

Travel Talk



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BUSY BUSY BUSY

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by our "starting up again after summer" confusion.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and many people have already booked for flights home. Even if you have already booked with the airline, just let us know and we can arrange to have your ticket available in the Travel Office. This seems to be a very busy week-end so please be sure to book early to avoid disappointment. Stand-by doesn't look very promising at this point but we check the flights two days in advance to see how booked they are. **DON'T FORGET THAT you can get STUDENT STAND-BY TICKETS at the Travel Office.**

Many students have caught on to the Charter Class Fare that exists between most points in Canada. This allows for a substantial saving but you **MUST** book at least thirty days in advance and purchase your ticket no later than seven days after you have made reservations. The **PROBLEM** now is getting space for this special fare because only a certain number of seats are allotted for passengers flying at this reduced price and this limited number of seats are in great demand at Christmas. If you plan on travelling **CHARTER CLASS FARE AT CHRISTMAS YOU MUST BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Sample fares are: Fredericton to Vancouver RETURN Regular \$488.00 Charter Class \$275.00; Fredericton to Edmonton RETURN Regular \$424.00; Charter Class \$243.00

EASTERN PROVINCIAL AIRLINES have a similar fare called **FARE SHARE** to Montreal from Fredericton for \$80.00 return compared to a regular fare of \$116.00.

BOTH OF THE ABOVE FARES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING:

- Book at least **THIRTY** days in advance
- Pay for ticket at least seven days after reservations
- \$20.00 nonrefundable if you change or cancel
- you **MUST** return no sooner than seven and no longer than thirty days after commencement of travel.
- return reservations must be made at the same time you reserve your going flight.

If you have any questions about the above fares please give us a call at 453-3546 and remember to book early.

Parlez vous francais?

By PAM SAUNDERS

A certificate of Proficiency in French will be offered at UNBF and UNBSJ beginning spring of 1980. It will "attest to the marketable skills" of students who have finished a course of study in French, said UNBF Chairman of Romance Languages, Prof. R. Whalen. Students who have completed FREN 1200, 2200, 3200 and 4200, or equivalent courses, with a minimum grade of C, will be eligible to take comprehensive exams measuring their ability in speaking, listening, comprehension, reading comprehension, and writing, he said.

One practical consideration which encouraged the Department to develop the programme is the fact that employers are using competence in French as an important criteria in hiring procedures, stated Prof. Whalen. He gave the example that high school leaving tests in French are used by some employers as a factor in hiring. The public service community and the armed forces have offered bonuses to those who are bilingual, although these are in question due to recent budget cuts, according to Prof. Whalen.

Certain employers, he said, assume that applicants with French names are proficient in French, while others of English descent are not, but "what is important is not one's name or background, but competence in the language." The programme

was begun in an effort to "be just to those who have achieved a respectable degree of competence in French," stated Prof. Whalen, and is aimed mainly at Anglophone students who are not French majors, as well as the general public. People from the community have the advantage to receiving "recognition for their proficiency without having to take a degree," according to a memo to the Senate Curriculum Committee, April 17, 1978.

A certificate will be awarded only if the candidate passes each of the four sections, and competence in each area will be clearly marked on the student's transcript, with an A, B or C, said Prof. Whalen. The employer will then know the applicant's levels of skills in each area, and "what kind of upgrading" if any, is necessary, he stated. This will also benefit the student, who might otherwise overestimate his French skills in order to get a job, and then find that his level of competence is inadequate for the task, he said.

While in most cases students must take FREN 1200, 2200, 3200, and 4200 to be eligible for the certificate, certain exceptions will be made, said Prof. Whalen. He added that those who receive

advanced standing and enter directly into second or third year courses will continue to be eligible, as will those who take the Intensive Language Course 1230. Summer French courses will be considered "in lieu of regular courses," he stated.

When the programme gets underway, a student will be "encouraged to apply for admission to the certificate programme when he enrolls in FREN 1200," according to the memo to the Senate Curriculum Committee, April 17. Those enrolled in FREN 1200, 2200, and 3200 now are also eligible, and those now in 3200 will be the first group ready for testing in the spring of 1980, stated Prof. Whalen. He said that the certificate programme has been in formulation for about one year, and passed Senate July 7, 1978.

He said that so far, the response had been good, with a great many inquiries, and requests, for applications for admission.

He said that he was not aware of similar programmes in other universities, and that the certificate programme was not an imitation of other programmes. It was a response to a need found in Eastern Canada, and particularly New Brunswick.

St. Thomas University's Department of Religious Studies invites interested members of the public to view "The Long Search", in room 2 of the STU Administration Building beginning at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 21. The thirteen part series investigates the world's religions. Discussions will follow each telecast.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

The Board of Deans, which is responsible to the Board of Governors for disciplinary matters, has instructed me to bring this notice to the attention of all students. **STUDENTS ARE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, AND NO MEMBER OF SOCIETY IS ABOVE THE LAW.**

THEFT

The Board of Deans is concerned about several recent reports of theft of university property, and the property of individuals on campus, by students. It wishes to issue a clear warning that students, or others, found removing or in unauthorized possession of University property, including signs, furniture and other articles, or the property of individuals, may have criminal charges laid against them. This applies also to theft from the campus bookstore, or from lessees operating businesses on campus.

Conviction, even for the theft of minor articles, results in a criminal record which can have serious consequences in terms of careers. For example, a criminal record may be an obstacle to entry to the United States or other countries, and may prevent the holder from entering the Federal Civil Service.

The Board of Deans is aware that these acts are committed by only a few students, but trusts that this warning will prevent those few from endangering their careers by thoughtless, and usually silly thefts. **STEALING OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE REGARDED AS A PRANK.**

The removal of traffic signs, in addition to being an act of theft, is a cause of danger to others and will be treated as a serious matter.

DISORDERLY AND ROWDY CONDUCT

The Board of Deans also wishes to issue a clear warning that it will not tolerate disorderly or rowdy conduct, or bullying behaviour on campus.

Evidence of such behaviour may lead to disciplinary action, even to a recommendation for expulsion from the University. The rights of others must be respected.

VANDALISM

Damage to University property, and the property of other people, will also be treated as a serious offence, and if evidence is sufficient charges may be laid.

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