

A war to end all wars

World War One was supposed to be the war to end all wars. Then there was World War Two, which hardly ended all wars either. Then there was Korea, Vietnam, the Arab-Israeli Wars, Afghanistan, El Salvador, Angola, Nicaragua, Namibia, Chad and so on. Wars of independence, domination, liberation and hatred continue. The world wars never stopped, they took a short breather and then continued to roll on in various forms.

Remembrance day is not so much a day of past reflection as much as a reminder of the primitive world we live in where the only solution to clashing ideologies seems to be death — violent death. Might is right, or so they would have you believe.

Meanwhile civilization has come to terms with what the real war to end all wars might be. It is a horrifying thought that peace can come only at the expense of total human annihilation — through nuclear war.

November 11 has always stuck in our minds as a day when the military places wreathes on war memorials, when poppies adorn our lapels. November 11 is gaining a new significance now. It is becoming more than a day to remember the dead. It is becoming a day when we reflect on a world crisis and the winds which bring those old battle cries back to life.

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, when we take that minute of silence to reflect, it should be one of reflection on the human costs of the past, the costs of the wars of the present, and a short prayer for our threatened world of tomorrow.

LETTERS

Netted Gem gets reaction ...

Reservations about news

As the *Netted Gem* now stands, it does not fulfill the needs of all students (or any, for that matter!). We feel that this publication could be infinitely improved by the addition of a humour/comedy section. It should be noted that we have

serious reservations, but no argument, against maintaining the news portion of this prestigious publication.

HOWEVER, not only does the existence of society comedy columns enhance the spirit within each individual society but poking good-natured fun at rival societies, but it also improves the quality of academia as a whole.

Through many conversations with fellow students of many

The Netted Gem

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Staff

Staff This Week: Returned for more thrills, action and adventure are (in no particular order once again) Phil Stanyer, Jonathan Orlowski, Sharon Leighton, Joanne MacKinnon, Mickey Place, Carolyn Ryan, Denise Richardson, John Dougan, Darrel Blacquiére, Ruth Edgett. Aided and abetted by CUP fieldie Rick Janson.

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faculties, we feel that the comedy sections were the most read, and if they remain sadly lacking, the *Netted Gem* will be soon buried into the ground.

P.S. What is wrong with good, clean comedy without any slander?

P.P.S. The name ain't too purty either. We ain't a bunch of 'tater farmers!

The name should be chosen through a contest.

The Economics Society (i.e. Philanthropic Phi, Gregarious Gord, et. al)

Distressed over format and name

Many students are quite distressed over the change in the campus newspaper. We dislike the new format and the new name.

As for the new name it sounds as if UPEI is educating potato farmers. This does not mean that we do not like potato farmers (we all want to become one!) — it means that we are very tired of being known only as "spud Islanders." Surely there is a better name for the paper that would be more applicable to UPEI.

We feel that many original and intelligent names would be put forth if it was opened up as a contest. The winner of the contest could receive fame and glory as well as a nominal monetary consideration.

On to the format. We feel that a compromise between the old *Sun* and the new *Netted Gem* would be in order. We feel that a newspaper needs news, but we feel just as strongly that a campus newspaper needs humour and comedy. And what

is the sense of having a purely news newspaper if no one (or at least the majority of students) reads it. It seems a shame that you knock yourselves out to get up a couple of points on some rating scheme and do this at the expense of your readers.

In conclusion you could be burying the *Netted Gem*, not planting it. Afterall, what is a newspaper without readers.

Gordon Connors

P.S. The Invisible hand may be down (due to censorship) but not out.

Clarification: No such rating scheme of newspapers exists. The reference in the second last Sun that the paper was rated 53rd in CUP stemmed from a comment from fieldworker Rick Janson underlying the necessity for the paper to improve. It by no means constituted any kind of "official" rating.

Name undemocratic

I would like to know who changed the name of the student union newspaper from the *Sun* to the *Netted Gem*, and why? Secondly, why wasn't the student body informed of this change and their views on it solicited before the first release November 3?

Since an island industry theme has been unilaterally decided

upon, I wonder if other themes were discussed such as the fishing industry: *The Cod Fish* or Tourism: *The Tourist Trap* or employment: *The Unemployment Enjoyment* or construction: *The Hard Hat*, etc.

They weren't chosen because they have very little relationship to the University or its campus. The point is neither does the *Netted Gem*.

In conclusion, if the name *Netted Gem* was agreed upon by the campus population in general, then yes I would agree too. But it is my opinion it isn't so why not have the *Sun* back on the shelves?

— Dennis C. O'Hanley

The name was changed to the *Netted Gem* by a meeting of the staff. Neither the *Cadre*, or the *Sun* were chose by a referendum among students, just as any other campus society would not have to go before a referendum to change their name.

Congrats Netted Gem

Congratulations on the first issue of *The Netted Gem*. The production of UPEI's first student newspaper worthy of the name and an AUAA Soccer championship in one week is almost more than this jaded cynic can bear.

Your newspaper's first issue is



without any doubt the most professionally written and designed production ever to descend from the attic of Main Building. My God, I couldn't even find spelling, syntax or layout errors on my first quick reading. There were three well researched and coherent news stories on the front page and, wonder of wonders, the editor left out the usual scatological scratchings of the engineers and earnest exhortations from the Business herd to attend the latest people-on-the-make event.

Please keep up the good work. My only regret is that I will no longer have the *Sun* to use for wrapping the garbage.

— Andy Robb

History & Canadian Studies



U.S. propoganda machine does not exist

I would like to take a minute to reply in kind to the article "Of war and truth" in the Nov. 3rd edition of the *Netted Gem*. Let us not forget in our efforts to run down the U.S. that this beast called a propoganda machine does not, in reality, exist. In the U.S. the press is neither owned or controlled by the government thus anything that we receive in the media is their reporting the facts that they can acquire.

In the example stated the only major problem was the media was required to acquire information from the government sources. Information aquired in this way has the possibility of being modified by the government, but modification has one catch in that when the dead is discovered all hell breaks loose, as was the case during the Watergate affair.

Considering Cuba's record, I personally have no problems believing that the Cuban national on Grenada were soldiers, pistols and rifles make awkward hammers and machine-guns as saws? The stockpiles of arms in Grenada were not necessarily bound for Central America they could have been enroute to foster revolution in the other Caribbean nations (The Big Red book says that it has to happen so). To say that the former government of Grenada was popular is fine, but the invasion occurred to prevent the return of a total dicta-

torship on Grenada, to justify the old regime because it removed the country from the throes of poverty is a compliment to the efficiency of such governments.

Facts are facts, truth is in the interpretation of the facts.

C. D. Warwick

