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Гриннелльцы всех стран, соединяйтесь!

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Поздравляем Вас всех с новым 2010–ым годом! Желаем всем всего наилучшего!

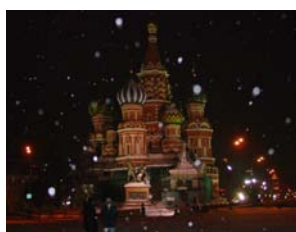
The Russian Department hopes that readers of Novosti have enjoyed the winter break, and wishes you all a happy new year and success in the coming semester!

С ПРИЕЗДОМ! Welcome Back!

We look forward to welcoming back to campus students who studied off campus last semester. **Steve Hoff '10** spent the fall semester in Moscow, studying at the International University on a program sponsored by ACTR; **Patrick Stuchlik '11** studied for a semester in South Africa; and **Tatiana Golovenko '11** will be returning to Grinnell after a semester in France. **Marissa Lenoir '11** studied last fall at the Middlebury College C.V. Starr School in Yaroslavl, Russia.

СЧАСТЛИВОГО ПУТИ! BON VOYAGE!

Several students are on their way to Russia this semester. **Anne Brothers '11**, **Яша Garcia '11**, and **Andrew Mullens '11** will be studying abroad in Moscow, studying at the ACTR International University.



For more information about off-campus study in Russia, as well as Central/Eastern Europe, watch for announcements of information

sessions, where student-veterans of past programs, as well as faculty advisers, will share their perspectives about this valuable, life-changing experience. This past semester we hosted such a meeting at **Russian Table**, a practice we plan to continue in the future. For more information, students should also feel free to contact **Todd Armstrong**, program adviser

for these programs—or any member of the Russian department.

NEW RUSSIAN MAJORS and RCEES CONCENTRATORS

Addie Anderson '13; Jared Dye '12; Jacob Guild '12; Kelly Iacobazzi '12; Kirsten Moreland '12; and Ben Saderholm '12 recently declared their major in Russian. We also have a new RCEES concentrator, **Claire Reeder '12**. Welcome to the department and concentration! And if we have missed anyone, please let us know.

RUSSIAN DEPARTMENT GUEST

The department is also pleased to welcome to campus next semester **Galina Aksenova**, who will team-teach RES 261 with **Anatoly Vishevsky** for the first six weeks. We look forward to welcoming Galina back to Grinnell College, where she has already taught on numerous occasions. In addition to her position as Associate Professor of Cinema at the Moscow Art Theater School, Galina serves as the Associate Director of the Kathryn Wasserman Davis School of Russian at Middlebury College. Her current field of interest is Russian comedy and Russian director Yevgeny Bauer. Her visit is sponsored by the [Center for International Studies](#).



RUSSIAN LANGUAGE ASSISTANT NEWS

Each year the department sponsors a different language assistant from Russia. The assistant is

usually a post-BA student who serves as an additional resource for students of Russian and depending on student interest, organizes extracurricular activities. The language assistant conducts Russian 200 (conversational practice) and runs a weekly Russian Language Lab, where students are able to come to do homework, consult with the native speaker, or just chat. Our language assistant also lives in Russian House. We are fortunate this year to have **Anastasia Selemeneva**, of Stavropol, Russia, as our assistant. We have enjoyed getting to know and work with Anastasia, and we look forward to working with her during the spring semester.

We also thought it might be fun to catch up on language assistants from the past. Novosti caught up with the following assistants, who have sent in updates on their current activities:

2008-2009 Julia Kulikova was awarded a scholarship to do her Master's Degree in Russian and East European Studies at the University of Oregon after her year at Grinnell. We miss her Saturday morning radio show, Daywatch, on the campus radio station, KDIC, and wish her every success!

2007-2008 Natalia Petrova, originally from Pskov, is a graduate of the Pskov State Pedagogical University (class of 2004). Before coming to Grinnell, she taught for three years in Russia. Natalia writes:

