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Degree Or Not Degree, That Is The Question



FRESHMAN RESIDENCE ON A WHITE-FROST MORNING

LATIN STATUS SYMBOL

Thinking of bringing the AENEID or hacking DE BELLO GALLICO to pieces after the last excruciating wrestling match with Latin in May? Don't do it. Chances are those copies of yours are soon to become collector's items. The reason for this, quite simple! Those going into battle as of next September will no longer be "conscripts" but will be "volunteers". Those words longed for by many a reluctant Latin scholar have been officially uttered. LATIN AS OF 1964 IS TO BE DROPPED AS A GENERAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE ARTS DEGREE. EXCEPT...but this will be discussed later.

The main reason for dropping this course as a requirement is one of preparation. Many students coming to the University are not equipped with the necessary tools of the language to pursue the course on the college level. Too much time has to be spent on that which should have been done in high school, thus not enough material can be covered.

To get back to the EXCEPT... This refers to major fields which may require Latin as a pre-requisite. The individual departments will decide on this themselves. Therefore, there is a slight chance that some of the majors will still require Latin.

It should not be thought that electives may now be chosen for the two courses in Latin previously required. Two new courses will be added which are expected to strengthen the Arts course considerably.

We cannot fail to overlook some very dangerous side effects occurring from this announcement. First of all the would-be scientists, spurred on to the world of test tubes by a distinct distaste for Latin, will now be invading 'our course'. Not only that, but the once strong bond with which all the Arts students raised their steins on high for the abolishment of the Classics threatens to be broken. No longer will we be able to exchange translations, complain of the boredom of it all, or loudly proclaim our lack of appreciation for the Romans. Latin will no longer be the scourge of the common student, but the status symbol of the 'elite'. One can easily imagine the Common Room next year as slightly bored-with-it-all Classicists meet there between classes to discuss the merits of one Classical writer over another (probably in Latin) while those poor Arts students lacking vocabulary sit and smoulder.

This decision has been enacted with the best interests of the students and the University in mind.

PROM FORMAL

The Junior Prom committee wishes to announce that the forthcoming prom will be held at the Recreation Centre, May 12th, and will be a formal affair. Male participants will wear dark suits and the females full-length evening gowns. Dates should be made early this year for obvious reasons. Invitations will be available soon and further notices will be posted on the main building boards.

OFF TO ALGERIA

Catherine Duffy, a Junior Arts student will spend six weeks of the coming summer in Algeria as a member of the W.U.S. seminar group. This group consists of approximately 40 students who have been delegated from universities across Canada. These seminars are a project peculiar to the Canadian W.U.S. as its unique way of promoting the prime purpose of this world-wide university; to provide mutual understanding



among the university students around the world.

The theme of this seminar is "Education" as related to underdeveloped countries such as Algeria. Its religious, cultural, scientific, social, political and economic phases will be taken into consideration.

In order to attain a thorough knowledge of these various phases of Algeria the seminar group will be divided into different groups to consider a specific aspect.

This excursion will commence

The question of Prince of Wales being granted a degree status is the prime topic of many on Prince Edward Island, is the big program of those at the school in question and is a thorn in the side of the Legislature. Where do we at St. Dunstan's stand in regard to this question? Are we for the law or against one which will make Prince of Wales a degree granting institution?

We are not against the status of Prince of Wales being raised as such. We were not concerned with putting a halt to a movement in the Legislature which would either present the question or bring about the enactment of the movement. However, as students of St. Dunstan's University, we expect to be treated fairly from the Provincial Government of this Province.

We have, in fact, presented our brief to the government which emphasized cooperation, cooperation which would put us in the realm of donor rather than recipient. However, this fact is not at question. All we are seeking is our just due. We are by no means afraid of Prince of Wales being a university, but we are afraid that the money that is due us will either be decreased or not given to us at all should the Provincial Government have to pour out fortunes to increase faculty, library facilities, build new science accommodations and purchase new equipment, which of course have to be done to raise the present site to facilitate students at the university level.

We have existed as an institution of higher learning for many years and have received little from the Government of Prince Edward Island to say the least, whereas other provinces have given amply to institutions of the exact same calibre.

The government now claims that it just does not have the money to give to St. Dunstan's, and that it is unaware of any future change in this situation. The question then remains, where will the Provincial Government get the money, which obviously will be needed for the proper operation of Prince of Wales on the college level? Again if any money is to be given them from the Province St. Dunstan's will either be passed by or the amount sought will be decreased.

It is agreed that some cooperation could be attained through the uniting of facilities of the two institutions being discussed.

Again, it must be emphasized that St. Dunstan's is not against Prince of Wales' status being raised to a degree-granting institution. All we would like out here is our just due. We have only petitioned the Provincial Government for funds twice. The first time no action was taken, and now, with the present situation at hand, it seems as though our second effort will be no more fruitful; we sincerely hope it will.

St. Dunstan's University has been doing an unquestionable service for Prince Edward Island for some one hundred and nine years. It has petitioned the Provincial Government only twice during its lifetime and still no action has been taken. Prince of Wales a degree granting institution? Fine. But we, too, would like our just due.

with a period of orientation of about four or five days around residential Montreal. During this time each member prepares for his particular role in the seminar: meets his companions, will learn the goals of the seminar in reference to the country and dissertations, prepared by each of the delegates previously, will be analyzed and discussed.

From Montreal the group will fly to Paris then will go on to Marseill where they will spend a couple of days before crossing the Mediterranean by boat to Algeria.

In Algeria the delegates will be given lectures by Algerian experts, reports on places of interest to visit and will discuss projects.

While keeping Algeria as a home base the entire group will travel to the Sahara for two or three days. One group will stay here for specific study while other groups will return to Algeria before fanning out into different regions of interest in the country.

The seminar proper will take place during the last two ensuing weeks at some city on the seacoast. After the completion of the seminar, delegates will have free time to take trips to countries of their choosing.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

FINAL EXAM

SCHEDULE

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