

Remembrance Day

— Ian Mollison

Everyday I remember the men and women who gave their lives for this country, for my father, a veteran of World War II, almost did not come back. And as a member of the Canadian Forces Reserves, I will be asked or told to go to war and defend Canada's territorial rights and political views for all Canadians, from who ever is attacking them.

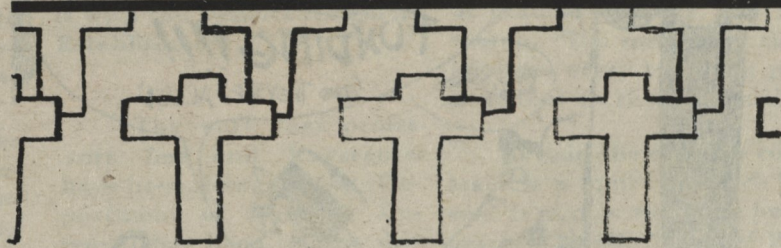
If you happen to see the Remembrance Day Parades on TV, watch the old men who are on parade and remember. Each one of the men who you see on the TV represents 1000-1500 young Canadian soldiers, all in the prime of life, all the same age

of you, who will never know what it will be like to grow old because they gave up their lives so that we could be living in a free, country. Also, listen to the haunting

sounds of the lone piper or trumpeter as they play the last post. If you truly listen to the music and remember, you will be stirred by the sights and sounds that

surround the parade, and maybe, just maybe, you will pray that we do not have to add more names to the long list of gallant, brave men who will NEVER come back.

Even though I do not know you or very many people who live in Canada, I know that I would go an fight for us all. WHAT WOULD YOU DO....???



by Sam Okello

This week is a time to honor those who died during the World Wars.

While Canadians celebrate their Remembrance Day, the Irish are burying their dead as a result of a

bomb massacre in Northern Ireland by the IRA terrorists.

Such a painful legacy remains one of the threats to our society. In the wake of this threat, the question to be addressed is: how much safety precautions do we have? Most people will probably say "not very much."

There are a number of catastrophies. Some of these are high crime rates, ozone layer in the Earth's atmosphere, killer diseases such as AIDS, drought causing a transition of arable land into Sahara desert, nuclear war and many more.

However, the need for peace is urgent. Frequently, activists such as the civic and church leaders try to promote the strict enforcement of law and order. Be that as it may, totalitarianism brought about by social imbalance is still at large. All begin by promising to set things right, according to Canadian novelist Margaret Atwood, "if all they promised was terror and

moral chaos, no one would give them toe-room."

Like any other broad theory of peace, freedom is subject to many criticisms, and its significance should be weighed as a contribution to the development of human rights rather than as a dogma that must be abused.

Looking through recent magazines, one finds many articles expressing fear about the safety of our lives. Therefore should the rough get going, the tough may not get going.

Sports and The Gem

I am writing this letter as a member of the Gem and the editor of the Sports Department. This letter concerns an editorial written in last week's Gem about the quality of the Gem. I have only been a student at UPEI for two years, but I must say that the quality of the Gem has improved greatly over last year, which before Christmas could have become extinct because of our friend the engineers little joke. Now I'm not prodding the engineers because there is nothing wrong with a little joke but a public newspaper was no place for a sexist article, even if it was a joke. Derrick Webber took over the Gem last year and has done a super job of handling us crazy Gemmies and

making sure that there is a paper every week. It is not an easy job as hours upon hours are spent in front of a computer and the lay-outs table.

Now as Sports Editor of the Gem I thank the writer of last week's column for saying that the Sports content of the Gem has improved over last year. But when he said that the former Sport's Editor was very loyal and followed the Panther teams off-province that really annoyed me. I am just as loyal as any other UPEI student and sometimes I might make a slip of the pen and upset a group on campus but, I am willing to correct my mistakes. Thanks to a member of the Field Hockey team this year I was able to see

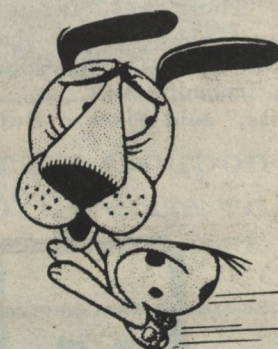
that I was mistakenly criticizing the team in the first few issues. I would like to thank that member of the field hockey team for informing me when I screwed up. That was constructive criticism and I invite anyone who has a beef about the sports in the Gem to tell me through an editorial or send it through VaxMail to the Sports Editor c/o The Gem.

As for travelling out of province to cover all the games, that is virtually impossible and very expensive. Sure I would like to travel with the teams across to the mainland on every occasion but it would be hard to get an education, which is the

real reason we are all here.

In conclusion I would like to suggest to the writer of the column that he come down to the Gem office and start working on the paper. That should let him know that it is not as easy as some people think to put the Gem together. To my fellow Gemmies take a bow for a job well done and Good Luck in future issues.

— Darrell Cole,
Gem Sports Editor



Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

"We Do It HIS Way"

This week our local chapter of I.V.C.F. welcomes you to come on out and listen to our very own Vernon Vick-ruck speak on the topic of:

"To Follow God Seriously"

The meeting will be held at our usual meeting place: the Lecture Theatre of Robertson Library (rm.111). The gathering will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. (except for the stragglers who come at 7:15).

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be compared to The Globe and Mail, New York Times. I am tired of people criticising our Island and the things that are on it.

Yours Truly,
Wendell Blackett

Dear Mr. Editor,
This is: "A Rap for "Letter Unsigned" "

To the guy or girl who wouldn't print their name

If you don't understand, next time refrain.

I want you to read between the lines

And you will see its not all just rhymes.

U-P-P-E-E-E-I-I U-P-P-E-E-E-I-I whoua!

P.S. Please let me know what kinds of activities you would be interested in participating in because I (and the other organizers at the Student Union would be thrilled to have participation in any kind of legal, non-satanic events.

P.P.S. By the way, not even the puck-bunnies showed up.