

Red Scholars Reflect Change, Says Thaden. IM Office Approves Indie-Greek Playoffs

The changed situation in Russia that followed Stalin's death is reflected in the attitudes and work of historians and other scholars in that country, says Dr. Edward C. Thaden, assistant professor of history.

Dr. Thaden spent six weeks in the Soviet Union this summer on grants from the Inter-University Committee on Travel and the University's Council on Research. He traveled extensively throughout the country and did research work at the Lenin Library in Moscow.

A new trend in Soviet Historical scholarship noted by Dr. Thaden is the effort to encourage further strengthening of scholarship ties with historians of other countries, a complete reversal of the Stalinist era. Between 1947 and 1953 bourgeois historians and scholars were denounced for "falsification of history" and "reactionary" defense of imperialism, he points out.

In fact, Thaden adds, the Russian historians now are criticizing their own practices of that period. In his opinion, Soviet university historians are well trained and

Dr. Edward C. Thaden, assistant professor of history, will speak on "Russia Today: Political Impressions" at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in 121 Sparks.

Slides will be shown to illustrate the talk.

The program is being sponsored by the International Relations Club and the Russian Area Program Committee.

competent and "if not hampered too much by dictates of the party apparatus, are capable of turning out first rate historical research."

But, Dr. Thaden added, "I do not believe that the day is in sight when the quality of Soviet historical scholarship will rival that of Western Europe and the United States."

"The university professors themselves constitute a privileged group in Russia," Dr. Thaden reports. "They are paid from five to ten times as much as the average worker, receive rewards for articles and books published, and have considerable social prestige."

He feels that directors of historical museums, while still adhering to materialistic and economic interpretations of history, often are more open minded and moderate than university professors or editors and more willing to express opinions not necessarily reflecting the current party line.

Many scholars try to find "safe" fields of research, he relates, going deep into the past or engaging in fields remote from current politics.

Dr. Thaden was relatively free to travel and he visited the cities of Moscow, Vladimir, Kiev, Leningrad, and Novgorod. Because he speaks fluent Russian, he was able to converse with the people. Despite the continuing propaganda war being waged against the United States in the controlled Communist press, he found the Russian people friendly.

While Russia is still an expansive country for the tourist, Thaden found traveling conditions in general pretty fair. The Russians are now encouraging a limited amount of tourist travel from abroad, he relates.

Memories of the oppressive Stalinist era are still too green to permit Russians to mingle easily with foreigners, he points out. Many were reluctant to be seen with an American and invited

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THE ENTRANTS in Town Independent Men's annual push-cart race found it's not as easy as it looks. Ronald Nippes, a pledge at Sigma Phi Alpha fraternity, won the event over four other contestants. The proceeds will go to Campus Chest.

—Daily Collegian Photo by Joe Patton

Barnhart, Moore Receive Two 1st's at Horse Show

Diane Barnhart and Richard Moore each took two first-place ribbons at the Little Fall Horse Show at the University stables Sunday.

A crowd of about one hundred watched the show, sponsored by the Penn State Riding Club, as riders from the State College area vied for ribbons in the eight competition classes.

Barnhart Places First
Miss Barnhart came in first place in the advanced equitation class. Other winners in this class were Judith Scattergood, second place; Moore, third; and Harvey Worrell, fourth place.

Miss Barnhart also took first place in intermediate equitation over jumps, while Thomas Forkin took second place.

Moore took first place in both the open hunters and the open jumping competitions.

Worrell Second
Worrell received the second prize in open jumping. Other winners in open jumping were Miss Scattergood and Linda Martz.

The other open hunters winners were Elmer Milton, Worrell, and Miss Scattergood.

Miss Martz came in first in the break and out class. Dale Williams, Miss Barnhart, and Elizabeth Hoopes were the other "placers" in this competition.

Tack Race Winners
In the tack race, Miss Hoopes, Dale Williams, and Dave Wilkin-

Linda Arble took the first-place (Continued on page nine)

Mil Ball--

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fles Rifles, Quarterdeck and Arnold Air Societies, has been held annually since 1953.

Officers and committee members for the Ball include representatives from the four sponsoring societies. They are Gilbert Freedman, chairman; Eugene Banker, secretary; and Lee Thomas, treasurer.

Committee members are: Publicity and "Queen Contest: David Andre, chairman; Donald Snyder and Ray Bolze.

