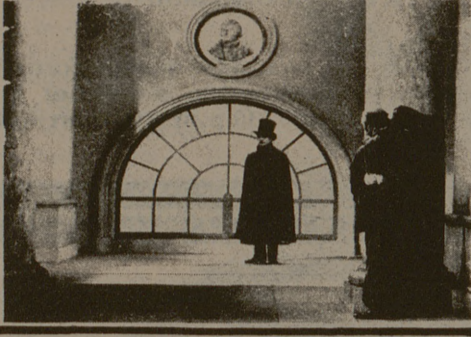


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# Prof teaches Russian kids

By ERIN BECKERS  
Battalion Reporter

Russian college students have few illusions about where they are, so they make the best of it, says a Texas A&M University English professor who spent last spring teaching at Leningrad University.

Jerome Loving, 37, was selected by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars to teach American Literature at the University. He and his wife and two children lived there for three months.

"The students learn to live within the limits of their society," Loving said. "They know how to operate in their society and play the game."

"The students are a bit older," he said, "and range from 22 to 32."

"The professor-student relationship is different in Russia," he said.

"The professor more or less controls their lives," Loving said. "When students study in a certain area, they follow the professor of that program. He acts as a supervisor throughout the students' education."

"I told them how American students sometimes fight for grades,"

he said, "and one girl replied a bit sarcastically, 'we just take whatever the professor gives us and say thank you.'"

Leningrad University, which has an enrollment of about 20,000, is state supported and controlled.

"Competition is fierce," Loving said concerning college acceptance. "Only 10 percent of youth go on to higher education."

"Books are rare. I gave a lot away," he said. He took texts to distribute and learned that the Russian institute collected all books after they were used. Once he knew of the motive, he autographed each textbook. "Once this was done, it was too personal to take," he said.

In their free time, Russian students "drink vodka and read anything they can get their hands on," Loving said.

Russians are avid readers, but book covers are usually concealed while reading on streetcars.

"It's a paranoid secret society," he said. "I never was really frightened, but often wondered how much hassle I would get before I got out."

His visit to the University was



Associate English professor Jerome Loving, who taught American Literature in Leningrad, holds an icon of the Madonna and child that he and his wife were given at a friend's near Leningrad. He said he had to smuggle the icon out of Russia, where it is regarded more as a work of art than as a religious object now because of official atheism.

unannounced to the students and faculty. The people tended to ostracize him, he said, to avoid the chance of getting in trouble with the government.

He said his phone was tapped and that at times he was followed, but he did not know by whom.

"In the few homes that I was invited to, I have never received a warmer reception," he said. "Most Leningraders love Americans. The people are friendly and curious about Americans," he said. "Some do not pay attention to the anti-American propaganda."

"The best way to learn about your

country is to live in another

Loving.

"Russia is a harsh country, the people are hardy. Aside from the intellectuals, the people are not satisfied, although they go through many comforts we take for granted. The intellectuals are not satisfied because of their lack of freedom of expression," he said.

"There is no such thing as individualism in Russia, Loving said. "Individualism, which is the American literature, is foreign to them."

"They never told me they couldn't lecture on," Loving said. "But he said he lectured on the

toward man and society. For instance, Thoreau's 'Civil Disobedience,' which concerns an individual's duty to oppose a government, was not well liked by the Russian professor of English,"

Loving and his family were permitted to tour any other part of Russia. "They tied me up in tape," he said.

Loving's said his last day was somewhat emotional. He received many gifts from his students, including dolls for his children and Russian books.

