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LETTER FROM ACTING CHAIR GALYA DIMENT

It has been a busy but, for the most part, fulfilling year so far. We just heard that the College Council and the Dean of Arts and Sciences approved Gordana Crnkovic's tenure and promotion so, as of next year, we are hoping to have a newly-minted Associate Professor among us. Congratulations, Gordana!

We are all very pleased to have one new faculty this year -- Andreas Johns, who hails from my own alma mater, UC Berkeley, and is very ably replacing Jack Haney, who is on leave doing his research in Russia. We are all working hard, teaching new classes and further expanding our offerings in Slavic literatures, linguistics, and cultures. I am looking forward to teaching a new film course in winter which should be very challenging since, unlike Gordana, I have never taught film before. I am likewise looking forward to hosting an Early Soviet Film Conference in March.

Our graduate students continue being promising young scholars and excellent instructors. They go to conferences, make presentations there and some, like Amarilis Lugo de Fabritz, who is in the midst of writing her dissertation, are already beginning to look for academic jobs. The job market is looking better this year than for many years in the past so we are all full of cautious optimism.

Among other highlights of which you will read in this newsletter was David Miles' 25th anniversary with the University and our department which we celebrated in grand style (and even managed to keep a surprise until the last moment. It was only when David's family unexpectedly appeared at the event, which was supposed to be just a routine annual barbecue, that he started suspecting that something else was going on). We also had a terrific Homecoming, organized by AAFSD and its president, Paul Kriloff. It was better attended than any of the Homecomings I remember. Please do not forget us and keep informing us of the events in your life and your successes. Happy New Year to all!

SUMMER/AUTUMN 2000 EVENTS

August 14

Gear Up and Dawg Daze

David Miles, Administrative Assistant

This summer, the University of Washington welcomed 1,000 middle and high school students from low-income and underrepresented communities throughout the state of Washington to the UW campus. The students were here for a week under a program called Gear Up <http://gearup.washington.edu>. The purpose of this week in residence was to allow those students to gain early awareness and readiness for undergraduate education. An article <http://www.artsci.washington.edu/newsletter/Autumn00/theArtsandSciencesPerspectives> newsletter tells more about Gear Up.

On the afternoon of August 14 the visiting students enjoyed a Gear Up Fair where they met representatives of departments and other units from all over campus, including ours. The Gear-Up Fair felt pretty successful! Doctoral students Lynne Walker and Charles Mills helped us set up, and thanks to Professor Katarzyna Dziwirek, the Polish Consulate, and LOT-the Polish airline, we had lots of trinkets to give away. Charles Mills came up with an idea of writing people's names in the Cyrillic alphabet, which was very popular with the visitors to our table. Program Coordinator Shosh Westen and I made lots of connections, however brief, with students, parents, guides, and UW people from other tables or just wandering by.



The Gear Up Fair was so successful, departments recreated it on September 27 as part of the UW's first annual activities fair, Dawg Daze, which *The Daily* called "a welcome woof to new students" <http://www.thedailyuwashington.edu/archives/00Au/9.25.00/N2.welcomeWoof.html>

September 28

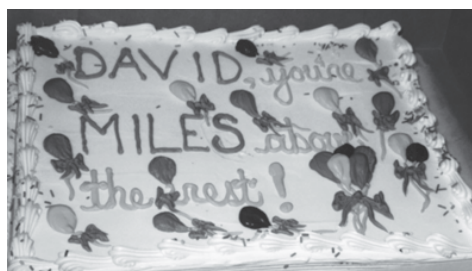
The Slavic Department celebrated the start of the new academic year and David Miles' 25 years with the department with a barbecue. Undergrads, grads, faculty, staff and alums enjoyed the opportunity to eat burgers and dogs and shmooze.



Alum Kit Adams, grad student Laura Friend, Professor Jim Augerot



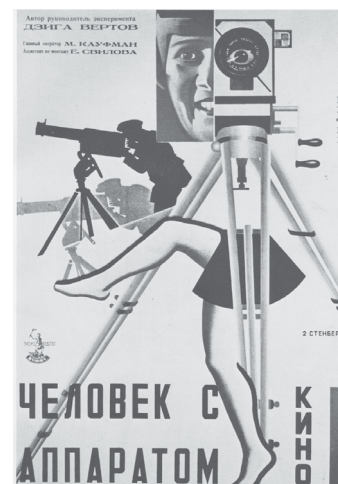
Professors Gordana Crnkovic and Herb Coats, undergrad Dorota Horton, David Miles



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11 All are cordially invited to attend our annual **Vfcktybwf** celebration, which will be held at the Waterfront Activities Center, near the UW stadium. Festivities begin at 2:00 p.m. This is your chance to eat bliny and kiss winter good-bye! Call 206-543-6848 for more details.