General arrangements: Richard Perry, chairman; Albert Balkey. Invitations and programs: Henry Bartol, chairman.

Reception: Leonard Rosenbaum, chairman; Edward Halbert, Norman Shoup.

Advises for the dance are: Capt. James J. Littlejohn and Capt. Erwin F. Albrecht, Army; Capt. Richard Hickson, Air Force; and Lt. W. C. Haskell, Navy.

The intramural athletic department is willing to schedule experimental playoffs between fraternity and independent winners, according to Clarence "Dutch" Sykes, director of intramural athletics.

Sykes said he will speak to winners in football and tennis singles concerning the playoffs. Both sports are scheduled to be completed this week.

The playoffs are proposed by the Association of Independent Men. Edward Leach, chairman of a four man committee to investigate holding the playoffs, spoke to Sykes yesterday.

Willing to Cooperate
"If intramural teams want the playoffs," Sykes said, "the department is willing to cooperate to the fullest extent possible." Winners will not receive a trophy.

"However," Sykes said, "I don't believe fraternity and independent teams are dying to have the playoffs."

Playoffs were held for the last time in 1929. They were discontinued the following year because of lack of interest among the teams involved.

Basketball Playoff Failed
An informal badminton playoff was held in 1954 because the fraternity winner requested it, Sykes said.

An attempted basketball playoff in 1948 was never played because neither team could agree on a scheduling date.

The intramural sports schedule is so crowded that, by the time finals in a sport are played, fraternity and independent teams are beginning a new sport, Sykes said.

Powerful Teams May Dominate
Intramural athletics are for the benefit of the average player, he said.

Scheduling All-University playoffs may encourage the development of one or two powerful teams for the sole purpose of being All-University champion.

The average players will become discouraged and will not enter intramural sports or will forfeit after having lost to a vastly superior team, Sykes said.

It would be more logical, he said, to have an All-University playoff between the two last place teams.

Doyle to Attend Industry Congress

Richard Doyle, junior in business administration from Penedel, has been selected as the representative of the University to the 61st annual Congress of American Industry.

The selection of Doyle was made by the student relations and awards committee of the College of Business Administration.

Doyle is Vice President of Delta Sigma Pi, professional business fraternity, president of Androcles, junior men's hat society, and Junior Class Vice President.

Rutgers Prof to Speak To Pre-Legal Fraternity

Donald Kepner, dean of the Rutgers State University Law School, will speak to Pi Lambda Sigma, national pre-legal fraternity, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in 314 Willard.

Kepner's topic will be "The Darby Case and its Implications." The meeting is open to the public.

10 Studying Vocational Correction

Ten students are being trained as rehabilitation counselors in a new program at the University.

The program, administered by the College of Education, is supported by a \$23,168 grant from the U.S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. The State Department of Welfare has also contributed to the project.

It is the aim of the program to provide well-trained rehabilitation counselors for public and private agencies, according to Dr. Kenneth Hylbert, director of the project.

Help Disabled Persons
The counselors help disabled persons make suitable educational and vocational plans and advise them concerning sources of adequate medical care, special social services, occupational and physical therapy, placement, and related aspects of rehabilitation. The two-year program, which leads to a master's degree, includes work in education, psychology, and sociology.

Practical-experience is gained through internships arranged in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Rehabilitation, the State Council for the Blind, and other agencies.

HEC Will Hold Awards Dinner For Thirty-two

Fourteen donors or their representatives will presents awards to 32 students at the fourth annual awards dinner of the College of Home Economics Thursday at the State College Hotel.

Nine hotel and institution administration students will receive awards and scholarships from Buff-Henley Paper Company in cooperation with the Philadelphia Restaurant Association, Joseph Ashner Memorial Award, Joseph V. Horn Scholarship, Pennsylvania Hotels Association, Pennsylvania Restaurant Association, and the Shuck Hotels.

Other scholarships and awards to be presented are the Borden Award, Ellen M. Stuart Memorial Award, Extension Homemakers Scholarships, George D. Barbey Scholarship, Kroger Scholarships, Sears Roebuck Foundation, State Federation of Pennsylvania Women, and the Pittsburgh Home Economists in Business Group.

The latter scholarship will be presented for the first time to a freshman at the University in the amount of \$200 for the first year and \$100 for each of the next three years.

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