Deadline Dates:

CIEE Summer Russian Language Program, application deadline: February 2.

Application for Department nomination for Graduate School Fellowships and NDFL Fellowships: March 1. Information on application procedures will be forthcoming.

Application for Department TA/RA positions for Summer 1979 and for Academic Year 1979-80: March 1. Information on application procedures will be forthcoming.

CIEE Fall 1979 Semester Russian Language Program application deadline: March 5.

Last day for Ph.D. Comprehensive examination for those desiring October 1979 Ph.D. degree: April 9.

Last day for Ph.D. Defense of Dissertation Examination for May 1979 degree: April 9.

Last day for M.A. examination for May 1979 degree: April 13.

Last day to file dissertation for May 1979 degree: April 13.

Department meetings are scheduled this semester on February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, at 2:30 p.m. in the Governor's Room, Kansas Union.

The Soviet Writer-in-Residence for this spring semester will be the Russian poet, singer, and novelist Bulat Okudzhava. He will be on campus February 11-23, during which time he will read his poems, sing, and lecture on contemporary Soviet literature.

In Fall 1979, our guest Soviet Writer-in-Residence will be the Russian poet, prose writer, and essayist Vladimir Soloukhin. His visit is tentatively scheduled for October 14 - November 4.
The visit by Viktor Sergeevich Rozov as Soviet Writer-in-Residence from October 15 - November 5, 1978 was an immense success. Mr. Rozov's lectures on contemporary Soviet dramaturgy were exceptionally well attended, as was his public lecture on the state of the theatre in the Soviet Union today. His play, From Evening Till Midday, given its American premiere in the William Inge Theatre, was very well received by enthusiastic audiences.

Mr. Bogdan Popović, Yugoslav literary critic and publishing house director, was on campus for three months this past semester under the sponsorship of the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars. While here he conducted a series of eight seminars on contemporary Yugoslav literature.

Dr. Rudof Filipović, former Dean of the Philosophical Faculty of Zagreb University and now Director of the Institute for Linguistics at Zagreb University, was on campus for two months this past fall semester while conducting a research project on the Croatian language as spoken by Croatians living in the Kansas City, Kansas area.

Slavic Club activities this past semester were highlighted by a Pan-Slavic Night of gastronomic delights and entertainment.

Student and Alumni News

The department welcomes our new graduate students:

Linda Linden - B.A., Macalester College
Thomas Starker - B.A., Florida State University

New half-time Teaching Assistants in the department this semester are Stanley Bark and Michael Biggins.

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully passed graduate examinations:

Mark Clark, awarded an M.A., concentration in Russian culture.

Maia Kipp, Ph.D. Qualifying Examination; major in Russian literature, minor in German literature.

Robert Mann, Ph.D. Qualifying Examination; major in Russian literature, minor in folk literature.

Alexander Prus-Boguslawski, Ph.D. Qualifying Examination; major in Russian literature, minor in Byzantine art.

Leonard Stanton, Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination, awarded an M. Phil.
Peter Aikman resigned his Assistant Instructor position for the spring semester to accept a position as Instructor of Advanced Russian at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California.

Slava Yashemsky directed the American premiere performances of Viktor Rozov's *From Evening Til Midday* in the William Inge Theatre. He and Len Stanton reworked the only English translation of the play, and the production under Slava's direction was judged a great success by both audiences and reviewers.

Halina Filipowicz-Findlay has two recent reviews of How to Read a Film: The Art Technology Language, History, and Theory of Film and Media, by James Monaco in Educational Theatre Journal, Vol. 30, October 1978, pp. 440-441 and, with Robert Findlay, of Tomaszewski's Mime Theatre, by A. Hausbrandt in SEEJ, Vol. 22, Fall 1978, pp. 394-396. Between December 26 - January 19, Halina was in Warsaw, Poland negotiating the Faculty and Student Educational Exchange agreement between K.U. and Warsaw University. Her efforts were highly successful.

Cheryl Berry's success in introducing an elementary Russian language course at Shawnee Mission North High School has resulted in the school district's authorization for Cheryl to offer both first and second year Russian classes next fall semester.

Elaine Fitzback (M.A. 1972) has obtained a position as Water Quality Program Analyst for the Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.

Michael Roberts (M.A. 1973) who is employed with HEN in Independence, Missouri has been taking Russian courses at the K.U. Regents' Center in Overland Park.

The new post-M.A. representative to the department (replacing Peter Aikman) is Leonard Stanton.

**Staff News**

Department participation in conferences this past semester was quite extensive, as follows:

Seventeenth Annual Central States Slavic Conference, Manhattan, Kansas, November 3-4.

Tamerlan Salaty, Chairman, Russian Language and Teaching Methodology.


Heinrich Stammler, Chairman of the section Russian Literature, I.

Halina Filipowicz-Findlay, "Tadeusz Rozewicz's The Card Index as an Open Theatre Form," in the section Russian Literature, I.
Maia Kipp, "Alexander Pushkin as Literary Critic," in the section Russian Literature, I.

Jadwiga Maurer, Discussant, Russian Literature, I.


Walter Kolosnoky (Ph.D. 1972), "Windows in Pasternak," in the section Russian Literature, III.

Stephen Parker, Discussant, Russian Literature, III.

Symposium on Art and Society in Nineteenth-Century Russia, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 16-17.

Gerald Mikkelson, invited Observer and Discussant.

AATSEEL Annual National Meeting, New York City, December 27-29.


Prof. Mikkelson was elected chairman of the Russian poetry section for the 1979 AATSEEL meeting in San Francisco.

David Bethea, "Pushkin, Khodasevich, and the Poetics of Irony," in the section Russian Poetry.


Stephen Parker, presided at the Vladimir Nabokov section and at the meeting of the Vladimir Nabokov Society.

Prof. Parker has had a book which he co-authored accepted for publication. *Russian on Canvas - Ilya Repin* will be published by the Pennsylvania State University Press in Winter 1979-1980. Prof. Parker has also put out the inaugural number of *The Vladimir Nabokov Research Newsletter*, 36 pages, December 1978.

Prof. Maurer is on sabbatical leave this semester while continuing work on her book on Polish Holocaust Literature.

Prof. Conrad, as Chairman of the CIEE-consortium Russian Language Program Committees, participated in the annual negotiations with Leningrad State University and the USSR Ministry for Higher and Specialized Secondary Education in Leningrad and Moscow, October 8-21. Prof. Conrad also chaired the annual CIEE meetings in New York City, November 14. Prof. Parker represented the University at the Membership and Policy Committee meetings.

Prof. Mikkelson visited Washington, D.C., December 1-4, in order to consult with officials of Voice of America, the International International Communication Agency, the U.S. Office of Education, and the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies regarding various programs and events at the University.

Prof. Stammler attended the special session of the Bulgarian Studies Group at the Annual Convention of the AAASS in Columbus, Ohio, October 1978. While there he gave two interviews: for Radio OSU about the history of Germanic-Slavic relations and for Radio Liberty, in Bulgarian, with Mr. B. Choukanoff, about the state of Bulgarian studies in the USA. Prof. Stammler also attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Conference on European Problems (CEP) at Park College, Parkville, Missouri, December 16.

New University Committee assignments, spring semester: Prof. Mikkelson, Chairman, Foreign Language and Area Studies Proposal Review Committee of the University General Research Fund. Prof. Parker, member of College Task Force for Review and Revision of Undergraduate Degree Requirements.