



Professor describes Russian Deaf culture

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A Russian professor and chief editor of the *All Russian Federation of the Deaf Monthly* presented Russian Deaf art and history to a crowd of about 50 at the Smith Center on Tuesday. Ohlone College, the Center for Deaf Studies, and Gallaudet University Regional Center at Ohlone sponsored the presentation by the distinguished scholar Dr. Victor Palenny.

Palenny explained the All-Russian Society of the Deaf, or the VOG, was formed in 1926 and is known as Russia's largest nationwide organization for the deaf. Today, it comprises about 200,000 members. The VOG has a large material and socio-cultural base consisting of 68 educational and manufacturing ventures and

more than 400 clubs, health centers and educational establishments, statistics which far outshine the United States system for Deaf education.

According to Palenny, there are about 31,000 students in 271 different deaf schools in Russia. Palenny also said that almost every deaf person has a job, and that deaf people mostly work in noisy environments with loud machinery.

Palenny, himself deaf signed an explanation of Russia's strict rules for being late for work. "If you accidentally show up late for work for first time, it's a first warning. If [there are] second or third times, then you go to jail for a month or more. There was a Russia man who ignored [his] alarm. Later, he realized he will be late for work but it's not first time late. He decided to go and see his dentist and told

dentist to pull out any of his healthy teeth. Dentist doesn't understand why but he do it anyway. The man said 'thank you, Dentist!' Dentist wants to know why he pulled out of man's tooth, he asked him. The man explained the reason why he wanted his tooth to be pulled out because he can make an excuse for being late for work. Dentist told him, 'Today is Sunday!'"

Palenny went to Moscow School for Hard-of-Hearing Children and graduated Moscow State Technological University with a degree in engineering. He also obtained a PhD. in education from Moscow State Pedagogical University.

For academic research, he researched deaf history and culture and development, a program that has since been approved by the Russian Ministry of Education and is being used in a number of Russian

schools for the Deaf and two Moscow universities. Currently, he is a lecturer, editor, conference organizer and author. He edited four books on

Deaf history and wrote two books, "The Person from the Silent World" and "History of the All Russian Federation of the Deaf."



Nurses' Day

Tuesday, May 5th 10 a.m. - noon.
The NSOC, Nursing Students of Ohlone College, is celebrating Nurses Day at the Newark Campus.

The purpose of Nurses Day is to recognize, celebrate, and educate the public about the contributions and commitments nurses make.

3 Guest speakers, light snacks and refreshments, scholarship awards, free gifts for both Ohlone nursing students and faculty, & a raffle.

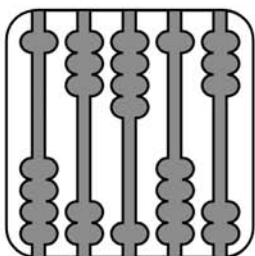
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Bibliophile's Anonymous is reading Jane Austen's novel "Emma," and will be viewing the 1995 romantic comedy, "Clueless", a clever film adaptation of Emma. English Professor Mark Brosamer, also clever, will lead off the viewing with a brief discussion on the subject of adapting literature to film.

When: Tues., April 9 12-1:30 PM

Where: Library, Room 1-307

Questions: Contact, KG Greenstein, Library

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