

'Captain' Will Retire As Riding Instructor

By SANDRA ORTON

A former officer of the Russian Guard who was nearly executed in the Bolshevik Revolution is ending his career at the University this June.

He is Capt. Gregory A. Gagarin, assistant professor of physical education, who has been in charge of the riding stables since his arrival here in 1946.

Riding Head To Be Honored At Horse Show

The 11th annual Horse Show will be held today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and tomorrow from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Riding Stables.

This year's show, in honor of retiring Captain Gregory A. Gagarin, will have classes for hunters, open jumpers, horsemanship and westerns. The Penn State Riding team, composed of Ann McKenzie, Harvey Worrell, Mary Schmitt and Renny Travers and a private team of Mary Lynn Isaacs, Sharon Stone, Lisa Hoopes and Diane Barnhart, will compete individually against teams from the Greer School.

Judges will be Mrs. Norton C. Lockhart from the Rosetree Hunt Club, and Mr. Jesse Darling, of State College.

The Riding Club held a testimonial dinner last night in honor of Captain Gagarin. Dr. Ray Conger, professor of physical education, was guest speaker for the program.

Marin to Act as Consultant

Dr. Joseph Marin, professor and head of the Department of Engineering Mechanics, has been invited to serve as a consultant for the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at the University of California.

Gagarin was born in Russia and fought in the Russian Guard in World War I. He left Russia after what he terms his "unsuccessful execution." This incident occurred during the Bolshevik Revolution when the captain was captured and sentenced to death.

However, on his trip to the cemetery where he was to be executed, he overcame his guards and managed to escape. His hand carries the scar of the bullet wound he received then.

The captain escaped to French-occupied Russia where he fought the Bolsheviks with the French cavalry and was decorated for bravery.

Next, Gagarin served as interpreter for the British and was sent to Vladivostok. It was here that he met his wife. The captain's courtship covered a great deal of territory for they were engaged in Constantinople and married in Paris. Their first son was born in Weisbaden, Germany.

The captain came to the United States in 1924 where he spent his first nights shoveling snow in New York and his days looking for something better. The something better was a job as a riding instructor and he was instructor at several places before taking over the job at Penn State.

For 14 years, Gagarin has instructed Penn State students in the art of horsemanship. He has supervised the annual horse show and the riding team which competes at other schools.

With his leaving, the future of riding here is uncertain. The captain says that it is definite that riding will not be supervised by the Physical Education department as it has been in the past.

West Spreads Good Will in Vietnam

By LOIS HAEGLEY

How rewarding it would be to be able to help spread "American Good Will" in foreign countries, Fred West, instructor in the Department of English, said.

West, who has recently returned from Vietnam where he worked with the United States Foreign Aid Program as acting director at the Binational Center, accomplished just this.

The Binational Center holds classes in English for the Vietnamese. There are more than 2000 students enrolled in the center. West said, "The Vietnamese children are so anxious to learn to speak English, that they save up their pennies in order to pay the small admission fee."

The classes are taught by the

wives of U.S. military officers and technicians. They use a direct conversational method so that the students will learn to speak English as it is spoken in the States. Upon the completion of the course, students are given a diploma which is very important to them.

The center also sponsors a cultural exchange program to promote conversation among the students and to show them the American way of life. "It was difficult to introduce dancing to them because of their religious beliefs, but square dancing proved very effective," West said.

The United States supports a public library of English books, and also shows American movies for entertainment.

The Vietnamese are more Chinese in appearance than anything else, according to West. He described the girls as "little butterflies." "The people are very ro-

mantic and extremely polite," he said.

"The Vietnamese speak a tonal language which is very hard for Americans to learn," West said. He spoke of a friend of his who meant to say in Vietnamese that he sold his house, but when translated into English, he had said that he had shot his wife.

"The people seem to be very pro-American," West said. "They respond enthusiastically to American friendliness."

"Vietnam is important to the United States from a strategic standpoint," he said. South Vietnam is pro-American, but North Vietnam is Communist. It is essential that the democratic form of government remains in South Vietnam, because if the Communists take over South Vietnam it may start off a chain reaction including Formosa and South Korea.

Co-Edits

The newly-elected officers of the Swim Club are Sue Dinsmore, president; Polly Mitten, vice president and show director; Brooke Minnich, secretary; and Marilyn Sauer, member-at-large.

New officers for Alpha Epsilon Pi are: Gary Kaplan, master; Morey Chick, lt. master; Robert Boxer, exchequer; Irvin Shore, scribe; Robert Cohen, member-at-large; Herbert Greenberg, house manager; Ira Lieberman, caterer; Robert Miller and Robert Epstein, social chairmen; Matthew Pratta, asst. exchequer; David Sigman, corresponding scribe and Steve Libros, sentinel.

The following officers were elected by the Student Post of the Society of American Military Engineers: Henry Opperman, president; John Seldomridge, vice president; Frederick Perez, secretary; and Ronald Shields, treasurer.

The newly elected officers of Mixed Chorus are: John Koshak, director; Dave Bittner, president; Justin D'Ambrosio, vice president; Heand Johns, secretary; Virginia Van Note and Mary Ann Sidehamer, publicity; Bill Griessinger and Donna Doebler, librarians.

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New officers for the University Symphony for 1960-61 are Peter Gano, president; Diane Whipple, secretary-treasurer; James Martin, manager; Lester Clippinger, assistant manager; Evelyn Shultz, librarian, and Bonnie Poepel, assistant librarian.

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