

# THE GEM

The gem cannot be polished without friction,  
nor man perfected without trials.

— Confucius

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Thanks to This Week's Unparalleled Contributors: Inge Dorsey, Sam Okello, and Dean MacMillian

Anyone can contribute to The GEM: announcements, short stories, poems, letters, or just plain ideas can be dropped off at the Barn, sent through VAX MAIL to GEM, or put through our revolutionary GemSlot 2000, Rm. 401 Main.

We cherish typed and double spaced submissions. For legal reasons, submissions must include the author's name. However, names can be withheld from publication on request.

Deadline for submissions is **FRIDAY, 4:00pm**

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## New Approach for Academic Planning

Ever wonder who it was responsible for offering the only course you really needed at 8:30 in the morning? Or for cancelling that course you'd always wanted to take but never had a chance? Well, you used to be able to blame these obstacles on the university's Academic Planning Committee (APC). This was a committee in charge of both the short and long-range plans of the university. Short range plans include things like curriculum and course changes, while long-range plans deal with the entire academic direction of the university.

There is no longer an academic planning committee as such. The work-load on this group grew to such proportions as to necessitate the creation of two separate committees; one for long range planning and the other for short. The committee was getting bogged down by the abundance of

short-range planning needing attention and was not focusing enough on long-range goals and needs.

The two new committees are the Academic Review and Planning Committee (ARPC), and the Curriculum, Course Change, and Calendar Committee (CCCC). The CCCC is oriented towards the short-term needs of the university, including among its duties reviewing and coordinating proposals from Faculties and Schools for program changes, approving the final draft of Calendar material, and reviewing the academic regulations of UPEI in general. The committee is

composed of the Registrar and all the various deans of the university.

The ARPC is concerned with long-range goals, focusing on the goal and mission of the university in a long term context. This committee is to "recommend to Senate academic directions, policies and strategies that create a pattern of academic programs consistent with the declared mission of the university."

Together, both the CCCC and ARPC should be able to rectify the previous problem of "overloading" and give rise to more effective plans for UPEI.

## Slide Presentation

Canadian Crossroads International will be sponsoring a free slide presentation called "Dependency by Design," and

interesting show about the roots of under-development, at the Robertson Library, Rm 06 on Tuesday, Feb.3 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

## YEARBOOK

The 87 yearbook needs you and your organization. Although work has been underway for a semester, the bulk of the work is yet to be done. The book's layout and overall structure are set, but there is still enough room for individual pages and two page sets.

What this means to you... If your organization wants space in the yearbook, you must make your intentions known, in writing, by the end of January. A brief letter or memo describing your previous and future activities should be included. Please indicate whether or not you have photos of your own to be included in the yearbook. If we don't have enough pictures of good quality and content, then we must photograph them as soon as possible. In order to do this, your request for a page or two page spread must be made no later than 31 January 1987.

If you would like a special story or write up of your group's activities to be included on your page(s), you must have a first draft (if possible double spaced and typed) turned into the yearbook office by Friday 20 February 1987.

Any submissions after these dates will not be guaranteed space in the yearbook. It's your organization's responsibility to tell the yearbook staff that you want to be included, and you must do it in writing.

For further information, please phone 566-0629 or 566-0530. The letters of activities and requests for yearbook


space must be sent to the yearbook by dropping them off at the barn, or by placing them in the GemSlot 2000 (the door of the GEM office, Rm 401 Main Building).

Societies and clubs who should request space include, but are not limited to: the business society, the biology club, the engineer's society, the English society, Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship, Ba'hai


Sports information needed.

society, the chemistry society, the physics club, the French Club, the debating club, CIMN radio, the home ec. society, all sports teams, and interested people from the Atlantic Veterinary Club, math/computer science, psychology, philosophy, Student Services, and the 3 residences are also urged to phone 566-0629 or make written requests for space in the 1987 yearbook.

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### ESSAY CONTEST ON TERRORISM

**First prize \$1000**

Topic: Ways to combat terrorism using the three principles of Endterror.

1. Canada and the United States should lead the way towards enacting world laws against terrorism.
2. Terrorism will be stopped using education, communication and mediation, not retaliation.
3. The concept that non-violence will win over violence proposed by Leo Tolstoy and practised by Mahatma Gandhi will be effective in ending terrorism.

**Rules:**  
1500 words or less.

Postmarked no later than March 31, 1987.

All entries must be typewritten, double spaced.

All entries become property of Endterror and will not be returned.

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Winner will be announced June 30, 1987.

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