

European flavor accents language fair



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Who saw or participated in the Foreign Language Fair and didn't like it? I assume that the above mentioned is close to an impossibility.

According to Carlotta Holley, a Spanish instructor at The College who was involved in many facets of the fair, it was "quite successful." She went on to say "Some things could be better for next year such as...the fuses blew up, and we will learn from that!"

"The entertainment wasn't centralized enough; and a raised

stage will probably solve that for next year. The communications system was rather bad," Holley said.

Holley's opinion is pretty much consensus in the foreign language department. There were also many, or possibly just a few, comments from students as to the lack of a good performing area.

Financially, the event fared well. The ethnic foods, such as empanadas and mousse au chocolat, sold out demands for more. The students from the foreign language classes donated all of the food that was sold.

Holley said that the high school teachers who brought their classes to the fair to perform in liked it very much.

"The students seemed to enjoy all of the performances tremendously," she said.

In the past, the fair has taken place over three days. This year, the fair was only a one day affair. Holley liked the idea of having the three groups together, on the same day, but felt it needs to be better organized in the future.

The can-can dance was terrifically exotic. The singing was

back in a corner, and thus was particularly hard to hear. All of the tables were hopping with customers. All in all, the fair was fun--but more high school students were present to enjoy than students of the College.

One thing--there are quite a few foreign language tee-shirts that weren't sold. They are available up at the foreign language dept. The cost is \$5 for French, and German shirts.

If you missed the fair, it promises to be even more exciting next year. The weather might fare better and the organization will be better.

