

# Books deal well with facets of Soviet Union

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This hadn't been a good semester so far for your campus book reviewer. There were few new books, and the dozen left from last semester were as appealing as a stale Twinkie.

It produced in me an aversion to writing book reviews — what Dorothy Parker called "the rams." This is usually caused by eating a bad celery stalk or string bean, but having had neither for the last few months, I can only assume that in my case "the rams" is a hereditary disease. Only recently can I read anything with the intention of writing about it. Staying away from Troll's for longer than 25 hours may also have helped.

## books

But "rams" or not, it was a cruel task to write anything about the collection of books on the shelf near the arts editor's desk. They consisted of novels by new writers (whose dust jackets breathlessly told that Sara Glemitz is the bright new star on the writing scene with the publication by Random Mouse of her first novel "I'll Cry Forever"), books on obscure subjects such as bead-making or Tibetan butterfly collecting or novels by the siblings of wealthy trash writers.

(Sidney Sheldon's daughter just wrote a novel which "convincingly and sensitively explores the world of teen-

age love and obsession ... The lives of Effie and David Angel touch only fleetingly. But when they do the frustrated passion which is unleashed destroys them both." Honest, that's what the press release said.)

It has been a long winter of discontent. But when fortune comes, it comes in spades and shovels. Two books published this year examined several aspects of life in the Soviet Union. Andrea Lee's *Russian Journal* is a collection of short episodes taken from the diary she wrote while she spent nearly a year behind the Iron Curtain.

There are brief portraits of men and women working with, against or being apathetic to the Communist system. There is the rigid party member with a repressed obsession for things Western. There are the small bands of hippies drawn straight out of Haight-Asbury of the 1960s, some of whom spent time in Soviet insane asylums for their non-conformity.

"They laughed at me in open disbelief when I said that (Jerry) Rubin had married a rich woman and was living with her in a luxurious apartment in New York," Lee writes. "What about the revolution?" asked Petya. ... It was a near-sad feeling, as if I were the bearer of tidings to an isolated group of believers that their leaders had lost the faith."

Despite the repressive life of shortages and ennu, there are flashes of the human spirit. It appears in the sexually segregated public baths or while people walk with a friend on the public streets, away from "them" and their listening devices.

Lee paints a portrait of the Russian state, dull and lifeless, but also stimulating, like when she walks through Moscow, a city without "the constant sensory distractions I was accustomed to in American. ... It's a remarkable feeling to have my mind clearing up week by week, like a lens that was filmed and dim, until, just as the year goes dark with winter, I've started to see the subtle points of light in this grey city." Lee's *Russian Journal* is a collection of these points of light, and is worth reading.

The Soviet space program is clouded in as much secrecy as a UNC football practice. *Red Star in Orbit* summarizes the past, present and future of the program. James E. Oberg, like Lee, speaks Russian and had access to unofficial sources of information.

Like the Americans, the Russians used their space program primarily for propaganda and military purposes. They drove themselves literally to death to make the next first, whether it be first man or woman in space or first spacewalk. After the goal was reached, they moved on to the next first, disregarding any benefits future flights would have achieved.

Oberg goes into significant but little-known incidents such as the 1960 accident at Tyuratam, where a rocket exploded, killing 40 rocket engineers.

It is a thin book for such a topic; Oberg is limited by the thin trickle of information that comes out of that country. But it is a book packed with information and insight.

## Wednesday night

# Ferguson to play

Maynard Ferguson, the jazz trumpeter who won fame as part of Stan Kenton's band in the early 1950s, will appear in concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel Hill High School cultural arts building.

Ferguson, known for his high range, will also conduct a music clinic with junior and senior high bands and UNC jazz players. Ferguson, like his mentor Kenton, devotes much of his time to conducting music clinics of the sort scheduled for Chapel Hill High.

The trumpeter organized his first big band in the late 1950s and before he disbanded the group in the 1960s it featured such players as Bill Chase, Joe Zawinul, Chick Corea, Bill Holman and Chuck Mangione. Ferguson traveled with a sextet for a while, then in 1966 traveled to India to study Indian religion and music theory. In the early 1970s, Ferguson started another big band in England, which he soon brought to the United States and reorganized. In the last decade, he has released several acclaimed albums — *M.F. Horn*, *Maynard Ferguson and Live At Jimmy's* among the best — and he has some crossover success with his versions of "MacArthur Park" and "Gonna Fly Now" (the theme from *Rocky*).

Tickets for the concert are \$7 and are available at the Shrunken Head Boutique, B&B Music and Chapel Hill High School. No tickets will be sold at the door.

—TOM MOORE

# Carrboro begins cleanup week

Carrboro residents may dispose of trash, including items like large appliances, when the town sponsors a special clean-up week through Friday.

All items the town's maintenance crews can handle and load will be picked up free, if residents call in a request to the town's public works department by Wednesday. Calls at 942-8541, extension 245, will be taken from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All trash must be placed on the curb for pickup.

# Campus Calendar

Public service announcements must be turned into the box outside DTH offices in the Carolina Union by noon if they are to run the next day. Each item will be run at least twice.

## TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

The SCA will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Cross. This week's topic is "Jewelry in the Middle Ages." All are welcome.

The UNC Circle K Club will have a pot-luck dinner. Meet at 6:15 p.m. in the Union lobby or Morrison lobby. For more information call Sam at 933-4650.

The Campus Governing Council will meet at 7 p.m. in T-F Carroll. Newly elected council members will be sworn in, and the Chapel Thrill budget will be considered. The meeting is open to the public.

The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, will hold a resume workshop at 3:30 p.m. in 203 Howell Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The UNC-CH Dungeons and Dragons Club invites all students and faculty who are interested in D&D and have never played before to the first D&D "Dungeon for Beginners." The Dungeon will be run at 7 p.m. in 205 Union.