March 2 **In the Eye of the Revolution: A Symposium on Early Soviet Film**
8:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Moderated by Galya Diment, this symposium will provide new perspectives on classics from the early Soviet film era, including presentations on Sergei Eisenstein, Dziga Vertov, the Stalinist musicals of the 1930s, discourse and politics in Soviet film art, and a roundtable discussion on teaching with and about film. Participants include Anthony Anemone (College of William and Mary), Anne Nesbet (University of California, Berkeley), Zoran Kuzmanovic (Davidson College, North Carolina), and from the UW, Jennifer Bean, Gordana Crnkovic, Anthony Geist, Bruce Kochis, Amarilis Lugo de Fabritz, William Richardson, Steven Shaviro and Lynne Walker. The symposium is free and preregistration is not required. A reception will follow at 5:45 p.m. in the Walter Chapin Simpson Center for the Humanities. Sponsored by REECAS/JSIS, Slavic Languages and Literatures, the Simpson Center for the Humanities, the College of Arts and Sciences, Comparative Literature, and Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (UW Tacoma). For more information please call 206-543-4852.



March 23-25 **ACTR OLYMPIADA OF SPOKEN RUSSIAN/
HIGH SCHOOL RUSSIAN STUDENT RETREAT**
The Slavic Department will be returning to Camp Brotherhood near Mt. Vernon for its third biannual retreat. As well as participating in Russian-centered activities, students will also compete in the Olympiada. Donations are sought to help defray the costs for students from low-income families and for UW students leading activities and serving as counselors. We also hope you will support with your donations the Nora Holdsworth Scholarship, which is awarded each year to the top-place finisher of the Olympiada and covers tuition to the UW's summer quarter intensive Russian language program.

May 12 Keep an eye out for the biannual flyer from the Association of Alumni and Friends of the Slavic Department giving the details on how you can participate in the annual **SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS DAY** celebration, which will once again be held at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church.

CZECHING IN

(A VISIT FROM PRAGUE)

In October a Czech correspondent of the Prague radio station "Radiožurnál," Andrea ěihová, visited the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the UW, expressing an interest in Czech language as taught at our university. During an interview with Czech language instructor Jaroslava Soldanová, Ms. ěihová probed various aspects of Czech language studies, including reading, writing, grammar, speaking, Czech folklore, history, literature, music, film and current events.

She then visited the advanced Czech language class and quizzed students about their motivations for studying the Czech language. She found a wide range of reasons: some study East European history, literature film or politics; others are majoring in the Slavic languages; a number of students plan to study at Charles University in Prague; and several students want to learn the language of their ancestors who came from Czech lands. Ms. ěihová was pleasantly surprised during the conversation by the students' ability to communicate in Czech. At the end of the lesson she had an opportunity to listen to the students singing Czech folk songs. After



learning from the students about the weekly Czech Table at the nearby European Restaurant, she decided to participate in this gathering of students and local Czechs living in the Seattle area. The following Tuesday Ms. ěihová showed up for the Czech Table and took part in a discussion between students and local Czechs. At the end of the meeting she thanked them all for an extraordinary experience and expressed her appreciation for the way UW students show their interest in Czech culture by reaching out to the Czech community. She also expressed her hope that the study of Czech would continue to be offered by the University of Washington.

Czech radio can be heard on line at www.radiozurnal.cw and at www.radio.cz

SEVENTH ANNUAL REGIONAL REECAS CONFERENCE



The REECAS (Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies) Center is currently soliciting papers, panels or roundtable presentations for its one-day conference on Saturday, April 14 at Evergreen State College in Olympia. Proposals from faculty, graduate students and members of the general public are all welcome, and topics are open within the broad REECAS mandate. Expected special guests include Andreas Kappeler (Institute for East European history, University of Vienna), who will also be delivering the annual Treadgold Lecture on Friday, April 13 in Seattle, and Mark Kramer (Director, Harvard Project on Cold War Studies, Harvard University), who will also be speaking in Seattle on Thursday, April 12 as part of the lecture series *Russian Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War Era*. Contributions on literature, the fine arts, the environment, post-Soviet foreign policy, historical research, economics, national identity or any other relevant subjects are encouraged. If you would like to join the program, please send your name and details, a title and, if possible, a brief abstract to jak@u.washington.edu before Monday, January 22. For more information please call 206-543-4852.

