

LIVE IN HALIFAX: ARCUP '87

By Jim McGrath

For those of you out there who aren't that involved in the production of 'The Gem', there was an Atlantic Region Canadian University Press (ARCUP) conference in Halifax this past week-end. CUP is a non-profit organization linking over fifty students papers across Canada. As a member of CUP, our fees pay for a news & features exchange, and a source of national advertising.

This conference was jointly hosted by St. Mary's 'Journal', and the Dalhousie 'Gazette'. Gem staff members to attend the ARCUP conference were myself, Danny Mullen, and Susan Arbing. Other university papers to attend were 'the Picaro' of Mount Saint

Vincent, 'the Athenaeum' of Acadia, 'the Baron' (formally Tucker Park Press) of UNB in Saint John, 'the Xaverian' of St. Francis Xavier, 'the Muse' of Memorial University, as well as the Journal and Gazette.

Many interesting seminars were given. One interesting one was with Tony Sheed of a new Canadian magazine called 'the New Magazine'. He talked about the magazine which is totally unbiased and has no ads at all. Another delegate attending was very upset that Mr. Sheed would not reveal the financiers of the paper, as there were rumors that it was funded by a neo-nazi son of a Japanese millionaire. Mr. Sheed stated that these rumors were totally untrue

and that their identity was confidential, but the magazine did accept donations from people and was financed partly though loans from those who ran and worked for the publication. Another thought the man was an SIU agent from the Canadian military.

At the opening seminar on Saturday morning, we discussed what CUP really is, and what we get from our membership in it when we pay our fees to the national office in Ottawa. We have the right to determine and uphold our editorial policy, including advertising, regardless of pressure from students governments and administrations. The major role of the student press is to act as an agent of social change, assist students so they can

understand and act against oppression and injustice, and emphasize the rights of each and every student on campus, as outlined in the CUP Code of Ethics.

In short the student press in an instrument to bring about social change on campus, as well as locally, nationally, and internationally. CUP acts against any system that preserve any hierarchy that is based upon the majority, as they always have in the past and represents the minorities (religious, disabled people, etc.). The GEM is to provide a forum for the free exchange of ideas and opinions of the student body attending UPEI.

While at the conference, the Gem delegates met many new people; Eleanor

Brown, our Bureau Chief who wanders to different campus papers and gives seminars on news reporting and other newspaper related stuff; and Erin Goodman, the ARCUP women's rights coordinator, her role is to promote the writing of women's issues and to monitor ARCUP papers for any possible sexist remarks or stories. She also arranges seminars to promote women's issues.

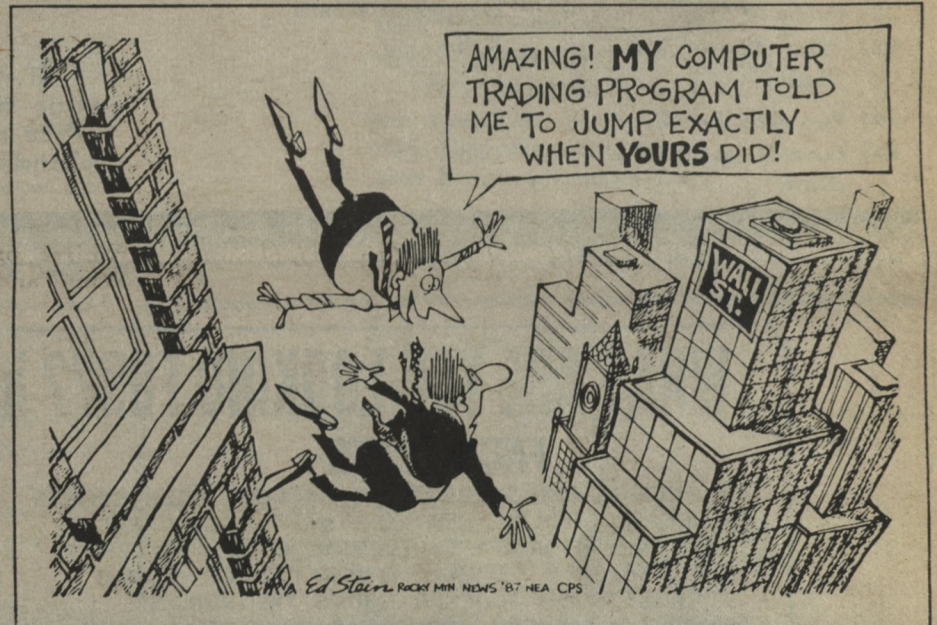
We discussed feminism and the problems that may arise on papers all over the country.

