

Offering students a French connection

By HOLLY YOUNG
Staff Writer

Many UNC students are discovering French culture and earning credit toward graduation by participating in the UNC Year at Montpellier Program, which offers opportunities for education and personal growth.

Catherine Maley, a French professor who has been the director of the Montpellier program since 1980, said studying abroad is a wonderful opportunity for students who want to continue their education and experience life in a different culture.

"You will not be the same person you were when you left to go abroad," she said.

The program involves a nine-month stint at the Universite Paul Valery in Montpellier, which is located in the southern part of France near the Mediterranean.

The Montpellier program, which has been offered since 1975, is unique because students take regular French university courses rather than courses taught in English that are designed for Americans. This allows the students to become an integral part of the university life in France, Maley said.

Due to the academic requirements and demands placed on students, a solid background in spoken and written French is essential. Two or three courses in French beyond a

fourth semester are required, and Maley said it was also a good idea to take a French course that involves reading.

The program is competitive, with a B average required for applicants. Because of the strict requirements, students rarely have academic problems while in France, Maley said. In fact, many students come back to Chapel Hill with improved GPAs.

"You will be much more marketable after having this experience," Maley said.

It is not feasible for a student who has problems in French to apply for the program, Maley said, because those problems would be magnified. But most students who participate in the program are not French majors.

Montpellier's culture is a classic blend of the old and new, including discos, futuristic shopping centers and fast food places along with among ancient Roman ruins and narrow cobblestone streets lined with pastry shops and boutiques.

Many students find Montpellier particularly appealing because it is about 10 kilometers away from the beaches and the clear waters of the Mediterranean. Ski resort areas are also fairly close by.

Montpellier also has an active culture with many theaters, an art museum and concert halls.

As in most university towns, bicycling is a popular and easy way to

get around the almost-too-narrow streets of Montpellier. Transportation across town and around Europe is never a problem, with buses, trains and airport readily accessible.

Students can choose from a variety of living arrangements while studying in Montpellier, which a housing coordinator organizes for them. Students may live on or off campus, in a dormitory, with a family or in an apartment.

Each arrangement has its advantages, depending upon the student's personal preferences and interests.

Dormitory life is less expensive, and it enables a student to experience French university life firsthand and to interact with French students on a more personal level.

On the other hand, living with a French family can ease the loneliness and homesickness, and students can experience the French culture through home life. Amy Shaw, a senior English major from Sanford who participated in the Montpellier program, stayed with a family in a village about six kilometers from the Universite Paul Valery.

"They regarded me as a boarder in their house, which was hard for me to adjust to at first," Shaw said.

But Shaw spoke enthusiastically about her experience and said some low points are always to be expected.

Students do have many adjustments to make, and some will adjust better than others, Maley said. For instance, students who live in dormitories learn that French students are more private than Americans, and the dormitories are definitely more quiet than those at UNC.

Perhaps the biggest adjustment for students is their increased independence. The UNC program presents many academic and personal options to students, and it is up to them to take advantage of their opportunities. Students are basically on their own.

Any student interested in the Montpellier Program can pick up information and applications in 239 Dey Hall, and a videotape about the program is available at the Undergraduate Library.

Scholarships and financial aid are available for students participating in the program. Those students who are eligible and want financial assistance should apply for aid even before they are accepted into the program.

Though the competition for acceptance into the program is stiff and the prospect of living in a foreign country may be a bit frightening, students who have participated agree that there is no better way to get a taste of French life and experience the culture firsthand.

'Fatigue Syndrome' has doctors puzzled

By JIM MOCK
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Some of America's youth could be under attack by a puzzling virus that has no known cause or cure, and its victims claim it causes a chronic and sometimes almost paralyzing fatigue.

The "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome" or "Yuppie Flu" is still a very controversial illness. Some skeptics say the disease is overdiagnosed, and some claim that the disease does not exist and that the causes of the symptoms are psychosomatic.

Some physicians believe that the Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV), the same virus that causes infectious mononucleosis, may also cause this long-lasting infection that exhausts its victims with severe fatigue and listlessness.

Dr. Janet Fischer, professor of infectious disease at the UNC School of Medicine, said she felt that available evidence on EBV suggested that this complex, chronic mono-like syndrome or "Yuppie Flu," was very rare.

Fischer said she has treated hundreds of students with mono in the past, and none have developed this chronic mono or fatigue.

"The data which supports the idea of chronic fatigue from EBV is complicated and comes from anecdotal (isolated) reports of chronic mononucleosis," Fischer said.

But in 1984, private physicians in Lake Tahoe discovered patients suffering from a mono-like illness who complained of fatigue, weariness, sporadic fevers and muscle aches long after their initial mono infection had cleared up, Fischer said.

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Some of the 200 patients with this unusual illness recovered, some got better but did not totally recover and a third of them continued to experience the symptoms.

"This led doctors to believe that they had found a new form of EBV which could cause long-lasting fatigue in its victims," Fischer said. "However, bloodwork done on that group by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta did not adequately establish that EBV was the cause of these long-term symptoms."

Fischer said that "Yuppie Flu" caused by EBV might be a real illness, but it probably only affected people with immunity problems caused by other diseases.

Rare cases of mono lasting months to years following the initial infection have been reported, Fischer added. However, physicians found that the patient often had other diseases such as leukemia, AIDS or other types of tumors, which hinder the body's ability to fight off EBV viral infections, he said.

