

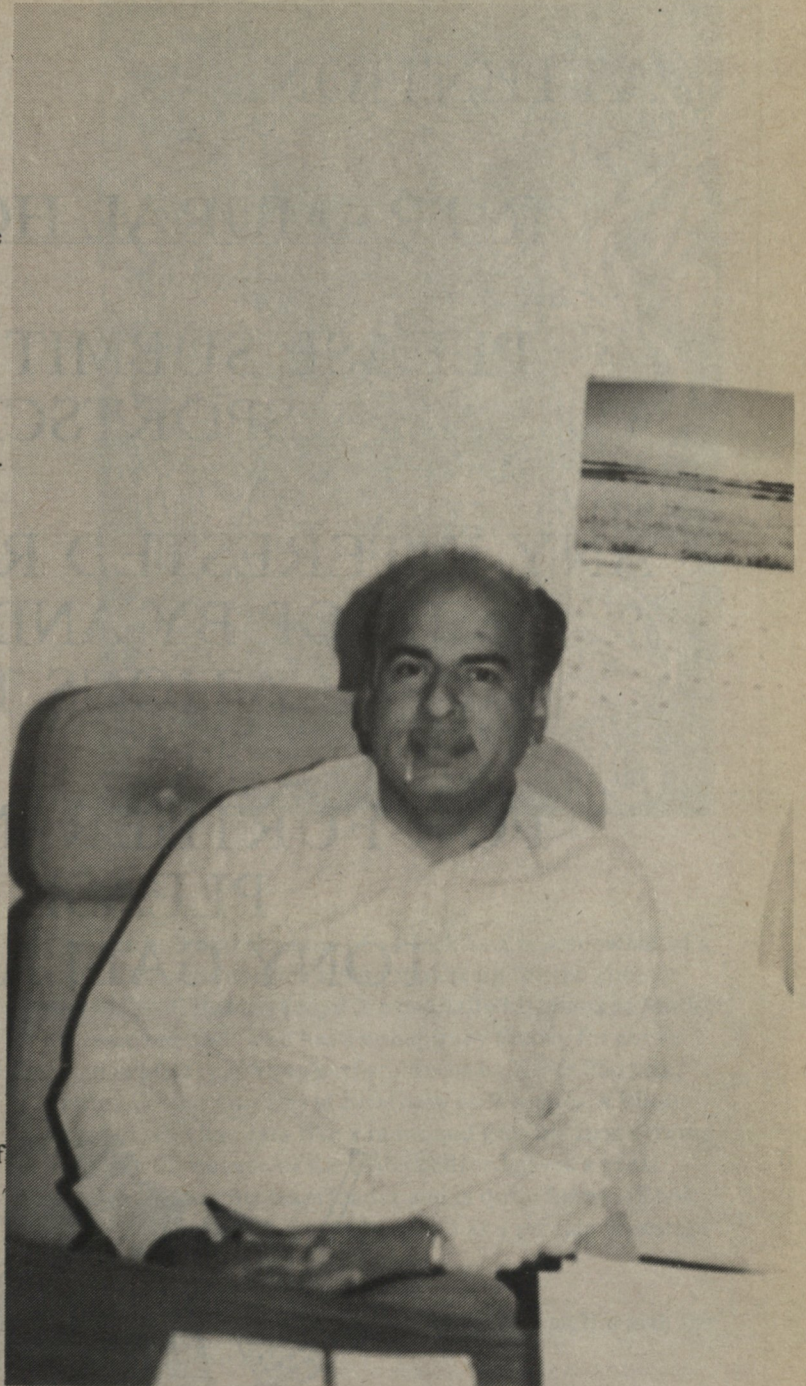
Professor Focus

Professor Mian Ali is Assistant Professor of Economics at PEI and has been teaching here since 1985. Professor Ali received his education at the University of Lahore in Pakistan and the University of Idaho. He originally planned to be an engineer, but changed to economics and has stayed happily with it ever since.

Professor Ali feels there is no point in having knowledge if it isn't shared with people and sharing it at the time of its reception is better than hoarding it for publication. In doing so, he brings a fresh and distinctive approach to his classes. For instance, it's not every professor who would think to mention Third World development projects that were designed by American economists, without regard for cultural and environmental realities in the equatorial regions. He is very concerned with taking care of the "whole person" of his students. He feels professors have a responsibility to recognize there is more to a student than a face in a classroom, and therefore to be more than just academic advisors. Ali is always willing to listen to students' problems, especially since a student's social problems can affect their academic performance.

Aside from this university, Professor Ali is Past President of the Multicultural Council of PEI and president of the Islamic Society. Here again, he brings his philosophy of sharing knowledge to bear. The more he can explain to the public, the principles of other cultures and religions, the more people can understand their neighbours.

Professor Ali has been in North America since 1970, doing his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Idaho. He then worked for a time at an agency dedicated to the development of Northern Saskatchewan. He plans to continue teaching for the rest of his career and presently lives in Sherwood with his wife, their three children and his in-laws.



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