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Dear Alumni:

The Russian Area Studies Program faculty have prepared this annual newsletter to inform you of current events in the program. Whether you are working with Russian or not, we want to hear how you are and what is new in your life, and to inform you of program events. If you are planning to attend Reunion Weekend, please also consider letting us know: our faculty would be delighted to meet with you. Please direct news to galloway@hws.edu. We will post updates and news of our alums on the program's website.

Some of you may be familiar with the activities described here, but for those of you who graduated prior to 1999, much of this will be new information. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of this newsletter instead of or in addition to this hard copy, please let us know.

Best regards,

Prof. David J. Galloway
Russian Area Studies Program Coordinator

News Briefs:

- Effective July 2004, the Department of Modern Languages has been dissolved. The two Russian language and culture faculty will now be based in the Russian Area Studies Program. Other languages of the old DML will now be located in their respective programs (e.g. French and Francophone, Spanish and Hispanic, etc.) This dissolution followed from the establishment of the Asian Studies Department a few years ago.
- HWS Russian Students continue to compete in the Upstate Russian Competitions, founded in 2001 by HWS and Union Russian faculty. In April, 2004, our Russian students went up against other students from Union College, Cornell University, Syracuse University, SUNY Binghamton, the United States Military Academy, and Hamilton College. This annual competition tests first-year students' Russian ability in several events: recitation of a poem from memory, a simplified written grammar test, speaking about oneself, and reading aloud. In 2005 Hamilton College will host the competition (HWS hosted in 2003).

- In May, 2003, the Russian language faculty began offering a “Russian Study Tour”—a ten-day trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg intended primarily for first-year language students, and which is intended both as an introduction to the country and a springboard for longer study abroad programs. (A slide-show at <http://academic.hws.edu/russian/tour.html>) offers highlights of our 2003 and 2004 trips.) We intend to continue the tour each May.
- In January, 2003, the Profs. Galloway and Welsh received a \$35,000 grant from the Center for Educational Technology to develop a web-based application for Russian grammar training. Development will occur over the next nine months, at which point the site will be available for free to all colleges’ faculty and students.
- In 2003, HWS established a chapter of *Dobro Slovo*, the National Slavic Honor Society. Our chapter, Delta Mu, inducted two founding members this past spring. The society requires that students complete two years of Slavic studies with an 85% average in Slavic courses, an 80% average minimum overall, and a continuing interest in Slavic fields. Future inductions will be held each fall.
- In February, 2004, the Russian Area Studies Program hosted HWS Day. The campus-wide event, which was a stunning success, was based on the theme “Aftershocks: How the Soviet Collapse is Reshaping the World.” Featured speakers included Nancy Ries, Christine Loomis, Georgi Derluguian, and Ahmed Rashid, who gave the keynote address on “Post 9/11 Power Rivalry in Central Asia and the War on Terrorism.” HWS students also created and ran two panels on environmental and religious issues.

Russian Study Tour Fund

We have established an endowment at the colleges which will help fund students who participate in the Russian Study Tour (see brief above). The Study Tour does not receive funds from HWS, so students pay all their own expenses. Contributions, which are of course tax-deductible, are welcome in any amount. Please consider helping us with this project—every year we have deserving students who cannot afford to participate. To make a contribution, send a check (payable to Hobart and William Smith Colleges) with a note that the amount is for the Russian Study Tour, to: Prof. David Galloway, 202 Smith Hall, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY 14456.

Faculty Updates

The following faculty have retired or moved on in the past few years:

Prof. Peter Beckman (Political Science) retired in 2001.

Instr. Laurie DePerno (Modern Languages), left HWS in 1994 to pursue a career in nursing.

Prof. Edward Lee (Modern Languages) left HWS in 1996, and now teaches at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

Prof. Lidia Pacira (Modern Languages), retired in 2001.

A list of our current faculty can be viewed at: <http://academic.hws.edu/russian>