

R. DUFFY URGES BILINGUALISM

Professor Anderson and Gentlemen:

An area of my recent concern is that of bilingualism. As you are well aware, the federal government is in this country spending huge volumes of money in order to give civil servants an opportunity to learn both french & english.

I am particularly concerned about the fact that very few of our students are taking French in this university. I think it is the responsibility of all of us to indicate to students that, for all practical purposes, they are excluding themselves from many federal government positions in this country. As you are well aware, the federal government is the largest employer in the country, currently employing 445,156 people as of last June. In Ottawa, we have 75,000 civil servants employed by the federal government. In Halifax alone, there are 11,440 people employed by the federal government without including defense forces, Canadian National Railways or the National Harbours Board. For many important positions, a working knowledge of french and english is required. Actually, what many of our students are doing is simply cutting themselves off from many upper level positions in the federal - civil service. I think that this is tragic in itself



from an economic point of view, but I think that the cultural implications of not knowing french and english are also great.

I would appreciate if you would bring this to the attention of the individual professors in your department and as many students as possible. I think it is part of our educational respon-

sibility to bring these facts to the students' attention and encourage our students to aquire some fluency in french either by taking university courses or making altermate arrangements to learn french during the summer months in a different cultural enviornment.

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Saint Mary's Expands Summer Programme

The Office of Continuing Education at St. Mary's has announced that its traditional summer programme is being doubled in 1974 in response to increased demand for courses by both regular and mature students.

Both the number and the variety of courses are being increased, including third and fourth year courses as well as introductory level courses. Many are being offered in response to requests arising out of a survey of student interests conducted in 1973.

The course mix is being designed not only for regular students who wish to accelerate or enrich their normal programmes, but also for teachers, managers, technicians and other professional people who wish to bring their qualifications up to date, as well as for people who simply wish to raise their education level or pursue some particular interest.

Special arrangements are being made to serve the convenience of women who wish

to study and run a home at the same time.

Mature applicants are also being invited to start their degree programmes in the summer rather than wait till the fall.

A number of special activities are being planned, including a life drawing class and a history of modern art class to be given by American artist Shmuel Shapiro; a music appreciation course with piano workshops to be given by an internationally famous musician; and a newly developed course for the maritimes on the economy of the Atlantic Region.

Also being offered is a special interdisciplinary course on the relationship between human society and the environment which will involve a number of guests lecturers from various disciplines as well as a number of field trips. The consultant for this course is McGill biologist, Dr. John Spence, newly appointed member of the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, and Scientific Director, Special Task Force, Indians of Quebec Association.

New Course on Atlantic Economy

The Office of Continuing Education at Saint Mary's University has announced that, as part of its expanded summer program, Saint Mary's has developed a new course on the economy of the Atlantic region, to be offered for the first time this year during the period May 14 to June 28.

The course will survey the economic history of the Atlantic region, describe the economy of the area, and the major statistical indicators that reflect the present state of the Atlantic Provinces economy in the Canadian Confederation. Underlying regional economic difficulties will be discussed along with policies that have been tried to improve the economic performance in this area. These policies will be appraised. The course will be taught by a three-man team consisting of DR. E. Doak, Dr. B. Ebel and Rev. A. Hogan.