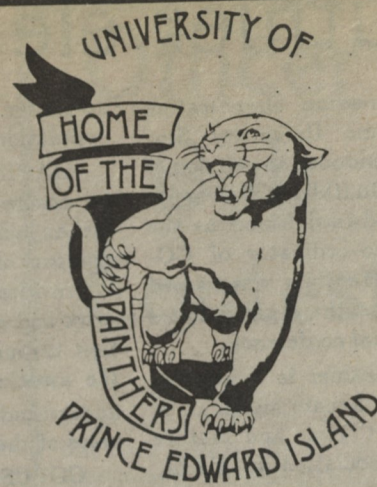


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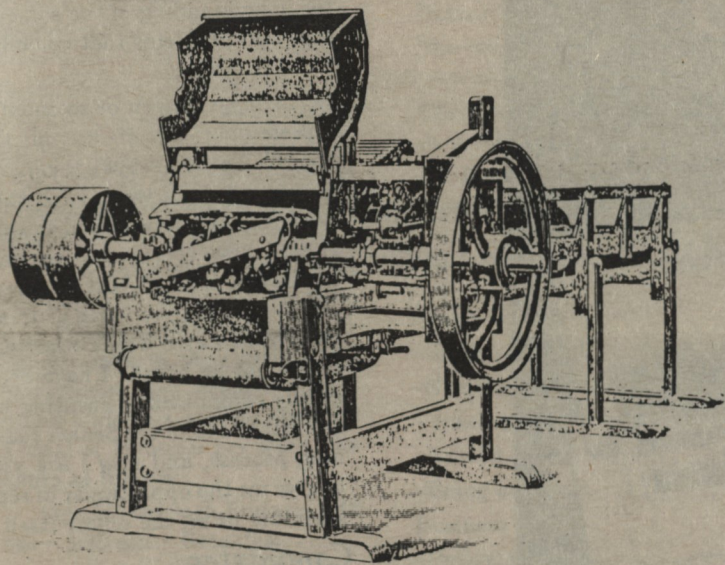
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## From The Editor



The Gem relies heavily upon volunteers, as does any student organization. It is the volunteers that make these organizations possible in the first place.

A student newspaper is especially important as it covers events which would not be covered otherwise. The student newspaper is a very effective way to reach other students on campus in every faculty, group, and society. It is a way of keeping in touch with what is going on in student life. However, if nobody submits anything regarding what is happening, or going to happen on campus, then the purpose of the Gem has failed.

There are two major ways in which you can contribute to the Gem: First, you can write articles or news stories, perform interviews, write poetry, sketch, or submit photos. Secondly, you can come to layout night and help to actually produce the paper. Contrary to popular belief, layout is not difficult, and it can even be

fun (imagine that!) Layout is a great way to get involved with the university and to meet new people, not to mention the chance to have free pizza! Even if you can only volunteer one hour a week, there is always something we can find for you to do. If only a few people would volunteer a small amount of their time each week, everyone would notice a tremendous difference in the Gem!

Submissions will be accepted up until 3:00 P.M. on Monday. After this time, all submissions go into a pile for "next" week's issue. If you wish to submit to the October 12 issue the deadline is today, October 5, so get those submissions in!

If you have any suggestions for the Gem, or would like to volunteer some of your time, drop by my office in the basement of Main Building. If we don't have any submissions, then we won't have anything to print!!!

Sincerely,  
Terri Lyn Hall Editor

## Opinion

in response to  
'WAR GAMES' by  
Prof John Crossley  
& Tony Reddin

Let me first thank you for your letter, you have raised several interesting points, but unfortunately it is somewhat one sided. The Innu people have, until very recently, accepted the Federal Government's expropriation of the land in question and it was only when the proposed increase in the flights was anything legally done.

If you look at all the country's who are members of NATO, they all have, with the exception of Canada, a relatively large population base and a very small land mass, where Canada has a small population and a large land mass. Canada has thousands of square miles of land that has no economic or income potential what so ever, over which, other countries are willing to pay for the use of for low-level flying. Yes, there are animals there, but they have adapted to man's presents in the past and they will again in the future.

The multi-million dollar, multi-nation proposed expansion of Canadian Forces Station Goosebay, (Labrador) is not going to be funded by the Canadian Federal Government. NATO countries who will be using the Station will be spending their own money there to upgrade the present facilities, not only does this mean money for the actual builders of accommodations and other necessary facilities, but it means an increase in the revenue for all business-men of the towns of Goosebay and Happy Valley,

but for the entire area. I am sure the the Innu, if they are employed, are and will be directly or indirectly involved in some of the many businesses located in this area. In other words, other countries will be infusing millions of dollars in the areas economy, therefore, decreasing the unemployment rate and improving the quality of life for all involved.

As for the destroying of sections of Labrador due to bombs being dropped, the bombs used are practise bombs filled with smoke devices, not explosives. Yes, they make holes in the ground when they hit, but meteorites and some animals make holes as well.

The extreme noise heard by jets roaring by is not restricted to the Innu alone. Anybody who has ever lived along the approach ways for take off's and landing's of any airport has to live with it. I dare say that if people had the choice all jet noise would be

stopped, but it comes down to the matter of who it will be bothered the least.

You also talked of the rights of the Innu to lead their lives the way that they want to, what about the rights of the military pilots to do the things that they want to do??? World Peace is much more a possibility today than it was five years ago and one day it may happen. But, until that time people must realize that training to fly low-level can not be learned from a book, you must do it and do it where there is a minimal risk to civilian populations. For there is less of a chance of hitting something, except the ground, in Labrador then there is in Germany, England, the U.S.A., and other NATO countries.

One last thing, I parallel the military to the police and crime. For instance, if there was no crime in a city would you fire all of the police? I don't think so. So why do you wish to help stop the military from doing their jobs, which low-level flying is a part of?

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