Russian, Polish, and Serbo-Croatian language tables meet in the Cottonwood Room, Kansas Union cafeteria as follows: Russian, 11:30-1:30, daily; Polish, 11:00-1:30, Thursday; Serbo-Croatian, 11:30-1:30, Tuesday and Thursday.

Deadline for application for the CIEE Spring 1979 program in Leningrad is October 9; deadline for the Summer 1979 program is March 5.

All department meetings this semester will be in the Governor's Room of the Kansas Union, beginning at 2:30 p.m., on October 3, November 7, December 5.

Speakers and events during the Spring 1978 semester included: 1) a lecture by the Russian émigré poet and social critic Naum Korzhavin on the "Soviet Russian Intelligentsia"; 2) a one-week visit by Feliks Kuznetsov, Soviet literary critic and First Secretary of the Moscow Writer's Union. Mr. Kuznetsov gave a lecture, "Contemporary Soviet Literature," and met informally with staff and students in and out of classes; 3) a poetry reading by two modern Yugoslav poets, Miroslav Antić and Slavko Vukosavljević; 4) a visit by Mr. Drago Jovanović and Mr. Branko Lakić, the Consul General and Vice-Consul respectively of the Yugoslav Consulate in Chicago; 5) two lectures by Prof. Alan Ross of the University of Texas entitled "The Failure of Language, or Some Words On and In Anna Karenina" and "How to Improve Russia's Morals by Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, and Solzhenitsyn"; 6) a lecture by Dr. Vladimir Phillipov, Chairman of the English Department at Sophia University, Bulgaria on the topic "Modern Bulgarian Poetry"; 7) various events of the Slavic Club, including a poetry reading and the annual spring picnic.

Professor Helen Weil, Director of the Russian Institute at the University of California, Irvine, spoke on September 7 on the topic "Bulgakov's Master and Margarita The Moral Imperative."

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

Russian playwright Viktor Rozov will be our Soviet Writer-in-Residence for three weeks (ca. October 15-November 5). While here he will give a public lecture, a series of six lectures in association with Prof. Kuhlke's class on contemporary Russian theatre and drama, and will aid in the production of his play "From Evening Till Midday" to be performed by the University Theatre under the direction of Slava Yashemsky.

A series of lectures on South Slavic Civilizations is being organized for this academic year. Speakers will include Rudolf Filipović (Zagreb), Bogdan Popović (Belgrade), and Heinrich Stammler.
Dr. Rudolph Filipović, Director of the Institut za lingvistiku and former Dean of the Philosophical Faculty of Zagreb University, will be spending two months in Lawrence and at the University beginning September 16. Professor Filipovic will do linguistic field work with the various Croatian émigrés who now live in the Kansas City, Kansas area.

Mr. Bogdan Popović, Director of the "Knjizevne novine" publishing house in Belgrade, will spend the period September 18-December 15 on campus. He is accompanied by his wife, Ella and daughter, Aleksandra.

The well-known Yugoslav film director, Dušan Makavejev, will be on campus in early October, showing and speaking about a number of his films.

Graduate students in the department should be aware of the Graduate Studies bulletin board next to Prof. Parker's office, upon which will be posted information of particular interest to graduate students—job offerings, fellowship programs, post-graduate opportunities, etc.

Reminder: AAASS Convention, Columbus, Ohio, October 12-15; Central Slavic Conference, Manhattan, Kansas, November 3-4; AATSEEL-MLA Conference, New York City, December 27-30.

Student and Alumni News

The department welcomes our new graduate students:

Stanley Bark-B.A., University of Kansas
Cheryl Berry-B.A., Drury College
Mike Biggins-B.A., M.A., University of Kansas
Melissa Fast-B.A., Kirkland/Hamilton College
Gregory Halbe-B.A., Carleton College
Nina Malyshev-B.A., University of Kansas
Gretchen Rothrock-B.A., University of Kansas

We also welcome back Maia Kipp, who returns from a leave of absence to continue her work in the doctoral program.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their degree work:

Kathy Anderson, M.A.
Marina Levine, M.A.
John Patzel, M.A.
Monica Rodgers, M.A.
Congratulations also to Jean Rutherford who successfully passed the Ph.D. Qualifying examinations for doctoral studies in Slavic linguistics and to Slava Yashemsky who successfully passed the Ph.D. Qualifying examinations for doctoral studies in Russian literature.

The Department has seven half-time assistant instructors in Fall 1978:

- Peter Aikman-Russian
- Alexander Boguslawsky-Russian
- Maia Kipp-Russian
- Gail Lickteig-Franklin-Russian
- Jean Rutherford-Russian
- Milusé Saškova-Pierce-Czech and Russian
- Slava Yashemsky-Russian

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

- Rhonda Blair-NDFL Title VI Fellowship (Russian)
- Halina Filipowicz-Findlay-Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship
- Maia Kipp-University Honors Fellowship
- Robert Mann-NDFL Title VI Fellowship (Polish)
- Geri Muffich-NDFL Title VI Fellowship (Serbo-Croatian)
- Milusé Saškova-Pierce-University Honors Fellowship
- Leonard Stanton-NDFL Title VI Fellowship (Serbo-Croatian)

Student representatives to the department are:

- Nancy Budimlija (undergraduate)
- Rhonda Blair (pre-M.A.)
- Peter Aikman (post-M.A.)

