

German defeated

Spanish gets off the ground

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Two foreign languages were offered this fall term, Spanish and German. The German class didn't get off the ground. A minimum of ten students are required to run a class and there were only eight students who signed up for the German curriculum.

Dr. Curtis Davis, dean of instruction, has the final say in whether or not there are a sufficient number of students to run a course. "I would have liked to see at least fifteen or sixteen students minimum [to start the class]," Davis said.

Reinforcing Davis's comments, Sonya Titus, Humanities Department chair, stated, "Being a new class, we probably

would have let it go the first semester but because it's a language that has a second semester attached to it, and some students would probably drop, then you're getting into a situation where you might have a class of five or six the second semester which would make it economically a bad choice for the college."

Davis explained, "In some cases if that's a class that's needed for graduation and it's in sequence then we might run it with a low number," Davis explained. "Actually, I'm delighted that we even got one language off the ground. We have a strong class in Spanish. There are 22 students in that class. I was glad to see we at least got one. We'll probably try German again."

Dr. Priscilla Homola, En-

glish instructor, was to teach the new German course.

"I felt very sad about [the loss of the class]," she said. "I grieved about it a little bit; [there were] a couple of days where I was really kind of depressed because I had geared up for this so much and I was really excited about it. I had studied this summer on linguistics and language teaching, and I learned some new techniques for language teaching so I was excited about teaching. . . I'm sorry it fell through."

Devon Canode was one of the students who had signed up for German this term. He wanted to take the class for transfer credit even though he has already taken four years of the language in high school, and he was disappointed to see the class cancel out.

According to the 1990 U.S. census, there are 1,547,000 German speaking households and 17,339,000 Spanish speaking households in the United States.

Worldwide, German is ranked twelfth among the most commonly spoken languages with 98 million native speakers and 120 million speakers total. Spanish is ranked fourth with 326 million native speakers and 371 million speakers total.



Chuck Tetzlaff does one of his daily checks on the NRC garden which he has maintained for the past several years.

Photo by Jennifer Weinkauf

Tetzlaff beautifies campus

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The next time you enter the Natural Resources Center through the doors next to the parking lot, why not take the time to stop and smell the roses? Well, they may not be roses, but at least take advantage of the pretty flowers just outside the NRC.

For the past four or five years, Chuck Tetzlaff, director of learning resources, has maintained the level of beauty outside the NRC by planting an assortment of flowers. He began doing this after bushes that were planted where his garden is now, died. The bushes were removed, and the area was left lifeless.

Tetzlaff decided then to change this by taking matters into his own hands. When Tetzlaff stepped in he had little gardening experience, but he wanted

to make one area of the campus a little brighter.

With an array of bulbs, flowers and topsoil, Tetzlaff created what has essentially become his garden.

A daily maintenance and a watchful eye from Tetzlaff go into the upkeep of the area. One thing upsetting to Tetzlaff is people who use his garden as an ashtray or a final resting place for bubble gum. But the occasional careless person doesn't stop him from keeping part of ACC beautiful.

Now, with a lot of motivation from Tetzlaff's garden, there are flowers planted at various spots all around the campus.

So if you ever see trash scattered among the flowers, take an extra second or two to pick it up and dispose of it properly. After all, we've seen that one person can make a difference -- why can't it be you?

As health awareness has grown in our society, an increasing number of local women have become interested in competitive running.

In an effort to assist both novice and experienced female runners in the area, Monica Bushey is making an effort to start a women's running club. The club's goals are to provide group support to women who want to maintain a training program and to encourage women to get started in the sport.

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