Will Take Part in Cultural Symposium

LAFAYETTE, La. - French born Dr. Jean-Paul Weber is one of the 13 lecturers who will be in Lafayette for a symposium, “France and North America Festival: Three Centuries of Dialogue,” April 26-30 on the University of Southwestern Louisiana campus.

The event is under the sponsorship of the Institute for French Studies of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, the USL Union, and the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana.

Lectures, luncheons, movies, sightseeing, a ballet, an art exhibit in the USL Union Art Gallery, a tea by the Louisiana Colonial of New Iberia, Wine Tasting, and a Reader’s Theatre of the “Mad Woman of Chaillot,” are scheduled.

Dr. Weber will speak on “New Criticism and Nouvelle Critique: A Comparison” at 10 a.m. April 26. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Weber studied at the Sorbonne and received an “aggregation” in philosophy and a doctorate in “lettres.” He taught at the University of Lille, Paris, Bryn Mawr College, and City University of New York’s Graduate Center. He was a visiting professor at the University of Montreal and has lectured all over the U.S. and Canada.

He holds France’s highest military honor “the Croix de Guerre” and is a laureat of the Academie Francaise.

His published works include an article on Poe in “Poe: A Collection of Critical Essays;” and the following books: “La Psychologie de L’Art,” “Genese de L’Oeuvre Poetique,” “Domaines Thematiques,” “La Constitution du Texte des Regulae,” “Neo-Critique et Pale-o-Critique,” “Stendhal. Les Structures Thematiques de L’Oeuvre et du Destin,” and “Meurtre a L’Observatoire et L’Orient Extreme.”

Currently Dr. Weber is writing a book on Sartre and Bergson.