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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.

Judith McKinney, Russian Area Studies Program Coordinator

News Briefs:

- HWS Russian Students continue to compete in the Upstate Russian Competitions, founded in 2001 by HWS and Union Russian faculty. In April, 2007, our students went up against undergrads from Syracuse University, SUNY Binghamton, the United States Military Academy, Hamilton College, and Union 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. Senior Brittany Burton (WS '07) tied for first place overall, and Harris Goldman (H '08) tied for third in a field of nineteen competitors. The 2008 competition will be hosted by HWS.

- Congratulations to the following graduating majors and minors:

Ted Cook, B.A. Russian Area Studies (History and Society)

Sarah Loomis, B.A. Russian Area Studies (History and Society)

- Sara Wallace (WS '08) spent a ten-week summer internship in Washington D.C. interning at the U.S. State Department in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Office of UK, Ireland, and Benelux Affairs. She worked primarily as the Belgium Desk Officer, where she was asked to coordinate all activities occurring between the Washington Office, the U.S. Embassy in Belgium, and the Belgian Embassy in Washington. This included hosting foreign diplomats, establishing agendas for U.S. diplomats traveling to Belgium, and sending up-to-date information to Assistant Secretary Daniel Fried. She gained experience working with different bureaus on affairs ranging from the Iraq War to the Alexandr Litvinenko poisoning, and is considering pursuing a career in foreign affairs.

- The RAS program welcomes Anna Viktorovna Khrenova, our 2007-2008 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA). The FLTA program, established in 1968, is run by the Institute of International Education and is designed to increase the native-speaker presence in U.S. foreign language programs while giving foreign nationals the opportunity to learn about American pedagogical practices, improve their English language skills, and spend time in non-degree study at a U.S. college or university. Anya lives in Novokuznetsk, and holds a diploma in philology with a specialization in English-language pedagogy from Kuzbass State Pedagogical Academy, where she is now working on a Ph.D. In addition to teaching English at the Academy, she works in the newly established international office of the Siberian Industrial University and directs the University's German Center. While at the Colleges, Anya will run lab sections for Russian 101-102 and Russian 201-202, as well as offering her own course in Spring 2008. She will be involved with the Russian Society, Russian Table, the new Russian House (part of the off-campus complex at 380 S. Main St.), and other activities of the Russian Area Studies program. In addition to studying political science and history, Anya plans to continue lessons in classical guitar and perhaps even join an intramural basketball team, a sport she played for five years at Kuzbass State Pedagogical Academy.

- The HWS Delta Mu Chapter of Dobro Slovo, the National Slavic Honor Society, is pleased to announce its new member of the '07 class, Sarah Loomis.

- Meghan O'Laughlin participated in a summer program in Petersburg through Bard College/Smolny Institute.

Alumni Updates

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 on our web site. The RAS website alumni page also has copies of past and current newsletters (<http://academic.hws.edu/russian/alum.htm>).

Edward J. Tateosian (H '95) ran his third Boston Marathon (3:06) this year, and married Janine Sullivan in Boston. He has been working for Wellington Management since 1996 in Fixed Income Portfolio Management.

Sarah H. Kapp (WS '05) completed a year interning in Moscow with the School for Russian and Asian Studies (<http://www.sras.org>) and this fall is beginning her doctoral work in Russian at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Sue Jordan (WS '06) is currently Assistant Field Hockey coach at MIT and is planning to enroll in a Master's program in Sports Management or Communications, as part of her eventual goal of becoming a head coach.

Ted Cook (H '07) will be spending the coming year teaching English in Vladimir through Serendipity-Russia's program there (<http://www.serendipity-russia.com/index.htm>).