

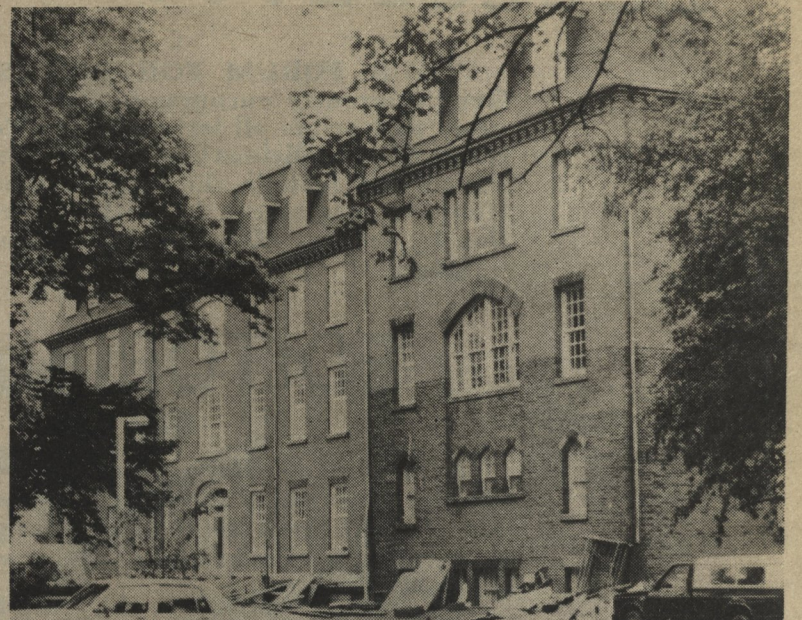
# Main to be Finished on Schedule

Surprising as it is, Main Building will be finished on time, and classes will be held as scheduled beginning the week of registration.

Dr. Philip Koch, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Faculty Co-ordinator, has been working with student organizations such as the GEM for the last eighteen months. Says Professor Koch, "We're hoping that the classrooms will be finished by the middle of next week. They are furiously working on them to finish up all the odd details."

The second, third, and fourth floors of Main are almost completed, and as of August 22, people began moving into approximately sixty-five offices which have been finished. At the present time most of the departments that were moved out of Main building last year have returned, with the exception of the English Department, which will remain in Dalton Hall until the week after registration.

"The English Department feels that if they just stay where they are it will avoid a lot of confusion for



students during registration week", says Koch. Although it is hard to say exactly when the first floor, basement; and English annex will be completed, it should be before the beginning of classes.

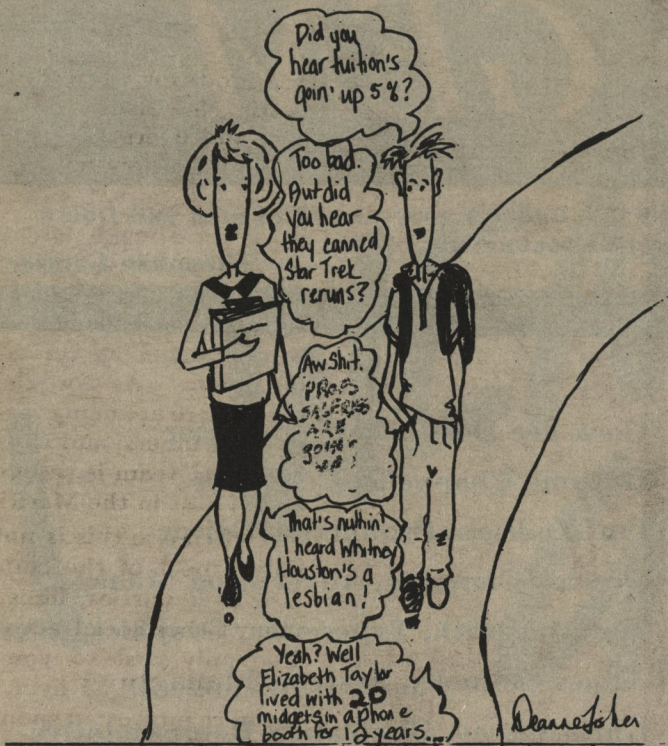
The official opening of Main Building, however, won't be until sometime in October.

