

Annual Seminar

Prof Advocates Sending Student Group to Russia

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There is no reason why Penn State shouldn't have a representation of students going to Russia each year as a traveling seminar, according to Dr. Thomas F. Magner, professor of Slavic languages.

Magner, who has been to Russia on two occasions and has traveled extensively in eastern Europe, stressed that in bettering understanding between Americans and the Russian masses, "the basic need is communication." "We should send hundreds of thousands of students over who can speak Russian," he said. "If a student can't speak Russian, he will have contact only with English-speaking officials. He will not get through to the Russian people."

Six Attend National IFC Conference

Six representatives of the University and the Interfraternity Council attended the National Interfraternity Conference meeting held in New York last week to commemorate the NIC's golden anniversary.

The representatives included Wilmer E. Wise, assistant to the dean of men for fraternity affairs; Gary Gentzler, IFC president; Gilbert Sergeant, IFC secretary-treasurer; Arthur Miltenberger, member at large of the executive committee, and Robert Parsky, IFC board of control chairman.

The conference, attended by representatives of more than 60 colleges and universities, discussed ways of continuing cooperative service to college men and aired common problems found in operating interfraternity councils.

The keynote address was given by Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America. Johnston outlined today's status of education in universities in this country, stressing the need for the development of leadership through education. According to Johnston, one of the greatest weaknesses in American education is the critical shortage of teachers and instruction facilities.

75 Tickets Remain For 'The Tempest'

All student tickets for the Friday and Saturday night performances of the Shakespeare Festival Players have been distributed, but 75 tickets remain for the Saturday matinee.

Non-student tickets for Saturday night's performance will go on sale at 9 a.m. today. Ten tickets remain for Friday night and 146 remain for Saturday afternoon.

"The Tempest" will be given at 8:30 p.m. Friday and at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. "Measure for Measure" will be presented at 8:30 Saturday night. All performances will be held in Schwab Auditorium.

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Council to Hold Lecture Series

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The program will be initiated next semester, when two professors will lecture. Attendance will be voluntary, and if the lectures are well-received, they will be continued on a permanent basis.

In other business council decided to abandon the idea of a handbook for business administration students in favor of a letter of welcome and explanation of council functions to be sent to freshmen and transfers during the summer.

The proposal was tabled until more is learned about the contents of the SGA freshman handbook.

Zelko Directs Workshop On Leadership Training

Harold P. Zelko, professor of speech, recently was keynote speaker and director of a leadership training workshop at the State University of New York, Fredonia, N.Y.

The workshop was held for student officers and leaders of all campus organizations and was attended by more than 50 people.

Senior Attends Forum

Charles Barb, senior in architecture from Rosemont, attended the American Institute of Architects' Fifth Annual Student Forum held during the Thanksgiving vacation.

Student architects from 70 schools and colleges gathered in Washington, D.C. for the forum.

Campbell Joins Committee

Merle E. Campbell, dean of student affairs for Commonwealth Campuses, has been elected to the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

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From observations made during his last trip to Russia in September of 1958, Magner said that the Russian people are more informed than they were before Stalin's death. "The evidence of this is in the increased translations of American authors and in the flood of visitors beginning in 1955. However, the Russian people are still far from well-informed," he said. The information in their newspapers is a "jumble of half-truths and half-lies—" just enough facts to lead the reader to believe what the Soviet propagandists have placed before him.

For instance, the Russians were informed it was South Korea that attacked North Korea. Currently, they are being told that the United States is the aggressor in the Chinese situation, he said.

Magner suggested a remedy for these misconceptions: "If we feel the Russian people are not receiving an accurate picture of American life, we should send well-informed American students to counteract Soviet distortions."

"At present 350 students are studying Russian at the University. Surely from this group we can find a representative number to acquaint Russia's young people with America and with Penn State," Magner said.

However, Magner strongly warns the cost of the program must not be assumed by the student: "I would hope that scholarship money would be provided to take care of expenses. Too often in the past we have been represented in other countries by Americans with fat pocketbooks and undernourished mentalities."



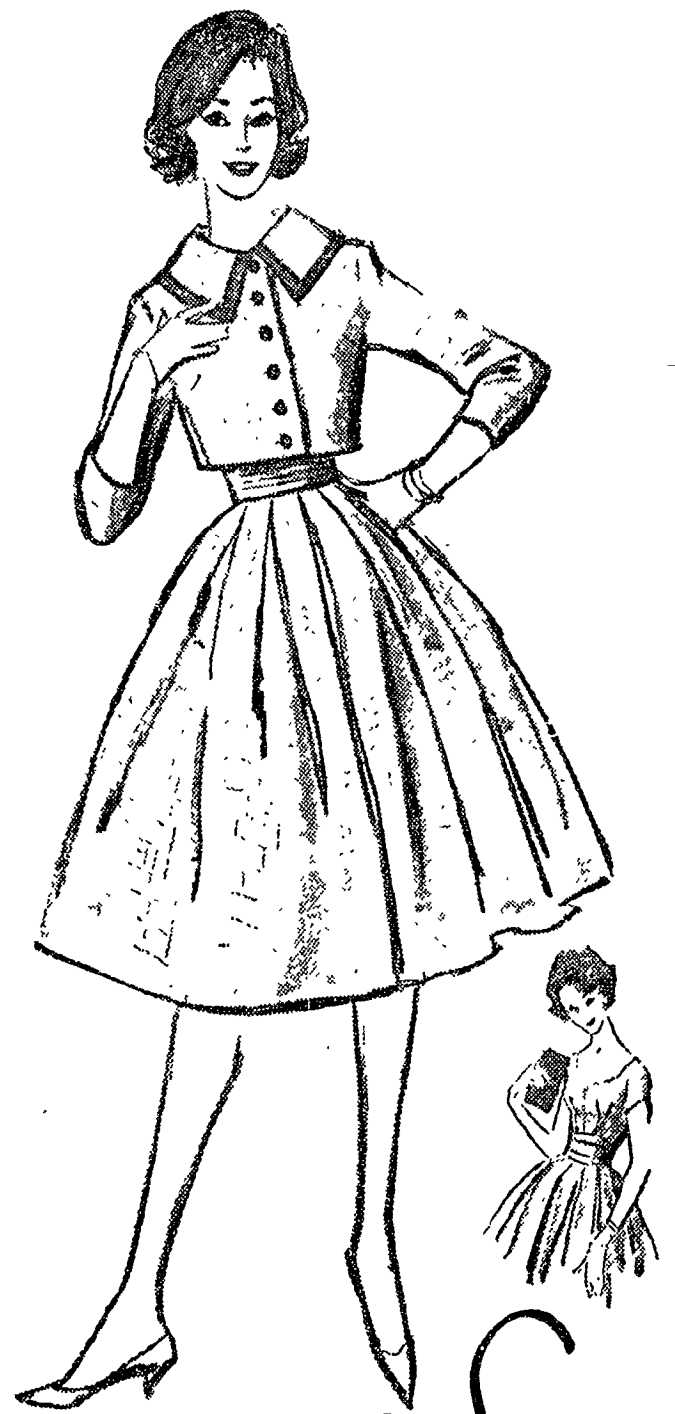
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