

# REEU NEWSLETTER

RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN AREA CENTER.

AUTUMN 1986.

THE HENRY M. JACKSON SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES.

## FACULTY APPOINTMENTS IN SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

James E. Augerot, Associate Professor in Slavic linguistics and Bulgarian and Romanian languages, was promoted to the rank of full Professor beginning Autumn Quarter 1986. Augerot has completed a number of projects in the last two years. He co-edited The Sounds of English and Romanian, a collection of papers presenting a contrastive analysis of the two languages, published in Bucharest in 1984. His latest textbook project, Modern Bulgarian, is currently being tested in the Slavic Department's Bulgarian language courses. In the field of teaching Russian, he has also made a notable contribution recently; together with Serbo-Croatian lecturer Gordon McDaniel, Augerot has developed an oral language proficiency testing program now in use in first-year Russian and Serbo-Croatian courses at UW.

Acting Assistant Professor Barbara Niemczyk was recently appointed Assistant Professor after completing her Ph.D. dissertation on the subject of dramatic theory in Russian and Poland at the turn of the 20th century. Niemczyk served as the University of Washington group leader on the CIEE Russian Language Program in Leningrad this past summer, where her extensive prior experience with Soviet life helped ensure that our students had the best possible experience abroad.

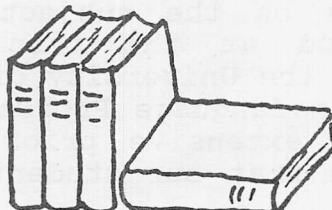
## SERVING AT THE KENNAN INSTITUTE

Herbert J. Ellison

Professor Herbert J. Ellison recently returned to the Jackson School and resumed his position as the Chair of the Russian and East European Studies Program. Professor Ellison was on leave to serve as Director of the Kennan Institute of Soviet Studies in Washington, D.C. In his own words Dr. Ellison describes his tenure at the Institute:

The Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies is a component of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and is housed in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. It was founded ten years ago at the initiative of former Ambassador to the Soviet Union, George F. Kennan. Since his retirement from the Foreign Service, Ambassador Kennan has been a Professor of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.

My two and a half years as Secretary of the Kennan Institute were extraordinarily interesting and valuable to me personally. Ambassador Kennan's aim was to create a center for advanced research which could take advantage of the research resources and specialist personnel on Russian and Soviet affairs located in Washington, D.C. (the greatest resource in the world outside of the Soviet Union itself). At the same time, he wished to create a close link between the scholarly community and the community of diplomats, journalists, businessmen and others who deal with the Soviet Union.



The Kennan Institute program includes, therefore, both specialist research conferences and broader meetings with a more public scope. During my tenure we held conferences addressed by President Reagan, by a member of the Soviet Politburo (Mr. Shcherbitsky), and by a wide array of senior Soviet scholars who are also influential policy advisors to the Soviet government leaders. The Kennan Institute has come to be greatly valued by all parties interested in Soviet affairs as "neutral turf", a place where both historical and contemporary issues can be ventilated candidly among a wide range of people with different kinds of understanding and insights. Our evening dialogues routinely included senior officials of the State Dept., members of the National Security Council, Soviet government representatives (including Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, now the most important figure in Soviet foreign policy), leading American and foreign journalists, scholars, and others.

During my time at the Kennan Institute I had the privilege of meeting with and addressing scholars and government officials in many countries, including the Soviet Union, China, Japan and Germany, and had the opportunity to host meetings with scholars from those and other countries. It was an extraordinary opportunity. Not the least of the advantages were regular meetings with Ambassador Kennan, a man whose career and scholarship I had long admired and from whom I learned a great deal during our work together.

I hope that I contributed something to the Kennan Institute as well. During my stay the number of scholars in our three fellowship programs increased from an annual average of about 20 to 64, our budget multiplied many times over, including increased federal and private (foundation and individual) funding which helped not only to expand fellowships and research conferences, but also to acquire much-expanded quarters. I am particularly proud of establishing a new program of fellowships for younger scholars (previous program had emphasized senior scholars in long-term research grants). This program has already had considerable impact on American Scholarship on the Soviet Union; and it has made the splendid resources and programs of the Kennan Institute more accessible to the younger generation of specialists.



### SLAVIC DEPARTMENT HOMECOMING

On October 24th about 150 faculty, alumni and friends of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature and the Russian House gathered for "homecoming"--to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the University of Washington and the 25th anniversary of the Russian House. Graduates from the Forties mingled with graduates from the Eighties, visiting with their former instructors and each other. The department is working on a mailing list based on the mailing for the homecoming to let people know of future events and for fund-raising. If you didn't get an invitation, please let the department know by calling us at (206) 543-6848 or writing Slavic Languages and Literature DR-30, University of Washington, Seattle WA 98195.