ASSOCIATION OF ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE SLAVIC DEPARTMENT CORNER

REPORT ON HOMECOMING 2000

On the evening of October 20 alumni and friends joined Slavic Department faculty and staff for the annual homecoming celebration. Held at the Center for Urban Horticulture, the event was hosted by the Association of Alumni and Friends of the Slavic Department (AAFSD - also known as the Slavic Club) under the auspices of the UW Alumni Association. Slavic Department Acting Chair Professor Galya Diment welcomed attendees and provided an update on the department before introducing AAFSD President Paul Kriloff. Paul also welcomed attendees, encouraging them to show their support for the Slavic Department by becoming AAFSD members, then introduced alumna Mary (Masha) Reichert and psychologist Anthony Collis, who gave a co-presentation, "From Seattle to the Kolkhoz and Detdom." Masha's talk focused on her experiences as a landowner in Russia, while Mr. Collis showed slides and talked about his association with and efforts on behalf of Russian orphanages. The evening then took a lighter tone with songs by Jaroslava Soldanova's first- and second-year Czech students, followed by the always delightful {jhjdj1. The evening concluded with socializing, music by John Morovich and Friends, merriment and tasty selections of Slavic and Balkan cuisine provided by the inimitable Cheryl Spasojevic.



Czech lecturer Jaroslava Soldanova (on guitar) and students



Professors Galya Diment and Gordana Crnkovic
and Alumna Jill Ann Johnson



Alumna Michele Anciaux and
Professor James Augerot



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John Morovich and Friends

UKRAINIAN STUDIES ENDOWMENT

Professor James West

The Ukrainian Studies Endowment, whose aim is to raise the \$1,500,000 needed to endow a chair of Ukrainian Studies at the UW, is planning to become formally chartered early in the new year. About \$15,000 more is needed to reach the level at which the University takes this important legal and financial step, and an appeal has been launched among the many active members of Washington's Ukrainian community to raise this amount and more. We are also appealing to alumni and friends of the Slavic Department to help us reach our immediate goal. In the longer term, we have a generous promise of the first \$750,000 from a single individual, and several potential major donors have been identified and are being approached by the College's development office.

All of you who read *Slavic News* can help, whether with a gift of your own, or by contacting friends, acquaintances and organizations who you think could make a donation, or by helping as a volunteer with the many tasks that have to be done behind the scenes. We have an attractive Ukrainian Studies Endowment brochure, and the department office would be glad to send you copies of it to pass on to interested friends. The Endowment can also be visited online, in English or Ukrainian, at its website: <http://depts.washington.edu/slavweb/ukrainian/>. If you would like us to make the approach to a possible donor, please get in touch with James West (206-543-4829, jdwest@u.washington.edu) or Eugene Lemcio (206-281-2208, elemcio@paul.spu.edu). In this time of no-growth UW budgets, we want the Slavic Department to have the first fully endowed chair in a UW language department -- help us to make sure that nobody beats us to it!

PUTIN AND THE NEW RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY
A lecture series - all lectures will be held at 7:30 pm, Kane
Hall 210

Sponsored by the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, the World
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Information: 206/543-4852

March 1
Putin's Foreign Policy: Challenging the U.S. with a
Practical Approach
Celeste Wallander, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign
Relations

March 8
The Promotion of Democracy in Putin's Russia: Myths and
Realities
Sarah Mendelson, Assistant Professor of International Politics,
Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

March 29
Russia's Road to a Market Economy under Putin
Anders Aslund, Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for
International Peace

April 12
Russia's Relations with Eastern Europe and the Baltic: A
New Divide in Europe?
Mark Kramer, Director, Harvard Project on Cold War
Studies, Harvard University

May 10
Title to be announced
Steven Solnick, Associate Professor of Political Science,
Columbia University

May 31
Russia's Unfinished Revolution: The Protracted Transition
from Communism to Democracy
Michael A. McFaul, Senior Associate, Carnegie
Endowment for International Peace

OTHER LECTURES SPONSORED BY REECAS

Friday, April 6, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., Thomson Hall, Room
317
Constructing Primordialism: Old Histories for New
Nations in the Post-Soviet Region
Ronald Grigor Suny, Professor of Political Science,
University of Chicago

The Donald W. Treadgold Lecture
Friday, April 13, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., Parrington Hall Forum
(Room 309)
'Great Russians' and 'Little Russians': Russian-Ukrainian
Relations and Perceptions in Historical Perspective
Andreas Kappeler, Institute for East European History,
University of Vienna

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Gifts to the Department play an important role as we build and develop our new programs. Below we recognize the generosity of individuals and companies who have made donations in the past six months.

