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FRENCH HOUSE WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON

WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

A French house will be established on the campus of Waterloo Lutheran University for third and fourth year honours students, WLU president Dr. William J. Villaume announced.

The project is designed to acquaint students with French customs and to develop fluency and confidence in speaking the language.

The two-storey house at the southern end of the campus will be furnished in French style to accommodate up to twelve students. It will provide French cooking, newspapers and periodicals.

"We believe that this is the first residence of its kind to be established on a Canadian university campus, and hope that it will be a tangible contribution to bicultural understanding," Dr. Villaume said.

Dr. Neale H. Tayler, chairman of the university's department of romance languages, said that students will be pledged to the exclusive use of French on the premises.

He added: "Here they will have a better opportunity than in the more formal atmosphere of the classroom to discuss and argue the affairs and problems of daily life in a language other than their own.

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"This is the most effective method of helping students to project themselves into another culture, which is the essence of understanding another nation."

If the project proves successful the university plans to open other language houses on the campus.