USL Professor Studies at French School

James F. Geraghty, cataloger and assistant professor of Library Science at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, was one of the group from the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana who spent five weeks at Jonquiere in Quebec participating in the School of French Studies there.

Geraghty was high in his praise of the program which provided him two-fold benefits. The USL librarian said he had a reading knowledge only of French prior to his going to Quebec. The time spent there provided him with audio-visual exposure to French; an opportunity to be in a completely French atmosphere with all instruction and conversation in French and the opportunity to live with a French family for a week at Saint Felicien. He attended the College for General and Professional Education.

In addition to his intensive exposure to conversational French, Geraghty said, “Being with young people both in the class and in living situations was a very valuable experience for me.”

There were some 67 people from Louisiana in attendance as well as about 14 English speaking Canadians from Canada and the maritime provinces, Geraghty said.