•*Friends of Slavic Languages and Literature* fund is at the discretion of the Department Chair. A special subset is used for outreach efforts to the public schools and the community at large.

Alida Abbott	Elsa Kopta	Dwight Roesch
Valerie Arvon	Robert Koreis	Jaroslava Soldanova
John Buske	Bruce McKinney	Charles Tennes
James Chapin	David Nemerever	Heather Thorne
Katarzyna Dziwirek	Hallie Stewart Parker	Rachel (Grot) Watson
Serge Gregory	Olga Penrose	

•*Vadim Pahn Scholarship* fund since 1989 to pay tuition for one student to attend the summer intensive Russian language program. Last summer's recipient was **Daniel Newton**.

Marilyn Hoogen	Bruce McKinney	Susanna J. Westen
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•In 1996 a special subset of the Institutional Allowance was used to create the *Nora Holdsworth Scholarship*

Alan Sachs

•In 1981 the *Russian House Fund* was established to provide general support for the Russian House. In 1999 and 2000 money from this fund was used to keep the Russian House open during the summer quarter intensive language program and to hire a Russian language informant.

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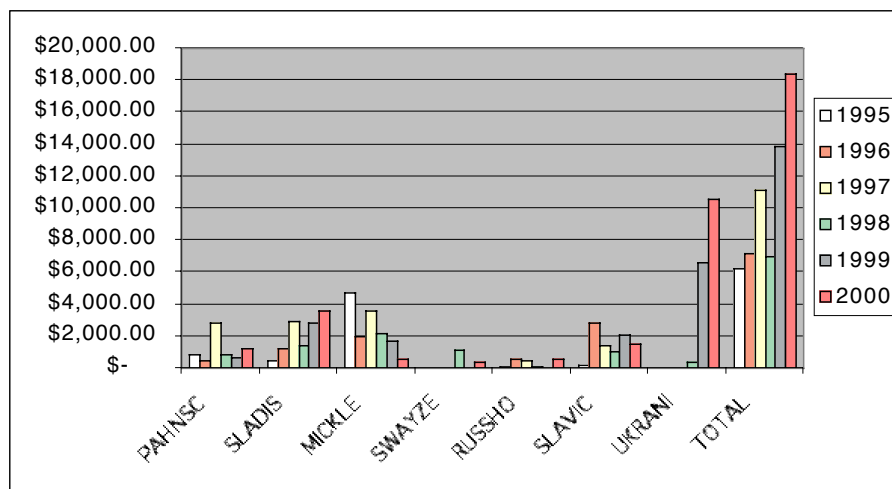
•The *Lew R. Micklesen Graduate Fund* and the *E. Harold Swayze Graduate Fellowship* are both used for graduate student support.

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•Our newest fund, the *Ukrainian Studies Endowment* is described in the article by Professor West.

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Amounts shown in UKRANI reflect donations to both the Ukrainian Studies Endowment (UKRANI) and the Friends of Ukrainian Studies Fund (UKRAND).

NEWS ABOUT YOU

We would like to keep in touch with you, as we hope to share news of our alumni in next July's newsletter. Please fill out the form below, clip and send to us: Slavic Department, Box 353580, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-3580. At the same time, please make any needed changes on your label below. Thank you. ***You can also contact us by email at slavicll@u.washington.edu.***

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ALUMNI AND FRIENDS NEWS

Perry Atterberry (M.A. 1989) writes, "My vast knowledge of Old Church Slavic hasn't been a great help here at Amazon.com, but life is good anyway. Who knew there was life outside academia?"

Xanthippe Augerot writes that she received her Ph.D. in geography in 2000, moved down to Portland, Oregon, and enjoys frequent travel to the wilds of the Russian Far East.

David Graber (Ph.D. 1996) has been covering business news in Central and Eastern Europe for the Bureau of National Affairs, in Washington, DC, since 1997. In September 2000 he moved to Berlin to become BNA's Germany-based correspondent.

Mica Hall (Ph.D. 1997) is an Assistant Professor at the Defense Language Institute.

Ted Hannah (B.A. 1954) is now retired from the National Security Agency. In July 1998 he spent two weeks aboard the Russian nuclear-powered icebreaker *Cejdtnncrbq cj.p*, sailing from Murmansk to the North Pole and visiting Franz Josef Land and *Yjdfz ptvkz*.

