The chairman of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana said Tuesday the legislative auditor is incorrect in reporting that some of the money appropriated to CODOFIL for student scholarships was used for other purposes.

James Domengeaux said more than half of the amount questioned by the auditor was never received by CODOFIL.

Domengeaux made the statement in reaction to a story based on an audit of CODOFIL's financial records, and he expressed displeasure that the auditor's office made the report available to the press before giving him a chance to explain the discrepancies.

The audit of CODOFIL's books for the three years ending June 30, 1972 shows about $8,000 of the $60,000 appropriated by the Legislature for scholarships was used for other purposes. The $60,000 was dedicated by the Legislature to provide scholarships for Louisiana students to study in France and Canada and for foreign students of French descent to study in Louisiana.

Domengeaux said $5,100 of the money appropriated for scholarships was never received by CODOFIL because of administrative orders. The remainder of the money in question was used to pay expenses incurred in connection with the program, he said. He said he has asked CODOFIL's accountant to meet Legislative Auditor Joe Burris to resolve the discrepancy.