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Russian physicist Likes U.S. idea exchange

Dr. Victor Anisimov—American students may talk too much, but Russian students do not talk enough. Russian researcher 'likes the way people talk about problems and exchange ideas' in the United States.



A Russian physicist, Dr. Victor Anisimov is visiting the United States on a cultural-educational exchange program.

by Andy Cunningham
Junior Staff Writer

Although he feels that American students talk too much, a Russian physicist at the University of Nebraska counters that students in his country talk too little.

Dr. Victor Anisimov, is one of thirty-two Russian educators, scientists and artists currently involved in the Russo-American exchange program with counterparts in the U.S.

"I like the way people talk about problems and exchange ideas here," Anisimov said.

He pointed out that this had one "negative" aspect, however — it cuts down on the time devoted to studying.

Referring to the difference in talkativeness of students in the two countries, he concluded, "Maybe the solution is to find the middle."

"Students are alike everywhere," said Anisimov. "There is no difference," he said, referring to the incentive and working habits of Russian and American students.

In both countries they want to work sometimes and sometimes not," he said.

Anisimov is a firm believer in the exchange program, which has been in existence since the late 1950's.

"It is important to find ways to make peace," he said. "Any exchange program where people talk informally, not officially, I think will make relations between our countries better."

In addition to universities, in the USSR there are many technical schools which prepare those who are interested in obtaining work in an industrial capacity after they have completed high school.

In Anisimov's country, classroom space is a problem. Admission into a particular university or department and into a particular field is determined and narrowed by keen competition among the applicants.

"Maybe your high school education is too specialized," Anisimov said. "In my country high school education is entirely general."

He added that studies on the college level lie entirely within specific fields.

Anisimov said that in the high school level students are "too young to know their speciality." He said that the Soviet system, permitting the student to specialize after receiving a solid general background, is best.

This allows complete specialization on the collegiate level. This

kind of specialization is good," he explained, because it permits, for instance, an aspiring scientist to select a very narrow field within the broad scope of science.

A non-specialized high school education is necessary for interaction and successful relations with people of different fields, he said.

Comparing Veronez State University, where he has been a member of the Physics Department, Anisimov said: "It may be that in my field the conditions at my university are better than they are here."

"Here there is a scarcity of materials and a long delay involved in the preparation," he explained.

He is doing experimental research with very thin films of gold, a metal with interesting elec-

trical properties. He explained that less is known about the conductivity and resistivity of gold than other metals.

He went on to say that the fact that gold cannot be oxidized may be of relevance in examining these electrical properties.

Anisimov said he has been pestered with a problem of supply at the University. "Some of my materials took months to come, and it is only recently that I have been able to begin my experiments," he said.

He also said that some of his equipment was too simple for the precision which his work required.

Anisimov pointed out that he had not encountered either of these problems while working in his own country.

Committees report to student senate

Student Senate committees have compiled reports on first semester activities, according to Gene Pokorny, ASUN first vice president.

The reports completed were handed out to senators at the Wednesday Senate meeting. Eleven reports have been compiled, with two committees yet to complete their resumes.

Of the eight ad hoc committees established by Senate this year, four have completed their reports.

The following is a synopsis of the semester's work:

FACULTY EVALUATION COMMITTEE: Work on the Faculty Evaluation Booklet began during the second semester of 1966-67 school year. During this past semester, evaluations of the faculty (which had been completed by students during the previous Dead Week) were compiled and sent to the University Computer Center. Due to programming difficulties, the Center did not have the returns completed until August. Consequently the committee could not complete work on the books until September. The books were printed by the second week of November. Although 1200 books were printed, sales were much less than expected. Books will again be placed on sale when registration for summer school and first semester 1968-69 begins, according to committee chairman Tom Morgan.

The first project undertaken by the committee was the promotion of the proposed Lincoln Minimum Standards Housing code, according to chairman Margo McMaster. Although the code was defeated by Lincoln voters, the committee worked for its passage by distributing information leaflets, purchasing a billboard opposite the Union, supplying press releases to the Daily Nebraskan, through neighborhood coffees, football banners and various other forms of publicity.

The committee also worked to find Lincoln homes that foreign students could live in during Christmas vacation; it worked with the NYAS, a group promoting the passage of a bill next November which would lower the voting age to 19; it organized a Nebraska Youth Fair to be held this spring, and also planned a "World in Revolution" conference.

MASTERS COMMITTEE: The committee received affirmative responses to Masters Week invitations from R. A. Alberty, Dean of Science at M.I.T.; George B. Cook, President of Bankers Life Insurance, Nebraska; Earl C. Hedlund, Lt. General in the U.S. Air Force; Guy C. Kiddoo of the First National Bank; Anan Raymond, a Chicago lawyer; and E. Van den Bark, vice president of Phillips Petroleum Company. The committee is currently working on the program schedule and other arrangements for Masters Week, according to Carolyn Eldred, chairman.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: The committee is continuing work on the Campus Handbook which is sent to all incoming freshmen. A section on ASUN has been added, according to chairman Dianne K-

cera, and the complete ASUN constitution is included.