Mary Anne Kruger (B.A. 1970) writes, "I got your message here in Brasilia. My news is that I moved to Brazil...am working in the U.S. Embassy as Counselor for Public Affairs, responsible for the section which does press liaison, educational and cultural programs. It's far from Slavic things, although nowadays thanks to the internet I keep contact with friends all over the world."

Microsoft employee **Scott Leopold** (B.A. 1982) is an avid blood donor (he's donated 32 gallons so far) and encourages others to donate. In his efforts to promote blood donations to the Puget Sound Blood Center, he led the third annual "Donor Party Crossing" (formerly "Swim for Life") across Lake Washington on September 12. (See <http://seattlep-i.nwsourc.com/local/swim20.shtml> for an article on last year's swim.)

Rebecca Manning (M.A. 1974) writes, "I'll be spending the winter in India "supervising the mi-

crofilming of a private manuscript collection that I stumbled upon while on my Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad year. It's an important collection including many never-published materials, and it's rapidly succumbing to the vagaries of the Indian climate and the very healthy insects it produces. I anticipate publishing the catalogue, along with some biographical notes about Sukumar Sen, the great literary scholar and linguist who amassed the collection, sometime next year. Meanwhile I'm also finishing work on my forthcoming book which treats the uses and abuses a religious community makes of its hagiographical literature, focusing on the life of Advaitacarya, an early figure in the Bengali Vaishnava movement."

Lee McClenny (B.A./B.S. 1986 General Studies) writes: "I've had only a few opportunities over the intervening years to use the Russian I learned at the UW, which is probably a good thing considering my relatively lackluster performance as a language student there. I have, since then, managed to learn passable French and Serbian and rather good Spanish, so I can confidently say that my instructors (primarily Vladimir Gross) at the UW were simply overmatched by beer and young ladies in competition for my active attention.

"I did, however, have a recent opportunity to make some use of my Russian lessons. As part of the Russian government's response to the disastrous sinking of the submarine Kursk, a delegation of naval officers led by a Russian vice admiral came here to NATO headquarters to coordinate offers of assistance. While I was in no way able to follow the highly technical conversations about deepsea diving, submarine rescue techniques, etcetera, I did catch the gist of the admiral's angry orders to a junior officer during a difficult moment. Subsequent reference to a dictionary of Russian obscenities confirmed that I had accurately remembered something learned in my years at the UW! As I recall, Vladimir Gross told us it was polite to cover one's mouth when uttering such phrases, but the admiral was apparently ignorant of this point of etiquette. I should emphasize that I never heard Vladimir Gross - a true gentleman - utter such a phrase himself, but he was too good a teacher to permit us to use language in a culturally insensitive or ungrammatical manner."

Helen C. Miller (B.A. 1995) spent two months working in a translation office but is now a stay-at-home mom and writes that she's hoping to teach Russian to her 3 1/2-year-old daughter Xenia.

On June 18 **Allan Mustard** (B.A. 1978, Russian House 1975-8) was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Counselor (the foreign service equivalent of a one-star general in the military). In August he completed a four-year tour of duty at the American Embassy in Vienna, Austria and has now moved back to Falls Church, Virginia. He currently serves at the USDA headquarters as deputy head of the agricultural attache program, responsible for logistical and administrative matters.

Melinda Olson (B.A. 1971) is still working as the librarian at Cornish College of the Arts. She writes that she had a great vacation this past summer in Scandinavia and Estonia that included a few days in St. Petersburg by way of the infamous overnight train that goes from Tallinn to Peter. "I was able to see my former roommates from the exchange program to Leningrad that I went on a LONG time ago!"

Robin Reagan (B.A. 1979 German & Russian Regional Studies) is a manager at Eli Lilly Company. She and husband Frank Messina welcomed their second child, Juliana Nicole, into their family on June 20. Juliana has so far survived the loving (?) attentions of 21-month-old brother Nicholas.

Tim Riley's (Ph.D. 1999) chapter, "Resources for Teaching Polish," appears in *The Learning and Teaching of Slavic Languages*, edited by Olga Kagan and Benjamin Rifkin. Bloomington, IN: Slavica, 2000, pp. 689--608. The chapter is also on the web at <http://slavica.com/teaching/riley.html>

Dwight Roesch (M.A. 1982) recently moved to Houston, Texas, where he works as a Russian/French/English interpreter.

