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Two foreign languages cut from department

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The university recently cut two language programs in order to maintain good standing membership with the SACS and does not have plans to replace the departments in the near future.

UNCW stopped offering Japanese and Italian courses last fall after the programs failed to meet the standards set for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

"We really hate to see these languages go. Our department is so bummed about this," said Dr. Denise M. DiPuccio, professor of Spanish and chairwoman of the foreign languages and literatures department.

However, DiPuccio called the cuts a necessary amendment to university offerings because SACS is the regional accrediting organization in 11 states, ranging from Texas to Florida.

"SACS has certain requirements that must be met, and if

these requirements are not met, then schools are put on probation. One of these requirements is for each professor to have a minimum of 18 graduate credit hours in the discipline they are teaching, as well as a master's degree in something. The master's degree doesn't have to be in their discipline though," said Dipuccio.

SACS does an analysis of each school every ten years to make sure the school abides by their regulations. The former



Yoko Kano is a member of one of two language programs cut because professors did not meet graduate schooling standards set by SACS.

Japanese and Italian professors, Yoko Kano and Agnes Ill

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Discussion covers international concerns

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Last week's International Week celebration offered the campus community a chance to attend lectures, programs and events focused on international relations and increasing global understanding.

Among the events during last week's celebration was a panel lecture aimed at heightening the Wilmington community's awareness towards international issues.

Members of the International Cabinet comprised the panel and hosted the event. The cabinet is a group of business executives, government leaders, educators and retired ambassadors. The

volunteers meet four to six times a year and hold open discussions about current events affecting society.

UNCW is the first university in the world to host such an organization, and on February 13, Warwick Center Ballroom became a town hall for the night, as the citizens of Wilmington came together to voice their concerns.

"All of us have re-examined our intuition and knowledge of international issues," said Frances Weller, television news anchor and moderator for the event, with regard to the impact of Sept. 11. "This (type of discussion) is perhaps the best way for us to be informed about international studies," she said.

The meeting began with the reading of a letter from Jesse Helms, who

wanted the community to know he was happy that students were coming together to discuss world issues.

The four panelists were Allister Sparks, a scholar at Duke University and UNC Chapel Hill; Richard McGraw, assistant secretary of defense during the Kennedy administration; and Tom Frier, a former law professor at Harvard, who is currently employed at the University of Denver. The final panelist was Jonathan Allen, the senior editor of Newsweek and an honors graduate from Harvard.

Sparks voiced his concerns about President George W. Bush's latest State of the Union Address. Sparks said that he is worried Bush's words will return

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No suspects in campus assault

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Suspects still remain unidentified in an on-campus assault, which occurred last week.

At about 7:20 p.m. on Feb. 11, a woman reported being grabbed by an attacker as she approached her car in "S" Lot, after leaving the Student Recreation Center. The assailant grabbed her arm and when the victim resisted, he grabbed her wrist with both of his hands. She freed herself and was not injured in the attack.

A witness reported seeing the man in the parking lot prior to the attack. While she did not see the attack, she was taking looking in the windows of cars earlier in the evening. The assailant, whose face was covered by a maroon mask during the attack, was confirmed by the witness to be a white male with sandy blonde hair between the ages of 30 and 35. The witness also said the man was wearing a gray sweatshirt at the time of the crime.

He rode an older-style black motorcycle, which was parked close to the victim's vehicle.

The attack was the first one of the year to involve assault in which the attacker was a stranger to the victim and so police are urging the campus community to remain cautious.

"While we can't say that this person is a continued threat, we also can't say (he) isn't," said Capt. David Donaldson of the university police. "We don't want to unnecessarily alarm the community, but it is also very important to be aware of your surroundings."

To increase personal safety on campus, individuals should walk in well-lit areas and in groups, Donaldson said.

University police are also continuing the investigation and are still seeking information about the incident and the attacker. Individuals with information about the case should contact Lieutenant Wayne Howell at 962-4042.