French Symposium Begins In City

Events of the week - long "France and North America: Over Three Hundred Years of Dialogue Festival" got underway on the University of Southwestern Louisiana campus Tuesday.

Distinguished speakers from around the world are in Lafayette for the event which is co-sponsored by USL, the USL Union and the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana.

Outgrowth of Institute

Dr. Ray Authement, USL academic vice president, at the banquet Tuesday evening at Maison Acadienne said the program is the culmination of plans made two years ago and is an outgrowth of USL's Institute of French Studies. Plans are to have the Festival as an annual event. Dr. Authement added that it was felt that the type of people who could move the French language in this area to a place of prominence could be attracted here for the program.

Visitors and guests at the banquet included: Francois Barat, representative of the consul-general of France at New Orleans; Leo LeBlanc, representative of the Province of Quebec in Louisiana; Allain Delso, representative of the French cultural attache for Louisiana; Sam Wilson, noted New Orleans architect; and Professors John F. McDermott, University of Southern Illinois; Richard Switzer, San Bernardino State College; Paul Stplin, LSU; Forrest Williams, University of Colorado; Eric Rau, Nice, France. The Festival is co-sponsored by USL, the USL Union and the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana.

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Rau, Nice, France; Claude Galarneau, Laval University; Eugen Weber, University of California at Los Angeles; William Eccles, University of Toronto.

Faculty Members

Also present were members of the faculty and administration of USL and James Domen...