Alan J. Sachs (B.A. 1971 Far Eastern & Slavic) currently works as a legal secretary but, as a side-line, has been instructor of the intermediate and advanced Yiddish classes at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York since 1991. He writes, "My students are adults of all ages, from

twentysomethings to retired, and study Yiddish to stay close to their Eastern European roots. They're not exactly heritage speakers, but nearly all are heritage learners. I teach intensive conversation and composition, and I find that the methods from which my students benefit most are those which I learned by example from my Slavic instructors at the University of Washington."

Kristine Shmakov (M.A. 1993) writes that during their trip to Russia this summer, her 3 1/2-year-old son Sasha "got very sick of hearing Russian all the time, but loved the banya and making pirozhki." In addition to teaching Russian full-time, this year Kristine became department chair of the Modern Languages Department at Portland Community College.

Brianna Sieberg (B.A. 1999) writes, "In the last nine months I've been promoted twice at work. Besides working hard in an effort to survive the mass layoffs in the internet industry, my sister got married this summer and I made a trip to NY for Thanksgiving to visit her."

Dana Weintraub (M.A. 1992) writes, "Recently I celebrated my sixth anniversary of writing grant proposals for non-profit organizations (ACTR, IREX and the Holocaust Museum) in Washington, DC. (Grant writing, by the way, is a great way to put a liberal arts education to use - EVERYBODY needs a grant writer, I've learned, including all FSU-related organizations.) I left IREX a little more than a year ago to take a great job as grants manager for NARAL, where so far I've raised more than \$14 million from private foundations. This issue provides an opportunity for activism and direct results that I missed when working on educational exchange programs - and I don't have to worry any more about the ruble being devalued or the crazy changes in the political climate of Eastern Europe!

If anyone wants to talk with me about jobs in DC that focus in one way or another on Russia, I'm always available to do so -- my email is dweintraub@naral.org and my phone is 202-973-3024. At this point, having spent years working at ACTR and IREX, my contact base is pretty extensive."

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

In September **Professor Katarzyna Dziwirek** attended two conferences in Poland. At the Poles Abroad and the Motherland conference organized by the Polish Academy of Sciences, she gave a talk on teaching Polish in Seattle, co-authored with Anna Cholewinska, the director of the Seattle Polish School. She also participated in the annual meeting of "Bristol," the organization of teachers of Polish as a foreign language, and was selected to serve on the board of the organization.

FACULTY NEWS

In the last issue of *Slavic News* we reported that **Professor Gordana Crnkovic** had received a Jack Straw Production Artist Support Grant to work on "Zagreb Everywhere," a spoken-word piece designed to be both an audio work and a public lecture. The individual spoken pieces written and read by Professor Crnkovic reflect a variety of genres: stories, jokes, conversations, poems, fairy tales. The soundscape includes material collected in Zagreb on a portable cassette recorder as well as musical excerpts from *'Tis of The World Circus News* and *Dona Nobis Pax* all composed by David Hahn and recorded in Zagreb in 1996 with saxophonist Damir Horvat, soprano and accordionist Davorka Horvat, and David Hahn on guitar. The excerpt from the 15th-century Italian frottola *Io son l'occhio* by Mario Cara was recorded in Boston's Jordan Hall in 1984 by David Hahn (lute) and Andrea von Ramm (voice). A public performance of "Zagreb Everywhere" is planned for spring 2001.

Professor Galya Diment, who was active in the revival of the UW chapter of American Association of University Professors, is now a member of the national AAUP's Committee on Government Relations.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

INCOMING GRADUATE STUDENTS - Welcome to the following new graduate students for 2000-1.

Ryan Beaman comes to us from Washington and Lee University, where he earned B.A.s in English and mathematics. He has spent the past two years in Zary, Poland serving in the Peace Corps, which stimulated and kindled his interest in Slavic people, literature and language.

Karrie Renfrow is currently pursuing a Masters in Slavic Languages and Literatures. Karrie completed her undergraduate studies at Oregon State University, earning a B.A. in International Studies and a B.A. in Russian Studies. While at the UW, Karrie is enthusiastic about exploring Russian language and literature so as to develop a skill set that will further promote a career in translation and education.

In November both **Amarilis Lugo de Fabritz** and **Lynne Walker** presented papers at the AAASS conference in Denver. Lynne's paper title was "Mediated Desire: An Interrogation of Nabokovian Poshlost or The Story of the Difference of the Person Who Cannot Tell the Difference" and Amarilis's was "Nabokov in the Eyes of Others."