

Dr. Roger Barnsley comes to U.P.E.I.

By Shannon Younker

THE SEARCH FOR UPEI'S NEXT PRESIDENT
 search for UPEI's next President and CEO contin-
 ed with the arrival of Dr. Roger Barnsley October
 7. Roger Barnsley has a background in education
 the public school system as well as training in



developmental psychology. Presently, he is Vice President (Academic) at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Dr. Barnsley takes pride in the fact he is not cynical and that he "loves his job".

Dr. Barnsley sees his nomination for the presidential seat as an opportunity where he might make a difference at this campus. He hopes to encourage a collegiate, cooperative climate at the university, and is a strong believer in maintaining an "open door" policy. Any vision for the future of UPEI will not be created by the new president alone. Any changes will be owned by everyone. Universities are traditionally a concentration of bright people: students, faculty members and staff. If these energies can be harnessed, the potential is present to make a good school better.

Regardless of what proposals are eventually passed by the Liberal government, and Barnsley emphasized that no one knows yet what may come from the discussion paper on social policy reform, he feels that the small, teaching universities of the Maritimes like St. Thomas and UPEI give the best education and so must be protected. Barnsley tells the X-Press the thing he finds most exciting about this issue is the fact that students are troubled

enough to get angry. He states that one of the historical roles of university students is to encourage societal debate. Yes, we should be angry, but we should not be limiting ourselves to the debates that have an immediate effect on the lives of university students.

Besides worrying about the sheer cost of university in the future, Barnsley expresses concern about universities becoming part of a more consumer-oriented educational system. He hopes that government will temper their reforms, although he suggests that there is some support for the income contingent loan repayment plan.

Enrollment is already dropping at UPEI with relatively small annual increases in tuition. When asked about how he would plan to keep UPEI's population at a viable level he told the X-Press one immediate priority will be recruiting outside the base of PEI's high schools. Barnsley is also concerned about the number of students that UPEI keeps once they are accepted into first year. With more attention to students, perhaps a greater proportion of those who come to UPEI as freshmen will graduate. By listening to students, Barnsley hopes he can learn what is needed for student success and then put those suggestions to work.

UPEI is already a student centered, teaching centered university and Barnsley's public education background leads him to believe that this is indeed the best approach.

Community thinking is a priority of Barnsley's as well. The University of Prince Edward Island is one community within the larger community. The support of this larger community is essential. UPEI must convince the public that a university education is still relevant and that we are the place get one. As the information superhighway becomes more and more a part of post-secondary education, UPEI becomes more and more a part of a larger community composed of universities across the nation. Through this network, UPEI has the same access to material and information as the University of Toronto or McGill.

To help facilitate gaining this understanding and respect from the community, Barnsley suggests that universities must become more "transparent". We cannot assume that everyone knows how the university works, especially when many of its members may not know. One goal should be to reassert the importance of teaching and research and development. The challenge is to do this while maintaining academic freedom.

The new face in Student Services

UPEI gets new residence life coordinator

By Yvonne MacKean

THERE IS A NEW FACE IN THE RESIDENCE
 besides the freshman students that are still
 known to me. The position of Residence Life Co-
 ordinator, which was vacated last July, has been
 filled by Ralph Robinson.

Born and raised in Timmons, Ontario (which
 in Northern Ontario about three and a half hours
 from Sudbury, to be geographically correct), Ralph
 made his first venture east of Quebec to come to PEI.
 He spent five years at McMaster University in
 Hamilton. After trying out natural sciences and
 engineering, Ralph finally got a BA in Philosophy.
 Ralph's interests include motorcycle touring,
 which he did in May on a tour through parts of the
 United States. He also enjoys downhill skiing, and
 some less competitive athletics. Ralph freely ad-

mits that he is not much of an athlete, but if he has
 fun, he doesn't mind. Ralph also enjoys reading,
 specifically sci-fi, and adds that he enjoys Irish and
 other folk music.

Ralph lists several experiences that led him
 to apply for the residence position. Ralph spent five
 years in residence at McMaster. During this time he
 was vice-president and president of his residence,
 as well as vice-president and president of the com-
 mittee that governs all eleven residences at
 McMaster. Ralph jokes that he is living out his
 dream: living in residence without actually going to
 classes. Seriously, he found that residence was a
 real growth experience for him, and he felt that
 maybe he could contribute to something to our
 residence life in return. Ralph also likes that fact

that he, by living in residence, can keep in touch
 with the residents. Thus it is not a solely adminis-
 trative job. Ralph notes that though the McMaster
 system is different than ours, he has an insight into
 some of the problems faced by RAs and House
 Committee.

Ralph wants to fill the residences. He has
 a few other ideas but until he knows the system he
 doesn't want to make any plans, for fear of making
 things worse. One of Ralph's pet ideas is a monthly
 residence newspaper, which he hopes to start before
 the end of this month. Another goal is to create a
 family atmosphere in residence, a real community.
 Another important goal is an atmosphere that brings
 upper class persons back to residence, so that he has
 a chance to see a change in people as they mature

through residence life. Ralph also wants to help the
 university community realize the importance of
 residence life as part of the education received at
 university. He really believes that people who come
 out of residence life have experiences that make
 them more beneficial to society.

Ralph adds that he is very happy about his
 choice in coming east; he likes the people and the
 places. Of course he hasn't been through a Mari-
 time winter yet! He also adds that he doesn't know
 a lot of people and he hopes this article will get
 people to come see him.

If anyone is interested in contacting Ralph
 he can be found at Student Services, or in room 119
 of Bernardine Hall.

Alcohol awareness hits UPEI

By C.A. Schneider

IF SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THE
 posters that have sprung up across the campus
 during the past week. The posters in question
 feature a pony-tailed girl bent over a toilet with the
 caption "The Drunker You Get, The Better You
 Bowl." They have been supplied to our campus
 courtesy of the Prince Edward Island Liquor Con-
 trol Commission and BACCHUS.

October 17 to 21 was National Collegiate
 Alcohol Awareness Week, so it is only natural for
 the nation-wide BACCHUS campaign to begin this
 week. The BACCHUS campaign promoting alco-
 hol awareness on campus will run until the first
 week of December. New posters will go up early
 each week. All posters carry the "If You Drink,
 Don't Bowl" theme.

These posters are being hung in groups of
 about thirty at a time, and students are invited to

"steal" one if they want to. The theory is that a
 poster will get a lot more attention if it is hanging in
 a dorm room or an office than if it just sits on a
 bulletin board somewhere for months. The disap-
 pearance of posters will give the committee proof
 that their campaign is reaching the students.

BACCHUS Canada is a non-profit organi-
 zation which seeks donations from companies so
 they can provide campuses across Canada with
 alcohol awareness information virtually free of
 charge. BACCHUS supplies each participating cam-
 pus with all the materials necessary for an all-out
 alcohol awareness campaign—except volunteers.

Keep your eyes peeled for UPEI's own
 volunteers, who will be putting up the next instal-
 ment of the poster campaign soon.

THE DRUNKER YOU GET,
 THE BETTER YOU BOWL.



THE MORE HE DRANK, THE BETTER
 THEY LOOKED, UNFORTUNATELY IT
 DIDN'T WICK THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

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ECONOMICS 101: THE MORE
 YOU SPEND, THE MORE GOES
 DOWN THE DRAIN.