

# Edgerton Describes Life, Attitudes of Soviet Peoples

The Soviet peoples are very much like us, and our common humanity is one great source of hope that we really can learn to live together in peace and justice and freedom, Dr. William B. Edgerton, assistant professor of Russian, said in the first of the series of Liberal Arts Lectures last night.

Dr. Edgerton, describing his recent tour of the Soviet Union, said that during his trip he kept his ears and eyes open in an effort to gain an understanding of the Russian way of

## Concert Campaign

### Concert Group To Begin Fall Member Drive

Members of the Community Concert Association may renew their memberships for the 1955-56 season starting Monday, Leland Rhodes, campaign chairman, has announced.

New memberships may be purchased from the volunteer workers from Oct. 3 until the membership reaches the quota of 1230, the seating capacity of Schwab Auditorium where the concerts are held, or until noon Oct. 8, Rhodes said. The membership price is \$6.

#### "Kick-off" Meeting

A "kick-off" meeting for all volunteer workers will be held Oct. 3 in dining rooms "B" and "C" of the Hetzel Union Building.

Volunteer solicitors will receive their campaign materials and the campaign will be outlined by Rhodes; David H. McKinley, chairman of the Association; and Mrs. Georgia McDonald, representing the New York office of the Community Concert Association, at the meeting.

#### No Sale of Single Tickets

After the solicitation campaign, the program will be arranged by a local board of directors, based on the budget made available by the sale of memberships. Tickets for individual concerts will not be sold during the season.

The concert series brought Tossy Spivakovsky, violinist; Carol Smith, contralto; the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra; Vitya Vronsky and Victor Babin, piano-duo and Theodor Uppman, baritone; to the campus last year.

### Party to Organize Freshmen Sunday

Lion party will hold a meeting for freshmen and new students at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in 121 Sparks.

Interested freshmen will be organized into committees, Thomas Dye, clique chairman, has announced.

Freshmen interested in being candidates for either clique or class positions, including freshman class president, will be taught the procedure of obtaining party nominations.

Dye said he will contact freshmen who signed the student government lists in their dormitories and will request them to attend the meeting.

## Engagements

### Lear-Greenwald

Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Greenwald of Trenton, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter Joan to Mr. Samuel Lear, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lear of Scranton.

Miss Greenwald is a junior in elementary education and a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi.

Mr. Lear is a senior in arts and letters and a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi.

A summer wedding is planned.

### Horn-Sykes

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sykes of Springfield announce the engagement of their daughter Sally to Mr. Stuart Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horn, of Westfield, N.J.

Miss Sykes is a senior in elementary education.

Mr. Horn is a senior in chemical engineering. He is a member of Androcles, junior men's hat society, and Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity.

life. He said he felt it was not possible to deal with the reality of a country in simple black and white. "So I took color film with me," he said.

The lecture was given through a series of colored slides which Dr. Edgerton had taken on his trip.

The tremendous thirst for culture found wherever he went was one aspect of Soviet life which impressed Dr. Edgerton greatly.

#### 'Black Market' Books

He showed a number of slides of a literary "black market" where books were sold and bought at very high prices because they were so in demand. While near the book stands, Dr. Edgerton said, he saw a man staring up into the air muttering, "I need the second volume of Maupassant; I need the second volume of Maupassant."

Slides were also shown of a tremendous crowd gathered outside an art gallery attempting to get in to see the Dresden Art Collection.

These scenes exemplified the desire for literature and all types of culture that goes up and down Soviet society.

In showing scenes of the old and new Moscow University campuses, Dr. Edgerton said that the Russians were very proud of their 700 institutions of higher learning. He also spoke of a young Russian scholar who was his informal guide on a tour through the old Moscow University and with whom he had a frank discussion on intellectual liberty.

#### Lecture in Leningrad

When in Leningrad, Dr. Edgerton took a picture of Peace street, one of the main streets in the city. This illustrated, he felt, the emphasis placed on peace throughout Russia. Some peace movements, he said, probably had political overtones, yet he felt that the desire for peace was great.

The majority of the slides that Dr. Edgerton offered were average Russian street scenes. Scenes which he felt would give the audience a better feeling of intimacy with the people and way of life he had seen and studied this summer.

The large crowd which turned out for the lecture was moved from 121 Sparks to Schwab Auditorium due to lack of seating capacity.

Dr. Edgerton will conduct another lecture concerning Russian educational and intellectual attitudes at a later date.

#### APhO Meets Monday

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in 109 Hetzel Union.

## Chapel Choir

### Twenty-Seven New Members Added to Choir

Twenty-seven new members have been named to the Chapel Choir, according to Mrs. Willa W. Taylor, professor of music education.

