

# Program offers students chance to go to Russia

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A unique program offered at the University allows qualified undergraduate students of Russian language and literature to study at Leningrad State University.

Along with Stanford, Princeton and Cornell, the University sponsors the program (the only one of its kind in North America) through the Council on International Educational Exchange.

The program is one of few offering summer study in the Soviet Union. Depending on language proficiency, students may study Russian for a summer, semester or an academic year.

In the past, the University sent qualified students to Leningrad through the University of Washington. But late last year the University was granted affiliated status by the CIEE and now is eligible to receive scholarship funds to sponsor its own students.

To qualify for the summer program, students must display a minimum proficiency on a second-year Russian test and must obtain two faculty recommendations. Those interested in studying for a term or an academic year must achieve a minimum ability level in third-year Russian as well as two faculty recommendations. University Russian Prof. John Beebe says

test results indicate University students have consistently placed in the top 20 percent of nationwide applicants.

"In practice, our students themselves take the initiative to apply, and most who apply are accepted," Beebe says.

One of every two University applicants for the summer program are accepted, and only about 180 students qualify nationwide, Beebe says.

Although most participants are undergraduate language majors, the program also is open to students of Russian literature, history and political science.

While in Leningrad, students live in dormitories with Soviet roommates and attend six weeks of intensive classes at Leningrad State University. The curriculum is devoted mainly to the study of language and literature, but students also take excursions to cities such as Moscow, Kiev and Riga.

The Russian department also offers an exchange program for a semester of study at the Pushkin Institute in Moscow through the American Council of Teachers of Russian. The requirements are similar to the Leningrad program, and those interested in applying for study at Pushkin should contact Beebe at 310 Friendly Hall.

For information on the Leningrad program, see Russian Prof. Albert Leong at 415 Friendly.

## Courts open for reservations

The recreation and intramurals program will require reservations for covered tennis courts and outside handball and racquetball courts beginning Feb. 2.

The reservation system is designed to end court usage by people who aren't members of the campus community, says recreation and intramurals head Karla Rice.

A reservation will secure a court for a maximum one-hour. Now players often wait between

45 minutes and two hours for a court opening.

Courts will be open 3:30-11:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except during varsity and intramural events. On Saturdays, the courts will be open 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., and Sundays the courts will be closed.

Anyone making a reservation must present their University identification card at the Recreation and Intramural Office, 103 Gerlinger. Monday re-

servations must be made on Friday.

The Incidental Fee Committee recently allocated \$550 for the project, which will be reviewed at the beginning of spring term.

The existing system has prompted some complaints from students because there is little or no court maintenance.

"The floors are too slippery from a lack of varnish, the place is just filthy, and the lighting is terrible," University student Lala Mejia says.

The IFC could provide better court maintenance in the spring if the program is successful, Rice says.

"There shouldn't be a need for enforcement if everyone just respects one another," she adds.

For reservations, call the Intramural Office at 686-4121.

## Committee whittles list of president applicants

The committee charged with searching for a new University president has trimmed the list of candidates to less than 20.

A list of six or seven finalists will be compiled by about mid-February, according to Charles Duncan, journalism professor emeritus and chairer of the presidential search committee.

"I'm hoping we can get this process started — the interviews on campus — by the middle of February," Duncan says.

The search committee's next meeting is Jan. 29, and Duncan says the committee might narrow the list to an intermediate number of applicants.

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