French symposium at USL April 26-30

A symposium of French Studies April 26-30 under the sponsorship of the USL Institute of French Studies, the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, and the USL Union will provide one more effort in the recognition of the French Heritage of this area. The “France in North America--Three Centuries of Dialogue Symposium” will point out the reciprocal influences of France and America. The event will be inter-disciplinary and will include history, literature, political science, law and art history. Some of the most noted scholars in these areas of study in the United States and Canada will appear as lecturers.

The program will include a variety of activities. In addition to the lectures there will be pertinent movies, a ballet by the Acadian Ballet Company, a fashion show by the USL Mamselles, a tea given by the Louisiana Colonials of New Iberia and a crayfish boil by James Domengaux.

Also presented will be the USL Speech Department’s Reader’s Theatre of an excerpt of the “Mad Woman of Chaillot,” and art exhibits at the Lafayette Art Center and the USL Union Art Gallery.