

# Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

Whatever year of study you may be in, or in which-ever program you are enrolled, becoming a member of the *Netted Gem* staff can benefit you.

Your contribution to the production of the *Netted Gem* can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, as well as a valuable asset. Here are some concrete reasons why you should become involved as newspaper staff.

1. Involvement can be a great beginning, or addition, to your resume.
2. Unlike other activities, you can set your own hours. This allows you the freedom to take as much time as you need to study for exams, complete assignments, etc.
3. It will allow you to meet people who may prove to be useful contacts.
4. Articles you have written can be added to your portfolio in seeking employment.

5. It will teach you new skills; for example, typing, layout, interviewing techniques, and photography, as well as the important aspects of writing; like, clarity, brevity, and conciseness.
6. On applications for graduate studies, especially within the sphere of journalism, newspaper experience is frequently an asset.
7. It allows you to voice what you think are important concerns affecting the university community. The paper also gives you a platform to defend your views.
8. You will be performing an important service to the university community.

If you are interested in joining our staff and wish to know how to go about it, we will be holding a "Press

Pizza Party" on Thursday, September 5, 1985, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Attending the pizza party is a great way to ask questions and familiarize yourself with the office, its equipment and procedures. Pizza and refreshments will be served, and the gathering will end in plenty of time for you to get ready for the Main Event that night.

If you cannot make it in to see us on Thursday evening, come up to the *Gem* office between 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday or Wednesday, or on Thursday morning between 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. We'll show you the ropes then. (NOTE: This is for Orientation Week only. I will post regular office hours at a later date).

We need you to help ensure a successful year for the *Netted Gem*. When you really think about it, you have nothing to lose and much to gain by joining our staff.

## We're Located On 4th Floor Main Building

### Writers

The mainstay of any paper. If you have quick grasp of facts, and can take notes quickly and accurately, consider writing for the GEM. For the first few weeks the editor will discuss the basics of news writing, and personally edit your work with you to help you write more effectively.

Sports, the Arts, movie reviews, features on almost any topic related to university life, the Senate and Student Union beats — all these and more, just waiting for someone to bite, chew and savour.

And unlike most classes you aren't told what to write, you volunteer for as much or as little as you think you can handle.

### Layout People

If it weren't for you, there'd be no paper. You put it all together, decide what goes where and how, try to make our newspaper more attractive to readers, and catch typos before they embarrass us all.

Come along on Tuesday night, bring a friend, and learn how to handle an X-acto knife and an electric waxer (sounds more exotic than it is, for the timid ones out there.)

### Groupies

Always welcome, and great for the ego.



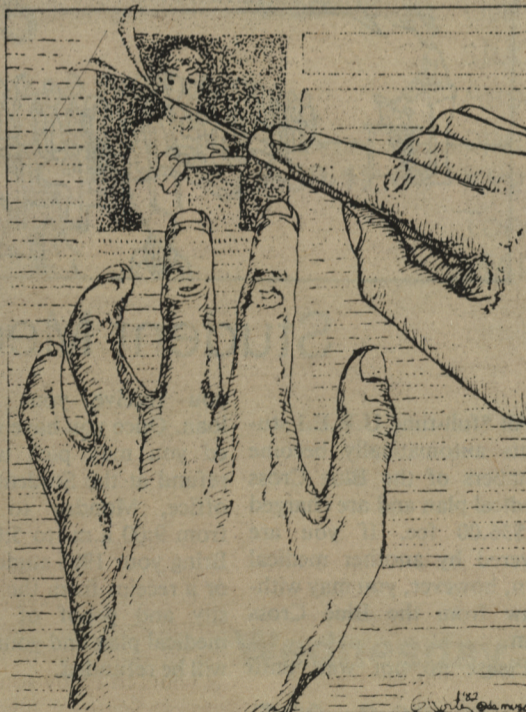
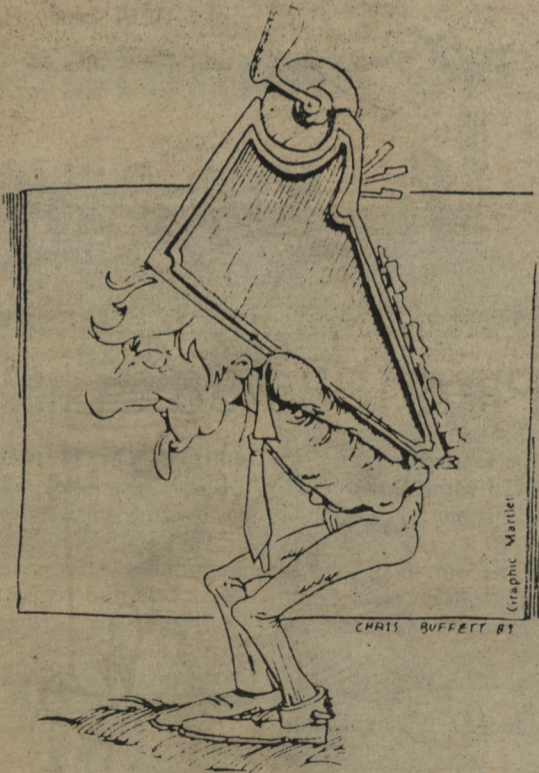
### Critics

Not quite as welcome, but good for the character.

### Graphic Artists

If you speak better without using words, or if you like drawing eye-catching or amusing caricatures, you could be a GEM star of another karat.

Again, you can give as much or as little as you want, you get your name included on your work, and you may get your graphics in the Canadian University Press Graphic Exchange, a bi-weekly collection of the best from 52 campuses across Canada.



### Typists

If you're convinced you don't want to write, why not type? We like getting stories that are already typed, but many arrive written by hand. If you have a spare hour on Monday morning or afternoon, mosey on up. And no, you don't have to bring your own typewriter ...

### Informed Sources

So you don't want to commit yourself to a staff position, but have heard something you think people should know ... why not let us know? Story ideas do tend to become scarce sooner or later, and you may have something important, critical or even amusingly trivial to tell. Tell us first.