The UNC Ski Club will meet at 9 p.m. in 217 Union. Plans for the Christmas-break trip to Vermont will be discussed. Everyone is invited.

The Women's Rugby Club practices from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesdays at Ehringhaus Field. New members are welcome, and no experience is necessary. For more information call 967-3296.

Models needed: Applications are due today in the BSM office for male and female models for the BSM Fashion Show to be held Oct. 30. Previous experience not necessary.

UNC Outing Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the Student Union. Members participating in the Cape Fear canoe camp will have a mandatory meeting afterward.

Interested in helping with the Oxfam Fast? Come to the Hunger Action Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in 204 Campus Y. Everyone is welcome.

Tennis Club meeting at 3:30 p.m. at Cobb courts. Come ready to play. Bring \$5 semester dues. Postponed until 3:30 p.m. Tuesday if rain.

There will be an organizational meeting for all students, faculty or staff interested in forming a New Women's Club see-

er team at 7:30 p.m. in Suite A of the Union. All ability levels are welcome to participate in intercollegiate program.

The Media Board will meet at 5 p.m. in 400 New East. The meeting is open to the public.

The Union Social Committee meets at 6 p.m. in 206 Union.

## COMING EVENTS

Bring your favorite poems and original work to an open poetry reading sponsored by DI and Phi at 8 p.m. Tuesday in 400 New East.

AXE will hold a called meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 222 Venable.

The North Carolina Student Legislature will have an important meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 226 Union. Final plans for the legislative reception will be made. Anyone interested in politics is invited. Members, be there.

The Academic Procedures Committee of Student Government will conduct a brief staff meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Union. Please be prompt.

The Christian Science Organization at UNC will hold its weekly meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday in 205 Union. All are welcome.

What do Dr. Martha Nell Hardy and the Orange County Women's Association have in common? They will both speak to the Association for Women Students at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 207 Union. Everyone is invited.

The executive committee of AED will meet at 5:30 Tuesday at the NCMH cafeteria.

The Association of Business Students will present NCNB Corp. for a seminar, "Careers in Banking," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in G-9 New Carroll. Refreshments will be served.

The Anglican Student Fellowship's Holy Communion is at 10 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel of the Cross. Participants in the New York Pilgrimage will tell their tales, and fellowship time will continue afterward. All are welcome.

The Undergraduate History Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday in 569 Hamilton Hall. Professor William S. Powell will give a slide presentation on the history of The University of

North Carolina. Everyone is welcome.

HSICS will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in 202 Union. We will discuss STDs and organizational information. Mandatory meeting for all new trainees!

Isabella W. Cannon, former mayor of Raleigh, will speak to the UNC Young Democrats at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Union. She will speak on: "Can the Democratic Party Survive the '80s: A Challenge to the YDs?"

Heat arms control and foreign policy experts discuss "Weighing the AWAACS: A Diplomatic Dilemma," at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Hamilton Hall. Question and answer period to follow. Moderator: Professor James Letzke, chairman, Peace, War and Defense. Program sponsored by Peace, War and Defense, Student Government and Americans for Common Sense.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Intramurals: First volleyball officials clinic is 7-9 p.m. today in 304 Woolen Gym. Play begins in tag football playoffs and team badminton.

UNC students will walk 20 miles to raise money to fight multiple sclerosis at 9 a.m. Oct. 25 from Old Campus. Students from Old Campus housing area and elsewhere will be seeking pledges for miles walked. Please help us fight MS.

Dr. Jan Taus of Brown University will speak on "Picosecond Electronic Relaxations in Amorphous Semiconductors" at 4 p.m. Oct. 21 in 265 Phillips Hall. Coffee and tea will be served at 3:30 p.m. in 277 Phillips Hall.

Offender Aid and Restoration, a non-profit organization serving inmates in the Durham County Jail, will conduct a volunteer training session at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 and 28, at the First Presbyterian Church in Durham. For more information call 933-3526.

Intramurals: The IM secretary has several officials' payroll checks that have not been picked up. Come by the office anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and see the IM secretary.

PACE (Professional and Administrative Career Examination), the examination for many federal jobs, will be given between Oct. 28 and Dec. 12 in many N.C. cities. Applications must be turned in before Tuesday to the University Placement Service, 211 Hanes Hall. If more than 25 people turn in applications to the Placement Service, the examination will be given on the UNC-CH campus. Otherwise it will be scheduled for selected cities in N.C. Applications in 211 Hanes Hall or 101 Nash Hall.

The Carolina Union Gallery Committee is sponsoring "Ashes and Diamonds," an exhibit of Polish film placards. The exhibit will run until Oct. 22 in the Union Gallery.

Student Health Service is offering a four-week "For Men Only: Holistic Weight Management" workshop emphasizing positive lifestyle behavior in a supportive group setting. Enrollment is limited to UNC male students less than 25 pounds

overweight. This group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon to-day through Nov. 2 in the Student Health Service, Health Education Suite. To pre-register call 966-2281 (Ext. 275) to arrange for a pre-screening interview.

Snow Skiing Course (PHYA 10) — Learn to downhill ski and earn physical education credit at the same time. Course taught in Boone over Christmas break. For more information, contact Marybell Avery in 110 Woolen Gym or call 962-2124.

The Order of the Bell Tower, UNC's student alumni service and honorary organization, invites all freshmen to apply for membership at the Union desk or the Alumni House through today. Applications may be picked up at the Carolina Union.

Journalism majors — Looking for experience? Staff positions for the *Southern Part of Heaven* are available. Come by the SCAU office in Suite B or call 962-8313.

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