Many things have happened since I left Grinnell. The most important one was my moving to Moscow. What a change it was after our calm and homey Grinnell! Having worked for a year as a teacher of English for two private language schools I decided to be my own boss and became a freelance teacher. At the moment I'm teaching English at MosFinAgency that deals with Moscow Government Bonds. It's a very challenging job as it involves not only teaching English but also specific knowledge in Economics. I often regret not taking Econ at Grinnell:) Although it's quite difficult for me at times, I really love what I'm doing at the moment as I learn a lot myself and meet very interesting people. Another thing I have been busy with is IELTS [International English Language Testing Systems –Eds.] examinations. Just a week ago I passed Certification for IELTS examiner and I'll start this job soon as well. So, that is my news. I have to admit that living in Moscow is not easy at all. It's a huge city with a crazy pace of life, time- and energy-consuming. At the same time it offers great opportunities for those who try and

work hard. Moreover, anyone who would like to have lots of fun should definitely give it a try. One never gets bored here, I can assure you!:)

2006-2007 Vera Bobkova is originally from Biysk (Siberia). When she arrived in Grinnell, she was a recent graduate with distinction from the Biysk Teacher Training State University in Altaisky Krai. After her year in the Russian department at Grinnell, Vera returned to Russia. She writes:

It's my pleasure to be on the pages of Grinnell Novosti again! Even though Grinnell was only one page of my professional life, it seems to have been the most colorful and exciting one, the page which I keep rereading in my memories. Grinnell professors has set a high standard for me with their deep and genuine interest in their subject, with their personalized approach to every single student, and with their highly professional and outstanding teaching skills.

As for my post-Grinnell times, I am now a PhD student in Moscow State University in the Department of Foreign Languages and Regional Studies. My research interests lie in the sphere of Teacher Education. It's a part-time course, so while doing my research, I am also working as a Language Assistant in... London :) You will probably laugh but the capital of Great Britain is nothing like Grinnell meaning that London is not so good! If I had a single chance to be in Grinnell now instead of London, I would definitely go for it.

Other changes in my life? I moved to Moscow from my hometown in Siberia a year after Grinnell to work as an ESL teacher at a private high school as well as a teacher-trainer at the British Council. Though it might sound strange, but being in Moscow helped me to stay connected with Grinnell - I had a chance to meet up with some Grinnell alumnae and language assistants who worked in Grinnell after me. If you are going to the capital of Russia some time starting summer 2010, feel free to contact me.

Grinnell College is indeed a pearl of Iowa, and I am proud to be a Grinnellian.

2003-2004 Dinara Moukhametjanova. After her year in Grinnell, Dina returned to Moscow. She is currently working for PepsiCo, and shooting commercials, but is thinking about getting back to teaching.

2002-2003: Tatiana Yakovenko. Tatiana-or Tanya-is originally from Rostov-on-Don, a city in Southern Russia, and completed the Master's degree in the Faculty of Foreign Languages at Moscow State University in 2001. She taught Russian as a foreign language to students in Moscow, and enjoyed working with faculty and students at Grinnell. Tanya has invited any Grinnellians studying in Moscow to contact her.

1999-2001: Anna Samoilova Dany. Anna was our first language assistant, and worked with the Russian Department at Grinnell College for two years. She received her B.A. from Moscow State University, and after Grinnell entered the graduate program in Communications at Fordham University in New York, where she received an M.A. degree. Since then, Anna has worked with her own consulting firm, and has recently decided to pursue graduate studies in Slavic languages and literatures. She has also gotten married since leaving Grinnell. Members of the Russian Department enjoyed meeting Anna again last November in Boston at the AAASS National Convention. We wish Anna every success!

Russian Song Circle Fall 2009

This fall saw the return of the **Кружок русской песни**, which met weekly on Wednesday evenings. A highlight this fall was the virtual appearance via Skype of **Dima Wolfe '98**, who joined us from San Francisco. Novosti would like to take this opportunity to thank **Pippa Hoover '10**, who took over as leader of Кружок this semester. Pippa also provided songs and impressive guitar playing. Спасибо, Пиппа! The group will continue meeting this semester, with the goal of putting together a short repertoire for *Slavic Coffeehouse 2010*, which will be held after spring break. The department will also be working to include more virtual participation of alums, many of whom have expressed an interest in contributing to our efforts.



Давайте споем вместе в будущем семестре!



Что такое Славянское кафе???

Each spring, the Russian Department and Russian House host our annual Slavic Coffeehouse. Students gather

during a Saturday at faculty houses (and at Russian House), and prepare a wide variety of Slavic dishes, both savory and sweet, which are then sold in a benefit in JRC 101. We also usually have some form of entertainment; we'll hope to see Russian Song Circle perform some of their songs; watch for spring editions of Novosti for more information!