Overall, the ARCUP conference seemed to be a great success. The next ARCUP conference will be held here on our very own campus hosted by us truly the GEM. The conference will take place in five weeks, right here.

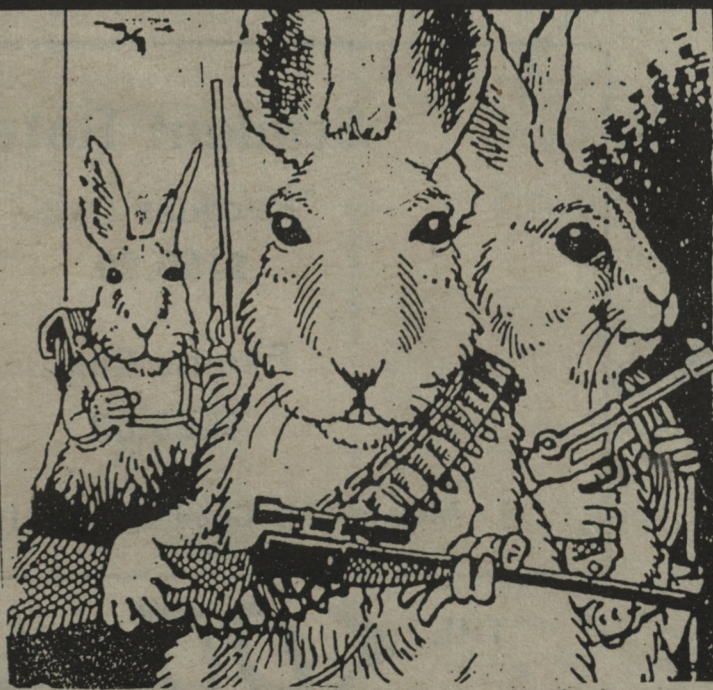


Anyone can contribute to The GEM: announcements, short stories, poems, letters, or just plain ideas can be dropped off at the Barn, sent through VAX MAIL to GEM, or stuck on our door down in the basement of the utility building.

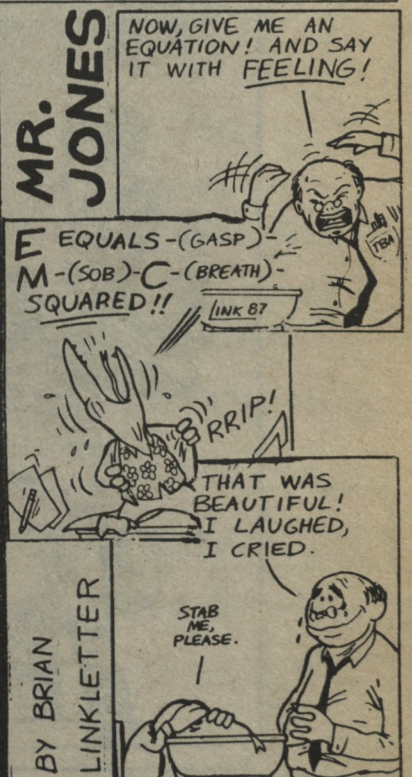
We cherish typed and double spaced submissions and submissions on computer disk or through VAX mail. For legal reasons, all submissions must include the author's name and phone number. However, names will be withheld from publication on request.



The bunny children grew up right. They ate well, got lots of sleep, and were always proper and polite — even to people they didn't like ...



... who would have thought they would grow up to be dangerous revolutionaries?



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