PARKING COMMITTEE: The committee was successful in setting up a working parking appeals board, which meets on every other Wednesday. The board has handled more than 100 cases, 60 per cent of which have resulted in the cancellation of tickets. The committee was also successful in bringing about repairs to student parking lots, according to Jim Ludwig, chairman.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Functioning mainly as a subcommittee to the Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee, the group is working on a bookform report concerning the new library facility which is scheduled to be built in 1972. The committee has also worked with library representatives concerning problem areas in the library.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE: The committee, headed by Diane Theisen, has compiled a file consisting of the biographies and voting record of all the state senators. Senators have also been encouraged to visit the University campus, and tours of the various colleges have been arranged. The committee is also working with the Education Committee on a student academic evaluation of various departments.

On Campus . . . Today



Jazz 'n Java will be held today at 3:45 in the Crib of the Nebraska Union.

The pledge class of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will begin a basketball bounce in Omaha Friday night to promote the heart fund drive. The pledges will bounce the basketball along highway six and end at the State Capitol in Lincoln where Governor Tiemann will sign the ball. According to calculations by pledge class president Wally Dean, the number of times the ball bounces should be approximately equal to the times the human heart beats each day.

Newman Club is sponsoring a "living room" get-together at the Newman Center tonight at 8 p.m. According to Suzanne Broz, club secretary, a guest speaker will talk about the controversial movie "The War Game," which will be shown on Feb. 9, 10, and 11.

A documentary Indian film, "Jungles," will be shown in color at Sheldon Art Gallery Saturday at 7:00 p.m. The film, which is sponsored by the India Association, will have English subtitles. Admission price is one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children.



Campus organizations desiring booths at the second semester Activities Mart should contact Karen Wendt, mart chairman. The Activities Mart will be Wednesday in the Union ballroom from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The "Nearly New Shop," sponsored by the NU Faculty Women's Club, will hold a sale on Feb. 6 and 7, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 333 No. 14th Street. Members have contributed clothing, dishes, furniture, and other items to be sold inexpensively to students. The profits from the sales will be matched on a nine to one basis by the National Defense Education Act, and will go to the student loan fund.

IDA delays action on open house rule

by Mark Gordon
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The Inter-Dormitory Association (IDA) Council Wednesday night voted to delay action on a three-point open-house guideline issued by the University housing office.

IDA President Brian Ridenour said the Council can either reject, accept, or propose modifications to the ruling which states:

—organized bodies, either floors or halls must show consensus of opinion wanting an open house.

—there must be a duly-authorized person on each floor to watch for coordination of the open house.

—there must be a procedure for registering the absence of a member with the responsible officer prior to the event.

Simply guidelines

"These are simply guidelines sent from the housing office to the residence directors," said Richard Scott, coordinator of the residence halls.

There are possibilities for modifications of this policy which would be acceptable to both residence hall governments and the housing office," Ridenour said.

He added that the University officials are placing responsibility for the enforcement of the rules with student dormitory government, but they aren't allowing student government to formulate the regulations.

Meeting on rules

The IDA's chief executive said he would send a memorandum to all IDA representatives requesting them to attend next week's meeting as the open housing rules would be the first item on the meeting's agenda.

"The demanded policies, implemented or not, must be taken to the full Faculty Committee on Student Affairs and Activities from

a practical standpoint," Cather Hall president Bruce Bailey said.

Hold elections

In other Council business, the group voted to hold the Association-wide executive elections Feb. 16 in order to allow candidates one week and one day to conduct campaigning.

Ridenour added that applications for the position of IDA president and vice president must be submitted to him at Cather Hall before next Thursday's Council meeting.

The Council also voted to postpone action on two constitutional amendments until the new executive officers assume office. The amendments include a procedure for a residence hall to withdraw from the Association and a clarification regarding whether the individual resident or the respective residence hall is an IDA member.

Eat in other dorms

Mike Eyster, chairman of the IDA food committee, reported to the Council that a plan allowing residents to eat meals in dorms other than their own is in its final stages of approval.

He said 10 persons from a respective cafeteria complex would be allowed to eat Monday, Wednesday and Friday night meals and Sunday lunch at other cafeterias if they sign a form one week in advance.

He said these forms would then be distributed to each dorm enabling the ticket checkers to have the list before the meal.

The Council approved a motion by Bailey to allocate no more than \$20 to pay the living expenses of the five officers from the Kansas State Residence Hall Association who are slated to hold a conference with IDA officials Feb. 10.

Release opposes UN policy

by Phyllis Adkisson
Junior Staff Writer

Present University policy is not in accordance with at least five points in the recently formulated Joint Statement on the Rights and Freedoms of Students, according to Louis Crompton, professor of English.

The Joint Statement is a document stating minimal rights and freedoms for students and describing procedures or insuring these.

It was drawn up by representatives of five national education organizations, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), the American Association of Colleges (AAC), the National Student Association (NSA), the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and the National Association of Women's Deans and Counselors (NAWDC).

Crompton, a member of the AAUP, said it is similar in content, to an AAUP document drawn up last year, but includes the procedure rights of students.

He added that its effectiveness will draw largely from the fact that it is a joint statement by the student, teacher, and administrator.

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ASUN first vice president Gene Pokorny discusses first semester committee reports submitted to the Senate Wednesday.