

# ***Our growing pains***

We would like to apologize for the small amount of news copy, compared to the amount of advertising space, this week. Illness among key staff, and a decision by the publisher that no employees shall be required to work more than 24 hours at a stretch, contributes to a small newspaper this week.

The Tundra Times has passed a couple of landmarks this fall. Our circulation has reached 6,000 copies, and continues to grow at ten percent per month. And, sustaining advertising commitments, should require that we publish a 16 to 20 page newspaper, on the average.

We are, however, having growing pains. In light of previous problems involving advertising and circulation, development of a fine business staff has been a top priority. Business staff has been recruited at the level authorized by the Tundra Times board. However, news and editorial staff presently consists of one individual and a part-time intern in Fairbanks, we are forced to admit.

We hope that the growth which we continue to enjoy in circulation and advertising will soon permit us to expand the news and editorial staff so that we may provide the type of comprehensive coverage of Native affairs our readers deserve. Please bear with us while we try to cope with these growing pains.