

Russian-Speaking Coeds To Open 'Slavic Center'

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"The Slavic Center," an experiment in an all Russian speaking living unit, will be undertaken this term by nine coeds who will live in the Myra Dock Home Management House.

The coeds participating either speak Russian fluently or have completed at least one year's study of Russian.

The idea for the experiment was born last spring in an informal conversation between Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp, Dr. Thomas Magner, head of the Slavic Department and organizer of the project, and two of the coeds who will participate in the center, Magner said.

One of the coeds, Goldie Laris, junior in Russian from Ambridge, said that the group will speak only Russian in the house. She also said that with the help of Dean Lipp and Magner, the group will plan various educational programs to be held both in the experiment house and at dinners which are to be provided in the staff dining room in Redifer.

Plans are being made to have campus experts and visitors in the field of Russian studies and related affairs speak at the dinners.

Miss Laris said one evening a week will be devoted to entertainment programs dealing with the Russian language and the Soviet Union. She said that male students in the Slavic Department will be invited to participate in these programs.

The coeds in the experiment house will be on an honor system with the approval of the dean of women's office. There will be no hostess in residence.

Miss Laris said that the group will probably keep the same hours as are observed by all women students living in residence halls.

If the experiment is a success this term, the group will be permitted to remain in the house next term if eight or more of the participants decide to continue with the program.

The purpose of the project as explained in a report from Dean Lipp to President Eric A. Walker and Albert E. Diem, vice president for business, is to "... encourage among students an attitude toward learning as a way of life as opposed to the taking of courses simply to fulfill degree requirements."

Men's Women's Service Groups Plan Activities

Students interested in service activities will find that Alpha Phi Omega and Gamma Sigma Sigma "fill the bill."

Alpha Phi Omega is a men's service fraternity associated with the scouting movement. All its members are required to have some affiliation with scouting.

One of APhiO's services is maintaining the booth on the Mall which renders information about any phase of campus life.

An APhiO project this year is the Ugly Man, Ugly Woman contest. Each ugly man and ugly woman contestant will be in a float parade after which students will vote for their favorite candidate by casting "penny" votes. All proceeds will go to charity.

The women's group, Gamma Sigma Sigma, is designed to develop friendship among women of all creeds through service activities.

Gamma Sig and APhiO annually work together on many projects.

Speech Prof Addresses Communications Group

Harlod P. Zelko, professor of speech spoke at the annual Summer Conference of the National Society for the Study of Communication, at Buffalo, N.Y.

The theme of the conference was "Communication in the Organization."

Stellnack Will Attend Speological Congress

John A. Stellnack, instructor in petroleum chemistry at the University, has left for Austria where he will be one of two delegates from the United States attending the third International Speological Congress.

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