

News analysis

# Our CUPs runneth over

By Mary Ruth Olson

While the majority of the Gateway staff enjoyed the frivolities of the festive season, three of us journeyed to an Ontario wasteland for the Canadian University Press (CUP) 44th National Conference.

Upon arrival December 26 at the meeting-place, the Cedarglen Revival Centre, we were indoctrinated into the workings of CUP. Amidst idle chatter and closed door Molson meetings, our job focused on forming CUP policies for the 82-83 year.

On the agenda: places to spend our co-op dollars, the least valid excuse for appealing membership fees, the management of our exclusive national advertising agency and the various news services and goodies that should be available to CUP member newspapers.

"Priorize" was heralded as the word of the week as in "priorizing beer breaks over plenary attendance." And then there was the telex debate. It was apparent to a select few (well before the conference) that this link, tying the Gateway and fellow CUP members to timely national student news was to be axed, and the money saved used for reinstating a Quebec fieldworker and a national vice-president/feature writer.

It was agreed that no CUP member would be without an enthusiastic fieldworker and that the national office is in desperate need of a helping hand. Thus, the telephone became the viable alternative to the wire service (hot off the blower, eh?).

Perhaps the telephone will be an adequate substitute if our faithful student's union will increase the Gateway budget to

## Unaware of the problem?

How often have you seen people in a wheelchair and wondered why they require one, and whether they want your help in getting to class? Or have you ever seen a blind person walking through HUB and debated with yourself whether to mention the stairs ahead?

The Department of Student Affairs is sponsoring an awareness week where students will have the opportunity to learn about the limitations of disabled people.

"Awareness Days - Disabled Students and You" will begin on Tuesday, January 19, and continue until Friday. The events held during the week will concentrate on changing attitudes which pose a barrier to human inter-action.

Events will include display booths, guest speakers, films and forums.

**Display Booths**  
Tuesday and Wednesday - main floor SUB 11:00 - 1:30, Thursday and Friday - main foyer of CAB 11:00 - 1:30,  
**Films**

Wednesday, SUB Theatre, 11:30 - 2:30

**Fire Safety**  
Wednesday, Tory Basement 45, 3:30

**Guest Speakers**  
Thursday, Tory Lecture Theatre B2, 4:00 - 5:30

Watch for a complete run-down of the week's events in next Tuesday's Gateway.

include dollars for a telephone tape-recorder on top of our CUP fee increase. Or, we could always transcribe the verbal news, or hire an editor with short hand experience.

On the brighter side, after putting our telex to rest we elected three enthusiastic, knowledgeable news people to oversee our organization for 1982-83: Julie Wheelwright (current president, Western Region) for national president; Rick Jansen (current Ontario fieldworker) for national vice-president/features writer, and Gateway alumnus Jim McElgunna (current prairie bureau chief) for national bureau chief.

Deluxe news, feature and graphic packages were promised to be forthcoming with a general trend towards news analysis rather than immediacy. A student news Fifth Estate perhaps!

Besides battling over policies, delegates were educated

in the ways of staff democracy, news writing and current issues such as religious cults, international affairs (especially Central America) and women's rights.

The movie *Not a Love Story* was shown, forcing many of the unconcerned delegates into an awareness of the grimmer aspects of sexism. Serious, thoughtful discussions ensued on the subject that many had mocked the previous evening.

Although the isolated location of the conference, the low protein and fibre content of the meals, the deprivation of sleep and the recurrent chants of the CUP Dogma throughout the week all contributed to form a more devoted CUP membership, there was no decision made to sell chocolates door to door in order to boost the co-operative.

An enlightening experience on the internal politics of student newspapers and the fundamentals of democracy.

## Mind tune-ups in SUB

Arita Pincovski, of the Inner Peace Movement (IPM), will hold a seminar on self-development January 14th.

The seminar, to be held in Rm. 270A SUB at 7:30 p.m., will focus on four perceptions, cycles of life, how religion and science work in today's world, states of consciousness, and life plans.

A fee of \$10.00 will be charged at the door.

Resident skeptic, Jens Andersen, will attempt to attend, and criticize the seminar.

"We try to get people into their feelings," Pincovski says.

Another focus of her seminar is communication.

"There are four different avenues of communication," Pincovski says; "prophecy, vision, intuition, and feeling."

"Everybody has all four of these (avenues of communication)," she adds, "but everyone is predominant in one of them."

Pincovski says that a feeler is a person who must talk with their hands. She describes herself as belonging to this category. A feeler needs details to operate efficiently.

An intuitive person does not

need detail, she adds. This person can pick up on something almost immediately.

