

# UPEI's New Vice President

by Yvonne MacKean

UPEI now has a vice-president. This is a new position at the university this semester. The person hired for this post is Professor John Crossley.

Crossley is a Political Studies professor. He got his Bachelor at Brock University, and his Masters and Doctorate from the University of Toronto. As far as administrative experience, Crossley has been chair of the Political Studies and Canadian Studies departments, organized the Learned Conference, and was acting Dean of Arts last year.

Crossley says it is "really exciting" being the first vice-president at UPEI. He thinks that being new to, and creating the position of VP is challenging. He has the opportunity to become an integral part of the restructuring processes at UPEI.

Crossley, as vice-president, has many duties. His principle function is to implement the Strategic Plan. Some components are in practice now. There are ten areas under this plan and he has to help monitor and facilitate change. In order to fill this role, Crossley has to sit on various committees that are all relevant to the Strategic Plan. As a result of his facilitator role, Crossley finds himself talking to a number of different people. He also has to make the academic plan and restructuring fit budgetary constraints. Crossley laughs "What do I do? I sit around and do everything or nothing, I am not too sure yet".

As far as goals, Crossley has several. In the short term, he wants to get the campus talking about change and the process of change. The Strategic Plan is the first step in

this goal. Faculty and staff were involved in the Plan and task forces, and Crossley wants to see this interaction continue. Communication is the key to achieving this goal, specifically dealing with what people want.

The long term goals depend on the university's sense of what it wants to be, a sense that Crossley admits is emerging. Crossley sees this sense including "new things in the area of education, research, new ways of connecting with the community at large and new ways of making students part of the university." The long run depends on the university itself. Crossley is convinced that "if you take some of the common measures, this university should be well into the top ten of the Maclean's rankings, even though that is not the target". Crossley

believes that there are plenty of good ideas around campus, and there is opportunities for UPEI to be recognized as an innovative institution, still being a "small and comfortable place rooted in the Island".

Crossley wants people to know that he does work hard. In addition to his vice-presidential duties, he also teaches and does research. He wants people to give him their ideas. He is available for all students, faculty and staff to come to him and he can help get the ideas to the people who can do something with them. The VP's office is located in the President's office in Kelley, so feel free to go and talk to Crossley, as he is more than eager to listen to any suggestions, ideas, or concerns.

New Student Union Building

To All Fellow Students,

I require your help quite urgently. I am doing a survey on the future student building union (SUB) and I would like to have your suggestions on the kind of services you would like in the SUB and where the building should be located. As you know there is a committee working on the possibility of having a new student union building and I think that they would benefit a lot from having your input.

You can leave this form at the Newspaper office in Main Building or at the Student Services office in the Robertson Library. The last day of collection for the survey will be February 8th, 1996.

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| yes | no |  |
| —   | —  | More office space for the student council.   |
| —   | —  | A bigger panther lounge with:  |
| —   | —  | a pub  |
| —   | —  | music event  |
| —   | —  | better layout of wet and dry event.  |
| —   | —  | A general lounge for student.  |
| —   | —  | The student union, student services, the yearbook office, the student newspaper and the student radio should be under the same roof. |
| —   | —  | A travel office (e.g. travel cuts).  |
| —   | —  | the health centre should be in the SUB.  |
| —   | —  | The chaplaincy should be in the SUB.   |
| —   | —  | A theatre.   |
| —   | —  | A convenience store.   |
| —   | —  | Snack shop, food corner, health food stop.   |

Other suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you think the new student building should be located? \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. I will bring your suggestions to the next SUB meeting.

Sylvie Desormeaux  
Student on the SUB committee.

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