Department meetings are scheduled this semester on October 2, November 6, and December 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the Governor's Room, Kansas Union.

The Russian Language Table meets Monday through Friday, 11:30 - 1:30 in the Cottonwood Room, Kansas Union. Serbo-Croatian Table meets 11:30 - 1:20 Tuesday and Thursday and 11:30 - 12:20, Wednesday.

Deadline for application for the CIEE Spring 1980 program in Leningrad is October 8; deadline for the Summer 1980 program is January 25, 1980.

The Russian prose writer, poet, and essayist Vladimir Soloukhin will be our guest Soviet Writer-in-Residence this semester. He will be on campus October 16 - November 6; the schedule of his activities will be forthcoming.

The Department has invited the Russian writer Vladimir Rasputin to be our Soviet Writer-in-Residence next spring semester, and has also extended an invitation to the distinguished Soviet novelist, Valentin Kataev, to visit the University for approximately ten days in January or February.

On the program of the Department's Graduate Studies Colloquium this semester are talks by Professor Maurer on September 28, Professor March on October 26, and Mr. Slava Yashemsky on November 30. See the separate announcement for time and place.

SUA has scheduled a number of movies this semester of interest to our program, all to be shown in Woodruff Auditorium in the evening: September 18, "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich"; October 3, "The Idiot" (Kurosawa, Japan); November 10, "Closely Watched Trains."

Events and speakers during the past spring semester included: 1) a three week visit by Bulat Okudzhava, our spring semester Soviet Writer-in-Residence. Mr. Okudzhava gave a public concert of his poem/songs, conducted a seminar on contemporary Soviet literature, and visited with various classes; 2) Dr. Aleksandr Glikman, past curator at the Leningrad Hermitage, gave a talk, "On the Principles of Visual Art"; 3) the University presented a major
exhibit, "One Thousand Years of Polish History and Culture", in the Spencer Research Library; 4) Professor Andrzej Cienski gave a lecture, "Polish Literature After 1956"; 5) Professor Jesse Zeldin spoke on the topic, "Herder and Some Russians"; 6) The Spencer Museum of Art held a major exhibit, "Stage Designs and the Russian Avant-Garde (1911-1929)"; 7) Ms. Rhonda Blair produced and directed a production of Poor Murderer by Czech playwright Pavel Kohout in the Inge Memorial Theatre; 8) Slavic Club events included an evening of Slavic poetry and the annual spring bacchanalia.


Student and Alumni News

Welcome to the Department's new graduate students:

James Graves - B.A., M.A., University of North Carolina; M.Div., Union Theological Seminary
Anesa Miller - B.A., Occidental College
Timothy Pogacar - B.S., Georgetown University
Barbara Serwinska-Bark - M.A., Lodz University, Poland
James Weinheimer - B.U.S., University of New Mexico

Student Representatives to the Department are: Jean Rutherford (Ph.D.), Michael Biggins (M.A.), and Rachel MacFarlane (undergraduate).

Department student representatives to Area I and the Graduate Student Assembly are Leonard Stanton and Gretchen Rothrock.

Slavic Club officers are Mike Fein (President), Gretchen Rothrock (Secretary-Treasurer), and Greg Halbe (Coordinator of Activities).

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed examinations:

Stanley Bark, M.A. awarded, concentration in Russian language and literature.
Rhonda Blair, M.A. awarded, concentration in Russian language and literature.
Slava Yashemsky, Ph.D. Comprehensive examinations; M. Phil. awarded, major Russian literature; minor Theatre studies.
Eleven graduate students have fellowship support for the present academic year: Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship: Rhonda Blair, Leonard Stanton; Graduate School Honors Fellowship: Maia Kipp, Timothy Pogacar, Miluse Saska-Pierce; Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship: Michael Biggins, Alexander Boguslawski, Gretchen Rothrock, Jean Rutherford, Thomas Starker, Slava Yashemsky.

Eleven students are serving as Assistant Instructors in the Department this semester: Russian: Stanley Bark, Alexander Boguslawski, Greg Halbe, Maia Kipp, Anesa Miller, Jean Rutherford, Thomas Starker, Slava Yashemsky; Polish: Barbara Serwinska-Bark, Halina Filipowicz (at Warsaw University); Czech: Michael Biggins.