First sopranos are Carol Courtman, Nancy Heyman, Alice Van Ormer, Patricia Hosley, and Margery Williammee. The new second sopranos are Mary Jane West, Wilma Harris, Elfreida Bauers, Elinor Wessell, and Patricia Shuman.

The new group of first altos are Norma Gloor, Ruth Anne Helz, Elaine Mohney, Gail Gilman, and Karin DeJuhasz. Second altos are Sarah Murdoch, Joanne Montgomery, and Dianne Lee.

Second tenors are John Croft, Albert Donnestad, Thomas Hart, Samuel Moyer, and Charles Adams. The baritones are Fred Oppendak, Donald Garber, and Howard Rowlands, and the new second bass is Roger Serepula.

The former members of the Choir who returned to the University this fall held their second annual "Choir Day" at the Civil Engineering camp last Saturday. The group spent the day rehearsing the music for this semester, and participating in folk dances and competitive sports. During the evening colored slides, taken by the group during their tour of Europe this past summer, were shown.

Officers of the Choir are: Vernon Sones, president; Francis Taylor and Patricia Agnew, vice presidents; Haryette Gerhart, secretary; George Buckhout, treasurer; and Beau Barnes, historian. Librarians for the group are Gerald Hodge, Frank Woods, Frank Podleiszek, John Shaffer, and James Baker.

#### Guerny to Speak To Civil Engineers

The American Society of Civil Engineers will meet at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Civil Engineering Summer Camp. Members are asked to meet in the Mechanical Engineering parking lot.

Miss Louise Guerny, assistant to the director of Division of Intermediate Registration will speak on the topic, "There's a '4' in Your Future." Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

All those with cars are requested to provide transportation for other members.

## Drama

### Players Hold Mixer Tonight in Schwab

The Penn State Players will hold a mixer from 7 to 8:30 tonight in Schwab Auditorium. The purpose of the mixer is to acquaint interested students with the workings of the dramatic groups.

Carl Held, president of Players, and Ernest Swiggert, president of Theta Alpha Phi, national dramatics society, will speak at the affair.

The program will also include refreshments, a tour of Schwab Auditorium, and signing up for workshops. The tour will present the various facilities that are in the building for dramatic group use. These include makeup rooms, lighting setup, costumes department, and space for set construction.

Players is divided into two executive groups, consisting of the officers or board of control and the senior managers of the various working groups.

Membership Based on Points  
Membership in Players is awarded on the basis of points, which are given for participation in plays.

The first Players show this fall will be an operetta, Mikado, by Gilbert and Sullivan, which is being produced jointly by the division of dramatics and the department of music education.

#### Officers Listed

Players officers are Held, junior in arts and letters from Neshanic, N.J., president; Josiah Morrill, senior in hotel administration from Moorestown, N.J., vice president; Nancy Sheffler, senior in education, corresponding secretary; Elizabeth Jones, senior in arts and letters from Norristown, recording secretary; Gerald Denisof, junior in arts and letters from Philadelphia, treasurer; Elizabeth Ives, junior in arts and letters from Scranton; actors' representative; and Joyce Andruzak, junior in arts and letters from Sinking Springs, social chairman.

Senior managers are Millis Mershon, junior in arts and letters from Kennett Square, makeup; Caryl Newitt, senior in home economics from Norristown, lights; Elizabeth Morrill, junior in labor management from Moorestown, N.J., construction; Roberta Knapp, junior in home economics from Emmaus, costumes; Ray Vanderbilt, graduate in dramatics from Grand Rapids, Mich., advertising; and Held and Swiggert, speakers.

#### 'S' Club Meets Sunday

The "S" Club will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday at Alpha Gamma Rho. Dean Mullen, president, has urged all lettermen to attend.

### Cosmopolitans Will Present Color Slides

Dr. George F. Johnson, professor of agricultural extension, will present color slides of "Pennsylvania through the Seasons," at a meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in 214 Hetzel Union.

The slide presentation will be the first of a series which will cover foreign countries and parts of the United States.

A varied program of activities is planned for the coming year, including panels, discussion groups, cultural presentations, international sings, lectures, the annual International Banquet, and cabin retreats.

Club members are foreign students, faculty members, and American students.

The meeting is open to the public.

### Nielson Appointed Department Head

Dr. Ralph F. Nielson, associate professor of petroleum and natural gas engineering, has been named acting head of that department.

The appointment, approved at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, was made to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. John C. Calhoun, who has accepted a position at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Dr. Nielson is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where he also obtained his doctor of philosophy degree. His master of science degree was conferred by the University of California.

#### Oil Fellowship Renewed

A \$2500 fellowship is being awarded in the department of petroleum and natural gas engineering. The award is being renewed for the 1955-56 academic year by a Continental Oil Company Fellowship.

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