"We want to wait until a lot of the little details are

fixed up", he says. "There is still a lot of stuff to do, but there are a lot of guys working on it right now."

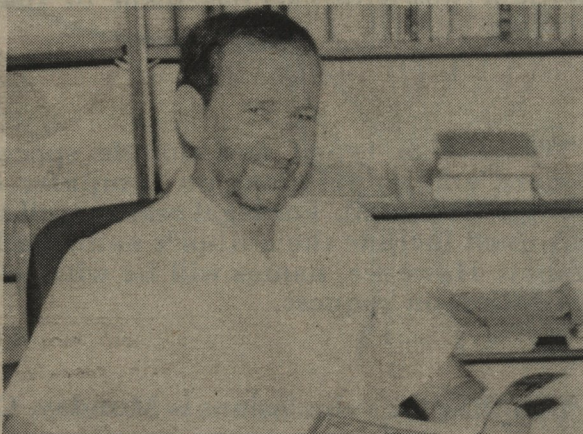
High spirits are evident in Main Building as the renovations near completion.

Says Koch, "I'm tremendously pleased with the enthusiasm that everyone has shown; the students, the faculty, and the staff."



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## Campbell is new Registrar



By Derrick Webber  
THE NEW registrar for UPEI is former English department Chair Robert Campbell. Campbell takes over from Michael Hennessey, who retired this year after serving in the position since UPEI was first founded. Also new is former Liaison Officer Urbain Gaudet, who replaces Louise Gay as Assistant Registrar.

For the six years before appointment as Registrar, Campbell has been Chair of the department of English.

He has taught at UPEI since it opened, focusing on Canadian Literature with a special interest in the literature of Atlantic Canada.

Campbell hopes his experience at UPEI helps in new position. "I would hope that having taught for almost 25 years I would have some sense of the needs of faculty and students that I can apply", he said.

Having both Registrar and Assistant Registrar retire in the same year has made the transition more

difficult, but Campbell said he is very impressed with how hard the office staff has worked to compensate. He said it also speaks well of the way Hennessey and Gay have developed office operations. As a result, Campbell said, registration has suffered any serious problems.

"I think we've managed to keep up with our tasks", he said.

As for changes, no revolutions are planned. Campbell plans to spend much of the first year of office just learning how things operate. He said one area he strongly would like to see improved is the front counter. At present it is very cramped for students and the glassed-in counter makes a bad impression. Campbell said it all requires careful planning, but he would like to see a much wider area with lower counter to provide better service.

One area they will look at is the possi-

bility of increased computerization of the registration process. Campbell said a study of the Registrar's office was made in the spring and as a result they will be looking at how increased computerization may improve the service and efficiency.

Several larger universities like Memorial University in Newfoundland have begun accepting registrations using computers hooked to phone lines. Students dial up using a touch-tone telephone to enter course selections. A computer voice guides the student through the procedure and lists filled courses and courses in which the student has enrolled successfully. Campbell said that UPEI may be too small to warrant such a system, but perhaps they may be able to set up simpler system students could dial to hear updated information on filled courses.

Still, Campbell is in no hurry to improve what he

says already provides good service.

"I'm very impressed with how hard people do work in the office to serve the people they have to serve," he said, "I'm quite impressed with what they're already doing."

Campbell said one area which has improved registration for first-year students at least is the Freshman Advisement Centre operated during the summer. This program, just completing its second year of operation, introduces frosh to the university, registration procedure, and provides some help in course selection. Campbell said this has reduced confusion among first-years.

As for registration this year, Campbell says they have no firm figures so early in the year, but it looks like UPEI will have "at least as many students as last year."

Campbell officially took office July 1st for a term which should last at least 6 years.