

# Gem granted full membership in CUP

# CAMPUS COMMUNITY

By Carolyn Ryan

What does the *Netted Gem* have in common with the *Varsity* (University of Toronto), the *Ubyssy* (University of British Columbia), the *McGill Daily*, and the *Dalhousie Gazette*? Well, as of December 29, 1983, it's a student newspaper with full membership rights in Canadian University Press.

At this year's national conference in North Bay, Ontario, delegates from about fifty CUP papers across Canada voted to accept the *Gem's* application for membership. The *Netted Gem* is now entitled to vote on all aspects of the operation of CUP and its national advertising agency, Campus Plus.

Canadian University Press is a co-operative of 53 full and prospective members, all professing some degree of journalistic integrity and adherence to the CUP Statement of Principles. This involves acting critically as

agents of social change, maintaining editorial freedom, and being under no direct control by university administrators or student governments.

The last two conditions almost meant the death of the *Netted Gem's* hopes for membership. First the CUP Membership Commission, the the plenary of member

papers, expressed concern that the UPEI Student Union, which finances the *Gem* entirely and, through the Selection Committee, chooses its editor, has too much potential influence.

Doubts as to the future stability of the UPEI student newspaper, which assumed its present form as the *Netted Gem* only three months ago,

were raised.

In all, about four hours of conference time, including over an hour in the general assembly, centred on discussion of this tiny paper — most CUP papers have circulations of far more than our 1300.

The "yes" membership vote came only after the interjections of several of the more experienced CUPpies, including Atlantic field-worker Rick Janson, B.C. bureau chief Arnold Hedstrom, and former CUP national president John Wilson.

As Membership Commission member Mark Walker of the *Dal Gazette* said, "Really, we were only using you as an example to show people what's wrong with CUP."

Many member papers are in the same position of implicit subjection, and Walker hopes the debate over the *Gem* will remind delegates of their responsibilities as members of the Canadian student press.



## "Overloading" gets reaction

By Jonathan Orlowski

In response to the article "Overload?" in the December 1 issue of the *Netted Gem*, six professors from six different faculties gave their views on work overloading.

"A common fault," says professor Brendan O'Grady of the English department, "is the inefficient use of time. Many students are disorganized, and do not plan their personal schedules. They need personalized guidance." There is a general consensus among the professors that time is one factor of overloading.

Another factor is priority. "Being a student is serious business and deserves hard work and self-discipline," says Llewellyn Watson, a professor of Sociology. "A

high proportion of the student body don't take their part seriously, treat it as a joke."

Professor of Psychology Don Mazer asks, "Where is education in their priorities? This business of teaching and learning should be first priority."

Ninian LeBlanc, professor of Biology, thinks there is no such thing as overloading. "The fact that professors give students too much work is wrong. This semestering system is very much too exam conscious. Scheduling too many exams in a 13 week period is crazy. The students want a little leeway before an exam so they will skip the 8:30 class to last minute study for the 9:30 exam. "Some of

the professors try to limit their exams by having a mid-term and a final."

"I think that 45 hours a week for a student is a reasonable amount of time for class and studying purposes", says professor Jeffrey Power of Business. "I teach 12 hours and put in 50 to 60 hours a week — an average week."

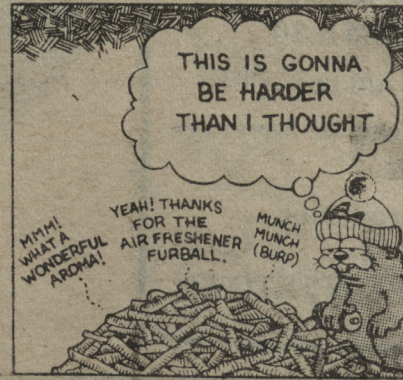
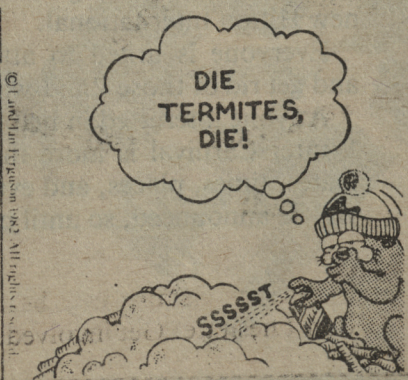
Another professor comments, "Professing is my life. Working from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the university, then working at home, sometimes till the wee hours of the morning, is a typical day. This day may include interviewing students, attending departmental and community meetings, grading papers, reviewing papers for

formals and classroom time. Some days are quite hectic."

Most of the professors agree that to take the question of overloading to the Senate is nonsense, because senate has better things to do.

Don Gillis, an Engineering professor, describes this so-called overloading in a philosophical quotation from Plutarch: "Do not consider the mind a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled." In other words, students shouldn't come to university just for the sake of coming, which creates stagnation. Students should take an active role of obtaining an awareness of what university life has to offer.

### Bunky Sawchuck



by Ian Ferguson

## Extra meetings planned

The Senate of the University of Prince Edward Island has scheduled extra meetings in January to cope with a flood of reports from the Academic Planning Committee on proposed revisions to the University Calendar for 1984-1986.

Scheduled meetings, which take place every second Friday afternoon, will deal with the regular business of Senate. The additional meetings, the first of which is this Friday, January 13, are reserved for APC reports.

The calendar deadline is the end of January, according to a spokesperson from the Registrar's Office.

## Ad manager sought

The UPEI Student Union has opened applications for the position of advertising manager for 1984-85.

The successful applicant will be in charge of advertising for next year's yearbook, the student newspaper, and the campus radio station.

The position will start in mid-February to give the person chosen an opportunity to meet clients and be shown the ropes by the current ad manager.

Applications can be picked up at the Barn and will not be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 1984.

## Learn to newswrite

Want to break into journalism?

The *Netted Gem* is hosting a newswriting seminar on January 25 at 6:00 p.m. in its office on the fourth floor of Main Building.

The guest speaker is Don Keough of Holland College's School of Journalism, and the workshop will be open to the public.

## ISA names goals

The UPEI International Students Association welcomes you back on campus and wishes you the best in the continuous wrestle with new ideas.

This association began in the early 1970's, but there have been frequent gaps in its life history. Nevertheless, its objectives are inspiring and challenging:

- 1) to foster friendly relations between students of different countries, races and cultures,
- 2) to make foreign students feel at home upon their arrival and during their stay at the university,
- 3) to seek and maintain affiliation with the International Student Organizations at other campuses,
- 4) to encourage activities that will promote a better international understanding,
- 5) to work toward the establishment of an International Student's Centre on campus,
- 6) to work each year with the UPEI Model United Nations Delegation.

It is our committed intention to keep the Association alive from now on and so we need your interest, support, and involvement.

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