

College Station classes start Feb. 9th

**conviser-miller
cpa
review**

"GET THE CONVISER CONFIDENCE"

- Course Materials Include 5 Textbooks
- 3 Month Format
- Payment Plan Available/Major Credit Cards
- Exam Techniques Clinic

76% PASS RATE

Enclosed is \$75.00, enroll me at the TAMU Student (with current I.D.) discount tuition of \$595.00 and forward my course texts.

I would like more information about your course.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/St/Zip: _____
Phone: _____

I plan to take the May November CPA Exam 19__

1-800-392-5441
A subsidiary of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich
Also offering Bar/Bri, LSAT, GMAT, MCAT & SAT

Mail To:
Conviser-Miller CPA Review
1111 Fannin, Suite 680
Houston, TX 77002

Visiting professor says war holds key to Soviet system

By Janet Goode
Staff Writer

It was World War II that solidly established the Soviet political system that still persists today, a Texas A&M visiting professor told a group of about 60 people Thursday night.

"If Gorbachev wishes to mobilize, he must first de-Stalinize," said John Erickson, the director of defense studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Erickson said he is the only Westerner ever to have been given access to the Soviet Military Archives.

In his lecture at the MSC, sponsored by the Strategic Defense League, Erickson said that the history of the war must be studied so Gorbachev can see what united the people and the nation and why the system didn't collapse.

"Whatever Stalin did to the Russians — the Germans did much more," Erickson said.

Erickson said the Russians in the war knew they were in a race for survival.

"This is the key point," he said. "It began to dawn on them (Soviets) that this wasn't a war."

"This was a race with time. If they didn't win, they were going to simply disappear."

He attributes much of the Soviet Union's survivability to what he calls the three S's: signals, steam and supply.

Erickson said that signals represent the Soviet Union's communications system. In spite of their crudity, he said, the Soviet communication systems actually worked.

Steam refers to the railways that were used for industrial evacuation in the war where there were vast traffic problems, he said.

Finally, he said that Soviet supplies, although disorganized, were usually obtainable because of the interlocking administrative nets that were in place. For example, he said, Stalin illegally made some state offices military, such as the postal service.

"It was considered a defection from the war not to show up for work," he said.

The first examination that needs to be made in redesigning the Soviet political system concerns what kind of war World War II was, Erickson said.

"Their war, the Great Patriotic War, was both militarily and morally unique," he said.

"It was the greatest land campaign in the history of the world and it was, for the first time in history, a genocidal war," he said. "It was a war of enslavement and extermination."

"It was the first time that children were killed systematically."

"I think that the truth has got to be told about the war (World War II) from Gorbachev's side and the Soviet society with all the sadness and sorrow before he can succeed in evolving a current Soviet response in galvanizing his society in the direction he wants."

— John Erickson, Texas A&M visiting professor and director of defense studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland

The human loss on the Soviet side has been recorded in the West as being 20 million, Erickson said.

In reality, there were 45 to 47 million lives lost and there are 27 million people still missing today, he said.

"Also, only 3 percent of people between the ages of 17 and 21 survived in the Soviet Union during the war," he said. "This is a massive slice of society."

In a strange way, the war legitimized the Stalinist state, Erickson said, because it was a victorious state.

"Many people still say, 'Please don't tear it down, we spent too much blood, we had too little bread, we produced too much steel,'" he said.

Erickson said Stalin played a large part in forming this society.

"It is perfectly true that he ran it all by naked personal authority," he said.

"It is perfectly true he ran it by personal control — he had his eyes and his ears everywhere," he said.

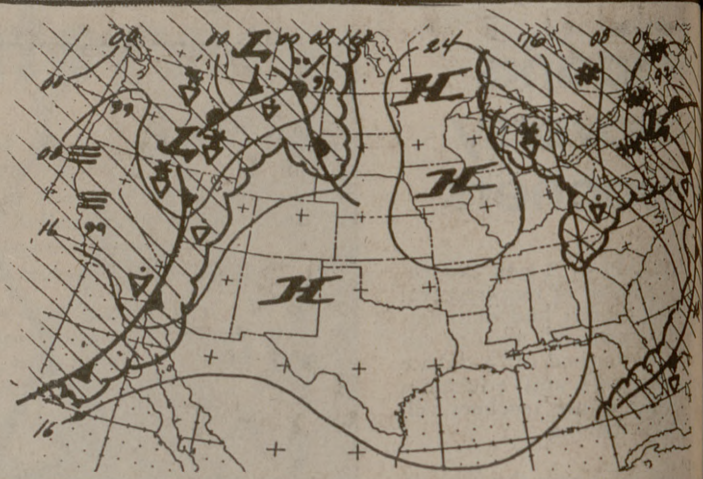
Another question Erickson said needs to be studied concerns what galvanized these people to act.

Besides survival, Erickson listed firm leadership, disciplined behavior and obedience and especially steadfastness.

