

Marin Speech

Soviet Class Distinctions Exceed Those of U.S.

By TONY FOGGIO

Although the Soviet Union is a Communist state with a theoretically classless society, the USSR actually has more class distinction than the United States, Joseph Marin, professor and head of the Department of Engineering Mechanics, said yesterday.

Marin, who recently returned from a seven-week around-the-world lecture tour which included three weeks in the Soviet Union, told the Faculty Luncheon Club that this distinction was especially evident in the teaching and military professions.

IN CONNECTION with this stratification, Marin said that a Russian professor who teaches in a state university and who conducts research experiments may make a salary as much as 10 times that of a Russian plumber. In the United States, the ratio of the two salaries may be as low as 2-to-1, he said.

Marin added that the American plumber who works for more than \$4 an hour may equal or surpass the salaries given some professors, especially those in large universities and colleges.

The engineering mechanics head also said that the Soviet system of incentives and a genuine desire and eagerness to learn have made the country's educational program a success.

HE SAID that he learned of a \$70,000 grant which the Communist government gave to a Kiev professor who had recently written a book on his research endeavors.

Marin said that two Soviet colleagues had told him that "they had never had it so good" while the late Premier Josef Stalin was in power.

The incentives apply to students as well as to faculty members, Marin said. He said that the government awards scholarships

of varying sizes according to a student's rank in class.

In comparing university administrators in this country and in the Soviet Union, Marin said that he would prefer the Russian system.

He related the story of the head of Mechanics Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences. This administrator is in charge of a 400-man staff and continues his research work, Marin said. When Marin asked him how he managed to accomplish both jobs, Marin said the Russian told him that he uses three days each week for his research projects.

Marin also reported that the Soviet people have not gotten the benefits of Russia's progress. "It is surprising to see some of the primitive, drab and inefficient man-made surroundings in Russia," he said.

MARIN attributed this inconsistency to the fact that "the Soviet Union is concentrating most of its efforts in specific areas, such as space technology and military equipment." Government attempts to improve living conditions are limited by its desire "to control the lives of the people," he said.

Panhel Sets Pledge Class Quota; Sororities Limited to 75 Members

The quota for sorority pledge classes has been set at 25 with sorority size limited to 75, Marjorie Zelko, Panhellenic rush chairman, said last night.

If after accepting 25 pledges a sorority's membership is still under 75 it may accept more to meet the limitation, Miss Zelko explained.

Only March graduates are to be excluded in computing membership, she said. Any sorority which has not filled its quota may extend additional bids during the open bidding period after formal rush activities.

Twenty coeds dropped from rush yesterday, bringing the total to 581 who have dropped out since open houses were held last term.

Rushes will attend second-round chatter dates today from 3 to 5:15 p.m. and from 6:15 to 9:45 p.m. and tomorrow from 6:15 to

9:45 p.m. They may attend a maximum of six second-round sessions.

Sorority representatives must turn in invitations to Bermuda junctions at 6:45 p.m. Thursday in 129 Grange.

Rushes may sign up for Bermuda junctions from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday in the Hetzel Union main lounge. They may accept a maximum of three invitations. Name tags may be accepted as party favors.

All rushes will meet with their rush guides Thursday evening.

Remick Named to Chair U.S.-Canadian Program

Forrest J. Remick, acting director of the University's Reactor Facilities, has been named program chairman of the first United States-Canadian sponsored joint meeting on various aspects of reactor operations.

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Lectures

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Application form are now available at the HUB desk for positions on WDFM, student-operated radio station.

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Extension Head Named

Robert E. McCord, director of continuing education in engineering, was recently chairman of the extension section in the Division of Engineering of the Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

ing Directory are due Jan. 11. All those who did not have their names listed last term and would like to do so now may sign up on the ground floor of the Hetzel Union Building.

Arthur Kelman, of North Carolina State College, will lecture on "Mechanisms of Pathogenesis of a Wilt-Inducing Bacterium" for the Biological Sciences Lecture Series at 3:55 p.m. in the HUB assembly hall.

Meetings

Agriculture Student Council, 7 p.m., 212 HUB.
Arnold Air Society, 7:30 p.m., 204 Boucke
Panhellenic Council, 9 p.m., 203 HUB.

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