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NOTES IN BRIEF

The University of Kansas established in 1975 a program of "East German Studies" on the Baccalaureate and MA levels within its Soviet and East European Studies program. The program offers course coverage of the USSR, Poland, Yugoslavia and the GDR. Concentration in GDR Studies would stress GDR literature, politics, philosophy, economics and history in the context of Soviet and East European Studies. The university

has secured the agreement of the GDR writers' union and the government for a GDR "writer in residence" each year, and possibilities are in final negotiation for summer study in the GDR and for student exchange programs. For further information contact William C. Fletcher, Director of Soviet and East European Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045. Telephone 913-864-4236.

Max Kurz, director and general secretary of the United States Committee for Friendship with the GDR, was killed March 14, 1980, in the crash of a Polish airlines jet outside Warsaw. He was enroute to an international conference of the general secretaries of GDR friendship societies at the time. Born in Berlin, Kurz fled fascist persecution in 1935, going first to Palestine and in 1939 to the U.S. He was a founding member of the Society to Study the GDR in 1967 and in 1974 was instrumental in establishing the U.S. Committee for Friendship with the GDR, of which he was director until his death.

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