Summer French Exchange Expands

Because of ever increasing demand the CODOFIL program in Quebec this summer is expanded in the 16-year-old and over category to two additional campuses. In its fifth year, the program at Jonquiere this year takes in the the nearby campuses of Alma and St. Felicien. The program at Riviere-du-Loup, in its second year, is reserved for 14 and 15-year-olds.

Of the Jonquiere program, situated 120 miles north of Quebec City in lovely Lake St. John area, gateway to the vast and mysterious north, James Redfern, Chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages, Louisiana State University, said:

"It is particularly well suited to our high school students, many of whom have never spent any significant time away from home. The set-up at Jonquiere is more effective. Because the Quebecois are more attuned to the needs of youngsters of American background and upbringing. At the same time, there is no compromise with academic standards: students are exposed to linguistic and cultural situations, in French, which are absolutely authentic."

Of the Riviere du-Loup program, situated 110 miles northeast of Quebec City on the south shore of the majestic St. Lawrence River, on the doorstep to the grandiose Gaspe Peninsula, Ruth Grant, French teacher at Mandeville High School said:

"It is one of the nicest summers that can be spent. The children enjoy learning French and participating in the activities. The mornings are spent in classroom activities and the afternoons are usually devoted to sports and activities. All weekends, except the one in Quebec City, are spent in the open air, hiking, etc. The French classes are taught by highly qualified French native professors and the students really improve their French as they have the opportunity to use it daily."

French-Speaking

The populations of both regions are French-speaking in their entirety.

Total cost is $475.00 at Jonquiere and $450.00 at Riviere-du-Loup. Low cost is made possible by a substantial grant from the Quebec Government's Ministry of Education. The one-month CODOFIL program is a joint endeavor between the Louisiana and Quebec Governments spanning all levels of language training in French and giving college credits for Louisiana students, teachers and other professional and non-professional people. It is endorsed by the Academic Advisory Board comprising all Heads of Foreign Languages of the State's colleges and universities and designed to counsel CODOFIL.

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