Students prefer humanities

MOSCOW - While Soviet uniersities beef up their scientific and technical programs, more and more students are saying they want to study the humanities, says the minister of higher education.

In a recent interview about trends to higher education, Vyacheslav Yelyutin attributed the changing preferences to a desire for easier courses of study and to a growing interest in human questions, including philosophy and history.

The interview took place as the school year began for 5 million students in 859 institutions of higher education across the Soviet Union.

Without citing statistics, Yelyutin said he had observed over the past 10 years a growing proportion of college applicants who want to study the humanities.

But he said the students' desires aren't affecting Soviet curricula or the numbers of students in different

University curriculums are pre-determined in each five-year plan according to the needs of Soviet so-philosophy, history and so on.

preferences, he said.
Thus, regardless of changing interests, the Soviet Union continues to graduate a little more than 20 per cent of its college students in the humanities, while 42 per cent graduated last year in the sciences, 9 per cent as agricultural specialists, 7 per cent as doctors and other health workers, and 20 per cent as teachers.

There are many different reasons, as we see them" for the growing student interest in liberal arts, Yelyutin said. "One, the humanities are easier: look at the difference between studying mathematics and studying literature.'

Yelyutin did not go so far as to say students are becoming lazier, but the notion is widespread among Soviets that the younger generation
— increasingly far removed from the revolution and without the toughening experience of a world war — is losing some of its drive

The second reason is the expanding interest in human questions," he said. "Youngsters nowadays are more interested in learning about

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technical fields still provide the careers that lead to glory in the U.S.S.R., and despite the fact that the humanities are more subject to political changes today than are the Yelyutin hinted at the existence of a new, more introspective, less am-

spite the fact that the sciences and

following a half century during which the nation hardly stopped to think as it struggled to become a world power.

Regardless of the growing numbers of college applicants who want to study the humanities, Yelyutin said, the technical and scientific courses of study are the ones being expanded, because they are the ones

Artist's curtain will be dismantled soon

VALLEY FORD, Calif. — The shimmering curtain of white cloth that artist Christo Javacheff stretched across 24 miles of countryside to the ocean is coming down - just as he planned.

Soon it will be but a memory for its many beholders, who created traffic jams on local roads, tore away sections of it for souvenirs and took helicopter rides to view it.

A contested portion of the 18-foothigh fence that dipped into Bodega Bay about 50 miles north of San Francisco was removed yesterday. The state Coastal Commission had refused to issue a permit for the final 1,000 feet of the project, but it mysteriously appeared there anyway on Sept. 7, the day before the formal start of the enterprise.

Workers on the unique example of "process art" said, however, that it will be November before the dismantling is completed.

"It'll be a lot of hard work and energy to take it down, just like it was to put it up," said Patrick

Morris, a member of the fence crew. He said about 75 people would dis-

Christo, a Bulgarian-born artist who eschews his last name and once draped a curtain across a Colorado canyon, raised \$2 million to finance the fence, composed of 2,000 pieces of nylon fabric attached to steel poles. Some 300 students and other volunteers helped erect it over a

"It was exhilarating," said Elizabeth Whitney, who was paid \$113 for her labors. "We just saw little parts of it while we worked on it, and now here's this connected, graceful beautiful thing.

that he planned to display the fence for a fixed period of time and then take it down.

So many came to see it last weekend that traffic was bumper to bumper on some of the area's rural roads. A local entrepreneur who offered helicopter overviews reported

Margaret Heaton, a certified pub-

lic accountant, has her own business in Houston and will represent

Paula Holland, from the Atlantic Richfield Company in Dallas, will speak on the industrial field of ac-counting. Holland is a 1975 A&M

Mrs. Lanette Black will discuss

governmental accounting. Black

works with the Internal Revenue

Service in Austin and is a 1970

graduate of Southwest Texas State.

She is presently an Exempt Organi-

zation Specialist and is active with

Dr. Warren Rose joins Texas

A&M University next week as head

of the Business Analysis and Re-

search Department in the College

Rose, 50, was formerly chairman

of transportation and logistics man-

agement at the University of North

Florida. During that time, he had served as a visiting professor to Texas A&M from September 1974 through May 1975.

In his visiting professorship, he served both the Business Analysis

and Research Department and the

Texas Transportation Institute, a

A native of Racine, Wis., Rose

was chairman of production logistics

at the University of Houston from

1963-71 and formerly taught at the

University of Tennessee, the Uni-

versity of North Carolina and

part of the Texas A&M System.

of Business Administration.

in business analysis

the Federal Women's Program. Janet William's will discuss the single women's career opportuni-

graduate with a BBA in finance.

Texas Cities

The college of Architecture and Environmen- Morris, a junior computer science major tal Design is currently displaying old draw-takes time to view the exhibit, which will conings of some of the Texas' cities. Janine tinue through Friday in the Rudder Lobb,

Birthday present for David

and now here's this connected, raceful beautiful thing." Christo had said from the outset Bubble boy to get space suit the land to display the form the outset.

HOUSTON - Little David, who turned five Tuesday, will soon become an astronaut on his own planet wearing a specially-designed suit that will allow him to explore an Earth environment that is as alien and harmful to him as outer space to

audit supervisor for Tocuhe Ross and Co. in Dallas, Williams, a CPA

graduated from Texas Tech in 1970.

