

ARCUP conference was a success

by John Pendergast

This past weekend, U.P.E.I.'s *Netted Gem* hosted the second ARCUP regional conference. The conference was well attended by regional papers and there were many interesting seminars.

On Saturday, the conference kicked off at 9:00 a.m. with the opening plenary. Reports from the national executive were given. They included such topics as the reduced government funds for university newspapers and the reduction of liquor advertisements because of public pressure.

The first seminar of the conference was one conducted by Gary MacDougall of the *Guardian*. His topic was the covering of politics in the Atlantic region, particularly in P.E.I.

He stated that although Islanders were very conservative in their thinking and politics, the politicians themselves were very accessible to the public.

Mr. MacDougall also touched on the problems of courtroom reporting and elections for the Island. According to MacDougall, both provincial parties complain about uneven coverage by the three Island papers.

In the afternoon and early evening, three speakers appeared before the delegates. Dr. Leo Killorn of the Queens County Addiction Services Centre gave a lecture on the increasing abuse of alcohol and drugs on uni-

versity campuses. David Johah of Co-op Atlantic conducted a lecture on student newspapers as vehicles of social change (apparently he considered them to be very conservative).

The final seminar of the day was given by Don Cayo, instructor from the Holland College School of Journalism.

Jonah is a former editor of the *Brunswickan* at UNB. He described his years with the *Brunswickan* as "one big law suit after another."

He advised student newspapers to be as autonomous as possible. In his opinion, it was impossible for student journalists to serve two distinct entities: the public and a student government.

Furthermore, he encouraged papers to prepare the way for social change. He used computers and the rapid increase in technology as examples because they have already altered the path of human societies.

In conclusion, he warned ARCUP delegates that lack of information hurts democratic nations.

Don Cayo, of Holland College School of Journalism, advised conference goers on the present opportunities of getting into a journalistic career. At present, Cayo said, the career opportunities were not bountiful but were there for people who didn't mind travelling and work-

ing long hours.

He stressed the six main qualifications for journalists today which included knowledge of a particular field, grammar, interviewing skills, dedication and motivation, ethics, and comprehension.

Saturday evening, after a newswriting seminar conducted by ARCUP fieldworker Joan Sullivan, the joint men's and women caucus session was under-

way.

It turned into one of the most controversial sessions at the conference because of its subject of sexism in advertising.

Much opposition by the ARCUP executive was given to the *SMU Journal* and its unclassified ads (example: Wanted-Woman to share a totally meaningless relationship based only on sex).

Staffer Kevin Biggs ex-

plained it was nothing more than humour, which was not meant to be tasteless.

However, one delegate from the *Dal Gazette* it the equivalent of "writing anti-semitic jokes in Iowa."

Another explosive issue at the conference was the treatment of ARCUP delegates by Marian Hall residents.

On Friday night, delegates were abused by

Marian Hallers because residents alleged the visitors had turned off the TV set and insulted the building itself. According to the residence staff, the hostility "worked both ways."

On Sunday, issues such as the addition of another ARCUP fieldworker was discussed. Papers voted to move the regional bureau to Fredericton for a month next spring.

Summer Works well to dry up for PEI students

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Federal government is slashing its Summer Works student job creation program by \$85 million this year and freezing the amount of money set aside for student loans, according to finance minister Michael Wilson.

The cut in Summer Works will severely hamper accessibility to education, wiping out 20,000 to 30,000 summer jobs for students, says Beth Olley, Canadian Federation of Students chair.

"With one fifth of students unemployed last summer, the government doesn't seem to be addressing the mounting crisis in youth unemployment," she says. "Students need those jobs to return to school,"

The *Netted Gem* tried to get some figures on the numbers of students this will leave in the cold this summer in P.E.I., but Carol Chapman, Public Affairs Officer with the Department and Immigration in Charlottetown, said She's "been instructed not to comment on the cuts".

She directed us to the office of Yvon Charlebois in Ottawa, and a spokesman there, Ron Stewart, said since no specific regional allocation of funding had been set up for 1985, he doesn't know the figures for PEI.

Stats Canada in Halifax said it doesn't record the information, and has no way of knowing the figures from last year.

Chapman said all media questions were to be directed to Charlebois' office, even on the figures for last year.

Wilson said the Tory government plans to push down the unemployment rate by one per cent this year by lowering the deficit and encouraging economic recovery.

He announced a \$1 billion job creation program, but refused to give details, only saying the government is opposed to the former Lib-

eral government's "Temporary make-work programs."

Opposition Liberal MP Lloyd Axworthy called the mini-budget night "a terrible night for Canadians, particularly young people."

Olley says the federation was not consulted at all about the drastic cut to the

Summer Works budget. "We're talking about a big program for students and one we've been very vocal on for a long time — they should have consulted us."

Ironically, the announcement was made the same day Olley and about 100 other student politicians had spent lobbying federal politicians about student issues.

FINANCIAL AID

BY Dawna Noonan

For the next school year, there are several federally administered financial aid award programs you might be interested in. Information about these and other programs is available in the Department of Student Services, applications must be obtained from the sponsor agency:

International Relations and Scholarship Administration Canadian Awards Section Association of Universities and colleges of Canada 151 Slater Street Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5N1

1. **Department of National Defense Scholarship and Fellowship Program:** Available to students for graduate studies related to current and future Canadian national security problems.

2. **Emergency Planning Canada-Research Fellowship:** requires a first degree in an appropriate field. The purpose of the award is to encourage disaster research and emergency

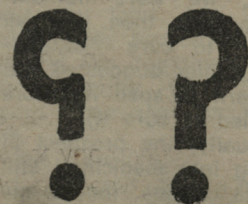
planning in Canada.

3. **Gulf Canada Ltd. - Graduate Fellowships:** This award is for candidates pursuing studies directly related to the petroleum industry.

4. **Lever Brothers Limited - Bilingual Exchange Fellowship:** Awarded to a candidate entering the first year of a Master's program in Business Administration. The program must be taken in the candidate's second language. (English speaking students enroll in a French language institution, French speaking candidates enroll in an English language institution).

The deadline for receipt of applications for each of these awards is February 1st.

If you have any questions about these awards, or would like to find out about other federal government awards, drop by the Department of Student Services. I am in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



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