

UdeM claims 58% textbooks are "lamentable"

MONCTON (CUP) — The Université de Moncton (U de M) student union (FEUM) has recommended that the university almost completely ban English textbooks, courses and exams.

The report, in the February 28 issue of the FEUM weekly newspaper, *Le Front*, charged that it is almost mandatory for U de M students to have a good knowledge of English.

FEUM said that 31.5 percent of extension classes in 1976 were given in English, despite a university regulation limiting these to 20 percent.

"In order to safeguard the unilingual character of U de M," the report also asks that U de M stop teaching extension courses in English. It also asks that U de M end an agreement with the anglophone University of New Brunswick, which allows UNB to offer courses taught in English on the Moncton campus.

U de M regulations allow non-francophone students to ask for special permission to write exams and tests in English. FEUM charged that many students do so without this special permission. More than half (462 of 797) of

the textbooks used at U de M are in English. FEUM wants professors who want to use an English text to have to obtain written permission from their dean.

"Often the French version (of official ceremonies) is lamentable and full of anglicisms," while the English version is clearer and better written, the report contin-

ued, calling bilingualism "the cancer of French-Canadian society."

Recruiting almost unilingual anglophone professors "is by far the university's most reprehensible action." Faculty who speak bad French perpetuate the poor French of some students, and make it more difficult for students

to understand.

"The university tends to give itself a bilingual image, perpetuating the idea that everything serious happens in English, and that French is a language reserved for children, cooking, and church."

The report concluded with the request that the Acadian flag fly alongside other flags over U de M.

Anthro Society to Discuss Portuguese

The Anthropology Society of UNB, as part of their speaker series, is sponsoring an Anthropology Colloquium on Friday, March 18th at 4:00 p.m. in Carleton Hall, Room 217. Guest

speaker will be Twig Johnson of the University of Maine at Orono. He will be presenting a paper entitled, "Work Among Portuguese Fishermen: Toward a Model of Social Production."

Twig Johnson, while a student at Columbia University, studied cultural ecology under Andrew Peter Vayda. In 1970, he began

two years of fieldwork in a Portuguese fishing village, studying technological innovation in the fishing industry. He is an Assistant Professor at the University of Maine at Orono, previously taught briefly at Queen's College, New York.

Professor Johnson spoke at UNB in the spring of 1975. Rave revues were received for his last presentation and an excellent colloquium is expected on Friday. All students, faculty, and interested public are cordially invited to attend.

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