

Mary Ellen Jones elected ARCUP president

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GAZETTE CO-EDITOR MARY Ellen Jones is this year's president of the Atlantic Region of Canadian University Press (ARCUP). Jones was elected last weekend at an ARCUP conference in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Jones, ARCUP vice-president in March, takes over the position left vacant by the resignation of John Gushue, formerly of Memorial University's *Muse*. Gushue is currently employed as national science and technology writer in the Ottawa head office of Canadian University Press.

The conference, first of three this year, was attended by delegates from ten Atlantic region university newspapers. Three delegates were sent from *the Gazette*.

"It was an opportunity to bring papers throughout the region closer together, encouraging papers to further their ability to write more effectively, therefore better serving their student bodies,"

Jones says.

"I intend to bring a strong Atlantic region voice to the national body," says Jones, explaining her primary goal as president.

The conference consisted of a series of workshops and seminars as well as meetings to deal with ARCUP business.

During these meetings the elections of ARCUP president and co-vice presidents were held. Suellen Murray and Shelah Allen, both of Mount St. Vincent's *Picaro* are this year's co-vice presidents.

"With Mary Ellen of *the Gazette* in the president's position it will be beneficial to work together closely representing both the largest and one of the smaller papers in the region," says Allen.

"The conference was valuable to all," says Allen. "Being early in the year, the conference enabled member papers to open the lines of communication and set standards that will continue throughout the year."

The Gazette will organize and

host the next ARUCP conference. It will be held at Dalhousie on the weekend of November 9-11.

Because so much was accomplished at the St. John's conference, Jones is confident the next regional will be even more productive.

"I would like to see the agenda and conference kits organized and distributed in advance this time,

insuring that papers will be briefed on issues to be discussed, hence better prepared," says Jones. "I'd also like to see the next conference only invite woman speakers."

Murray has specific goals for her year on the ARCUP executive.

"We hope to ensure regular

communication between ARCUP papers," says Murray.

"We also want to improve the usefulness of ARCUP meetings. Pre-conference preparation, a better agenda and a more rigid conference schedule, providing the time both to work and to rest, will all lead to more efficient meetings," she says.

Commitment

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Wilson squeezed in a half-hour to meet a reporter. He said he works long days, takes home an hour and a half or reading, and reads on weekends. "There's some people putting in some real hours," he said. "We're not slackers."

He's just gotten off the phone with an unnamed big executive, who he was trying to put together with another executive for a meeting with the team in Toronto next week.

The study team's terms of reference is a frightening document. The amount spent on everything from Established Programs Financing tax point transfers (money the federal government gives indirectly for education funding — \$2,289,979) down to the program to encourage native people to enter the legal profession (\$209,000) has a dollar figure

beside it.

The report tells the team to examine universities and "recommend to ministers any measures which would increase the effectiveness of the federal support, bearing in mind the federal government's general commitment to fiscal restraint."

Other programmes that get only federal dollars will be examined much more closely. The terms of reference instruct the team to find "programmes that might be eliminated, expanded, reorganised", reduced in scope or consolidated, bearing in mind the federal government's general commitment to fiscal restraint."

The team has met with some national groups: The Association of Universities and Community colleges, as well as the national professor and student organizations. Few others.

"We don't refuse to talk to peo-

ple but we're not scheduling meetings," Wilson said.

The team has been reading. "You search the work you've already done," Wilson said. "We're aware of the Bovey Commission, we're aware of the Mac-Donald Commission."

The group is now touring the country for three weeks, first to the Maritimes, then to the West, and finally, to Quebec and Ontario. "We don't want to start out with a bias toward Central Canada," Wilson said.

But meetings are by invitation only, and those meeting the study team are asked not to bring briefs. "There isn't time," Wilson said. "This is a quick look."

Wilson isn't saying what will be in his report, and the report won't be public. Students will only know when the budget comes out and their professors start disappearing.



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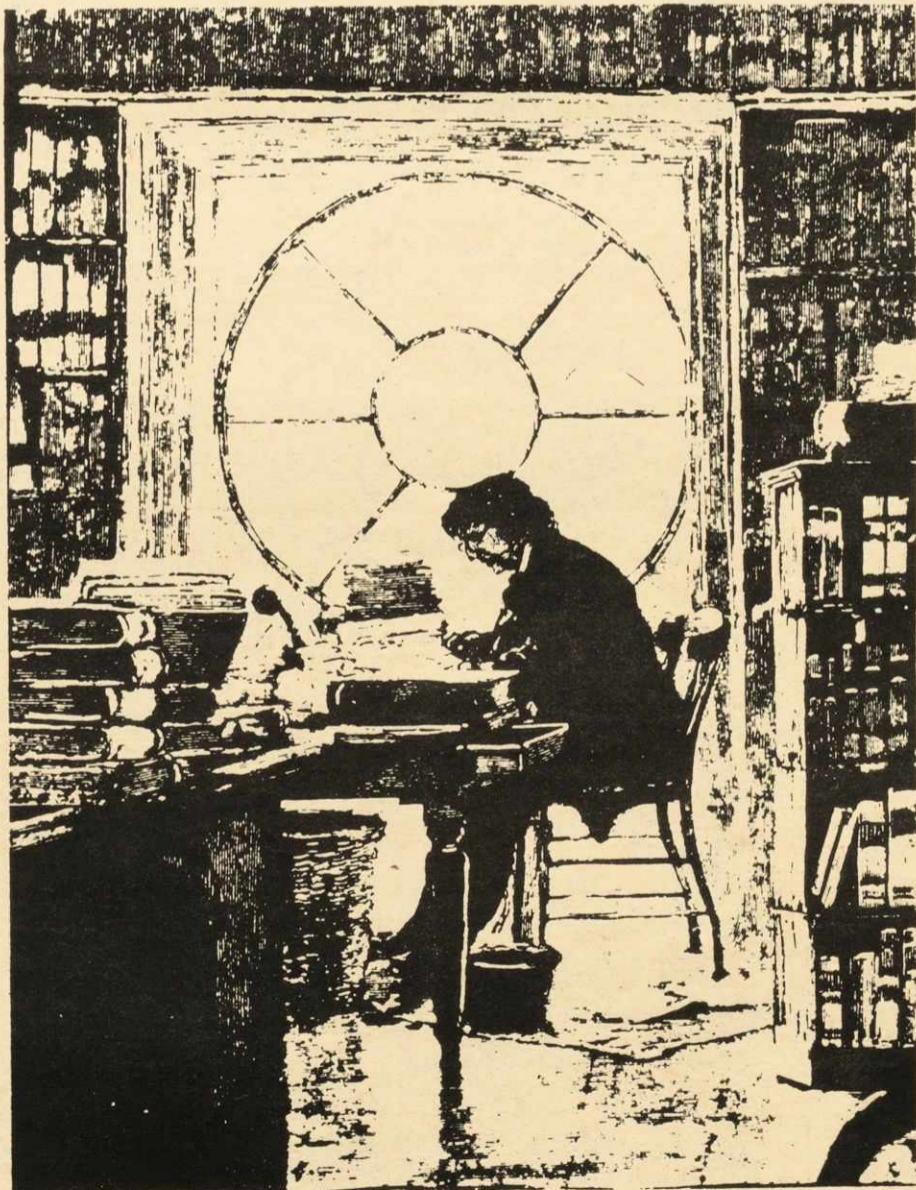
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