

Soviet students offer surprising revelations about the United States

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series about the UNC-Soviet Exchange program.

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As far back as I can remember, I have learned in school and from the media about my enemy, Zhanna Bouzova.

Zhanna is 21 years old, just like me. She is a college student at Rostov State University in the city of Rostov in the Soviet Union. I am a college student too.

But ever since I have learned about the Soviet Union, I have been taught that Zhanna and I are enemies.

Last week, I came face to face with my enemy. We sat inches apart on a couch in Morrison Residence Hall.

They told me Zhanna would be a barrel-chested girl. She would probably be fat and not too pretty. She would wear tall, black leather boots, a fur-collared trench coat, a scarf double-wrapped around two of her three rolls of chin and a fur-flapped hat to warm her head in the harsh Russian winters.

But if I had not been told she was my enemy, I would never have known.

Zhanna wore a green button-down sweater over a blouse. She wore a knee-high, dark gray skirt, black hose and black, dressy tennis shoes. And she was skinny. In fact, Zhanna was pretty.

She had brown, straight, shoulder-length hair, which she brushed back with her fingers every few minutes, the stern, squared chin of a model, wide-open, darting eyes and a slight blush in her cheek.

And when she began to talk, I realized my enemy was not so different from me.

"In the Soviet Union we know very much about your country," Zhanna said. "It is very pleasant for me because the Americans are very communicative but you are very different from this image (given by movies and the media).

"In the films, you are much stronger and maybe more active-minded. In real life you are weaker, I think. But you are kinder," she said.

Zhanna is part of the UNC-Soviet Exchange, a member of the second group of 14 students to come over from the Soviet Union. They are here from Oct. 28 to Nov. 7.

The UNC-Soviet Exchange, started

in 1985, is a cultural and educational exchange, according to Stephen Clossick, the student leader of the program at UNC. Some of the events scheduled for the students include a meeting with Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes, a trip to colonial sites in Hillsborough, N.C., participation in a Habitat for Humanity "house-raising," tours of STV and WXYC studios, a viewing of ROTC marching drills and presentations by the Student Environmental Action Coalition and the Black Student Movement.

The Soviets began their trip to the United States with a three-day visit to Washington, D.C.

Twenty-two-year-old Victor Osepov, another student in the exchange, said of the nation's capital, "It is a very pleasant place. It is a very clean place. I have seen the Washington Zoo with a unique animal — the panda bear. It is my favorite animal! We have no such animals in Soviet Union."

Victor also had some thoughts about the United States. "I think many of us expected that the U.S. is paradise on Earth. But this is not so," he said. "You have problems. You have normal life.

We have our problems, and you have yours. I think this is interesting."

Zhanna said she liked some things about the United States better than others.

"I was very surprised by the fact that America is a very clean country. We have been to Washington. I think Washington is a symbol of America. But I think real America is here," she said, pointing to the ground but referring to Chapel Hill.

The houses and families and neighborhoods of a place like Chapel Hill represent what America is really like, Zhanna said.

But some things were not so great for Zhanna.

"Frankly, it is also one of the moments that is very different from ours," Zhanna said, trying to politely say that she disliked American food. "I like it for the first time, but now I am tired of it."

Zhanna said Americans eat more vegetables than she is used to. She said she normally eats more meat, potatoes and breads, foods that are more filling. She did say that she liked some of the fruits she had tried here for the first time. She liked the taste of pineapple

and kiwi fruit, fruits she cannot get in the Soviet Union.

Her companion, Victor, felt the same way, saying frankly, "I don't like American food much." He said he had eaten at McDonald's and places like Lenoir Hall and he liked foods like hot dogs and chicken, but did not like American food as a whole.

Both Zhanna and Victor were basically uninterested in parts of American culture such as popular music and television. Neither were very interested in popular American music, and Zhanna summed up both of their feelings about television, saying, "You have very many programs but not many can be watched a long time. But what I like are the colors."

Being college students, they seemed more interested in education. Victor said he wanted to go to Davis or Wilson library to look at and read books that he cannot get in the Soviet Union.

Zhanna was also impressed with the amount of educational materials to which U.S. students have access.

"You have very nice technical equipment to help the students study.

We have no such chances as you do to go to the library (and check out so many or the same kind of books)," she said.