SEPC

The Russian Department SEPC members are **Pippa Hoover '10; Grant Dissette '12; Jana Niehaus '10** What is the "SEPC" you ask? It stands for **Student Educational Policy Committee**, and it is a group of students who work with faculty members in the Russian department in organizing our co-curricular program, assisting in providing student input on reviews, and representing the majors in our department to SGA. If you are interested in joining the SEPC, please contact Raquel Greene [greener].

NEW COURSES OFFERED BY THE RUSSIAN DEPARTMENT

New Course on Film

We are pleased to announce the regularization of a popular special topics course, **RUS 261.01: History of Russian Film: From Eisenstein to Tarkovsky and Beyond.**

Through lecture, discussion and film analysis, this course examines the fascinating and controversial history of Russian film in all its genres: from pre-Revolutionary melodrama to Eisenstein's famous *Battleship Potemkin*, from the hilarious comedies of Stalin's era to the coded films of the 1960s and 1970s, from

Tarkovsky's sophisticated *Solaris*, to the daring films of the glasnost era, from *chernukha* (noir) films of the 1990s to contemporary cinema about the Russian mafia, New Russians and the dramatic search for a

new Russian identity. The course, which will be listed as **RUS 261**, will be taught in English. Prerequisites: **HUM 211** (Film Analysis); a course in the Russian Department, or a course in Russian history.



New Humanities course

Raquel and Kelly are collaborating on a new humanities special topic interdisciplinary course, **“Theoretical Approaches to Children’s and Young Adult Literature.”** The course will take a theoretical approach to canonical and contemporary children’s literature; Raquel will teach the first iteration of the course this semester. She will focus on constructions of



race, slavery, class and gender in 19th and 20th-century Anglo-American Children’s Literature. The historical and cultural role of institutionalized

slavery will be a central topic of study in its presentation to young readers. As a part of the course, students will work on projects at the recently opened [Drake Community Library](#), with assistance from the new children’s librarian, Simone Sidwell.

Russian Department faculty present on children’s literature at AAASS National Convention in Boston, MA

Raquel Greene and **Kelly Herold** both participated on the panel “Russian Children’s Literature after 1991” last November at the AAASS convention. Raquel presented “A Tale of Two Markets: ‘Detskaia Literatura’ and the New Child Elite,” and Kelly presented “Translating ‘His Dark Materials’: Anglo-American Teen Values in the New Russia.”

Professional organizations in Russian and Slavic Studies

The editors of *Novosti* thought current students might be interested in the major professional academic organizations in the field of Russian and Slavic studies. The two most important are AATSEEL and AAASS.

AAASS

The **American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies** (AAASS) is “an outgrowth of the Committee on Slavic Studies established by the American Council of Learned Societies in 1938, the AAASS was founded a decade later for the purpose of publishing the *American Slavic and East European Review*, and in 1960 became a membership organization. The Association represents American

scholarship in the post-Soviet/East Central European field nationally and internationally. Its representatives serve on such bodies as the U.S. State Department’s Advisory Committee for Studies of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the former Soviet Union, and the International Council for Central and East European Studies. [www.aaass.org] **Todd Armstrong** currently serves on the AAASS Committee on Education.

NB In 2008, the members of AAASS voted to change the name of the organization to the **Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies** (ASEEES)

AATSEEL

The **American Association of Slavic and East European Languages** (AATSEEL), “founded in 1941, exists to advance the study and promote the teaching of Slavic and East European languages, literatures, and cultures on all educational levels, elementary through graduate school. While the largest proportion of its activities and members concentrate in the area of Russian, AATSEEL has from the beginning stressed that it embraces all Slavic and East European languages, literatures, linguistics and cultures. AATSEEL holds an [annual conference](#) in December of each year; its publications include the [Slavic and East European Journal](#) (four times a year) and the [AATSEEL Newsletter](#) (four times a year).” [<http://www.aatseel.org/about>]

News about Russian in the Academy

“Whether it’s Putin or Pushkin, student interest is sending language enrollments to levels unheard of since the Cold War.” Indeed, colleagues from around the country have been reporting increasing enrollments in Russian language courses; **Inside Higher Ed** reports on this trend: [News: Russia\(n\) Is Back - Inside Higher Ed](#) [www.insidehighered.com]

ALUMNI NEWS

The department welcomes contributions and updates from our alumni Russian majors and RCEES concentrators; please send us news of what you have been up to! We’ve heard from quite a few of you over the past couple of months:

Josh Brody ’04 received a Master’s degree in Slavic languages and literatures at the University of Chicago in 2006; he is currently in law school at the University of Iowa, and is interning at Legal Aid in Cedar Rapids.

