem has undergone that has enabled us to get the paper out on time and has even resulted in a few stories in

The Gem scooping the usually hard to beat CBC.

I will not, however, say that The Gem could not be better. It certainly can be, with the help of a few more interested students. We still lack students willing to write on-campus news stories. However, to compare The Gem to the Guardian is very unfair. Judging by the rate that copies of this paper are snatched up every Thursday, it seems the students of UPEI find The Gem much better than it has been in a long time.

Open Faculty Seminar Friday 6 November. 3:00 pm

ATLANTIC VETERINARY COLLEGE
FACULTY LOUNGE - 4th FLOOR

SPEAKER: Kristin Brady - Dept. of English - Western University

Topic: "Gender and History in George Eliot's *Romola*."

SPEAKER: Richard Hillman - Dept. of English - York University

Topic: "The Creation According to Kate: The Politics of Comic Resolution in *The Taming of the Shrew*."

EVERYONE WELCOME

Happy Hour Follows At 4:00 pm



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WE OFFER MORE
7 DAYS A WEEK

MONDAY

Happy Hour All Night

TUESDAY

Student Night half price night
Rock to the Hits of the past
9-10 9" pizza and all the beverage
on tap you can drink five dollars

WEDNESDAY

CARIBBEAN NIGHT
CHANCE TO WIN 8 DAYS IN
MONTEGO BAY JAMAICA
other giveaways and prizes

THURSDAY

Gong Show featuring
SHORTCUT

FRIDAY

HAPPY HOUR 4-8
free food

SUNDAY

CHEM FREE dance to the top 40