

Gem Cover Up Contest fails to hide talent and good times

By Carolyn Ryan

At 9:15 the first entrants showed up — two Policy students wanting to paint the call letters from their fictitious radio station on the Vet College Fence.

At 3:30 the last to enter arrived — a father whose children wanted to paint Garfield and Odie.

In between, twenty murals were painted on the nine-foot high white construction fence surrounding the Atlantic Veterinary College site.

And why?

Because Saturday was the day of the first ever *Netted Gem* Cover Up contest, and

it was a definite success.

The weather held, with 15 degree temperatures and bright sunshine highlighting the red, blue, and yellow latex paints in cans, in ice cream containers, on paintbrushes, and on both fence and clothing.

When the day was over, judges Father Adrian Arsenault of UPEI's Department of Fine Arts, Heather Griswold of the Information Office at UPEI, and Vicky Allen-Cooke of the Confederation Centre of the Arts' Art Program conferred to choose a winner.

The fifty dollar prize went to Patty and Christine Orłowski and family of Covehead, who spent seven hours perfecting a regular zoo of vivid animals (complete with hoof, paw, and web prints leading to it along the university parkway) incorporating the legend:

"All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wild and wonderful,
The good Lord made them all."
(James Herriot)

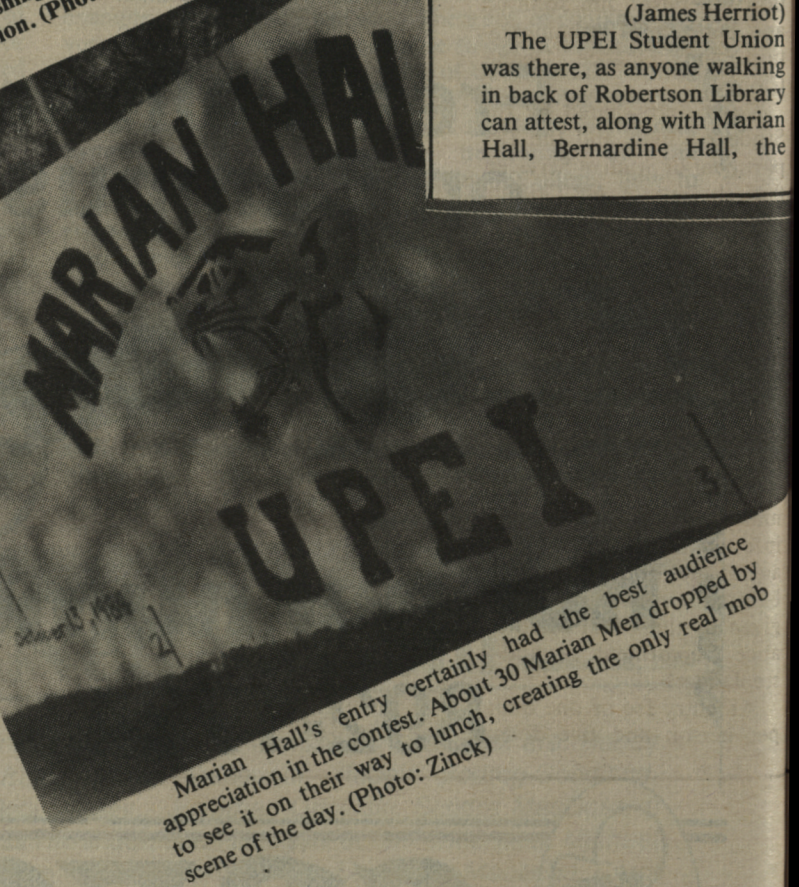
The UPEI Student Union was there, as anyone walking in back of Robertson Library can attest, along with Marian Hall, Bernardine Hall, the



Holland College Commercial Art and Design students pretending to surf (well?) after finishing (finally) their mural, which won them Honourable Mention. (Photo: Zinck)



The *Netted Gem* entry. Don't worry, we're not sure we understand it either. (Photo: MacLeod)



Marian Hall's entry certainly had the best audience appreciation in the contest. About 30 Marian Men dropped by to see it on their way to lunch, creating the only real mob scene of the day. (Photo: Zinck)