Naomi Caffee '04 is in her fourth year as a Ph.D. student in Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of California, Los Angeles. In addition to studying literary translation and Russian poetry, she is specializing in the literature of the Turkic-speaking Republics of the former Soviet Union. To this end she hopes to conduct research in Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan in the coming year.

Naomi Olson (née Bethel) '04 is pursuing her Ph. D. at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is teaching a course next semester called "The Culture of Dissent in Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Yugoslavia," which will focus on dissent in plays, essays, and films from these areas. She also recently received a Center of the Humanities grant to start a Russian literature class at Oakhill Correctional Facility. She writes, "I go to the prison once a week to read short stories with inmates who want to improve their own creative fiction. It has been a fabulous experience so far. As you can imagine, teaching a class of prison inmates has a whole different set of challenges from teaching in the undergraduate classroom." Naomi also just received another teaching award (her first was the "Early Excellence in Teaching" award, which recognizes outstanding and inspirational achievement on the part of TAs with fewer than 4 semesters of teaching experience). This one was from the University Division of Housing—students living in dorms nominated instructors who inspired them personally and academically, so, as Naomi writes, "this 'students' choice' award was pretty fun to get." Поздравляем!

Elisabeth Kruger '06 visited Grinnell over break, and updated the editors of Novosti with news of her life after Grinnell. She's currently finishing up with her fourth year as the resident director of the [Middlebury College Language School in Irkutsk](#). She has also been active in various international projects in and around Lake Baikal, including the [Great Lake Baikal Trail](#), the first of its kind in all of Russia. Elisabeth is also assisting Kansas City Star columnist C. W. Gusewell return to Siberia, where he traversed the Lena River with geographers with the Siberian branch of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. In a classic мир



теч (small world) moment, Elisabeth's housemates work with Mr. Gusewell's colleague in Irkutsk, and Elisabeth helped them renew their friendship. Gusewell, recalling his journey twenty years ago, writes in a 2009 column:

Across these nearly two intervening decades, I have found myself thinking more often lately of those Siberian friends with whom we shared that grand adventure.

Victor and Valera would be getting on toward 60 now. Volodya would be 50. The younger of Victor's two sons, Nikita, would be in his 20s; the older, Alyosha, past 30. How have the years treated them and their families? What further shapes have their lives taken?

I would like very much to know, to share memories of our weeks on that great river, to look once more into the transparent depths of Lake Baikal and see again the forested shoulders of the mountains in whose basin that glorious lake lies.

They, and all of that, were part of an experience so singular as never to be repeated. And about which I feel, as I did when we were camped there on the Arctic coast, that I cannot bear to let it go.

I looked yesterday at the possibilities of air travel to Irkutsk. The cost would be serious, and the time away from work a problem. And yet ...

Maybe it will happen.

http://www.kansascity.com/news/columnists/cw_gusewelle/story/1385730.html

Meghan Redd '06 is currently in Almaty, Kazakhstan. She writes:

For the past two years, I have been living in Almaty, Kazakhstan working for the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia. I've had the opportunity to work with public and private sector donors, design a wide range of social projects, make a lot of friends, and travel the region. Following the conclusion of my contract here in summer 2010, I plan to travel Southeast Asia for about two months. I will then begin an MBA program at University of Edinburgh in Scotland in fall 2010.

Meghan also informs us of an internship opportunity (Thanks, Meghan!):

My NGO in Central Asia is looking for interns if you know any Grinnellians who might be interested. I'm pasting the announcement from our president below:

The Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia invites interns and volunteers to help us promote our mission of helping citizens participate in building their future by strengthening their communities and improving their civic and economic wellbeing. EFCA has offices in Almaty, Bishkek, Osh and Dushanbe. We are a locally registered NGO with an international staff and board, seeking to combine the best practices of international NGOs with a deep understanding of the countries where we have worked for the past 15 years.

Intern or volunteer assignments will be individually tailored to the person's skills and experience and the needs of both sides. Possibilities include research, proposal writing, translating, direct assistance at project sites and English teaching. We are particularly interested in people who can help us produce web-based and video materials to promote EFCA's mission and individual project goals.