At three o'clock nearly seventy people gathered in Thomson Hall. Professor Davor Kapetanac, Department Chair, greeted everyone. Professors Lew Micklesen and Jack Haney talked about the history of Russian and Slavic language, literature and linguistic study at the University of Washington. Professor Karl Kramer talked about the department's present program and ways alumni could get involved in helping to strengthen the program. Rosanne Royer responded by offering to work with others to see what might need to be done to support the department and to talk about who else might be asked to get involved--perhaps corporations in the area with some ties to the Slavic field. Anyone interested in working with her can call 524-5643 or write her c/o 1200 Municipal Building, Seattle WA 98104.

At a reception that followed in the Russian House, Mayor Charles Royer spoke, then led the singing of "Kaleenka" in Russian. Deano the Clown made a surprise appearance, performing juggling and magic tricks with Russian patter. Local merchants and community members had helped make the Russian House festive by donating food and flowers, and the Russian House residents had hung banners in Russian inside and out. Founding of a Russian House alumni association was discussed by John Jacobsen. His report follows.

#### RUSSIAN HOUSE 25th ANNIVERSARY AND ALUMNI FUND DRIVE

As part of the recent University-wide Homecoming celebrations, the Slavic Department hosted a gala reception at the Russian House to which all Slavic Department and Russian House alums were invited. To commemorate the Russian House's 25th anniversary, Darris Yeager (Mitya/'64-'66) Rosanne Royer (Rosanna/'66) and John Jacobsen (Ivan Kalita/'61-'62) organized a mailing and phonathon to contact former House members from the early years and invite them to participate in the Departmental and Russian House Homecoming. In the process they discovered that they had very little information on the whereabouts of most former members, but were able to contact a few who proved very enthusiastic. Those who did attend the reunion thought that it would be a good idea to form a Russian House Alumni Association. There are over 500 former members eligible to join. The function of such an association would be both sentimental and instrumental.

Sentimentally, an association provides a means for us to renew and maintain contacts. For local members we could provide occasional get-togethers and participate in activities held by the current house members. Instrumentally, we could provide special purpose financial support. For example, the University has installed a satellite dish to receive television broadcasts from the Soviet Union. Special equipment would be required to extend reception of these broadcasts to the Russian House. Our association could endeavor to raise funds for that equipment. We could also help with scholarship support for tuition and Russian House membership.

We are in the process of compiling a more complete roster of past Russian House residents and of reconstructing the House's history. If you are a former Russian House member and have not heard from us by the New Year or are interested in helping with the roster compilation effort, please contact the Slavic Department, DR-30 University of Washington, Seattle WA, 98195. We are looking for you.

John Jacobsen (Ivan Kalita/'61-'62)



## COURSE IN RUSSIAN CONVERSATION

UW EXTENSION will be offering a noncredit course in

RUSSIAN CONVERSATION

Winter Quarter 1987

Tuesdays, Jan. 13-March 17

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

On Campus

Instructor: Natalie Tracy

Fee: \$68

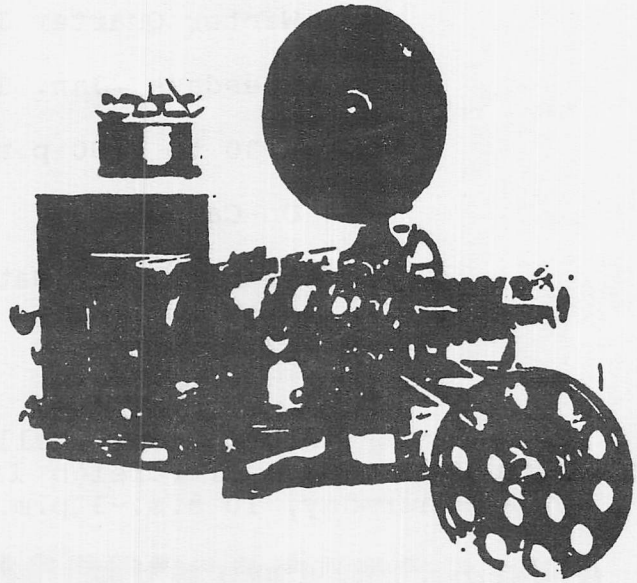
For more information call Lynn Klausenburger,  
Curriculum Specialist in Foreign languages, 543-2300, Ext.  
414, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



## VADIM PAHN FUND BEGUN

In November the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature received a generous gift in memory of a former lecturer in Russian, Vadim Ottovich Pahn. Born in Kazan, Russia in 1917, Mr. Pahn taught Russian language at the University of Washington from 1946 to 1977 and served as lecturer emeritus until his death in 1985.

The Slavic Department has started a Vadim Pahn Fund for Undergraduate Russian Student Support, to be used for awards to capable undergraduate students of Russian language at the University of Washington in order to encourage and help them to continue their study of Russian language and culture. Donations to the fund should be sent to Vadim Pahn Fund, Slavic Languages and Literature DR-30, University of Washington, Seattle WA 98195.



