USL Professor To Audit Bilingual Program

A University of Southwestern Louisiana professor of French, Dr. Gerard St. Martin, has been selected to serve as audit consultant for the bilingual French - English program at Alice Boucher Elementary School in Lafayette.

During this month and in January, St. Martin will examine the French language materials developed by and being used in the bilingual project of the school.

He will note the appropriateness of level for pupil population; the soundness of curriculum development procedures; whether the adequateness of pilot testing, with any necessary modification, is being achieved; whether the teachers are capable and effective in teaching the materials; and whether the pupils enjoy and learn from the materials.

St. Martin will also hold interviews with French-speaking parents of the children in the Bilingual Project.

The USL professor said a written report over the curriculum and community involvement matters will be completed by Feb. 7.

Auditing is concerned with verification of what the project states it will do and what it is doing. It is also concerned with curriculum, instruction, staff development, community involvement, management and overall evaluation.

Auditing also involves the making of recommendations for improvement or correction to the project; the ability to interact with the French-speaking members of the staff, including French teachers, classroom teachers, bilingual specialists and the community; discerning whether or not the project is developing appropriate materials; and whether or not it is accruing favorable reactions in the community.