



Aside from email, USENET (a.k.a. newsgroups), is probably the most popular application of the Internet used at UPEI. Each newsgroup is like having a group discussion in a room, but with people all over the globe. People can join in and tune out as they wish, and it is the USENET more than anything that gives the populace of the Internet the status of a society.

Newsgroups can be accessed in only a few places. The DECmate lab in Robertson (the computers with yellow screens and funny keyboards), four of the terminals in the library itself, and in the two Data Research Labs in the Computer Centre. On these computers, you have to login as usual (select the STU server in the Data Research rooms), then choose the last option on the menu, exit menu. You should be given a DOS prompt that looks like this:

M:\>

At the prompt, type in "news" (without the "), and hit enter. This will start the program. Trumpet, the news program, will install on your account if it is the first time you have ever run it. The configuration files will be kept in your mail directory, so that means that having 15K of mail space used doesn't mean you have mail. Follow?

You will have two windows, and two menu bars. The menu bars are the top row and the bottom row of the screen, and to execute a command press <Alt> and the highlighted letter in the command word in the menu. The two windows are in the center, and are divided horizontally. On top are a list of the newsgroups you are subscribed to. You will likely have a couple automatically subscribed when you start. These are basic newsgroups whose purpose it is to introduce new people to the world of newsgroups. If you have several thousand newsgroups, go up to the top menu, choose "Special". Choose "Zap all groups". This will delete them all so that less disk space is used.

First thing anyone will want to do

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The Nicer Side Of The 'Net

by Jonathon Davis

is see what newsgroups they can choose to subscribe to. Press the <Insert> button, which is up from the arrow keys on most keyboards. It will be "merging groups" for a minute, and count up into the thousands. That is how many newsgroups you have to choose from. Just use the arrow keys to move the cursor line around, and hit enter when it is on a newsgroup you want to read. This will subscribe you to it. When finished, exit (or hit the <Esc> key).

To actually read the newsgroups, just keep hitting the arrow and tab keys until you can move a cursor line around in the upper window. Highlight the subscribed newsgroup you want to read, and hit enter. The lower window will display the individual messages, showing first the senders name, then the subject line of the message. I won't tell you anymore, because I'm not going to write the Trumpet owners manual. It really is an easy program to use.

Finally, a couple cautionary notes. Many people jump into a newsgroup and start posting messages before they have accurately assessed the group. These people often inadvertently get the older members of the newsgroup upset, and a lot of arguing can ensue. I know of people who have never had any trouble fitting in with USENET, and I also know of people who have been almost lynched. And, before you think that you are untouchable because you are half a world away, if you upset enough people, and they contact the system administrator, you will get in trouble for it. This goes especially for such twits that go looking for trouble in skinhead newsgroups. Yes, I agree, we don't need neo-nazis (not that skinhead and neo-nazi are interchangeable, for the follically challenged), but to post flamebate (argument starters) in their newsgroups is NOT the way to handle it.

Lastly, the reason that UPEI network facilities are not better than they are is due to two reasons -- the student populace is seen as not being ready and mature enough to handle it, and funding is lacking.

Financial Aid Information



Are financial concerns interfering with your studies? There may be help available. UPEI Student Services has bursary and scholarship information, as well as the 1995-96 Student Loan applications. The following award application deadlines are quickly approaching so act now before it's too late!

The Rotary Club of Charlottetown Bursary. This bursary is for international students enrolled in full-time studies at UPEI. Academic achievement and financial need will be the selection criteria; therefore, students from developing countries will be of particular interest. Bursary application forms are available at the Registrar's Office. Application deadline is Tuesday, October 31, 1995.

The Austin A. Scales Scholarships. Three scholarships are now available for second-year students at UPEI. These scholarships are open to rural students from Prince Edward Island. One will be given to a student from each of the three counties of the Province. Awards will be made by the

Scholarship Committee on the basis of financial need and achievement in the year of a university program. Application forms are available at the Registrar's Office. The deadline for applications is October 31, 1995.

Provincial IODE Scholarship. A yearly scholarship which is available to Island resident entering Sophomore year at UPEI. It is awarded firstly on the basis of academic achievement and secondly on financial need. It is payable to UPEI tuition fees for the second semester, beginning in January. Application forms are available at the Registrar's Office. The deadline to apply is November 15, 1995.

For more information on these other awards, come see me, Bryn Driscoll at Student Services Mondays 1:30-4:30, Tuesdays 8:30-11:30, or Thursdays 8:30-11:30, or phone 566-0674 during those hours. Information is also posted on board "J" outside Student Services. Forward to seeing you soon!

Revelations From The Center

by C.A. Schneider

The new year is in full swing at the UPEI Women's Centre. The first volunteer orientation session has come and gone, but it's never too late to become a volunteer. We have a hearty stock of new lackeys -- oops, I mean volunteers -- to help our brilliant and talented coordinator Ruth Freeman plan all kinds of great stuff for the year.

The Centre has already held a movie night, wonderfully planned by Jesse and Christie and featuring *Fried Green Tomatoes* and *Thelma and Louise*. Watch for the next movie night: good flicks, free popcorn and fabulous company -- what more does a body need?

The Women's Centre also co-sponsored, with Women's Network, a Wen-Do class during the past weekend. Wen-Do is a form of self-defence training specially designed for women. It is a great way to give women an increased feeling of strength

and security while providing practical training in self-defence.

The Women's Centre is also involved in an author reading and art show here on campus. The artist and author is Karen McLaughlin, who is returning to her home in the Maritimes to promote her new book, *Ms. McLaughlin's book*, a family history told through the voices of five generations of girls and women, has won rave reviews from many critics. Ms. McLaughlin is on campus to show off both her visual art and her book on October 26 in the Faculty Lounge, in Main Building. The admission is free, and the doors will open at 7:30.

Well, that is all the news at the Women's Center. If you want more information on any of these events, or on how to become a volunteer, drop by the Centre between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday to talk to the all-knowing Ruth. If you can't make it during the day, the Centre is also open from 6 pm to 9 pm on Wednesdays or stop by between 1 pm and 4 pm on Saturdays.