

НОВОСТИ

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WELCOME BACK!

The Russian Department and the Russian and Eastern European Studies Concentration would like to welcome all students back to Grinnell, and wish you all a pleasant and successful spring semester. We extend special greetings to returning veterans of off-campus study programs. **Kate Aughenbaugh '01** participated in the fall semester program in Moscow sponsored by ACTR. **Aimee Hutton '02**, **Jessica Larsen '00**, **Caleb Lindley '02**, and **Anna Thelen '02** all studied Russian in St. Petersburg on the fall semester program sponsored by ACTR. **Susie Cross '02**, **Christine Hanson '02**, **Mary Hoeschen '02**, **Laura Phillip '02**, and **Brandon Zicha '02** were part of the large Grinnell contingent studying in Olomouc, Czech Republic, in a program sponsored by the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM). Brandon has decided to extend his stay in the Czech Republic, and will return to Grinnell for fall 2001.

BON VOYAGE!



We also wish the very best to those students embarking on off-campus study for Spring 2001.

Vanessa Pierce '02 will be participating in a program in St. Petersburg, sponsored by ACTR. **Hilary Bown '02**, **Erin Schmidt '02**, and **Kimberly Smith '02** will go to an ACTR-sponsored program in Moscow.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE RUSSIAN DEPARTMENT!

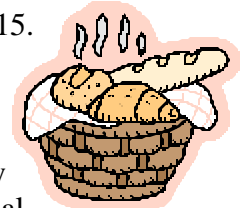
First and foremost we take great pleasure in announcing the arrival of the department's greatly anticipated newest (and youngest) member, **Eli Neil Ivanov**, who was born on January 5, 2001 to **Kelly Herold** and **Leonid Ivanov**. Congratulations Kelly and Leonya from all your colleagues, friends and students!

Kelly will be on partial parental leave this semester. Filling in for her will be **Leonid Ivanov**, who will be teaching Russian 222. Leonid, aka Leonya, has also recently been appointed as the college web coordinator. **Hanna Lukowicz-Armstrong**, who currently works in Student Affairs as an academic counselor, and who has taught in the department in the past, will be teaching Russian 102. We extend a warm welcome to both of them, and know that our students will greatly benefit from their skill and expertise.

Русский стол!

Russian Table will continue to be held during the lunch hour in Cowles PDR every Friday from 11:45-1:15.

Participants will go through the line in the dining hall to get their meals. We invite speakers of Russian at every level to join us for informal Russian conversation. Individuals not on board are guests of the Russian Department.



SLAVIC COFFEEHOUSE

An annual Spring event in the Russian Department is the Slavic Coffeehouse, which is co-sponsored by Russian and East European Studies (REES). Last year's event was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of the department and the Russian Native-Speaker Assistant, **Anna Samoilova**, who will also be busy with the event this year. Students will meet at kitchens on campus and in professors' homes, and prepare a variety of exotic treats from the Slavic kitchen, to be sold with coffee and tea that evening in the Forum Coffeehouse. Look for future announcements regarding the date of this year's Slavic Coffeehouse.

RUSSIAN STUDY AWARDS, 2001

Application Due Date: March 1



The Russian Study Awards are granted annually to seniors who have planned study and internship programs in Russophone countries after graduation. These awards are drawn from funds raised by three devoted friends of the Russian Department—**Diane Fisher Perkinson '82, Sharon McKee '82 and Emily Silliman '81**

Guidelines:

*Award is intended for projects initiated within the year following graduation

*Projects may include structured study programs, volunteerships or internships that have cultural, political or social value. The award is not intended for students engaged in profit-making activities.

*The award is need-based

*Students who have not had the opportunity to study in the region at the time they apply are favored. However, many past recipients have not met this criterion.

*Students who apply for this Award should have studied Russian in a serious way (at least **two years** of college-level Russian).

Any member of the Russian Department can furnish interested students with application forms as well as advising assistance. Awards are generally announced by April 30.

You do not need to be a Russian major to apply for a Russian Study Award.

To find more information about the Russian Study Award and to find downloadable applications, please go to the Information page of the Russian Website (www.grinnell.edu/russian).

STUDENT EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE (SEPC)

Each department at Grinnell has a Student Educational Policy Committee (SEPC), a group usually made up of Russian majors, that assists and participates in a number of departmental activities, including faculty reviews; faculty hiring and promotion; extracurricular events; and faculty-student communication. We want to thank **Hilary Bown '02, Richele Brafford '01, Marion Butzen '01 and Marissa Payne '01** for their participation during the fall semester.

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN THE SEPC

We would like to extend an invitation to all students interested in this important committee to join Richele, Marion, and Marissa in this semester's Russian SEPC. For more information, please contact Todd Armstrong [armstron].

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

John Mohan, after nine years of exemplary service, attended his final meeting of the ACTR Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL), in Washington D.C. **Kelly Herold** is currently on parental leave. **Raquel Greene** traveled to Moscow over Winter Break to do research on the depiction of Africa in 19th and 20th century Russian children's literature. She is working with colleagues at the Russian State Children's Library and the Russian State Youth Library. **Todd Armstrong** presented a keynote address at the annual meeting of the Korean Rusists Association in Soeul, Korea last semester. Todd has been elected to the ACTR Board of Directors, and will be acting director of the Rosenfield Program this semester; he was also recently appointed director of the Center for International Studies, an appointment he will begin next fall. **Anatoly Vishevsky**, currently on sabbatical leave in Prague, Czech Republic, was an invited lecturer in the Slavonic Department at the University of Surrey, UK, and also attended the Sixth World Congress of the ICCEES (International Congress of Central and East European Studies) in Tampere, Finland. We all miss Tolya, and wish him the best as he continues on his sabbatical.

ROSENFELD-LUCE-REES SYMPOSIUM

We are pleased to announce a co-organized symposium, "Preserving the Environment in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union," which will take place on April 3-5. A number of specialists will come to Grinnell to give lectures and presentations on this important aspect of Russia and Eastern Europe. Look for future announcements for more details about this event.

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM POSTPONED

We regret to announce that Fazil Iskander, who had agreed to come to Grinnell as Russian Artist-in-Residence, is unable to come to Grinnell this semester. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue this program next year.

RUSSIAN ON THE WEB

As many of you know, we have recently redesigned the Russian Department's website. We encourage students to visit us there (www.grinnell.edu/russian) to find contact information, archives of NOVOSTI, as well as comprehensive information about our program, a list of alumni activities for the last decade, links to faculty pages, etc. Students will also be interested in the puzzle that can be found by following the link "About the Design" on the front page.