Other job opportunites will be presented by Deane Waltman, a partner of J.K. Lasser and Co. in

Houston. A 1949 graduate of the

University of Alabama, Waltman

became the first woman partner in

this national accounting firm in

The conference begins at 11:30

a.m. with a luncheon in room 206 of

the MSC. Tickets may be purchased

from the Accounting Department

Wauconda Township, Ill., High

The new department head received his Ph.D. from the Univer-

sity of North Carolina in 1962. He

earned his master's from North-

to the Interstate Commerce Commission, Humble Oil Co. and the

the American Economics Associa-

tion, American Society of Traffic

and Transportation, Omicron Delta Epsilon and Beta Alpha Psi. He twice won the Clyde B. Aitchison National Essay Award for Transpor-tation Research, once in 1963 and

Tennessee Valley Authority

The suit, a by-product of the technology that put men on the moon, will give David the mobility

to explore things earthmen are familiar with - sunshine, rain, plants, solid ground and the laughter and faces of other persons.

David has not felt the touch of a human hand since he was born.

His life has been one of isolation in a plastic bubble at the Texas

Children's Hospital room and another at his home

He is the victim of severe combined immune deficiency, an inherited disorder that strikes one in every 10,000 males. His body has no natural defenses and the simplest of germs on earth's environment could kill him, doctors say.

David's parents have declined to be identified. Hospital officials said they did not know if any special celebration was scheduled for David's birthday. But he was told recently of the biggest gift he will be getting hopefully before Christmas — the suit that will get him out of his bubble.

We told him about it and we showed it to him," said Fred Spross of the Bioengineering Systems Division of the National Aeronautics with space medicine," Spross s

which designed the suit. 'He was very excited about it.

is a very alert boy. He was sh pictures of astronauts to get and of what it would be like," Sp said. "He was told he would be of a small astronaut. Spross said the \$5,000 suit, w

weighs about two pounds, wasm of rubberized fabric with as transparent helmet and rubbe

'The life system is mounted portable transporter," Spross so "There are two fans in the transp ter that carry air through a 10-1 hose into the suit and distribut Used air is expelled at the ankl

Spross said the transpor which weighs about 125 pount can be hand-pushed and has a s for the patient. Its system can m ate for up to 16 hours, but Dav suit was designed for four hours

"We had requests from the med cal field for a suit of this type. It was developed by this department about a year by people working their own or when it did not int fere with our programs which

The speakers will present their program at 1 p.m. in Rudder Tower 301. Foreign service officer examples of the speakers will present their program at 1 p.m. in Rudder Tower 301. applications due by Oct. 24

A competitive written examination will be given by the United States Information Agency on Dec. 4, for Foreign Service Officers and Foreign Service Information Officers. Applications for the examination must be received in the examination office no later than October

While a majority of candidates traditionally have been college stu-dents or recent college graduates, western University in 1953 and his undergraduate degree in 1949 from the University of Maryland. In addition to academic duties, men and women with professional and vocational experience outside of college are also encouraged to take the examination. For the past sev-Rose has also served as a consultant eral years the average age of newly appointed officers has been 27 and about 65 per cent have had graduate The author of nearly 30 scholarly articles, he holds memberships in

This year's FSO examination will include a test designed to measure the candidate's skills and aptitudes in four functional fields (administration, consular, economic/commercial, and political), in addition to the English expression and general background tests which will be common to all candidates. The exglish expression and a function field test in information/ The Department of State and USIA have a special interest in cruiting women and member

Applicants must be at least ears of age and a citizen of United States by the date of written examination. Knowled a foreign language is not a req ment for appointment to Foreign Service but after app ment officers are expected to quire an acceptable level of p ciency in at least one foreign

guage Full-time language training provided at government expense.

Additional information and an cation forms may be obtained Dr. J. M. Nance, Departmen History, Room 426, Acade Building, who serves as campus visor on State Department mot

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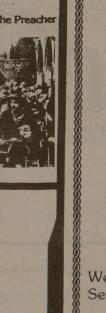
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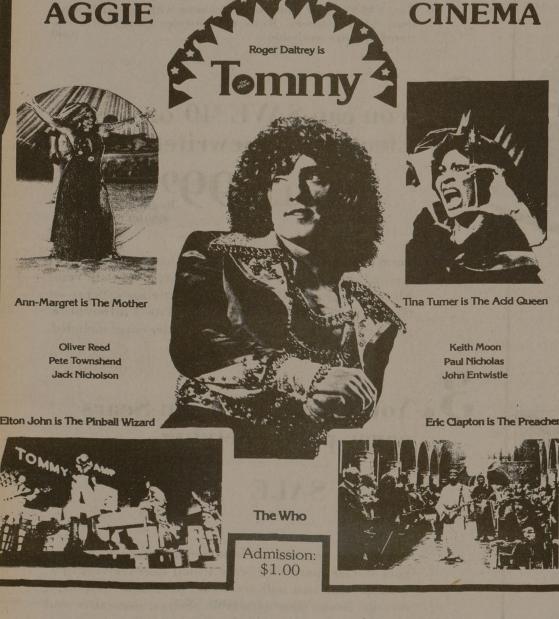


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