

# NEWS

## Dean of Arts

From Marita McNulty,  
Information Officer

Professor Verner Smitheram, Dept. of Philosophy at the University of Prince Edward Island, has been appointed Dean of Arts for a six-year term, the Board of Governors announced at its meeting on Tuesday. The new dean succeeds Prof. Frank Ledwell who completed his term of office in August of this year.

A native of Timmins, Ontario, Prof. Smitheram is a graduate of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, with honours in Philosophy (1962). In 1966 he earned his master's degree from the University of Toronto. The new dean came to Prince Edward Island in 1967 as assistant professor of philosophy at St. Dunstan's University, and in 1969 joined the faculty of the Island University. He was appointed associate professor in 1973.

He has served as chairman of the Dept. of Philosophy; as a member of the University Senate on two occasions, and at present is a faculty representative on the Board of Governors.

In 1975, in collaboration with the Faculty Association, Prof. Smitheram instituted a highly successful Faculty Seminar series, held most Friday

afternoons during the academic year. Open to all the Series has presented over 150 lectures by UPEI faculty, visiting scholars, and non university speakers.

Active in the field of education within the province, he has served as research advisor to Concerned Citizens Association for Education, and on many occasions he was speaker at teacher's conferences and community groups.

His research includes published works under the titles of "Small Schools", "Community Values and Schools", and "Public Participation in Schools". Other publications include "An Evaluation of Elementary and Secondary Schools in Prince Edward Island 1968-72" published by the Dept. of Development, 1974; "School Consolidation in Prince Edward Island: A Mixed Blessing", Abegweit Review, 1976. Last year he was editor and coordinator of the book "The Garden Transformed: Prince Edward Island, 1945-1980", Ragweed Press, a study of transition in P.E.I. since 1945.

He has been a recipient of Canada Council awards on several occasions, as well as UPEI Senate Research Grants.

Married to the former Nancy Kennedy of Kensington, P.E.I., Prof. Smitheram has three children, and one stepchild.

## Peace Walk

LET'S BE AWARE  
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It is five o'clock in the morning, Sunday October 23rd. One hundred and fifty American and French soldiers died. Last week there was a Peace Walk on the Island from the East shore to the West shore. Last Saturday, there were millions of people demonstrating against the nuclear arms race all over the world.

The question is what are we doing here about the world's situation. We can't believe anymore that nuclear holocaust is just a bad dream that will never come through. Earth has a cancer right now, the malignant cells are multiplying themselves rapidly, but we can still do something about it.

It is not the point that one should be pro-capitalist or pro-communist, the question is not there. I want to see tomorrow is the big interrogation and each of us should be able to answer that one. Hopefully, people in this University of Prince Edward Island will not waste their time criticizing this article. The goal to achieve here, is to create a state of awareness among each of us, that we are allowed to think and most of all, we are allowed to live tomorrow in Peace.

See you next week

Serge Naud

WALK FOR PEACE ON CAMPUS  
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As I walk across the UPEI campus square, I like to reflect on the vitality of the people who have walked here before me, and of the youth who will add their footsteps of the future to ours.

I am especially proud that Island Peace Walkers chose our campus, stopping for a moment to reflect on UPEI's gentle peaceful community of learning.

On Tuesday October 19th, after Professor Bolger's history lecture, I began my journey homeward. As I drove past the university, I glanced across and caught the full visual impact of twenty Peace Walkers, hands joined supportively in a circle of thought. What a gentle people, in a beautifully symbolic togetherness of spirit within our campus. Later, a woman told me that they had been discussing how people can feel the energy of our earth flowing into our selves, and that we need to respect this energy as we release it back to nature.

For the Peace Walkers did indeed test the endurance if their individual energy and did feel the strength of the earth as they trod the 180 miles step by step. across the breadth of Prince Edward Island, these people discovered the enormous effort that it will take for each of us to gather into a circle of non-violent friendship, in which arms are meant for warmth and love, rather than for threat of annihilation.

At East Point on Sunday, arms linked in support and aching feet swaying to the rhythm of "We shall overcome". the walkers and our supporters sang,

"We have walked for peace,  
We have walked for peace,  
We have walked for peace today.

And deep in my heart  
I do believe that  
We have walked for peace today."

The three generations who walked together know that peace will come to us all when we've learned how to create peace in each other. We are committed to sharing the beauty of the earth through the warmth of a handshake rather than accepting the cold fear of nuclear arms.

Karen S. McLenithan



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