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EDITORIAL!

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Well after a confused first term, The Gem now embarks on a glorious revitalization campaign. We start off with a new, enthusiastic Editor, some random organization, new ideas, and a plea for some contributions.

Deep down, I bet you've secretly wanted to see your name attached to a newspaper article; to bask in the praise and admiration friends heap upon you for having the courage to seek truth and tell it to the world. Yeah, everyone admires a journalist. We at The Gem live with this ego trip every day, but we're not greedy — we want you to share the Glory.

Okay, we're looking for more staff members. Joining the Gem has many rewards, but you don't have to be on the staff to contribute. Our new GemSlot 2000, installed in the door of the Gem office, is the fast and easy way for you to contribute a letter to the editor, announcements, suggestions,

poems and short stories, or even a full article. If there is anything on campus you want to know more about, anything at all, write it down and toss it through GemSlot 2000. Our staff of eager researchers and newsharks will hunt down every last detail of the story and print it in hard black and white. Your name, as contributor, goes above that article, so you can experience the ego boost it is to be part of the journalistic process.

And if you want to be a regular part of the creation of The Gem, whether it's the writing, production, typing, or organization aspects that interest you most, new faces are always welcome at the regular Gem meetings, held Monday nights at 6:00pm in Main rm 401. Free coffee and the occasional pizza await, and some of the strangest people you've ever met can show you how this scandal sheet is put together.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you about a situation which concerns education and possibly Canadian Security.

Canadian students contemplating coming into Quebec to attempt becoming bilingual should be advised that they come at their own risk. For the population here they are not Canadians; they are english, or "des anglais."

If they are not made to atone for all the real and imagined wrongs which english speaking people have done to french speaking people throughout history, they are very likely to be considered as spies. As such, they will be subjected to thought listening, or "l'ecoute de la vie," by the population.

This paranoia-schizophrenia is quite similar to the well-known xenophobia of the population

of France. Many bilingual, english speaking Quebecers do not object to this treatment of Canadians coming to live here.

Though listening is detrimental to the well-being and academic success of students because it affects their power to concentrate.

Thought listening is practiced in the home countries of many European, middle east, and African nationals, who live in Quebec city. Because it is permitted to listen to the thoughts of "les angalis", especially those from the outside, that is to say those from the rest of Canada, many of these foreigners listen to the thoughts of Canadians while they are living here.

A large number of federal civil servants have taken, or are taking french immersion courses in Quebec. Any one of them could be subjected to "l'ecoute de la vie." It is very possible that the information pertaining to the federal state, which is found in their heads, finds its way into the hands of members of the population who are opposed to the canadian state, or into the hands of foreigners, who send it back to their governments.

I hope that you will bring the existance of this situation to the attention of students living in your area.

Sincerely yours,
Jamie Lewin

Dear editor:

Quite often we hear complaints that UPEI students are not enthused. Athletics are usually a great source in the building of spirit in a school of any size.

Your paper has ignored those of us who play with a UPEI insignia on our uniforms. Our hockey team has been much more successful than was expected. our basketball teams promise to be outstanding. Our soccer team won their league and were rated #2 in Canada.

You have been very attentive to non-smokers and smokers, you have published sexist humour, you fill your pages with events not happening on the UPEI campus. Why do you ignore sports?

I do not believe that there is a university in Canada, regardless of size, that has enjoyed the success that UPEI teams

have in the past few years. ...but mentions of this are scarce in your paper.

We who wear a UPEI uniform are proud of the university.... are these sentiments reciprocated by the student body? From the reaction of the student newspaper, this seems doubtful.

Can't you get someone to write a column?

Obviously I can't sign this but I assure you this is felt by many.

Editor's Note: The Gem has been trying for some time to find a sports writer. We don't like ignoring the sports on campus. This term we have one; Bobby Campbell will be contributing a regular sports page to The Gem, which we look forward to appearing in next week's issue.

Sincerely, The Editor

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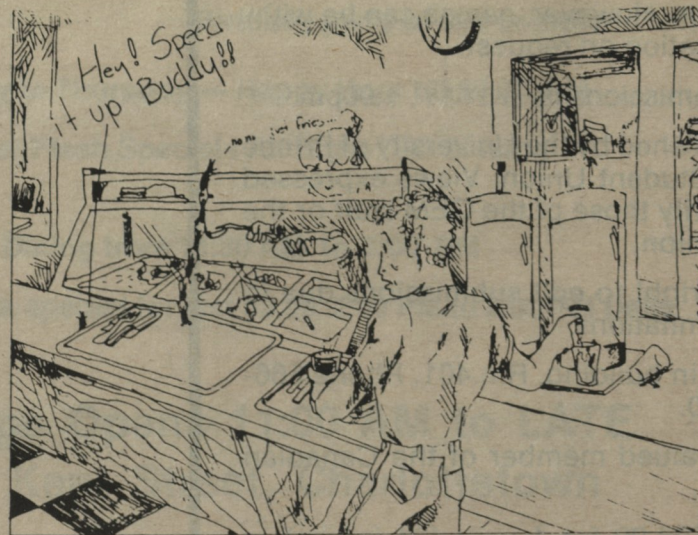
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