Students interested should contact her at:

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Rebecca Johnston '08.5 was the recipient of a John Mohan Study Award; she used the award for an ACTR program, then returned to the states and attended the summer Russian school at Middlebury College. She recently accepted a new job. Rebecca writes, "I'm an editor at theOtherRussia.org. I scout Russian news sites for articles that particularly deal with cases of political repression, corruption, nationalism out of control, and the usual weekly set of extrajudicial murders (not a joke). So then I translate them and post them on the site. It's the website of Garry Kasparov's political coalition, but everything I do is apolitical."

Rebecca recently attended the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) in Boston, where members of the Russian and History departments were also in attendance. **Kelly Herold, Raquel Greene, and Todd Armstrong**, along with **Ed Cohn** and **Dan Kaiser**, met with Rebecca and former Russian Language Assistant **Anna Samoilova Dany** during the conference.

Avram Lyon '06 is in the Ph. D. program at UCLA. Many readers of Novosti will remember that Avram recently married (Поздравляем!). Avram writes:

У нас тут все хорошо -- учимся все. Я языками занимаюсь, готовлюсь к экзаменам на магистра. Айгуль [это жена Аврама--Новости] пишет в татарские СМИ про ЛА и ходит на курсы английского. Нурислам [его сын] ходит в школу -- по-английски заговорил и читает даже.

Я подаю на различные гранты и надеюсь провести лето в Европе в изучении языков (чешского, турецкого, немецкого). Если получу стипендию Фульбрайта, тогда буду в Казани весь предстоящий академический год, где и буду изучать языки и литературы Поволжья. Take učím se česky, ale mluvím jen trošku. Když budu v České Republice, budu se učit v Karlové univerzitě v Praze.

Желаю всего наилучшего тебе и всем в Гринелле!

FROM OFF-CAMPUS

Marissa Lenoir '11, who was in Russia last semester, wrote to Novosti to share her experiences abroad:

For my semester abroad, I studied in Yaroslavl and lived with a retired French teacher right on the Volga. We were very well matched, and over the course of the semester we became very close friends. Yaroslavl is wonderful, a little on the small side, but you can always find something to do if you look hard enough. My first month there I was bitten by a wild dog, and I had to go to Moscow four times for prophylactic rabies shots. But ничего не страшно--I am actually very grateful for the experience because I learned hands on about medical resources in the provinces. The whole rabies thing was actually one of the highlights of my semester. We went on a program excursion to Ekaterinburg, where we saw the Romanovs' burial site, the border between Asia and Europe, and the Urals. We also went to a moose farm, where I fed a moose named Люба a snack-size carrot. I had my first banya experience with a friend's family who had built a banya behind their house. Between the sauna and beating each other with birch branches, we would run outside and throw snow at each other to cool off. Her mom kept rubbing honey all over my body and insisting that I drink lots of homemade apple juice. It was a very Russian experience, I think. I went to the theatre a lot, bought a garmoshka which I was learning to play (sadly, my garmoshka never made it through customs, so now she sits in

Domodedovo airport), and welcomed the New Year on Red Square.

SUMMER LANGUAGE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES in RUSSIAN: Funding and Programs

Many students choose to supplement their study of Russian during the summer. There are a number of programs available, both in the U.S. and in Russia; several are listed below; there are many more. Many of them offer funding assistance. The Russian Department also is able to offer support for summer Russian study through the **Anne K. Hansen '86 award**, established in 1989 in memory of Anne K. Hansen '86 by her friends and family. Anne Hansen was a Russian Studies major who went on the Grinnell College Interim Tour of the USSR during her senior year. The Award is used to partially fund at least 1 student who wishes to take a Russian Summer intensive language program. The program must be approved by the chair of the Russian department and be completed prior to graduation from Grinnell College. Last year's recipients of the award were **Pippa Hoover '10**, and **Marissa Lenoir '11**. [<http://www.grinnell.edu/academic/russian/hansenaward>]

Summer Intensive Russian at Beloit College

"The Russian program has proven to be the model for successful intensive language study through the Center for Language Studies since it was founded in 1983. We have consistently been able to offer four levels of Russian since the late 1980s, with one of the highlights being "Political Russian," designed for advanced-level students. Language instruction forms the essence of the summer intensive Russian program. All four levels of Russian are taught by experienced instructors committed to the communicative approach, the use of technology, and the integration of language and culture in the classroom. Each textbook chosen for the Russian language program is appropriate for the intensive, fast-paced nature of the Russian language programs, and reflects post-Soviet Russian society."

