

# Professor Focus

**J. RONALD COLLINS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,  
DEAN of the School of Business Administration.**

Dean J. Ronald Collins was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont. However in third grade, his parents moved to Boston. When he was enrolled in the fourth grade another family moved into Boston. The father of this family became the coach of Dean Collins hockey team, and his son became the goalie. Dean Collins became good friends of the son. In addition to their friendship, Dean Collins' sister became best friends with the sister of Dean Collins' new friend. The unique thing about this was that in the future Dean Collins would begin to date his sister's best friend (who was four years his younger). Another unique thing was that her parents were originally from P.E.I. From 1963 to 1966, the two of them came to P.E.I. during the summers to visit her extended family. During the summer of 1966, Dean Collins proposed and she accepted. He and his wife have a son and a daughter. An interesting side note is that where he proposed is approximately 1/2 mile way from where they presently own a cottage.

Dean Collins did his undergraduate work at Boston College between 1960-64, when he received his B.Sc. Between 1964 to 1968 he worked as a U.S. Bank Examiner (somewhat like a bank auditor). During this time he was also involved with university and college recruiting. Then in 1968, Dean Collins began studying for his MBA. He graduated in the spring of 1970 from the University of Massachusetts. After receiving his MBA Dean Collins planned to return to a role within the personnel department of the U.S. Treasury, instead he returned to the University of Mass. in July 1970 for his PHD. in organizational behaviour.

Not long after completing his PHD, he found himself in a position at St. Mary's University (1973). In 1975 he accepted a position with the University of Prince Edward Island, and moved to P.E.I. that year. He currently resides in Charlottetown. Since coming to U.P.E.I., he has held several positions including Associate Professor and nine months ago became Dean of the School of Business Administration.

Dean Collins is very pleased to be a part of the U.P.E.I. School of Business. He is very impressed with the high calibre of U.P.E.I. students in Accounting, Marketing, Management, etc. All groups have very high standings in academic achievements when compared with their counterparts in North America. The U.P.E.I. School of Business is considered to have high academic and professional standards and as a result the graduates are recruited by major companies across Canada. Many graduates also attend graduate school in Business and Law. Dean Collins wishes to continue the high level of excellence in the School of Business through the cooperative efforts of all the faculty members and students.

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