

Local girl going to school in France

By Ken Lusk
The News

Some people go elsewhere for educational insight and that is exactly what Terrace Bay girl Julie Kenney is doing now.

As part of the Foundation for Foreign Studies, Kenney is spending this school year in Europe- France to be more specific.

She is staying with a young couple and their children.

Kenney said many Europeans stay in Canada as part of the same program.

To be accepted, Kenney said, she had to go through a rigorous selection process; a large part was based on high school marks.

The process also involved getting letters of recommendation, filling out a four-page application form, writing a autobiography in French and having a telephone interview.

She had to get a VISA from the French Consulate to travel there. Kenney is not allowed to work, drive or marry; she can do things like babysit or tutor.

While in France, she is attending a secondary school which is called a *lycee* or college.

Fluent in French

Kenney said one reason she wanted to experience education in another country was because "there is a different perspective on education in a different place."

"For example, other countries have a different view of wars. I also want to become fluent in French again," she said. "It was also be exciting to go to Europe to see it."

Kenney left Terrace Bay in August and she will return in June of 1988 after her school year.

Culture camp

For the first three weeks of her experience Kenney was to stay at a culture camp (in a castle one hour from Paris)- sort of a youth hostel.

There she took French training and learned about French culture.

Culture camp is intended to ensure a smooth transition and a successful exchange year.

Each day of the camp is filled with intensive language instruction, lectures, discussions, and group activities.

During this period, Kenney learned about the school system, society, religion, and family life, just to get started.

In Taiwan

Kenney has done this type of thing before when she stayed in Taiwan in 1985 for two months.

She stayed the summer as part of an exchange program. Kenney said she had classes there in Mandarin and Chinese.

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Parlez-vous francais?

Julie Kenney, above, is now attending school in France as part of an exchange program. One reason she wanted to do that was to become more fluent in French. Another reason was to see the world from a different country's perspective.

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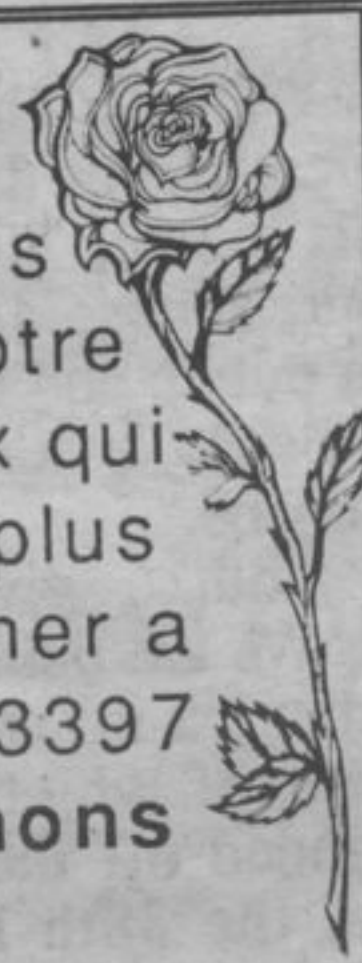
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