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A&M adds Russian courses to satisfy increasing demand

By Mia B. Moody

REPORTER

Although Texas A&M has offered wasn't until three years ago that the modern language department started adding courses to fulfill the growing demand for the language.

Dr. Brett Cooke, an assistant professor in the modern language de-partment said, "The Russian language has really increased in popularity recently. The potential was always there and we finally added courses. We have added one professor per semester, for the last three years and we are conducting a search for a new professor right

Subject matter of the Russian courses offered at A&M ranges from grammar to culture. "We offer Russian grammar, Rus-

sian literature, scientific Russian and Russian artistic heritage," Cooke

Joseph Lowe, a senior Russian major from Houston, said he's majoring in Russian because he thinks the language is artistic

"The Russian language is rich," Lowe said. "I hope to write Russian poems and stories once I have mastered the language."
Another Russian major, Karen

'Sasha" Richard, a senior from Dew, began taking Russian courses for fun, and liked it so much that she changed her major from political science to Russian. Sasha is the nickname that she uses in her Russian

"I fell in love with Russian after taking one class," Richard said. "I found the language beautiful and challenging. I also decided to major in Russian because I wanted to learn the language of the people that Americans fear."

Cooke said there are few opportunities for Russian majors after graduation. He knows people who have interviewed for national defense positions, but doesn't know of any who have received jobs.

But Lee Anna Foote, a senior Russian major from Cleveland, Texas said, "There are many opportunities for Russian majors. I have inter-viewed with the National Security Agency and the CIA and they are both looking for people who can speak Russian. Since these are government jobs, they don't pay much. Salaries usually start around \$19,000

Like Foote, Lowe also would like to work for the government. He hopes to get his master's degree in international relations and work for

"It might take around 200 years, but the international government is definitely going to expand," Lowe said. "Countries can no longer have petty self-interests because world government is where we are head-Richard, on the other hand,

would like to use her Russian in the business world. When I graduate I hope to get an

MBA in international business and work with possible joint ventures with Russia and the United States,'

Because of improving relations between the Soviet Union and the United States, Lowe said a background in Russian is important for

"I would suggest a Russian background to everybody because it might make it easier to get a job in the future," he said. "If glasnost is successful, the United States might have corporations in Russia. This would make Russian a necessary language for many U.S. citizens."

Richard said Russian is more difficult to learn than other foreign languages, such as Spanish and French, because it is completely different than English.

"The Russian grammatical style is

completely different and is very difficult to learn," Richard said. takes two weeks just to learn the Russian alphabet. I have to study Russian at least two hours a day.

"In third year Russian o speak strictly Russian," she lower level Russian courses use tapes from the langu which help a lot. The Russi also helps because at mee speak only Russian. We als conversations in Russian which people another opportunity

Cooke said students also ha opportunity to go to Russia tice what they know.

"A group of Aggies goest for five weeks and spends these weeks in Moscow," "The trip to Russia is expensionce in Russia it is very che dents usually enjoy these cause they can experience a ferent culture. For fun th Russian concerts and discot

He said students receive

credit hours for the trip.
Richard said, "I have net
to Russia, but I have many who have. In fact, I discove sian rock 'n' roll because of who went on an exchange Russia. Russian rock 'n' roll different. It scratches your cause it is so rough. Russian sing lyrics, they yell them."

Richard, who is president Russian Club, said the organi has grown since the langua crease in popularity.

"For the first time the Re

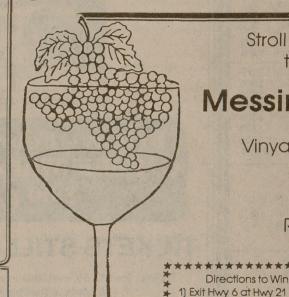
club is participating in Internal the NCAA but Week," she said. "We are the ban scholarship group not actually from the represented, which makes it has

Salutes

Faculty/Staff

Dr. Max Summers, an insect molecular virologist in Texas A&M's College of Agriculture, has been elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Sur mers holds the rank of distinguished professor of entomologic and a joint appointment with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Texas A&M.

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