

Bennett installed as Chancellor

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By Kaberi Dasgupta

On Saturday, March 9, 1985, Gordon Lockhart Bennett, with a string of degrees in tow, (including O.C., B.Sc., M.Sc., D.C.L., L.L.D.) was officially installed as the fourth Chancellor of the University of Prince Edward Island.

The stage of Steele Recital Hall was covered with bursts of green, red, gold, black, pink, and the various other colors of the robes of the stage party which included: Dr. Peter Meincke, President of the University; Mr. Earl Arsenault, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors; the Honourable J.A. Doiron, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island and Visitor of the University; Mr. Bennett himself; and various other visitors and faculty members.

According to Dr. Bennett, "no coronation or presi-

dential inauguration could be more pleasant or exciting."

After a rendition of "God Save the Queen" by the Bert Tersteeg Singers and the U.P.E.I. Brass Ensemble, followed immediately by the invocation from Rev. Susan Triantafillou, University Chaplain, Dr. Bennett was officially presented as Chancellor-elect by the Vice-Chairman of the Board. The Visitor then invited Dr. Bennett to repeat the Oath of Office, and officially installed him as Chancellor.

Dr. Bennett was then decked in his green and gold robes of Office. During a choral interlude, "School Days" — or rather "Gordon Bennett School Days" was sung. The version of the famous song was arranged by Bert Tersteeg.

Then came the Chancellor's inaugural address. After a few jokes about his age, Dr.

Bennett thanked those who submitted his name to the Selection Committee and those who were taking part in his installation as Chancellor. He paid homage to the Chancellors that came before him — the late Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Dr. Gustave Gingras, and the late David MacDonald Stewart, saying "These gentlemen provided dignity and prestige to the Office and I recognize the challenge that confronts me in following in the footsteps of such distinguished predecessors."

Dr. Bennett stressed his wish to associate with the students of the University, saying, "Whatever success I may have in my teaching career can be traced to that early decision to be closely associated with my students in all their endeavors."

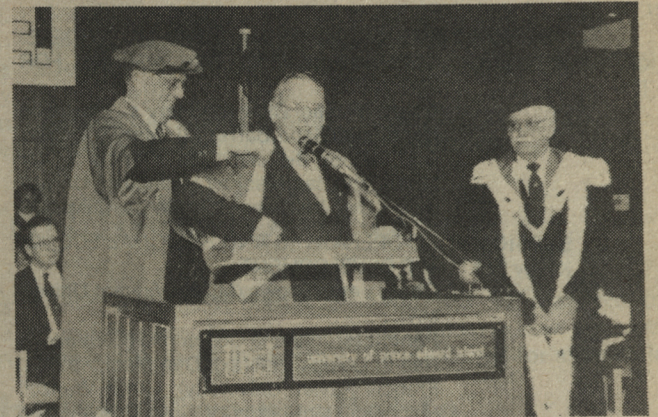
He then began to reminisce about the beginning of U.P.E.I. and his part in it, recalling a conversation with Premier Campbell on the steps of Province House, in which they agreed "to proceed immediately with the steps necessary to establish and support financially a single university in this province."

Have praised the accomplishments of the University, he said "We must not rest when crowned with a wreath of laurels", emphasizing the possibility of "greater accomplishments in the future."

Dr. Bennett said, "One thing is certain as we journey

forward in these difficult times; we shall need, like a compass for the guidance of a fog-shrouded ship, the fundamental standards and ideals of dedicated service in the cause of education a recognition that changes are inevitable, an understanding and appreciation for the views of others and a willingness to cooperate and to work harmoniously in the interests of the thousands of young people who will flock to this campus in the years to come."

After a brass interlude, greetings of welcome were offered to Dr. Bennett from the Vice-Chairman of the Board; Ivan Dowling, representative of the Senate; Roger Black, President of the Faculty Association; Michelle Dorsey, President of the Student Union; Murray Stevenson, representative of



President Peter Meincke robes UPEI's new Chancellor, Gordon Bennett, as Prince Edward Island's Lieutenant-Governor J. A. Doiron looks on. (Photo: Yorston)

the support staff; Brian McKenna, President of the Alumni Association; and the representatives from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada Association of Atlantic Universities, and other institutions.

The ceremony was closed after a thanksgiving by the University Chaplain; it wrapped up with "O Canada". The cafeteria was soon crowded with well-wishers during the reception that followed.



Students start debating

By Paula Reid

On February 1-3, the 1985 Father Roger Guindon North American Debate Tournament took place at the University of Ottawa, and U.P.E.I. was there.

Paula Reid and Al Scudder made up the U.P.E.I. team, which competed at this tournament alongside 66 other Canadian teams and 2

teams from Princeton, New Jersey.

This tournament marked the first time in the history of Canadian intercollegiate debating that all ten provinces were represented at the same tournament.

Paula Reid and Al Scudder both Faculty of Education students, also participated in the U.P.E.I.-Holland College Annual Debate on February

12, 1985 at the Holland College Lecture Theatre.

The resolution under debate was: "Canada should reinstate the death penalty" with Holland College in favour, and U.P.E.I. against the resolution. Reid and Scudder won the debate for their negative case that Canada should **not** reinstate the death penalty.

Job program still has no forms

OTTAWA (CUP) — There are still no application forms available anywhere in the country for Challenge '85 student summer job creation program, announced by the Conservative government more than a month ago.

The government wants to give out \$205 million, mainly to employers as a subsidy or grant to hire students for summer jobs, but has been slow in organizing the program partly because of an attempt to "harmonize" job-creation with the provinces.

Federal bureaucrats in Ottawa said because the program is new, it has taken much more time to set up, and will not be organized by the time students get out of school.

"It seems unlikely things will be in place by mid-April," said Allan Lennon, national co-ordinator of the

employment and immigration union's campaign against cutbacks in the ministry.

Under the program, employers have to obtain applications through their local employment development branch and ask the federal government to give them money to hire students for the summer.

Lennon said the application forms are not ready because the federal and provincial are having problems agreeing on the forms' content. To make up for the delay, Flora MacDonald, employment and immigration minister, announced new deadlines for applications: March 29 in B.C., Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and Ontario and March 22 in all other provinces.

NDP MP Howard McCurdy said the new deadlines mean the distribution of

money will be hopelessly delayed.

"The minister has sounded the death-knell by moving the applications deadline back to the end of March, just three weeks before thousands of students become actively unemployed," McCurdy told the House of Commons March 6.

Brian MacDonald, a project officer in the employment ministry, admitted in an interview that "human beings being what they are, they will wait until the last possible date to send in their applications."

"Ninety or 95 per cent of the applications will come in the last few days," MacDonald said.

Lennon said the employment ministry claims it can turn around an application — assess it and grant or refuse money — in 48 hours.

"But two years ago (the ministry) also said 48 hours and it took eight weeks to four months," Lennon said.

MacDonald said the process will be quicker this year because applications will be handled by regional offices unless they involve four or more people.

Still, Lennon said, "You've got to assess it. 'is this a worthwhile endeavor?'"

"Challenge '85 has been a bureaucratic botch by the government from the beginning," Lennon said.

"When the government does approve the funding for corporations' requests to hire students, students can apply for the jobs through Canada Employment Centres for Students. But employment officials have said it will be mid-July before all the applications are processed.

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Quote of the Week:

"Okay, there'll be no more questions for this position. We don't want a riot in here."

Speaker Mike Trainor after a heated exchange in the speeches for the position of Vice President Academic. The candidates spoke in the Robertson Library Lounge Tuesday at noon.