[<http://www.summerlanguages.com/russian.html>]

Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages at Indiana U

"Intensive language training has been offered at the Bloomington campus of Indiana University since 1950. The Summer Workshop provides up to 200 participants in Slavic, East European and Central Asian languages the opportunity to complete a full year of college language

instruction during an eight-week summer session. Utilizing the resources of Indiana University's own specialists as well as native speakers from other universities and abroad, the Summer Workshop has developed and maintained a national program of the highest quality. Allowing all participants to pay in-state tuition fees, the program has as its goal the enhancement of speaking, reading, listening and writing skills through classroom instruction and a full range of extra-curricular activities. Fellowships and funding are available."

[<http://www.indiana.edu/~swseel/>]

Davis School of Russian at Middlebury

"Recognized as one of the best Russian language programs in the world, Middlebury's School of Russian has been offering intensive immersion Russian language and culture instruction for 63 years.

In the Davis School of Russian, you can choose from cocurricular activities that explore the range of historical and contemporary Russian culture, from the slings and arrows of slang to the finer points of fine art. And while you're interpreting Russian poetry, learning to play the balalaika, or discussing post-Soviet politics, your fluency and vocabulary are increasing by the minute. ... At Middlebury, the cornerstone of [their] educational philosophy and the key to your success is the [Language Pledge](#). Bound by a promise to speak only Russian, the members of the School of Russian form a community of learners in which intensive language study and expansive personal growth are not the exception, but the rule."

[<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/russian/>]

Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies Program (RLASP)

The American Councils of Teachers of Russian (ACTR) RLASP serves both graduate and undergraduate students. The academic program is designed to improve participants' oral, listening, reading, and writing proficiency in Russian language and to develop their knowledge of Russian history, politics, culture, and society. The ... summer programs provide approximately twenty hours per week of in-class instruction in Russian grammar, phonetics, conversation, and cultural studies at Moscow International University, the Russian State Pedagogical University (Gertsen Institute) in St. Petersburg, and the KORA Center for Russian Language in Vladimir. One day per week of the academic program is set aside for local cultural excursions."

[<http://www.americancouncils.org/program/20/RLASP/>]

Post-Grinnell Funding: John Mohan Study Award

The purpose of the Russian Study Award is to provide students who have seriously pursued the study of Russian with an opportunity to develop their language skills in the Russian speaking world. The Award is intended to enable Grinnell College students to pursue a study program or a project of their own design after graduation.



For more information, please see the departmental page for the [John Mohan Study Award](#).

RUSSIAN DEPT on Facebook

The Russian Department has established a group-page on Facebook; at last count, there were **153 members**—current students and alumni! We welcome past and current students to join the group, and to take a look at the pictures and videos from Slavic Coffeeshouse 2009, and some pictures posted recently by **Luke Austin Rankin '08**. We invite alums to consider adding to the collection of photos, and we also will be posting some pictures from the past, as well as some discussions about employment opportunities in Russian and Slavic studies. Visit our Facebook site at [Grinnell College Russian Department](#)

Jacob Guild '12 has been active on the department Facebook site, and has started a discussion that readers of Novosti might find interesting: *It has*



come up more than once that the Russian department is in dire need of a Department pet/mascot. I am very much in favor of this and submit my humble suggestion of a hedgehog. I believe that an addition of a hedgehog would make everything better forever. An additional requirement for the Russian major could be maintenance of said hedgehog for some period of time :) thoughts?

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Russian Department, in conjunction with Falconer Gallery and the Burling Print and Drawing Room, and with funding support of the Center for International Studies and Center for Humanities, began work on a project that will bring together selected works from Grinnell's collection of Soviet Socialist Realist graphic art (donated to the College by Eric Johnson '88 and Brenda Horrigan '88) with a collection owned by Monroe E. Price, Director, Center for Global Communications Studies, Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. This exhibit will take place at Penn in Spring 2010 (with the Grinnell pieces traveling there), and then the exhibit will be held in the **Grinnell College Burling Print and Drawing Room in Fall, 2010**. Watch future Novosti for more information on the exhibit.

Новейшие члены-котята русской кафедры



Сердечно приветствуем на кафедре Чарлза и Кузьму! Они же братья (чуть не близнецы); один из них живёт у Келли-англофиля (поэтому «Чарлз», разумеется), другой у её соседа Толи.

Хорошие зверушки!

КТО ЭТО????



31-го октября появилась у дверей профессора чем-то знакомая тройка.