

## NEWSLETTER

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Deadline for applications for the CIEE Spring, 1978 program in Leningrad is October 10.

All department meetings will be in the Governor's Room of the Kansas Union, beginning at 2:30 p.m., October 4, November 1, December 6.

Russian Table meets daily, 11:30 - 1:30, in the Cottonwood Room of the Kansas Union.

Polish Table meets Thursdays, 12:00 - 2:00, in the Cottonwood Room, Kansas Union.

Serbo-Croatian Table meets Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 - 1:20, in the Cottonwood Room, Kansas Union.

Once again, radio news broadcasts in the Russian language from Radio Moscow and Voice of America are available throughout the day by dialing 864-3241.

Yuri Trifonov, Fall 1977 Soviet-Writer-in-Residence at K.U., is expected on campus October 15 for a three-week stay. While here he will offer a series of classes on Soviet Russian literature of the 1970's. Full details of his program on campus will be forthcoming from the department.

Reminder: The National Convention of the AAASS will be held October 13-16 in Washington, D.C.; the yearly conference of the Central Slavic Association will be held November 18-19 at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

In association with SLAV 568: Theatre and Film of Poland and Czechoslovakia, 1945 - Present, a full schedule of films are being offered to the general public. All will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Bailey Auditorium, free of charge.

Sept. 14 Polish Dance Theatre; The Wedding (Polish)

Sept. 21 Joan of the Angels; The Wroclaw Pantomime Theatre (Polish)

Oct. 2 The Passenger (Polish)

- Oct. 26 Loves of a Blond; Why Do You Smile, Mona Lisa? (Czech)  
 Nov. 2 A Report on the Party and the Guests; A Boring  
 Afternoon (Czech)  
 Nov. 16 Ashes (Polish)  
 Nov. 30 Hubal (Polish)

The Czech film, "Shop on Main Street," will be shown on October 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Woodruff as part of the SUA Film Series.

Four Slavic languages - Russian, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, and Czech (new this year) - are now being offered on the Lawrence campus. The Slavic Outreach program at the K.U. Regents' Center in Kansas City continues to thrive. Courses in Russian language and literature and in Polish are being taught in the evenings for residents of the greater Kansas City area. An off-campus course in beginning Russian is also being conducted by Prof. Salaty for Lawrence High School students through the cooperation of local school officials and Mr. Julian Ako, Chairperson of the Social Studies Department at LHS.

#### Student and Alumni News

We welcome the new graduate students in the department:

Rhonda Blair - B.A., University of Nevada, Las Vegas;  
 M.A., Theatre, University of Kansas

Mark Clark - B.A., University of Missouri

Jean Rutherford - B.A., Lake Forest College  
 M.A., University of Oregon  
 M.A., Harvard University

Congratulations to Halina Filipowicz-Findlay who passed her Ph.D. Comprehensive Exams in Polish literature with Honors.

Slavic Club officers for AY 1977-78 are:

President - Miluše Šaškova-Pierce  
 Vice-President - Len Stanton  
 Secretary-Treasurer - John White

Student representatives to the department are:

John White and Gretchen Rothrock (undergraduate; alternating),  
Kathy Anderson (pre-M.A.), and  
Len Stanton (post-M.A.)

Student representatives to the Graduate Assembly are Halina Filipowicz-Findlay and Len Stanton.

Five graduate students have fellowship support for the present academic year:

Rhonda Blair - NDFL Title VI Fellowship  
Joel Langvardt - NDFL Title VI Fellowship  
Geri Mufich - NDFL Title VI Fellowship  
Miluše Šaškova-Pierce - Graduate School Honors Fellowship  
Len Stanton - NDFL Title VI Fellowship

The department welcomes John White as student assistant in the department office this academic year.

Len Stanton served as Group Leader for the K.U. contingent at the 1977 Summer Russian Language Program held in Leningrad. Three K.U. students were members of the group: Steven Fritchie, Silvia Merz, Monica Rodgers.