The Slavic Club is being led this year by the troika of Marilyn O'Dell, Geri Muffich, and Rachael MacFarlane.
The University of Kansas had a large contingent of its students participating in the CIEE Summer 1978 Leningrad Program. Under the leadership of Gail Lickteig-Franklin, the participants were Cheryl Berry, Patricia Cain, Michael Fein, Margaret Russell, Phoebe Shulman, Carol Sisson, and Roseanne Smith.

Halina Filipowicz-Findlay continued work on her dissertation, "The Theatre of Tadeusz Rozewicz" this past summer while on a Graduate School Summer Fellowship. She has two recent publications: a review of The Most Important Art: Eastern European Film After 1945, by Mira and Antonin Liehm, appearing in SEEJ (Spring 1978) and, with Robert F. Findlay, "New York Theatre Review on Black American Theatre," in Dialog, 23, No. 6 (June 1978), 100-104.

Robert Mann has had an article accepted for publication in Trudy odella drevne-russkoi iitatury AN SSSR.

Cheryl Berry has introduced a course in Russian this fall at Shawnee Mission North High School in Kansas City, with twenty-seven students enrolled.

Joel Langvardt, who will complete his M.A. in Russian Culture in December, is teaching Russian and Latin at the high school level in the Fort Worth, Texas area.

Marina Levine (M.A. 1978) is self-employed in Houston, Texas as a free-lance Russian-English technical translator/interpreter.

Christine Davis, former Russian major (B.A. 1975) is self-employed as a Russian technical translator in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

David Bethea (Ph.D. 1977), Assistant Professor at Middlebury College, was group leader this past summer for the Georgetown group in the CIEE Leningrad Russian Language Program.

Walter Kolonoski (Ph.D. 1972), Assistant Professor at Kansas State University, was a participant this past summer in the IREX Exchange of Russian Language Teachers.

Staff News

Prof. Galton has returned from sabbatical leave (Spring 1978 semester) during which time he engaged in research at libraries in Bratislava, Vienna, Paris, and Skopje, and lectured at universities in Bratislava, Freiburg, Bonn, and Warsaw. He also attended the Eighth International Congress of Slavists at Zagreb and was elected into the Commission on Balto-Slavic Relations.

Prof. Mikkelson travelled to the USSR for two weeks in March 1978 on a grant from the Office of Cultural and Educational Affairs, U.S. Department of State. His purposes were to negotiate for (a) expansion of the K.U. Soviet Writer-in-Residence program, (b) participation of Soviet literary specialists in a section on Russian poetry at the December 1978 AATSEEL meeting in New York, and (c) a possible exchange of graduate students between K.U. and some Soviet university.
Prof. Conrad participated in a U.S.O.E.-sponsored conference on "Language Training Programs Abroad," held at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, June 19-24, 1978. The conference was attended by directors and administrators of language programs for American students at AUC, in India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Japan, Taiwan, and the USSR. As Chairman of the Cooperative Russian Language Program in the USSR, Prof. Conrad delivered a paper outlining the Program's origin and development, and the problems inherent in operating American-style language institutes in the Soviet Union.

Prof. Jerkovich participated in a round-table discussion on Slavic book trade and acquisitions at the ALA Midwinter Conference in Chicago in January; participated in the session "Workshop on resource and information sharing in the Russian and East European Field in the Midwest" at the Midwest Slavic Conference Annual Meeting, in Bloomington, Indiana in April; participated in round-table discussions on OCLC and Slavic resources at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago in June; and was the invited speaker on June 15 at Strawberry Hill, Kansas City in an event sponsored by the Kansas City Arts Council and Kansas Committee for the Humanities. His talk was entitled "The historical conditions of South Slavic emigration and origins of elements of contemporary South Slavic-American culture."

Prof. Parker has a review of Jane Grayson's Nabokov Translated: A Comparison of Nabokov's Russian and English Prose in the Spring 1978 number of World Literature Today. Prof. Parker is also Editor of the recently announced international Vladimir Nabokov Research Newsletter, a publication of the Vladimir Nabokov Society. The Newsletter, which will be published twice yearly at the University of Kansas, seeks to further Nabokov scholarship by providing information relative to Nabokov research interests and by establishing links between Nabokovists in the USA and abroad.

Prof. Conrad and his wife Georgia were invited to a reception in honor of Mr. Drago Marković, President of the Yugoslav Assembly (Belgrade) hosted in Chicago on July 21 by the Yugoslav Ambassador to the U.S., the Honorable Dimce Belovski.

Several faculty members and graduate students are mentioned in the Soviet literary journal, Inostrannaia literatura, No. 6 (1978) in the transcript of a long interview with Russian prose writer Jurij Trifonov concerning his Fall 1977 two-month visit to the USA as K.U.'s Soviet Writer-in-Residence.

The following members of the department serve this semester on the various University committees listed below:

Sam Anderson
College Honors Advisory Committee

Joseph Conrad
University Council
University Senate Committee on Foreign Students, Chairman
International Theatre Committee
Fulbright Committee
Soviet and East European Studies Executive Committee
Gerald Mikkelson

College Chairpersons
Humanities Chairpersons
Danforth Fellowship Selection Committee
Watson Library Renovation Committee
Soviet and East European Studies Executive Committee
Soviet and East European Studies Library Committee
International Theatre Studies Committee

Stephen Parker

Area I Committee
Graduate Council
College Committee on Policy and Educational Goals (ad hoc)
College Task Force on Jr./Sr. Curriculum Revision, Chairman
Soviet and East European Studies Executive Committee
Soviet and East European Studies Curriculum Revision Committee, Chairman

Heinrich Stammier

Soviet and East European Studies Executive Committee
Soviet and East European Studies Library Committee