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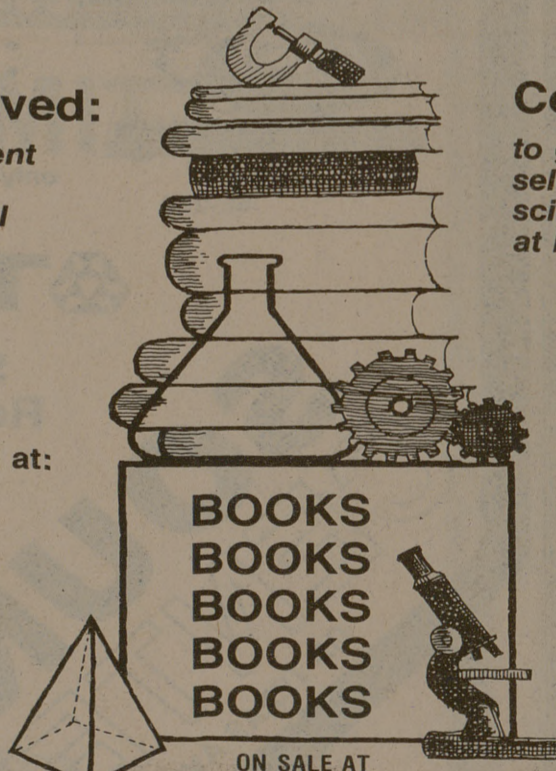
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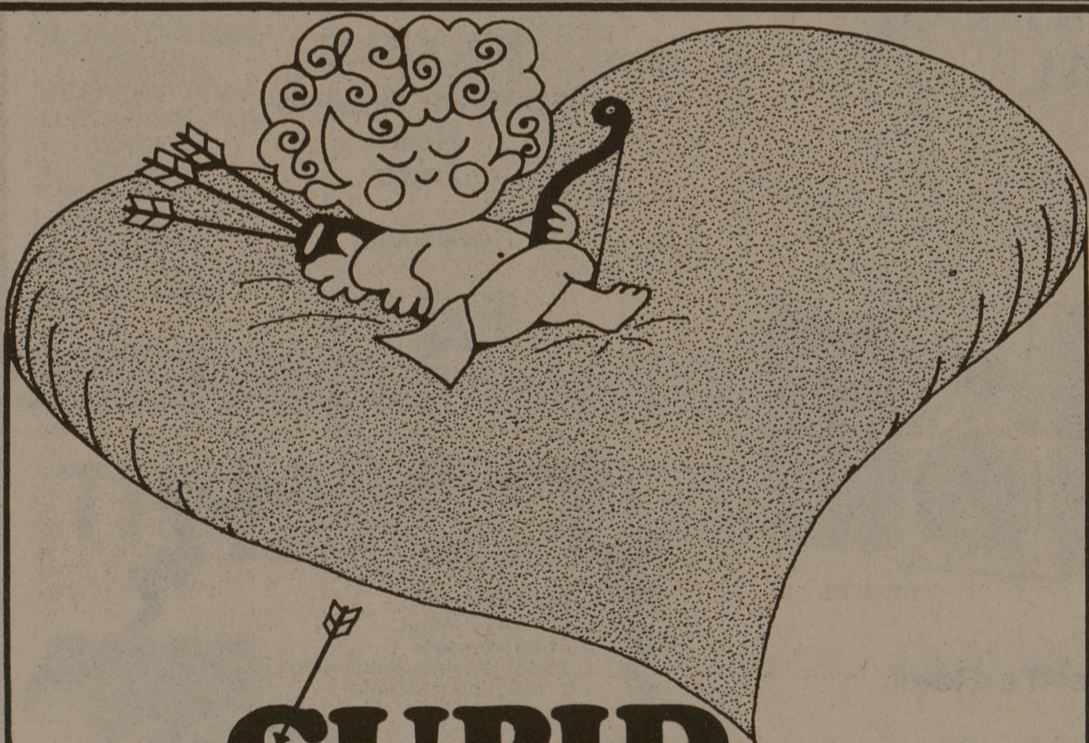
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## Elections are final certified

By CRAIG ROGERS  
Battalion Staff

The Brazos County Commissioners Court certified Monday Nov. 6 election of two commissioners and a justice of the peace.

A suit filed in Federal District Court challenged the election on the basis that a previous redistricting of the county precincts had been the vote of minority residents. U.S. District Judge in Houston dismissed the suit last month, stating the Commissioners Court certify the elections.

The county commissioners in Precinct 2 is Walter Wilcox, elected with 3,352 votes. Stasny received 2,029 votes, county commissioner for Precinct 2.

Both commissioners have serving in their post until the suit could be settled. Since have been acting as commissioners since the elections there will change in the commissioners' offices. "It's not going to change anything in the world," Commissioner Stasny said.

Carolyn Hensarling's election justice of the peace of Precinct 2 also certified. After the Nov. 6 election she was appointed by the Commissioners Court to see justice of the peace until the suit was settled.

"I'm real pleased that it is Judge Hensarling said.

In other business, four local submitted bids to the Commissioners Court to be the county attorney for the next two years. The court decided to study the bids to determine which would offer the county the highest interest. The court will meet today to award the contract.

The commissioners also entered an agreement with GTE Telephone allowing it to bury along county right-of-ways. The court voted to reserve the right to keep the phone company from the county right-of-way where there is a utility easement.

The phone company will bury the phone lines along county right-of-ways along county roads where there are utility easements.

The commissioners also approved payment to the city of Brazos \$616.83 for fire calls during