A prophetic person can pick up on things before you can even communicate the idea to them, says Pincovski, and a visionary is a person who invisions details in the mind.

The thrust of the IPM and Pincovski's seminars are at psychic phenomenon.

"Personally, my thrust in life is to teach people that ESP (extrasensory perception) is a part of life," she says.

"The average person has 30 to 40 psychic experiences a day," she adds.

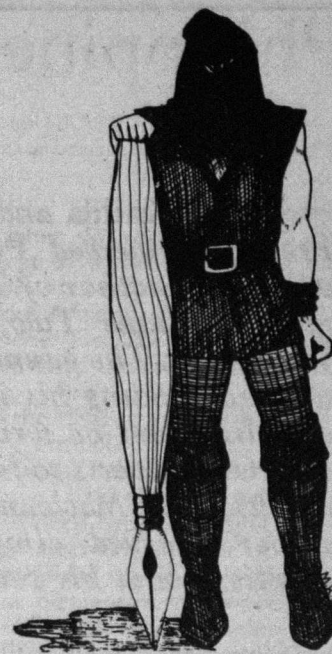
Regular psychic experiences, Pincovski points out, are as simple as guessing who is on the phone before answering it.

Pincovski's seminar is an introduction into the IPM program. For those interested in continuing, weekly discovery groups can be arranged.

IPM was started in 1964 by Dr. Francis Coll and the methods and techniques he had developed.

"By the time the seminar is over, people take home techniques they can use for the rest of their lives," Pincovski says.

# THE CHOPPING BLOCK



by Jens Andersen

There are many seductive aspects of the newspaper business which you, dear reader, know nothing of, since you only see the end product of our labors. For instance, there is the joy, known only to journalists, of having a reserved front-row seat at all the gaudy shows on campus, from Board of Governors pow-wows and research projects, to concerts and forums sponsored by the sodalities of the lunatic fringe.

And there is the pleasure of working in a newsroom, where the crossfire of facts, gossip, rumors and opinion is much more rich than it ever is in the paper itself. You, reading this paper, for instance, are probably unaware that there was a national CUP (Canadian University Press) conference in Toronto over the Christmas holidays, and that Gateway's three delegates responded to the sessions with reactions ranging from "informative and interesting" to "that organization is a cult group just like the Moonies."

One of the topics discussed at the conference was staff recruitment, a subject which floats around perennially at the Gateway, especially this time of year, with the selection of next year's editors only two months away. How does a university paper obtain the transfusions of fresh new blood it needs to stay alive?

Gateway uses a "drop-in-any-time-and-talk-to-us" approach, along with a couple of "rookie nights" every year (one coming up very soon). This week also we are trying for the first time a booth in HUB and SUB where passers-by can stop and chat and learn a little about the trade.

How well these tactics work is much debated and infinitely debatable, but a trickle of new volunteers does, somehow, appear. Barely enough, though. Last April there was only one applicant for each editorial position, with the exception of editor-in-chief. So far, this April promises to be about the same.

A prevalent theory around the office is that to attract novices we should be more friendly to them, and more ready to give them decision-making powers and editorial posts. This theory I don't subscribe to. Glad-handing people who venture into the office, I think, makes people suspicious that we are somehow trying to lure them onto the paper only so we can milk them for copy; whereas polite neutrality conveys the impression that working here is a high privilege, which I think it is. (I wouldn't have put my academic career in semi-limbo for \$300/month if I considered it mere drudgery).

As for giving rookies power over layout, editorial decisions, etc., this only encourages the opinion that newspapering is something any average Joe can do, thus creating contempt for a job that is, in reality, extremely hard to do well.

Better to encourage the idea that training to climb up the ladder on the paper demands intelligence and hard work, which it does and which it should. Triflers need not apply.

This, of course, is only my own opinion — a lone prejudice of Gateway's token elitist — and various other opinions prevail in the office. But such plurality is just one more thing that keeps newspapering from being merely another tedious job.

At any rate, if you want to become part of the adventure that is journalism, and you think you have what it takes, come around some time and act as if you belonged here. No previous experience is necessary — we train people from the ground up.

Many of the people who went through our training program, in fact, are now tools of the big-time capitalist press.

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## FENCING CLUB

Beginner lessons  
registration  
January 12 & January 17  
at  
W14 Phys. Ed. Bldg.  
**8:30 p.m.**

Cost: \$125.00 includes equipment,  
membership and lessons.

## SU ELECTION

### NEED SOME EXTRA CASH?

The Students' Union requires staff for the General Election on Friday, February 5. Help us out and earn \$4.00/hour at the same time. For further information, please contact the SU Returning Office (Room 271, SUB) or the Receptionist SU Executive Offices (Room 259, SUB).