Gorbachev wants to reproduce these qualities that united the nation, Erickson said, especially steadfastness and devotion.

"I think that the truth has got to be told about the war from Gorbachev's side and the Soviet society with all the sadness and sorrow before he can succeed in evolving a current Soviet response in galvanizing his society in the direction he wants," Erickson said.

Weather Watch



- ☁ - Lightning
- ☁ - Rain
- ☁ - Ice Pellets
- ☁ - Fog
- ** - Snow
- ☁ - Rain Shower
- ☁ - Thunderstorms
- ☁ - Drizzle
- ☁ - Freezing Rain

Sunset Today: 5:23 p.m.

Sunrise Saturday: 7:07 a.m.

Map Discussion: Amplification of high pressure systems in the east central Pacific and the central United States promises stormy weather along both coasts. Most areas of the West should have rain as the Pacific system pushes inland. In the East, the amplifying pattern will pump even more energy into the already-vigorous low pressure system. With its fairly slow movement and further deepening, expect snow from central Pennsylvania through New England.

Forecast:

Today: Fair to partly cloudy with a high of 76 degrees and northeasterly winds at 7 to 14 mph.

Tonight: Clear and cool with a low of 47 degrees and easterly winds of less than 5 mph.

Saturday: Increasing cloudiness and mild with a high of 73 degrees and a 10 percent chance of rain late in the day. Winds will be southerly at 10 mph, gusting to 18 mph. The probability of rain will increase to 20 percent for Sunday.

Weather Fact: Average weather conditions for the Dallas-Fort Worth area based solely on climatological data for New Year's Day are:

- High temperature: 57 degrees.
- Low temperature: 36 degrees.
- Relative humidity: 60 percent.
- Winds: north at 10 mph.
- Cloud cover: mostly cloudy.
- Rain: None. The D-FW area experiences seven rain days in January, one of which is a snow day.

Prepared by: Charlie Brenton
Staff Meteorologist
A&M Department of Meteorology

TSO places a lot of value in your good vision.

At Texas State Optical, we understand how valuable good vision is to you. That's why, for the past 50 years, our complete staff of vision professionals has been solely concerned with providing you the finest quality prescription eyewear available. Each and every TSO lens is made to the doctor's exact specifications in one of the world's most advanced optical laboratories—always prepared with an attention to detail that includes as many as 17 different inspections and quality checks. So, although you may find lower priced eyewear elsewhere, you won't ever find a better value. Because at TSO, we place a lot of quality and care into your good vision.



TEXAS STATE OPTICAL

216 N. Main
Bryan - 779-2786

Post Oak Mall
College Station-764-0010

Call Battalion Classified 845-2611

New fire ordinance requires Christmas trees be removed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A bureaucratic Grinch has taken the holiday cheer out of some public buildings that are being forced to remove fresh-cut, decorated Christmas trees because of a new fire ordinance.

The ordinance, in effect for the first time this holiday season, prohibits chopped trees from being placed indoors in most public establishments where more than 50 people gather.

Bowling alleys, ballrooms, bars, dance halls, funeral parlors, libraries, churches, museums and are among the buildings included in the new ordinance that took effect Sept. 13.

La Mansion del Rio hotel tossed its 8-foot tree because of the ordinance.

"It's sort of like the 'Grinch Stole Christmas,'" Valerie Harp, front office manager for the hotel, said. "I'd prefer a real Christmas tree."

"We dish up good times."



607 Texas Avenue
(across from Texas A&M)
696-1427

SCHULMAN THEATRE

2.50 ADMISSION

1. Any Show Before 3 PM
2. Tuesday - All Seats
3. Mon-Wed - Local Students with Current IDs
4. Thur - KORA "Over 30 Nite"

*DENOTES DOLBY STEREO

MANOR EAST 3

Manor East Mall 823-4888
TEEN WOLF TOO PG
THREE MEN & A BABY PG
CINDERELLA G
BABY BOON PG

PLAZA 3

226 Southwest Pkwy 693-7488
*FATAL ATTRACTION R
PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES R
*HELLO AGAIN PG
SCHULMAN 6
2:02 E-29th 775-2463
LIKE FATHER LIKE SON PG13
PRINCESS BRIDE PG-13
\$ DOLLAR DAYS \$

STAKEOUT R
CAN'T BUY ME LOVE ??
THE PICK UP ARTIST PG
THE LOST BOYS R

30% OFF

ENTIRE STOCK OF DESIGNER DENIM

• MEN • JUNIORS • CHILDREN

The best new looks in jeans from designers doing exciting things with stonewash, acidwash, bleached or colored denim. In sizes 28-38 for men. For boys, 8-14 and students, reg. \$36-\$46. For girls, 4-14, reg. \$16-\$34. Juniors 3-13, includes skirts and jackets, too, reg. \$38-\$74.

JUNIORS DESIGNER FLEECE TOPS & T-SHIRTS, REG 20.00-30.00. NOW 30% OFF

Bealls

POST OAK MALL-College Station