People who support the theory that the Epstein-Barr Virus induces this chronic fatigue illness argue that EBV is a member of the herpes family of viruses along with herpes simplex (the cause of oral and genital herpes) and varicella (the cause of chicken pox and shingles). These viruses are well known in medicine for their ability to cause relapsing infections years after patients get the initial infection.

Eek-A-Mouse scores in Cradle concert

Sunday night Eek-A-Mouse treated the audience at Cat's Cradle to some post-Super Bowl entertainment, reggae style.

Named for a race horse, this 6-foot-6-inch performer delighted a rather disappointingly small crowd with authentic Jamaican reggae. A French Town native, Eek-A-Mouse came into the public eye with a dynamic performance at the 1981 Sunsplash festival, and his most notable single is the chart-topping "Wa Do Dem." Although the 30-year-old star failed to appear in one of his outlandish costumes — such as a Mexican,

Scott Cowen Concert

Robin Hood or a Vietnamese sporting a coolie hat — he captured the crowd with humorous expressions and call-and-response techniques.

More of a dub-poet than a true singer, Eek-A-Mouse, who is sometimes called "the Al Jarreau of reggae," sang in a scat-like style. He has coined the term "sing-jay" to

describe this combination of toasting (Jamaican-style D.J. rap) and his unique high-pitched nasal sounds. While "skanking" around the stage, "the Mouse" challenged the crowd to repeat a series of non-word phrases. The audience rose to the challenge and was rewarded by the star saying, "I don't believe it... so many Eek-A-Mouses out there."

The crowd was rather small, but that should have been expected on Super Bowl Sunday. Also the performance was not spectacular, but "the Mouse" will surely be remembered for his stage rapport and

peculiar singing style which many times seemed to mock a drum machine.

The show was short, just over an hour, and the Love Masters, the band that was supposed to open, failed to show. The show's brevity may be blamed on the crowd's not-so-frenzied responses to Eek-A-Mouse's questions, "Do ya wan' me to stay?" and "Do ya wan' me to go?" The audience left contented, however, and Eek-A-Mouse, who promised to return, should be treated to a much larger turnout for his next area gig.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services, and student organizations officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submitted on the Campus Calendar form by NOON one business day before the announcement is to run.

Tuesday

- 2 p.m. Carolina Union Activities Board will hold a question and answer meeting for students interested in applying for the 1988-89 Carolina Union presidency.
- 3 p.m. American Advertising Federation members are invited to learn to use the Macintosh computers in 201 Howell Hall until 5 p.m. AAF will be using the Macintosh on competition entries.
- 3:30 p.m. English Department

- 4:30 p.m. will have a meeting for prospective English majors in 222 Greenlaw. Career Planning and Placement Services will offer a panel on careers in publishing in 210 Hanes.
- 5 p.m. Students for Brian Lewis will meet in Union 205. Psychology Club will meet in 112 Davie. All welcome.
- 5:30 p.m. Carolina Fever will sponsor a Dunk Contest in Woolen Gym. Bring your student ID, registration card and athletic passes.
- 5:45 p.m. Anglican Student Fellowship will have its weekly fellowship night at Chapel of the Cross. Dinner is \$2, \$7 for T-shirts.
- 6:30 p.m. Order of the Bell Tower will meet in Union 205.
- 7 p.m. NCSL will meet in the Union. A special forum is planned. Dillon School Program for volunteers wishing to assist juvenile offenders in a maximum security prison will meet in the Union.

Items of Interest

Women's Lacrosse Club will practice at 4 p.m. on Finley Fields Monday through Thursday, Feb. 1-4, weather permitting. Student Government All Campus Candidates Forum will be Feb. 7. If you have a question you'd like to ask the candidates for student body president, please deposit your question in the marked folder at the Union desk.

Graduation Applications from all seniors graduating in May are due Feb. 10. Student Government Tutoring Program applications are available in Suite C of the Union or at the Union desk. Deadline is Feb. 19. Workshops for sophomores' major declaration week will be held on Feb. 2, 3:30-5 in Nash Hall, and Feb. 3, 2:30-4 in Nash Hall. The Phoenix is accepting applications for editor and business manager through Feb. 8. Come by the Phoenix office for info.

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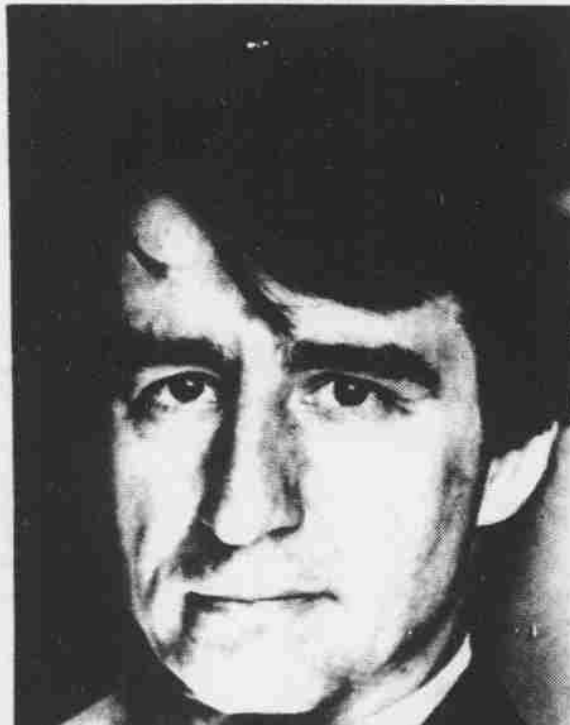
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