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French students make themselves at home at Central

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Bristol Central High School has had a Gallic flair for the past two weeks as students from France have taken up temporary residence in New England.

Twenty-two students, 14- and 15-years-old, from Lycee Jean Monnet, a school from a village 30 miles west of Paris, are visiting Bristol as part of a student exchange program.

Loise Leleve, one of the students visiting Bristol, said she wanted to come to the United States "to make lots of friends and to learn about (the Bristol students') way of life."

"We would like to know how Americans live," said Anthony Knoerr, "and to visit New York, a very famous city, and to learn English."

"It's a very famous city," repeated Steven Kries, as he spoke of New York. "I want to climb the Empire State building."

Gael Manescau, a teacher from Lycee Jean Monnet accompanying the class, said the students all have been studying English for the past five years. In France, he said, English is the primary foreign language taught in the schools.

"I wanted to increase my English," Anthony Mauclere said when asked what he wanted to learn while in Bristol. Elia Esquerre echoed Anthony's response.

Anthony also said, "I wanted to see places I see on TV."

Elia said, "(I want) to visit the cities and to have a good time."



MIKE CHAIKEN

Students from Lycee Jean Monnet, a school in France, gather at their welcome breakfast March 27 at Bristol Central High School. The students were in the United States for a two week exchange program.



LYNN ALLEN

The students from Lycee Jean Monnet enjoy lunch at the New England Carousel Museum on March 28 to cap their tour of the city.

“

(I want) to make lots of friends.

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Loise Leleve,
a student from France

ered the American way of life and seem to enjoy it," said Manescau.

Asked to comment on the differences between France and United States, Arthur said, "In France, the homes have a personality... They are all different." But in America, the homes all have a similar look.

Also, Loise said, "There are very few French flags (at home). Here, (American flags) are everywhere."

"French people are less patriotic than Americans," Steven said.

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While in the United States, Manescau said the students had several field trips planned in addition to the visit to Bristol. They will visit New York City. But they also had trips planned to Boston and the University of Connecticut in Storrs. "All places of interest," said Manescau.

Just a day after they arrived on March 26,

Manescau said, "The one thing that surprised (the students) is everything is larger, everything is big in the United States."

Manescau said all the things they see in movies about the United States, such as yellow cabs in New York City, they have now seen.

"They're having a good time... They have discov-

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