

# We're not CUPping out

Let's begin by saying once more that the Canadian Federation of Students does not own CUP, that funny little word you keep seeing at the beginning of stories in the *Netted Gem*.

You remember CUP — it's those three little letters that make you sick to your stomach and act as a signal to avoid reading this story at all costs.

CUP is not a rating on a story. The acronym hides the reality of the Canadian University Press, a cooperative of 53 student newspapers across Canada.

The *Netted Gem*, as of January 1984, is a full member of CUP, pays membership fees, can vote at conferences, attempts to adhere to a CUP Statement of Principles, receives national advertising each week, and mails out papers to the other member papers.

So what's so scary about a CUP byline?

Why don't you want to read about what's going on at other campuses in the Maritimes and other regions?

Why don't you want to know what's happening to post-secondary education in other places, and how students are trying or neglecting to fight cutbacks, university injustice, the closed job market, boredom, and the student loan situation?

What you don't know might kill you, your faculty, or your campus.

But just because we let you know some of the things — and by no means all of the important ones, though we try — doesn't mean we don't care what's happening here at home.

Since the UPEI student newspaper changed its style, format, and emphasis in October, 1983, its policy has always been "UPEI events first, then CUP as filler."

We think it's important filler, and meaty.

But the fact remains that students have been demanding more local, and less national coverage.

Fine.

So cover it with and for us.

It doesn't have to be a complete, long-term commitment. You can call us up at Extension 387 with fast-breaking story ideas. You can type up a report on something important you society's been doing. You could write us some humour — we want to be funny, honestly!

Or you could just hang around the office and drink stale coffee and criticize us when we don't quite reach perfection.

And if someday you suddenly realize that your muse is begging you to write — Hallelujah, another one saved.

Carolyn Ryan



I'm a cactus.  
I live in the desert  
with the godless heat,  
parching thirst, and  
scary Mexicans. But,  
despite all these hardships  
I'm happy. I'm happy  
because I'm a cactus  
and you're not. ha ha ha

## LETTERS

### Speaker clarifies role

Dear Editor:

The role of the Speaker of the U.P.E.I. Student Council is to preside at all general assemblies and council meetings, to interpret the constitution and its bylaws, and to enforce the rules of parliamentary procedure according to Roberts Rules of Order.

The Speaker can rule on a violation to the constitution

or its bylaws only if it is brought to his/her attention. Once brought to his/her attention, the Speaker can invoke impeachment on a Councillor only on the basis of attendance.

A Councillor who misses three consecutive meetings or a total of four meetings will be automatically impeached under Article XXII Section 9 of the Constitution.

All other avenues or procedures for the impeachment of a Councillor or the Speaker must come from a petition signed by 10 percent of the

U.P.E.I. student body or from Councillors themselves through a motion of non-confidence directed towards the Councillor or Speaker in question.

With respect to the cases of Councillors Mike Connolly and Kenny Baker, the issue is clear cut.

Councillor Connolly missed a total of four council meetings which in turns calls for automatic impeachment under Article XXII, Section 9.

Councillor Baker was not an active member of the U.P.E.I. Student Union and was thus unable to hold office within the U.P.E.I. Student Union. An "active member" is classified as a student who is taking three or more courses. Councillor Baker was only taking one course, which constituted him as an "associate member" of the U.P.E.I. Student Union.

Thank you for allowing me to clarify this.

Mike Trainor

### Thanks from Dorsey

The evening of Wednesday, March 7 was, perhaps the most exciting evening I

have spent in many years.

For this I would like to thank the UPEI student body.

I felt a great sense of accomplishment and pride in the elections; it's not just the winning that feels good, but the participation by so many.

To begin to list publicly the people to whom I owe personal thanks would take up a whole page.

However, I would like to thank my campaign committee, the residence dons, the engineers, and the countless other people who accommodated my intrusions while campaigning.

I am looking forward to working for and with you, and if the level of participation during the election is any indication we shall have a tremendously successful year.

I would like to congratulate Les Smith, Kenny Mutter, Howard Beattie on their success, and express my eagerness to work with them.

Also, congratulations to all the other candidates for an excellent campaign.

Respectfully yours,  
Michelle Dorsey

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### Staff

We're still here. Are you still there? Strange, isn't it, that you know who we are, or at least our names, and we don't know many of you? Life is bizarre that way. Don't cry, please. We are still not resigned to that as an inevitability. Yup, we're still waiting for you to join us. And who are we? We are the "People called Intrepid", Jonathan Orłowski, Joanne MacKinnon, Parker Grimmer, Ruth Edgett, Mickey Place, Sharon Leighton, Howard Beattie, John Pendergast, John Dougan, Karen McLenithan, Leah Parker, M. U. Nchie, Gus Hillstrom and Carolyn Ryan.

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