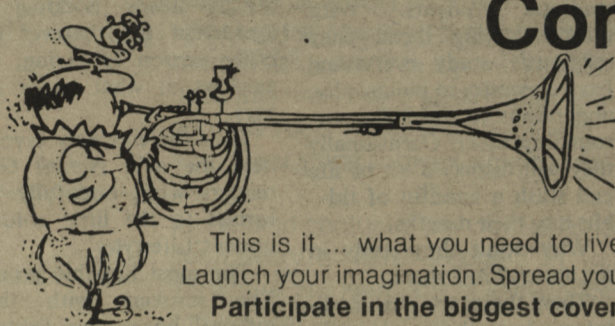


# The Netted Gem Paint The Great White Wall Contest

## This is just to say ...



Saturday, October 13, 1984  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Last weekend (the weekend before Thanksgiving), four members of the *Netted Gem* staff, including their inquisitive editor made a 5 hour drive to UNB in Fredericton. The occasion was the fall conference of ARCUP (Atlantic Regional Canadian University Press).

During this weekend, many things were discussed that were very practical. For example, the newswriting seminar given by Tony Rhineland, an English professor at S.T.U., was very beneficial to my own duties at the *Gem*. Gordon Lowe, of radio CFNB in Fredericton, advised university newspapers on how to avoid libel suits and report controversial issues efficiently. Apparently, *The Brunswickian* managed to pull itself out of many liable courtroom dealings over the years.

The hospitality of our hosts, S.T.U.'s *Auinian*, was first rate. Without their help (and good humour), I would not have found my way through a strange campus or city.

However, the most important issue that seems very relevant to the *Netted Gem's* situation is autonomy. In the very near future, this newspaper will release itself from the apron strings of the student union. It will only achieve this if the student union ratifies a constitution that is yet to be drawn.

Not only is it the function of a student newspaper to provide an outlet to journalistically inclined students, but it is responsible for providing essential coverage of student government activities and the manner in which they handle money. If a student paper is to provide untainted coverage of this area, it must be free of student union control.

However, since we do live in a democracy, we need to be responsible as any other citizen. This is such a thing as journalistic ethics. For example, one issue in the constitution would be to convey the news of student activities impartially. Other examples include the responsibility to edit material (this includes the engineer's column also) to write news of interest to the student body and to provide a forum for student views.

In regards to financial support, most CUP newspapers have clauses in their constitutions which stipulate an economic association (compared to sovereignty association in Quebec) with a student union. In regards to finances, I think that if a university newspaper does provide an essential journalistic service to the student body then we do deserve financial support from a student government.

In summary, I learned many wonderful things at the ARCUP conference. Although all was not "roses and peaches," we did bring home much "food for thought."

By John Pendergast

(staff reporter for the *Netted Gem*)

This is it ... what you need to liven up the weekend after the long weekend. Launch your imagination. Spread your talent for all of Charlottetown to see.

**Participate in the biggest cover-up this university has ever made public.**

Come prepared to the fence surrounding the Vet College, this Saturday morning. Wear old clothes and bring whatever paint you can scrounge (we'll have some mistints and a limited supply of red, blue and yellow, so come early). We'll give you a paint brush and a ten-foot length of white fence. You give us your best effort.

At four o'clock, our judges will choose the best and award a **fifty dollar prize**, fame, and kudos.

**Entry Fee: \$1 for individuals**

**\$5 for groups or sub-organizations (to help cover costs)**

Organized by: The *Netted Gem* (UPEI's best student newspaper)

Sponsors: The UPEI Student Union and Student Services, UPEI

Thanks to: Judges Adrian Arsenault, Heather Griswold, Northumberland Chemicals; Perfection Foods and YOU.

## Election stats

Here are the results of the Student Union elections held October 2, 3, and 4, 1984, as tabulated by Chief Electoral Officer Tracey Arsenault:

### Ombudsman

Jacinta Gallant 250 votes. **Elected.**

Paul Peacock 248 votes.

### Arts representative

Karen Blacquiere 132 votes. **Elected**

Mike McCarthy 114 votes.

### Science representative

Baden Connolly 33 votes.

Jean Davis 65 votes. **Elected.**

### Senate

Randy Gass 350 votes. **Elected.**

Bonnie Butler 197 votes. (Re-election held, 77 votes.)

David Doiron 197 votes. (Re-election held 83 votes.) **Elected.**

Paul Stordy 168 votes.

Arsenault reports a 28% voter turnout for the main election on Tuesday and Wednesday, and a 9% turnout for the re-election held the next day.

The *Netted Gem* congratulates all successful candidates.

## LETTERS

### Japanese girl wants pen pal

(Forwarded from the Registrar's office)

Dear Mrs. Gay,

Thank you very much for your kind letter. On June 6 I received a letter dated May 30, 1984. And I write again now.

I would like to put my name and address in your student newspaper.

I would like to correspond with a university student 20 or 21 years old. I write again myself now.

I am:

Name: (Miss) Atsuko Enomoto

Age: 20

Address:

4229 Atawa Mihama-cho

Minamimuro-gun Mie 519-52 JAPAN

Occupation: Nursery school nurse.

Hobbies: Reading, music, making dolls, etc.

Language for correspondence: English.

I am looking forward to getting your answer.

Yours sincerely,

Atsuko Enomoto

(Editor's note: Miss Enomoto also set a picture of herself, but since it was colour, we couldn't print it. We still have it if anyone wants to see it.)

### One potato too many

Dear Editor:

The recent change of the name of the campus news-

paper from the *Sun* to the *Netted Gem* has irked me for a long time.

As a member of the Alumni, my memories of UPEI are tied in part with the pigs (which I hear no longer exist) and the *Sun*.

I'm not a stickler for remaining entrenched in the past, but what's good should not be changed only for change's sake.

More specifically, I question why so many Island organizations need to be associated with the potato — for example, One Potato Two Restaurant, and Bud the Spud.

I believe that most Canadians acknowledge that PEI grows potatoes and that we are proud of this annual crop, but there is more to PEI than the potato.

When I saw the first edition of the *Netted Gem*, I thought, "Give me a break!"

Can't we credit PEI with a little more economic diversity and cultural influences than that of just a root crop?

A Fed Up Alumni and Islander

## The Netted Gem

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The staff of Canada's best student newspaper this week are: Nancy Ross, Jill Warburton, Kaberi Dasgupta, Robert Bodrog-Goodland, Melanie Clarke, Bob Stanley, Johnathan Orłowski, Sandra MacDonald, Lori MacLeod, Ross Hartinger, John Dougan, John Pendergast, Michael Zinck, Tony Sauer, Lori Anne Heckbert, Jim Lai, Brian MacLeod, Carol Doiron, Ron Lewis, Phil Stanyer, Glen Boswall, Brian Linkletter and our beloved editor Carolyn Ryan.

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