James Weinheimer has a Research Assistantship, working with Professor Michael Crawford of the Anthropology Department.

Jean Rutherford was the leader of the Kansas University Group in the CIEE Summer Russian Language Program in Leningrad. K.U. students participating were Randy Brooke, Nancy Budimlja, Karen Kuhlke, Barbara Marquess, and Ilse Vogel.

Mary Mufich is the recipient of a Fulbright grant for the present academic year and will be studying and working at the University of Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

Kurt Harper passed the Kansas Bar exams in August and is a practicing attorney in Wichita.

Slava Yashemsky participated this past summer as an instructor in the Seminar in Business Russian at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Apart from teaching technical Russian, he gave two lectures on Russian art and one on Russian music. He also edited a catalogue, Exhibition of Paintings of Italian Masters from Museums of the U.S.A., for an exhibit which was organized in the Soviet Union.

Both Rhonda Blair and Miluse Saska-Pierce were awarded Graduate School Summer Fellowships to continue their studies this past summer.

Halina Filipowicz will serve this year as the resident director for American students participating in our exchange program at the University of Warsaw. Recent publications by Halina include: "Dziś i jutro teatru amerykańskiego /The Present and the Future of American Theatre/," Dialog, Warsaw, February 23, 1979, 165-170; "O'Neill's Plays in Poland," The Eugene O'Neill Newsletter No. 3, May 1979, 9-11.

Staff News

The Department welcomes Mrs. Jo Ann Tomlin our new Departmental Secretary. She has taken the place of Mrs. Mabel (Mamee) Nelson who retired on July 31 after 7 1/2 years of service in the Department. A farewell party in her honor was held at the end of the spring semester. Anyone wishing to contact Mamee may write her at P.O. Box 154, Whitney, Texas 76692.
The Department also welcomes Professor Velemir Gjurin of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, who will be teaching this year in our Department while on a Fulbright Exchange Scholar grant. Professor Gjurin will be helping in the Serbo-Croatian program, teaching courses in Slovene language and literature, and be conducting research on Yugoslav immigrant speech.

Professor Maurer has returned from sabbatical leave (Spring 1979 semester) during which time she engaged in research and writing on Polish Holocaust literature.

During the fall 1979 semester Professor Mikkelson will be on sabbatical leave, engaged in the compilation, translation, and editing of an anthology of Soviet Russian short stories of the 1960's and 1970's. Also aiding in the project will be Professor Conrad, Peter Aikman, Leonard Stanton, and Slava Yashemsky. During the fall semester, while Professor Mikkelson is on leave, Professor Parker will serve as Acting Chairman.

Professor Conrad has been appointed Chairman of the Language Training Committee of AAASS. He has also been asked to be the official representative of AATSEEL at the annual meetings of AAASS. "Sensuality in the Prose of Anton Červov," an article which he authored, has been accepted for publication in SEEJ in the Summer, 1980 issue.

Professor Stammel read a paper, "Recent German Protestant Evaluations of Russian Orthodoxy," at the Annual Midwest Slavic Conference, May 4-6, in Minneapolis. He also took an active part in the International Convention on European Problems (CEP), May 24-28, at Wildbad Kreuth, Germany. He was a member of the panel discussing cultural changes in East Europe during the seventies. A substantial article by Professor Stammel, "Baratynski's Religion," appeared in the 1979 issue of the Austrian journal, Anzeiger fur Slavische Philologie.

Professor Salaty was one of three persons representing the University at the American Translators Association Annual Convention, August 31 - September 3, in Kansas City. ATA was established in 1959 to advance the standards of translation and to promote the intellectual and material interests of translators and interpreters in the U.S.A. A plan to develop a translation program at K.U. is now under study.

Professor March read a paper, "The Language of Križa's Ballads of Petrica Kerempuh: Literary Device or Language Restoration," at the Canadian Slavic Association meetings in Saskatoon, Canada, April 1979.

Professor Parker visited with Mrs. Vera Nabokov in Montreux, Switzerland in July to obtain materials and discuss matters relating to the Vladimir Nabokov Research Newsletter, edited by Professor Parker.