

Dr. Orlov's Career: The Road Less Taken

by Robin Longaker

Dr. Paul A. Orlov, Associate Professor of English, is one of the most prominent and interesting personalities at Penn State. After conducting a lengthy interview with the professor, it became apparent that there is much more to Dr. Orlov than meets the eye.

The first question asked Dr. Orlov to describe his job responsibilities. He quickly responded, "Many people in our society and also on our campus have a great misunderstanding of the job responsibilities of a faculty member such as myself. The job responsibilities are much more complex and time consuming than most people imagine." He assured me that, contrary to popular belief, college professors are more than a "somewhat higher version of high school teachers." He also added that, "If someone were to say that to me, I would be very angry!"

His job responsibilities consist of teaching three courses per semester, two of which are usually writing courses. Dr. Orlov is also constantly assigning, reading, and grading the papers of his students. He noted that sometimes he feels like "a hamster on the wheel in a cage."

In addition to these duties, he spends a great deal of time on mental preparation for his classes.

Much of his time is spent on research, as well as "the writing and publishing of essays and/or books that demonstrate the expansions of my knowledge of English."

Dr. Orlov has been teaching at Penn State since 1982. He says he enjoys the "smallness of our campus, because it allows faculty, students, and staff to interact with each other. I also enjoy the warmth and camaraderie among many of the faculty and staff members."

When asked about his short and long term goals, Dr. Orlov replied, "I would like to complete the book I am working on which is a critical study of *An American Tragedy* by Theodore Dreiser, as well as a look at Dreiser's thoughts and world." He also stated he would like to "be

the best teacher I can be." In the long run, Dr. Orlov wants to write and publish further books in his field, and, he comically added, "I would like to figure out how the hell to program my VCR!"

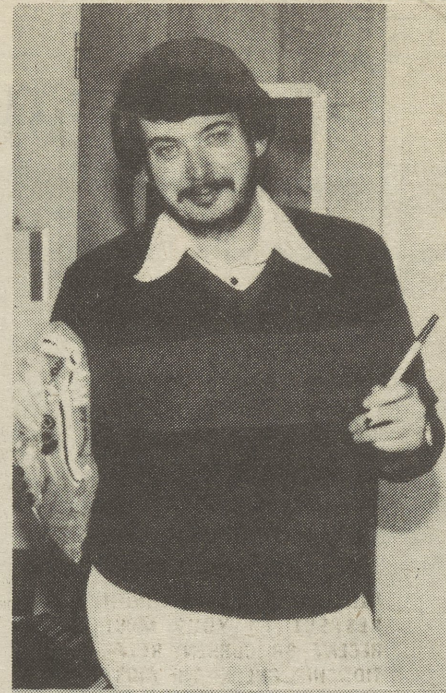
In his spare time, (what little of it there is), Dr. Orlov reads, goes to movies, and enjoys dancing. Yes, dancing. "I love to dance. I think many of my students would be surprised to see me dance. Certain songs just tap into my emotions."

Dr. Orlov is also a music lover. "My first love is classical music. I used to play the piano as a child." Besides classical music, he listens to songs influenced by the "Motown Craze" and 60's rock and roll. "I like The Beatles, The Stones, the Mamas and the Papas, Diana Ross, and many others."

Finally, Dr. Orlov was asked if

there was anyone who had greatly inspired him. After a few moments he replied, "... my mother. I am very much like she was. I loved her greatly. I respected her enormously. She was an artist and a book lover. She was an inherently bright person. She never pressured me into a certain profession, but when I decided to be an English professor, my mother was thrilled."

Dr. Orlov is a teacher who obviously cares a lot about his students. "Teaching means a great deal to me. There is always a need for those of us who teach to be as effective and knowledgeable as possible. Frankly, there are aspects of my nature that make it important for me to give myself to other people. I enjoy this. It's a pleasure and a privilege."



Dr. Paul Orlov holding two things for which he is most famous: his red pen and Tootsie Pops.

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Need Help? Academic Advising Offers Answers

by Dorothy A. Watson

One of the most important departments in Penn State University is the Academic Advising Office. Every student doesn't utilize this service as much as they should. For the short time that I have been here as a student, I have been approached by several students asking me about loans, how to change majors and where to obtain

advising staff of DUS includes: Linda Campitelli (DUS Programs Coordinator), Robert Purdy (DUS Sfbiser), and Flynn Bortnicker (DUS Adviser - part time. Students who have decided about their major area of study are assigned to faculty members advising in specific colleges. These assignments are made by Dr. Jane Cooper. Students enrolled as nondegree or nondegree

office you will be greeted by the Advising Office Secretary, Mrs. Paschall. Student may request a change of adviser by simply filling out a request form from Mrs. Paschall. She will also answer any questions you might have and refer you to the correct adviser. Ms. Campitelli stated that students should see their assigned advisers in order to obtain accurate and timely advising information required for their major area of study. Students should also attend the semester college meetings in order to obtain current and accurate information. Exact time and date is posted each semester. Check campus newspaper, bulletin boards, and electronic bulletin boards. Also check the Records Office Bulletin Boards for late drop and other deadlines. Remember Late Drop ends April 10, 1992 (no exceptions).

Students should be referred to the Advising Office in Room 106MB when they have questions about academic advising and are uncertain where to go for information. Remember the Advising Office will refer you to the appropriate office or person.

Why not take some time to visit the Academic Advising Office and take advantage of the variety of services they have to offer. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID.



Linda Campitelli, programs coordinator, advises students to utilize academic advising services available to them.

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forms.

Ms. Linda Campitelli, the Campus Advising Coordinator, stated to me that Academic advising services are available to all students. She further stated that students who are undecided about their major or are enrolled in DUS, and students who are enrolled as provisional are assigned to the Division of Undergraduate Staff (DUS). the

conditional should be assigned to faculty members advising in specific colleges where these students wish to study. Non degree conditional students should seek advising information from the designated college representative from the academic unit to which admission or reinstatement and readmission, is desired.

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