PRESIDENT FLETCHER HONORED BY FRANCE

The French government has notified President Joel L. Fletcher of Southwestern Louisiana Institute that he has been awarded membership in the French Legion of Honor of that nation with the rank of Chevalier.

The high honor, which is for either distinguished civil or military service to France, was given to Mr. Fletcher for his efforts in creating better understanding and cooperation between France and the United States in the intellectual field.

Formal presentation of the award will be made by Lionel Vasge, French Consul general at New Orleans, in a public ceremony in Burke Hall on the Southwestern campus on the evening of January 12.

Last year Mr. Fletcher was awarded the Reconnaissance Francaise, or Medal of Gratitude, by the Ministry of Education of France, because of his work in making possible exchange students between the colleges of the two countries.