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Dear Alumni:

The Russian Area Studies 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. 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 jmck@hws.edu.

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News Briefs:

- The biggest news this year was our month-long summer trip to Siberia. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad program, this trip supported three faculty and seventeen students for thirty days in Irkutsk and two other sites around Siberia's majestic Lake Baikal. Pictures and details of the trip will be found on our web page (<http://academic.hws.edu/russian/siberia.htm>), once we sort through the thousands of photos!

- HWS Russian Students continue to compete in the Upstate Russian Competitions, founded in 2001 by HWS and Union Russian faculty. In April, 2006, our students went up against undergrads from 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 written grammar test, speaking about oneself, and reading aloud. HWS students placed first in three of four individual events and second overall at this year's competition. Meghan O'Loughlin placed first in the monolog section, and Anne Buechel placed first in the poem recitation and grammar test, earning her a prestigious second place overall finish. The 2007 competition will be hosted by USMA at West Point.

- Congratulations to the following graduating majors and minors:

Christie Braman, B.A. Modern Languages (Russian and German)
Thomas Bright, B.A. Russian Studies and Political Science (double major)
Catherine Corradini, B.A. Russian Studies (History and Society)
Susan Jordan, B.A. Russian Studies (History and Society)
Chloe Hall, B.A. Asian Studies; Russian Studies minor
Daryl Mallet, B.A. Women's Studies; Russian Studies minor

- Congratulations to Susan Jordan '06, who earned honors for her project entitled "Post-Soviet Russian Women's Literature: A Historical and Feminist Analysis of Works by Liudmilla Petrushevskaja and Natalia Baranskaia," with Professor Kristen Welsh.
- The HWS Delta Mu Chapter of Dobro Slovo, the National Slavic Honor Society, is pleased to announce its new members of the '06 class: Susan Jordan, Daryl Mallet, and Chloe Hall.
- Professor David Galloway and Professor Kristin Bidoshi of Union College were awarded a \$243,000 technology grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This will fund a new, improved version of the "Molodets" grammar training program which was begun two years ago. The final application will be made available in spring, 2008.
- In cooperation with Hobart parent Dr. Bruno Froehlich, RAS has developed a program to have students intern in Mongolia. Dr. Froehlich, an anthropologist with the Smithsonian Institution, would like to have HWS Russian-language students work with him and with Mongolian scholars to catalogue research archives housed at the Mongolian Academy of Sciences and the University of Ulaanbaatar. The program will include visits to the Hobart and William Smith campus by students and faculty from Mongolia, as well as a pre-departure orientation session at the Smithsonian for the Colleges' students. Pending final approval by the Mongolian government, the program will begin in Summer 2007.
- Professor David Ost (Political Science) was recognized in September, 2005, by the Polish government for his work on the Solidarity movement and his outspoken support for opponents of the communist regime. Ost's works include his books *Solidarity and the Politics of Anti-Politics: Opposition and Reform in Poland since 1968*, published in 1990, and *The Defeat of Solidarity: Anger and Politics in Post-Communist Europe*, published in 2005. Lech Walesa presented the medal to Ost in a ceremony held at the Consulate of Poland in New York City.
- Professor Derek Linton (History) received the John Frederick Lewis Award from the American Philosophical Society for his book *Emil von Behring: Infectious Disease, Immunology, Serum Therapy*. Linton's book is the first major English-language biography of Behring, who won the first Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1901 for developing diphtheria antitoxin serum.
- Ted Cook (H '07) completed a semester in Yaroslavl' through Middlebury College. Two students who began studying Russian at the Colleges this year have completed intensive summer programs stateside: Meghan O'Loughlin attended the Bryn Mawr Russian Language Institute, and Clea Weiss attended the University of Pittsburgh Summer Language Institute.

Alumni Updates

We were excited to hear from the following graduates, who updated us on their whereabouts and careers since leaving HWS. The RAS website now has a separate alumni page, with updates and names of graduates (<http://academic.hws.edu/russian/alum.htm>), as well as copies of this newsletter (past and current).

Elizabeth Miller-Lynn (WS '95): is currently working for M&M/Mars, helping to implement a new software application. The perks, she says, are that candy is EVERYWHERE :).

Jeff Neuman (H '92): worked in several positions in Russia after graduation, including teaching. He also earned his MBA from the University of Chicago, and now works in marketing for PepsiCo.

Susan Crosman Waterhouse (WS '96): has been teaching high school mathematics and fulfilling other roles at a boarding school in Westtown, Pennsylvania, and is spending the current school year at home with her children.

William F. "Bill" Maroon (H '63). With the help of Linda Clark Benedict, HWS Archivist, we've determined that Bill earned the first degree in Russian studies ever granted by HWS (the language was first taught at the Colleges in 1961). He served in the military during the Cold War and currently teaches U.S. History at Wilmington College in Delaware.

Heather Pierce (WS '00): worked in investment and TV production after WS, but currently works in admissions and coaches at the Hillside School in Massachusetts.

If we haven't heard from you, please drop us a line! As always, you can find current information on the program and its faculty at: <http://academic.hws.edu/russian>