

Increased tuition due to Graduate Programs

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Other university administrators do not anticipate any great costs associated with the new graduate programs. Dr. Philip Smith, Dean of Arts, remarked that the programs pay for themselves. As an example, the MEd. program will not require any more full-time faculty positions.

Dr. Ed MacDonald, graduate coordinator for the Education department, agrees. Professors may have an overloaded schedule in order to teach graduate programs. Or professors may have instruct one less undergraduate course, and a sessional lecturer will fill the vacancy. Other solutions are in the works as well.

Smith commented that in professional programs such as the Bachelor and Masters of Education, sessionals can be a positive move. These sessionals would likely be professional teachers, and so the students would be taught by those who have practical ex-

perience in the field. The same situation often occurs in Law Schools, where many professors are practising lawyers.

For UPEI's MEd, the salary of the sessional lecturer is expected to be covered by the tuition charged for the MEd program. Extra library holdings needed for this graduate program would also come from this tuition source, giving an added benefit to students outside the program. MacDonald also commented that he did not expect tuition for undergraduates to rise as a result of the MEd program.

The Departments of Chemistry and Biology are also in the planning stages of a Masters of Science (MSc) program. Dr. Roger Gordon, Dean of Science, agrees that graduate programs will not cause undergraduate tuition to increase.

"I can't even see a linkage as to why that would be the case. I can't even understand why that would happen," stated Gordon.

Continuing his comments in the legislature, Gillan pointed out that science graduate students also bring increased funding through the research dollars they receive in grants. He also indicated that he did not want to see students faced with increased tuition.

Guptil expressed her concerns that high tuition would decrease accessibility to the University.

"I truly don't think students can afford higher tuition. And I'm just saying strongly that somehow, if the university can't absorb those costs . . . that you sir, will really do something to ensure that students will not see another increase in tuition fees for awhile," said Guptil.

Gillan asserted that he was concerned about students' costs as well. He made no references to increased funding to the University during the debate around the amendment to the University Act.

Irish at UPEI

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of Irish from his parents. His interest in the Irish language emerged when he took a course offered by a professor from St. Mary's University.

Following this course, he went to language school in the Irish county of Donegal (in Irish, *Dun na Gael*) where he became fully fluent in the language.

"I know an Ireland that [my family] does not know," O'Hare says. "I've met some wonderful, wonderful people in Donegal who speak Irish." He adds that the Irish language is quite different from English.

For instance, there is no such verb as "to have." If one wants to say in Irish "I have a coat," the direct translation is "There is a coat to me." O'Hare suggests that the Irish language--especially in the Irish-speaking districts, or *Gaeltacht*, in the northwest, west, and far south of the island of Ireland--is an anti-materialist force.

O'Hare has noticed an increase of interest in the Irish language, both on Prince Edward Island and in Ireland itself, probably driven by the increased prominence of Celtic music. Though he fears that the revival is a case of too little, too late, he thinks that the interest of his students is well-worth it. "Irish is a beautiful language."

O'Hare plans to offer a continuation to this semester's Irish course in the summer session.

Related Web Sites:

http://www.yahoo.ca/Regional/Countries/Ireland/Social_Science/Linguistics_and_Human_Languages/Irish/

This is Yahoo! Canada's classification for sites related to the Irish language. At last count, links to ten different sites are included on here.

<http://www.irelandseye.com/tradition/irishguide/irish.html>

"Beginner's Guide to the Irish Language"/"An Bhfuit Gaelige Agat"

This is a simple guide to basic written and spoken Irish.

<http://www.udaras.ie/home2.htm>

"Udaras na Gaeltachta"/"Gaeltacht Regional Development Authority"

This is the English-language home page of the Irish government ministry charged with subsidizing the *Gaeltacht*, or Irish-speaking districts, of Ireland.

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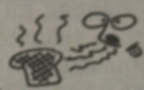
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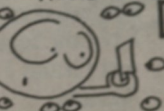
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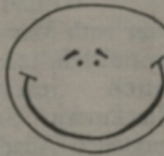
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