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NINTH ANNUAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE DECLAMATION CONTEST

The ninth annual Foreign Language Declamation Contest was held this year on Saturday, November 10. Three hundred forty-one high school students from South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia, representing 47 public and private schools, recited poetry/prose selections in this year's competition, the largest one yet. Engraved plaques went to the 44 first place winners in the various groupings in French, German, Latin and Spanish. Books, records, posters and realia were given as prizes to winners of second and third places.

The faculty of the Department of Languages was out in full force to keep the contest running smoothly. However, without the very capable help of over 50 Clemson language students, the contest could not have taken place. The following students helped at the contest:

Prompters: Pam Roe, Joey Mancino, Susan Hooper, John Hall, Lenora Hardee, Danielle Lafitte (French); Ray Shigley, Diane Boyle (German); John S. Bayne (Latin); Nancy King, Peggy Pollock, Lisa Heller (Spanish).

Waiting Room Supervisors: Pam Gibson, Karen Thomason, Laura White, Beth Taylor, Ellen Cardone, Donna Fowler, David Fleck, Elizabeth Lee, Charlie Noyes, Sanna Riddle, Theresa Stewart; Doug Massingill, Jill Crocker.

Refreshments: Melanie Leard, Donna Choplin, Cheryl Wine.

Prizes: Vicki Bryan, Mark Clement, Elaine James, John Johnson.


Floor Supervisor: Beth Spivey;
Messages: Pat Hamilton.

FLES

Advanced students in Spanish, French and German are offering again this semester free instruction in foreign languages to area students from the elementary and middle schools. Classes meet one afternoon a week and are offered at no charge to the students.

Clemson University students who have graciously offered their time and talents as teachers during the fall semester include the following: German: Carmen Burch, Susanne Freytag, Joe Wofford, James Branch. Spanish: Susan Youngblood, Janet Thomas, Rachel Moccia, Linda Dowie, Ann Bradbury, Timmi Moulbrooke and Jeanne New. French: Linda Wooten, Jane Fister, Suzi Hooper, Nancy Hollingsworth.

Mr. Jerry Whitmire and Mrs. Jane Rouse are the faculty members in
RUSSIAN CLUB

The Russian Club booth has become a tradition during Organization Day. As usual, a steady flow of students and faculty came to the booth to chat with the members. This year's gastronomical attraction consisted of "piroshki" and raspberry squares baked by Liz Coykendall.

The demonstration dinner at the Language House featured the Russian version of a shepherd's pie. The dinner was followed by a sing-along in Russian. The members learned several songs and played Russian singing and "kissing" games.

In line with the lively activities of this semester, the club presented a Soviet movie, "Private Ivan Brovkin," which may be viewed as the Russian version of "Gomer Pyle."

The officers of the Russian Club for this year are Steven Milam, president; Julie Berly, vice president; Nadine Rude, secretary; Diane Wahking, treasurer.

FRENCH CLUB

French Club members participated in many interesting educational activities this semester. The activities included French meals, games, discussion groups, lectures in French, Study Hall social hours and weekly French conversations at the Language House. The second semester should be even more interesting. Plans are being made for a gala Mardi Gras celebration. It is never too late to join the French Club. Get in touch with Mr. Willingham.

These are the club's officers for this year: Grady Jordan, president; Cheryl Wine, vice president; Lori Pebbles, secretary; Carol Wine, treasurer.

PRACTICE TEACHERS

According to Mr. Russell Willingham, who is the supervisor of those who are practice teaching in foreign languages, the following foreign language students began practice teaching on October 1: Tena Moyd (Spanish), Seneca High School; Janice Roeschen (German), Hanna High, Anderson; Sandra Denise Wooten (French), Riverside High, Greer.

FRENCH MAJORS ON DEAN'S LIST

The following French majors found their names on the Dean's List for academic excellence during the spring semester of 1979: Robin Lynn Dunwoody, Mary Wallis Geiger, Laura Jeanne New, Danielle Lafitte, Pamela Ann Roe, Mary Lynn Van Sickle and Sandra Denise Wooten.

GERMAN HONOR SOCIETY INITIATES

The Theta Phi chapter of Delta Phi Alpha held its fall initiation on November 8. The president, Johannes Huber, conducted the initiation ceremony for the new members: Susanne Freytag, David Froman, Wyllyn Rhinesmith, and Ray Thompson. Dr. Johannes Holschneider, a faculty member in the College of Architecture, and Gabriele Johnson, a former Clemson student, read poems by Goethe, Rilke, Heine and other well-known German writers.

The reception following the program was prepared by Dianna Boyle, the secretary of the society, and Dr. Judy Melton, the faculty adviser.

Doctor Samuel Johnston oilm "Cum vir in matrimonium bis iniit, inquit, "est victoria spei contra usum."
FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

Pi Delta Phi, national French honor society, initiated five new members at ceremonies on October 30 conducted by Joey Mancino (president), Pam Roe (vice president), and Jane Fister (secretary-treasurer).

The initiates were Harvey Steven Barr, Danielle Lafitte, Vance P. Mattison, Leslie Dean Sullivan and Tommy Lee Whitlock.

FLEMMY

The 1979 Flemmy (Foreign Language Emmy) took place October 24-26 in Daniel Auditorium. The participants were members of 201-language courses in French, German, Russian, and Spanish. Professors H. E. Stewart, Jo Ann McNatt, Daniel Calvez, and Jane Rouse in French; Judy Melton in German; Lucy Savitsky in Russian; and Elena Fernandez and Bill Durham in Spanish had participating casts.

The selections used were "La Cantatrice chauve," by Eugène Ionesco in French, "Love for Three Oranges," by Sergei Prokofief in Russian, and "El Delantal Blanco," by Sergio Vodanovic in Spanish. The German skits were written and performed by the students themselves. Judging Flemmy were, in French, R. Willingham, M. Willingham, T. Wigington, B. Parr, H. Ferguson, G. Jordon, J. Watkins, C. Reeves, E. Moulton, F. Bell, C. Rutledge, L. Rozier, D. Reef, D. Kinard, C. Larisey, and J. Rabon; in Russian, L. Overcamp, F. Day, and G. Carrold; in Spanish, G. Garcia, C. Young, and J. Whitmire; and, in German, J. Branch, P. Dickey, and D. Boyle.

The winners were as follows:


German--Best Skit: Cast No. 2 (Jay Hanna, Brad Spear, Lynn Zierenberg, Bill Pepper). Honorable Mention: Cast No. 4 (Ginny Bowers, Duane Fischer, Duncan Rankin, Jall McLauren, Lynn Porter). Best Performer: Duane Fischer. Honorable Mention: Candy Blickle, Mike Emmrich.


On Tuesday, October 30, a party was given for the participants as well as their professors. At this time the winning casts were announced and refreshments were served.