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For Immediate Release

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Donald Magee, assistant professor of economics at Salve Regina College, is planning to involve the Newport college in local tourism concerns and investigations.

His first step is a three-credit course, entitled "Economics of Tourism" which is scheduled for the Fall semester, on Tuesday evenings. Some topics to be investigated are travel research, economic impact study devices, origin and destination studies, and the examination of specific area development models. Particular emphasis will be placed on understanding the social changes that often accompany tourist development, and the multiplier effect of the tourist dollar.

Mr. Magee's goal is to involve both the local community and academic resources in their mutual concerns in area development.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Coalition for Aquidneck Resource Development, a group whose concerns encompass the development of tourism. He earned his B. A. degree at Stonehill College, where he majored in Economics, and his M. A. degree at Bridgewater State, where his thesis was concerned with tourism.

Presently a member of the faculty, he is assistant professor of economics, and director of the Law Enforcement program.

Hopefully, he says, the course will involve as many local people as possible, and may serve as a point of departure for other, more specific studies and actual data-gathering.

Increased tourism is held, by many, to be a viable alternative to Navy-related functions.

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