Application Deadlines:
- CIEE Summer 1978 Leningrad Program: February 3
- CIEE Fall 1978 Leningrad Program: March 6
- Poland Program, academic year 1978-79: March 31
- Yugoslavia Program, summer 1978: April 15

Department meetings are scheduled this semester on February 7, March 7, and May 2 in the Governor's Room, and April 4 in the Regionalist Room, Student Union.

Upcoming Events:
- Haum Korzhavin, Russian émigré poet and philosopher, will give a talk, "Today's Soviet Russian Intelligentsia," on Thursday, February 2, at 3:30 pm in the International Room, Student Union.

- The Soviet film version of Tchaikovsky's opera, "Eugene Onegin," will be shown at 7 pm, Tuesday, February 14 in Room 3, Green Hall.

- Prof. John Glad of the University of Maryland is expected to visit the campus this spring to give a lecture on early 20th century Russian poetry.

- The Department has invited Feliks Kusnetsov, Soviet Russian literary critic and First Secretary of the Moscow Writers' Organization, to the campus for a one-week visit in April.

- The Soviet film of Shakespeare's "King Lear" will be shown by SUA on April 12, at 7:30 pm in Woodruff Auditorium.
Events of the fall semester:

- Yuri Trifonov, the prominent Soviet Russian writer, spent three weeks on campus. He gave a public lecture and a series of seminars on the topic of contemporary Soviet Russian prose. Following his stay at the University, he spent nearly four weeks travelling throughout the U.S.A. Mr. Trifonov was the third participant in the University of Kansas Soviet Writer-in-Residence program, conducted annually with the cooperation of the Soviet Writers' Union.

- Janusz Majewski, well-known Polish documentary and feature film director, showed and discussed his films during a visit in September, in association with the department's course, Theatre and Film of Poland and Czechoslovakia.

- The noted Soviet Russian poet, Andrei Voznesensky, gave a reading of his poetry at the Annual Central Slavic Conference, University of Missouri, under partial sponsorship of the Department and the Soviet and East European Area Studies Program, Kansas University.

- Two young Russian émigré musicians, Marek and Alec Piskunov, were hosted by Prof. and Mrs. Conrad at a reception following their concert.

- Peter Aikman and Len Stanton served as translators/interpreters for four anthropologists of the Soviet Academy of sciences who visited the campus to give a series of seminars.

This semester, for the first time, the Department is offering an Intensive Basic Russian program. Students will spend twelve hours per week in classes and receive ten hours of credit. Intensive Intermediate Russian courses will be offered this summer and next fall.

The AAASS, in their December Newsletter, has called for papers for the 1978 Annual Meeting to be held in Columbus, Ohio, October 11-14. Section chairmen are: Arts, Culture, Philosophy -- John Bowlt; Russian and Soviet Literature -- Robert Maguire; East European Literature -- Harold Segal; Language and Linguistics -- Thomas Magnler. See the Newsletter for addresses.

Note to all students and faculty: Russian language editions of various works are for sale in the textbook store in the Student Union. Ordered in association with various courses, extra editions are often available. This semester, for example, sometimes hard to find editions of Voina i mir and Anna Karenina, as well as works by Lermontov, Gogol, and Turgenev, can be purchased.
Student and Alumni News

Welcome to the new graduate students in the Department:

- Stephen Chadwick, B.A. Chapman College
- Melissa Fast, B.A. Kirkland/Hamilton College
- Robert Mann, B.A. University of Oregon; M.A. University of California at Berkeley
- Alexander Prus-Boguslawski, B.A., M.A. University of Warsaw, Poland

New members of the student teaching staff this semester are Robert Mann, Teaching Assistant in Russian, and Alexander Prus-Boguslawski, Assistant Instructor in Russian.

Joel Langvardt has returned to campus after a semester of study in Leningrad on the CIEE program.

Congratulations to Marina Levine on the successful completion of the Ph.D. Qualifying examinations in Russian language and literature.

Cassandra (Cassi) Neff is now participating in the spring semester CIEE program at Leningrad State University.


Fall events of the Slavic Club were highlighted by an immensely successful Yugoslavian Night attended by a few hundred students and faculty. Food, prepared by students and staff, included Slovenian, Croatian, Serbian and Macedonian culinary delicacies; entertainment included songs, dances and poetry readings.

Len Stanton spent nearly four weeks at the end of the fall semester as guide and translator/interpreter for Yuri Trifonov on a trip through the USA. With support of the U.S. State Department, stops were made at universities in California, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, New York, and Washington, D.C.

Prof. Tom Boyer (Ph.D. 1974) gave a paper at the December AATSEEL Convention in Chicago entitled "Leningrad: How Can One Study When the Nights Are White?"
Staff News

The Department was well represented at the Sixteenth Annual Central Slavic Conference held at the University of Missouri at Columbia, November 18-19, as follows:

- Prof. Conrad chaired the section on Slavic Linguistics.
- Prof. March read a paper, "The Kajkavian Dialect of Virje: Is There a Croatian Dialect with Fixed Penultimate Stress?"
- Prof. Joel Wilkinson (Ph.D. 1977) chaired one of the Russian literature sections.
- Prof. Parker read a paper, "Vladimir Nabokov and the Short Story."
- Prof. Mikkelson read a paper, "Russian Prose of the 1970's: Some Observations."
- Halina Filipowicz-Findlay (M.Phil. 1977) read a paper, "The Theatre of Tadeusz Rozewicz."
- Prof. Stammler read a paper, "Teodor Trojanov and Ivan Radoslavov as Representatives of Bulgarian Symbolism."
- Larry Lonard (M.A. 1972) was a panelist in the section devoted to the Mid-America Russian Curriculum Consortium.

Prof. Galton read a paper, "Syllabic Division and the Intonation of Slavic," at the International Phonetic Congress in Miami in December. He also chaired a section on General Phonetics.

Prof. Mikkelson read a paper, "Pushkin's 'Arion': A Lonely Survivor's Lament," at the Annual Meeting of the AAASS held in Washington, D.C. in October. He also has a review of G.R. Barrett's Voices from Exile: The Decembrist Memoirs in the Fall, 1977 issue of SLJ.

Prof. Conrad has been asked to assume the position of Executive Secretary of the Inter-University Council on East European Language Programs. IUCEELP was formed in 1973 to coordinate existing university summer programs involving East European languages other than Russian, both in the USA and those sponsored by American universities abroad. The membership of IUCEELP includes representatives from the twenty-seven Ph.D. producing Slavic Languages and Literatures departments in the United States.

Prof. Anderson has returned from one semester's sick leave, his health somewhat improved, happy to be teaching once again. He has been working on revisions of A Soviet-American Commercial Handbook, of which he is co-author. Materials from the text have been used in some of the Department's classes and have been well received by both instructors and students.
Prof. Maurer has returned from leave; Prof. Galton will be on sabbatical leave this semester.

Prof. Conrad served as a consultant at a sub-committee meeting of the Modern Language Association Task Force on Less Commonly Taught Languages in Columbus Ohio, December 12. The Task Force is preparing recommendations concerning language offerings (in all languages except French, German, Latin, and Spanish) which will be submitted to President Carter's soon-to-be-appointed Commission on Language and Area Studies.

Prof. Parker represented the University at the Annual General Membership and Policy Committee Meetings of the CIFE Russian Language Programs in New York City in October. All of the meetings-- Review, Policy, and General Membership -- were chaired by Prof. Conrad.

Prof. Mikkelson represented the Department at the Annual Meeting of AATSEEL and as member of the American Committee of Slavists in Chicago in December.