### ANNUAL RUSSIAN HOUSE WINTER FILM SERIES

The Russian House and ASUW will again be sponsoring the Winter Quarter Slavic Films Series. All films will be shown in Smith Hall, Room 120 @ 7:00 p.m. The films are free for students and faculty. In addition students and faculty may bring one guest per I.D.

#### FILMS:

#### AIR DATES

ASHES AND DIAMONDS:

JAN. 15

A film by the great Polish director Andrej Wajda, this film is one of the clearest portrayals of a communist society ever made. It bares the conflict of idealism and instinct in a young resistance fighter who assassinates the wrong man at the end of WWII.



## CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

JAN. 28-9

A film version by Russian director Lev Kulidjanov of the Dostoevsky novel. Raskolnikov is a poor student who constructs a personal philosophy which places him above conventional morality and man-made law. The film is simple in its narrative but complex in its psychology, as the delirious student is driven to murder a local pawnbroker.

## THE FIREMAN'S BALL

FEB. 4

A film by famous Czech director Milos Forman of "Amadeus" fame. In a provincial town arrangements for the annual Fireman's Ball go wrong at every turn as the townspeople prepare to honor the Fire Chief who is retiring at age 86. The ceremony is turned into a sprawling disaster of delightful Tati-esque proportions.

## THE COLOR OF POMEGRANATES

FEB. 18-9

The latest work of Russian director Sergei Parajanov, it is a great work, and one for which he was imprisoned.

## SHADOWS OF FORGOTTEN ANCESTORS

MARCH 4

A film by the Russian director Sergei Parajanov, it is one of the most unorthodox, colorful, formalistic, religious-superstitious and sensual-erotic films ever made in the Soviet Union. It has proved a sensation in the U.S.S.R.



## CROATION POET ON CAMPUS

Through the auspices of the Fulbright Exchange Program, the Croation poet Bozica Jelusic is in residence on the UW campus through January 1987. One of the most respected poets of the younger generation, she has already published six volumes of poetry and criticism. The critics have warmly received her poetry: Rijec kao lijepo stablo (A Word Beautiful as a Tree), 1974; Golubica i pepeo (The Dove and the Ashes), 1974; Cekaonica drugog razreda (Second Class Waiting Room), 1979; Kopernikovo poglavlje (Copernicus' Chapter), 1983; Mestri, mestrije (Masters and Masterpieces), 1986. Her criticism has ranged over poetry, prose, art and music, and is collected in part in Herz desetka (Ten of Hearts). While in the United States, Ms. Jelusic will be lecturing on Yugoslav women writers and giving reading for her own poetry. For information on the time and place of lectures and readings in Seattle, please contact the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature @ 543-6848.



## SOVIET TV ARRIVES AT UW

The Soviet TV reception facility has been installed and is operating. Every day, as long as the Soviet satellite cooperates, we receive TV programs originating from Moscow and meant for the Soviet Far East. The facility is located in room 35H, Thomson Hall. Everyone is welcome to stop by in the afternoon and meet the technician, Steve McGinnis, and watch some TV from the U.S.S.R. Steve will record programs for people wishing to use them in campus courses or for research. For more information, call Larry Lerner @ 543-4852.



## SUMMER WORKSHOPS IN BALKAN FOLK MUSIC AND FOLK DANCE

In July and August 1987 you will have an opportunity to participate in two intensive workshops in the folk music and dance of the Balkan countries. The workshops will be held on July 17-26 at Buffalo Gap, West Virginia and August 21-30 at Mendocino, California. Each event is nine days long, but part-time attendance is also possible, especially during the weekends. These workshops focus on the traditional music and dance of Bulgaria, Greece, Yugoslavia, Romania, and Albania. Beginners are welcome. No previous experience is necessary. Classes are offered at all levels, with a lot of individual attention. The program at each workshop includes daily dance classes, singing workshops, instruction on folk instruments (instruments are available) dance parties with live music, ensemble coaching and jam sessions, group sings, films and folklore talks, concerts, and delicious ethnic good. For further information contact:

Mark Levy, Director  
East European Folklife Center  
3150 Portland St.  
Eugene, OR 97405  
(503) 344-4519

## SEMINAR ON THE SOVIET UNION

There will be a one day course on the Soviet Union given at the University of Washington on April 25, 1987. Speakers will include Professors Lawrence Lerner, Herbert Ellison, Willis Konick and Daniel Waugh. For further information call 543-2300.

### WE ARE INTERESTED IN HEARING FROM YOU

We are most anxious to help the community in any way that we are able. The REEU NEWSLETTER is an excellent tool for us to get information out to the educational community. We would be pleased to receive any suggestions that you have of ways in which we might make the NEWSLETTER serve your needs. We want to encourage our readers to participate by sending us articles that would be of interest to others. We are also interested in publicizing your events. If your group is sponsoring an event, please let us know and we will put it in the NEWSLETTER. Thank you for your support.

REEU NEWSLETTER  
504 Thomson Hall, DR-05  
University of Washington  
Seattle, WA 98195

Nonprofit Org. U.S. Postage PAID Seattle, WA Permit No. 62
--