

Germans experience American culture at Clackamas

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As part of an exchange program, German students from Hanover have come to Clackamas' classrooms for three weeks, April 10-30, to experience American campus life.

The exchange program with *Berufsbildende Schule 5*, a technical school located in Hanover, was first established two years ago and is the only official German exchange program on campus. It gives American as well as German students the opportunity to get to know one another's culture.

"I think this year's group is very outstanding," said German Instructor Dick Stones. "The students that come over from Germany are very well prepared. They know better than our students what they want to do concerning their future."

Every spring, a group of German students along with two teachers come to Clackamas for three weeks. In the summer, American students go to Germany where they stay for a month.

"We had about six different teachers from Germany visiting Clackamas," said Stones. "When we go over there, it's usually just David Miller and me. This year, the German teachers are kind of like the students. One of them is 32 years old. A secretary here at Clackamas thought he was a stu-



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As part of an exchange program, Clackamas is hosting German students from Hanover for three weeks. The students will be touring the college as well as touring Oregon's countryside. In return, American students will be going to Germany in the summer.

dent." Teachers as well as students are enjoying the exchange program though some parts of American culture are hard to get used to for the German students.

"People are very friendly to us. We like it here a lot but the food is not that easy to get used to. It

contains so much sugar and fat," said Ernst Barkhoff, German teacher.

According to Brian Petro, German club president, having two German students live at his house is a good experience.

"The German students are funny. I host two of them. Last week, we

took them to Costco. They just walked in, stood there and stared at the ceiling thinking 'oh my God, so much food'," he said. "It was pretty hilarious. They wanted to buy milk and then they realized that it comes in a six-gallon container."

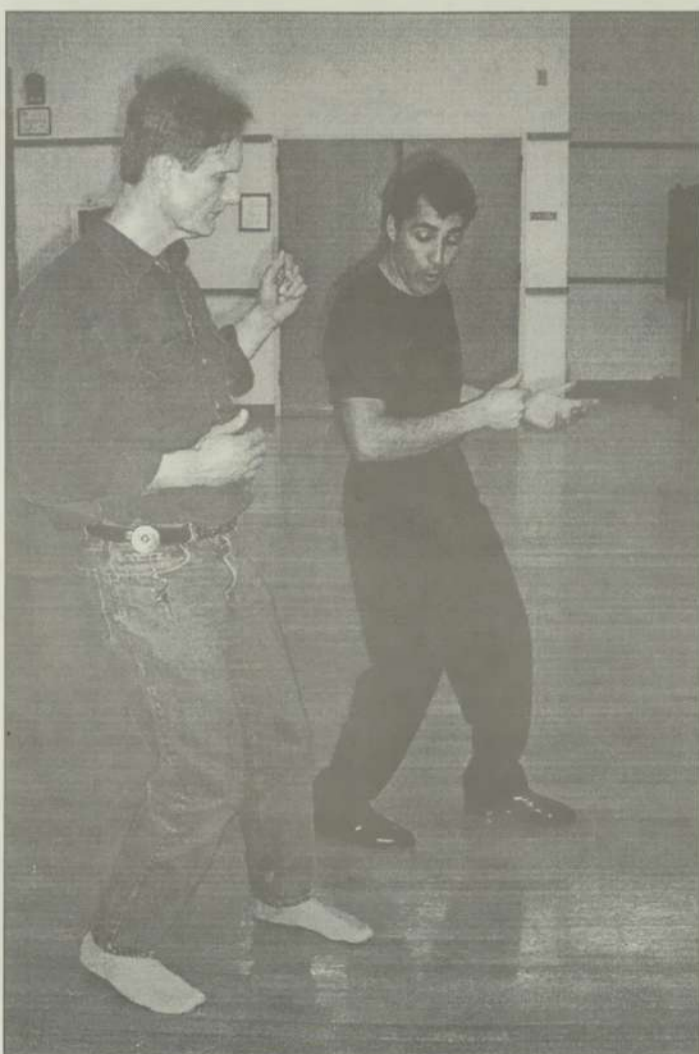
Activities for the German stu-

dents are provided, including trips to Mount Hood, Multnomah Falls and the Columbia River.

"We toured different departments of the college and we saw some of Oregon's countryside," said Barkhoff. "Every day we get to see something new."

Student teaches how to dance with beat

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Rene Nunez (right), ESL student and dance teacher, shows David Miller, Spanish instructor, how to salsa dance.

A new Salsa class is being offered on campus every Friday during spring term from 1-2 p.m. giving students the opportunity to experience Latin America's beat in a special way.

Rene Nunez, ESL student and dancer, is teaching the class for \$6 an hour.

"People can come between 1-2 p.m., pay \$6, and get one hour of Salsa lessons. It's a very good price since usually you pay up to \$50 for Salsa lessons," explained Nunez.

Nunez, who studied various dances in Chile including

Salsa, Rumba and the Tango, enjoys his work at Clackamas.

"I like giving dance lessons. I teach people even if they show up 30 minutes late, but I don't have the time to learn their names," Nunez said.

In his home country of Chile, Nunez, who started dancing at the age of eight, is a dance champion.

"The music is in my blood. My mother used to be a champion in Tango," he said.

Patricia Dunn, an ESL student who helps Nunez promote his dance lessons, enjoys his class.

"A lot of people don't even know about this class but it's a lot of fun," she said.

For more information about the class, contact Spanish Instructor Irma Bjerre, x2381.

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Salsa lessons are offered every Friday, 1-2 p.m., in the Gregory Forum.

