

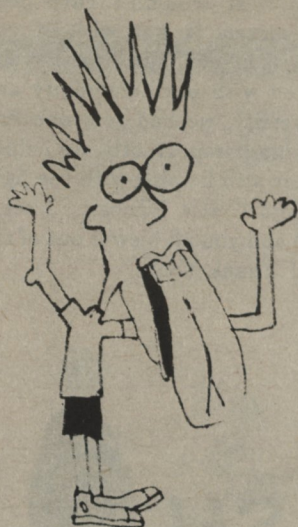
No Recognition for Students

Under a five year commitment beginning in the school year 1985-86, each full time student of UPEI will donate five dollars a year to the renovation of Main Building. This amounts to over 50,000 dollars in total. A considerable donation. Yet, the students are in no way, recognized for their generosity.

A plaque on the wall inside the front doors of the Main Building gives thanks to, and recognizes the contributions of government of PEI, the public and many corporations.

If they wish students may have their five dollars contribution repented, but many students will not bother, so donations will probably equal at least 45,000 dollars. For a sum of money this high the plaque inside the main

doors should be changed to include the students of UPEI.



Blood - The Gift of Life

The Canadian Red Cross Society first began collecting blood from volunteer donors during the Second World War to supply Canadian forces overseas. Over two and a half million bottles of blood were processed to help injured soldiers and civilians.

Since that time, any advances in science and medicine have made transfusion more efficient and have produced many new blood products. Today, through one of the most efficient volunteer blood donor systems in the world, the Canadian Red Cross is able to provide blood and blood products free of direct charge to patients in some 900 hospitals across Canada. Every day, the Canadian Red Cross requires 5,000 blood donors to meet the demands across the country. In fact every 20 seconds someone in Canada needs blood or blood products.

Blood cannot be replaced by anything other than blood. It has

only one source - people. Donating a unit of blood gives someone in need a new chance for life. It may not be a dramatic act of heroism, but the result is the same. Donors who give regularly are the silent heroes. They may never know the name of the person they have helped, but that doesn't diminish their accomplishment. And to the accident victims or surgical patients that receive their blood, they are truly heroes.

The University of Prince Edward Island will host a Red Cross blood donor clinic in the gymnasium on Thursday, October 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. It takes just 45 minutes on average, from registration to relaxing afterwards, to give one unit of blood. Please give "the gift of life." Make time to become one of the 200 donors needed to meet this clinic's objective. First time donors and donors from out-of-province are asked to bring identification.

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PLEASE GIVE BLOOD.		The Canadian Red Cross Society

Student Exchange Information Night

An Information Night has been arranged for all past participating exchange students and all interested students for October 16th at 7:00 pm. It will be held in room 102 of the Robertson Library. The evening should run for about an hour or so.

All past exchange participants are invited to share their experiences from their exchange - good and not so good. There are four International Exchange Students studying at UPEI this term and they will join us to share their experiences and to talk about their own home country and university. These universities include the University of Frostberg, University of Dundee - Scotland, and the University of South Florida.

Interested students who would like to participate or have questions about the ISEP program or one of the other university exchanges, are welcome to attend. This awareness night is mainly for you. Drop in and find out what a super year you could have while studying abroad. The experiences are endless.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions about the Information Night or about the Exchange Program, please call Student Services at 566-0423. Or, just show up (with your friends) on Monday night at 7:00 pm, October 16, 1989!

See you then!

Spread the word and bring your friends.

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Debating Society

The UPEI Debating Society welcomes everyone interested in debating and public speaking to our introductory meetings, which are held every Wednesday at 3:30 pm in Main 311. At every meeting we give instruction and practice in debating to new mem-

bers. We especially urge everyone who has never done public speaking or debating before an audience. Everyone in the society is free to progress at their own rate and no one is ever pressured to speak. We are a small group and need new membership. By join-

ing us, you can improve dramatically your ability to communicate orally. As well, by learning to debate with us, you can increase your value in the job market, and develop more self-confidence. Think it over we'll be happy to see you!

Comic Subversion

Today I shall discuss a field which has, in the past few years become very interesting. The independent publishers. An independent, in the comic industry, is any company that isn't Marvel, DC or some other old, tired standard. Independent comics range from outright parody of the standards to total indifference, "Just doin' it cause it's there."

In some cases, independently produced comics have changed the standards. In terms of an excellent, if confusing title, I'll refer to "Cerebus" the ardvark. The comic that shows that comics don't have to make sense. I like the Masked Man, from Eclipse. It's a smoothly drawn cleverly scripted comic dealing with very human situations. Thus, it doesn't sell.

Lone Wolf & Club remains the only

"Ninja" title I can stand. The flood of Ninja/Samurai comics, the "Japanese invasion", consisting of slash-panels and dock-yard dialog, has gone to a well deserved resting place: Stuffing for cheap furniture.

Has anyone read Badger or the Realm or Elf-Lord? If you like art (Elf-Lord), total insanity (Badger), or fantasy (The Realm), then without these, your life has no meaning!

On a more contemporary note, although Marble Comics are still a block of insanity, DC has taken the special-format/direct sales/mature-reader comics to new highs (and new lows, a 15 Sonic Disrupters). Mainwhile, Muddled Comics produce "Acts of Vengeance!!".

Boring!!!!

As a final note, if looking for an independent, or a damn-good book, buy something written by Alan Moore!

Etc...

Jeff "T.H." Smith

P.S. If I forgot to mention your favorite comic, Too Bad!

In order for me to write about your topic idea, drop a note to the Gem office, or mail your ideas to my account 306017.



Notice

History Society Meetings will be held every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the History Lounge, Main 301.

Please plan to attend!