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**A&M adds Russian courses to satisfy increasing demand**

By Mia B. Moody  
REPORTER

Although Texas A&M has offered Russian courses for 13 years, it 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 department 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 now."

Subject matter of the Russian courses offered at A&M ranges from grammar to culture.

"We offer Russian grammar, Russian literature, scientific Russian and Russian artistic heritage," Cooke said.

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 courses.

"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 interviewed 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 to \$20,000 a year."

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 NATO.

"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 headed."

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," she said.

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

"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. "It takes two weeks just to learn the Russian alphabet. I have to study Russian at least two hours a day."

"In third year Russian class speak strictly Russian," she said. Lower level Russian courses use tapes from the language which help a lot. The Russian also helps because at meetings speak only Russian. We also have conversations in Russian which provide another opportunity to practice."

Cooke said students also have opportunity to go to Russia to see what they know.

"A group of Aggies goes to Russia for five weeks and spends these weeks in Moscow," he said. "The trip to Russia is expensive once in Russia it is very cheap. Students usually enjoy these trips because they can experience a different culture. For fun they have Russian concerts and receive credit hours for the trip."

Richard said, "I have never been to Russia, but I have many friends who have. In fact, I discovered a Russian rock 'n' roll because of a friend who went on an exchange to Russia. Russian rock 'n' roll is different. It scratches your ear because it is so rough. Russians sing lyrics, they yell them."

Richard, who is president of Russian Club, said the organization has grown since the language increase in popularity.

"For the first time the Russian club is participating in Internat Week," she said. "We are the group not actually from the represented, which makes it hard."

**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. Summers holds the rank of distinguished professor of entomology and a joint appointment with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Texas A&M.

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