Nine graduate students hold appointments this semester as TA/AI's:

Peter Aikman - A.I., Russian  
Kathryn Anderson - A.I., Russian  
Mark Clark - T.A., Russian  
Halina Filipowicz-Findlay - A.I., Polish  
Gail Lickteig-Franklin - A.I., Russian  
Jean Rutherford - A.I., Russian  
Miluše Šaškova-Pierce - A.I., Czech  
Slava Yashemsky - A.I., Russian

Ten Polish students from the University of Warsaw, participants in the K.U.- Warsaw Exchange Program, will be in residence this academic year at the University.

Joel Langvardt was selected and is presently participating in the 1977 Fall CIEE Russian Language Program at Leningrad State University.

Stanley Bark (B.A. 1977) will be studying this year in Tübingen, Germany on a Fulbright-Hays grant.

Nina Malyshev (B.A. 1977) will study this year in Poland on the K.U. - Warsaw Exchange Program.

Larry Lonard (M.A. 1972) spent the summer in the Soviet Union as a participant in the IREX Summer Exchange of Russian Teachers.

Jean Rutherford represented K.U. and the department this summer at the annual Seminar on Macedonian Language, Literature, and Culture held at Ohrid.

Joel Wilkinson (Ph.D. 1977) has been appointed Assistant Professor at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio.

David Bethea (Ph.D. 1977) has been appointed Assistant Professor at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont.

Valentina Golondzowski-Brougher (Ph.D. 1973) has been awarded tenure and named Chairperson of the Russian Department at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Milúše Šaškova-Pierce studied this summer at K.U. on a Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship.

Randy Love (M.A. 1972) is Instructor of Russian at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California.

Gary File (M.A. 1975) is an administrator for the Berlitz School of Languages in Frankfurt, Germany.

Ruth Heuertz, Gail Lickteig-Franklin, Kathy Anderson, and Cassi Neff spent the summer session at the Slavic Institute, Indiana University.

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#### Staff News

Prof. Anderson, upon his doctor's recommendation, has taken a leave of absence from the university this semester. The department, its staff and students, wish him a speedy return to good health and look forward to his return in the spring semester.

Illness also struck Prof. Galton who underwent surgery upon his return from Europe in early September. A rapid convalescence is anticipated and the department hopes that he will return to teaching within a few weeks.

Prof. Mikkelsen has an article, "Russian Language Study in Leningrad: the CIEE Semester Program," in the Russian Language Journal, Vol. 31, No. 108 (Winter 1977), pp. 203-210.

Prof. Conrad and his wife Georgia (Palijan) were members of an official delegation from Kansas City, Kansas to the city of Karlovac, Yugoslavia in June. The purpose of the delegation's visit was to establish a sister-city relationship between the two cities.

Prof. Maurer is on leave from the University this fall semester, working on a monograph dealing with post-war Polish literary treatment of the Holocaust.

Prof. Parker has two reviews in the Summer 1977 issue of World Literature Today: of Vladimir Nabokov's Details of a Sunset and L.L. Lee's Nabokov.

Prof. Mikkelson participated in the spring meeting of the CIEE Russian Language Program Policy Committee in New York City on May 20. Two days earlier he was present as a guest of the poet for the induction of Bella Akhmadulina into the American Academy and the Institute of Arts and Letters.

Prof. Stammeler served as acting chairman of the department during the summer term. He has published an article dealing with literary symbolism in Bulgaria in the summer issue of the Anzeiger für Slavische Philologie (Graz, Austria). With the support of a summer grant from the K.U. General Research Fund he has completed a monographic article (with bibliography) on V.V. Rozanov in his capacity as a philosopher.

Prof. Galton's book Main Functions of the Verbal Aspect in Slavic Languages was published in 1977 by the Macedonian Academy of Sciences and is available in both hard and soft cover from Kuban and Sagner in Munich.

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