Overall, though, Zhanna and Victor seemed to enjoy the things they were seeing, and they were fascinated by the Soviet/American comparisons.

"In first view and (when looking at way of) dress and such, Soviet people have much more discipline and also more manners. The Americans think of this discipline as a complex," Zhanna said.

With the recent opening of the Soviet Union, "...after a little communication, Russians became more open than any other country. Americans are very communicative, but it is very difficult to make them open up," Zhanna said.

Finally, I asked Zhanna how she thought Soviets and Americans were different, and she gave me an answer I did not expect.

"As for thinking now, I think there is not so many differences as we had before this (opening of the Soviet Union). With the changes in our country, I think the differences are even less."

SPORTS

Men's soccer earns surprise NCAA bid

Tickets available for weekend action

From staff reports

The season isn't over yet for the UNC men's soccer team.

Despite a 2-4 conference record and a first-round exit from the ACC Tournament, the Tar Heels received an invitation Monday to play in the 1990 NCAA Tournament.

North Carolina, which owns a 12-6 overall record, will host Wake Forest in a 7:30 p.m. first-round contest Saturday on Fetzer Field. The Deacons fell to Virginia last Friday in the second round of the conference tournament.

The UNC Sports Information Department recommends that tickets for the game be purchased in advance at the Smith Center ticket office. Prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and students with an ID from a participating school.

Field hockey to open NCAA tournament at home on Sunday

The 1989 NCAA champion UNC field hockey team will begin its title defense Sunday at 1 p.m. on Navy Field. The 18-3 Tar Heels received a first-round bye and will take on the winner of the Nov. 7 contest between Northeastern (14-5-3) and Providence (18-4-1). If UNC wins Sunday, it will advance to the Final Four Nov. 17-18 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

Admission for the game is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Women's soccer time set

The time of Sunday's NCAA women's soccer matchup between North Carolina and N.C. State at Fetzer Field has been set at 3 p.m., following

AP Top 25

	Record	Pts
1. Notre Dame (37)	7-1-0	2
2. Washington (13)	8-1-0	7
3. Houston (5)	8-0-0	6
4. Colorado (5)	8-1-1	9
5. Miami, Fla.	6-2-0	8
6. Iowa	7-1-0	13
7. Georgia Tech	7-0-1	16
8. Brigham Young	7-1-0	10
9. Tennessee	5-1-2	11
10. Florida	7-1-0	15
11. Virginia	7-1-0	1
12. Florida St.	6-2-0	12
13. Nebraska	8-1-0	3
14. Texas	6-1-0	14
15. Auburn	6-1-1	4
16. Mississippi	8-1-0	17
17. Illinois	6-2-0	5
18. Clemson	8-2-0	18
19. Michigan	5-3-0	20
20. Oregon	7-2-0	22
21. Penn St.	6-2-0	24
22. Louisville	8-1-1	25
23. Southern Cal	6-2-1	21
24. Michigan St.	4-3-1	—
25. Wyoming	9-1-0	19

Others receiving votes: Texas A&M 73, Ohio St. 71, Oklahoma 36, Arizona 19, Colorado St. 18, Syracuse 17, California 13, S. Mississippi 4, Toledo 3, San Jose St. 2, Minnesota 1, North Carolina 1.

the field hockey team's 1 p.m. NCAA contest on Navy Field.

The top-seeded Tar Heels, who boast a 17-1-1 overall record, will be competing for their fifth consecutive NCAA title and their ninth national championship in 10 years. The Wolfpack (14-6-1) defeated William & Mary 2-0 last Saturday in the tourney's first round to earn the trip to Chapel Hill.

Ticket prices for the women's game have been set at \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Tickets are available throughout the week at the Smith Center ticket office.

Fullback Runyon out for season

UNC backup fullback B.J. Runyon, who tore a ligament in his right knee in Saturday's 20-3 loss to Clemson, will not return this season, team spokesman Rick Brewer said Monday.

Runyon, a sophomore from Vienna, Va., carried 15 times for 69 yards in limited duty behind starter Mike Faulkerson. Redshirt freshman Antuam Williams subbed for Runyon against the Tigers and should move up to the backup role.

On Tap

Today
VOLLEYBALL, vs. N.C. State, Carmichael Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10
FOOTBALL, vs. Virginia, Kenan Stadium, 12:10 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL, Blue-White game, Smith Center, 4:30 p.m.

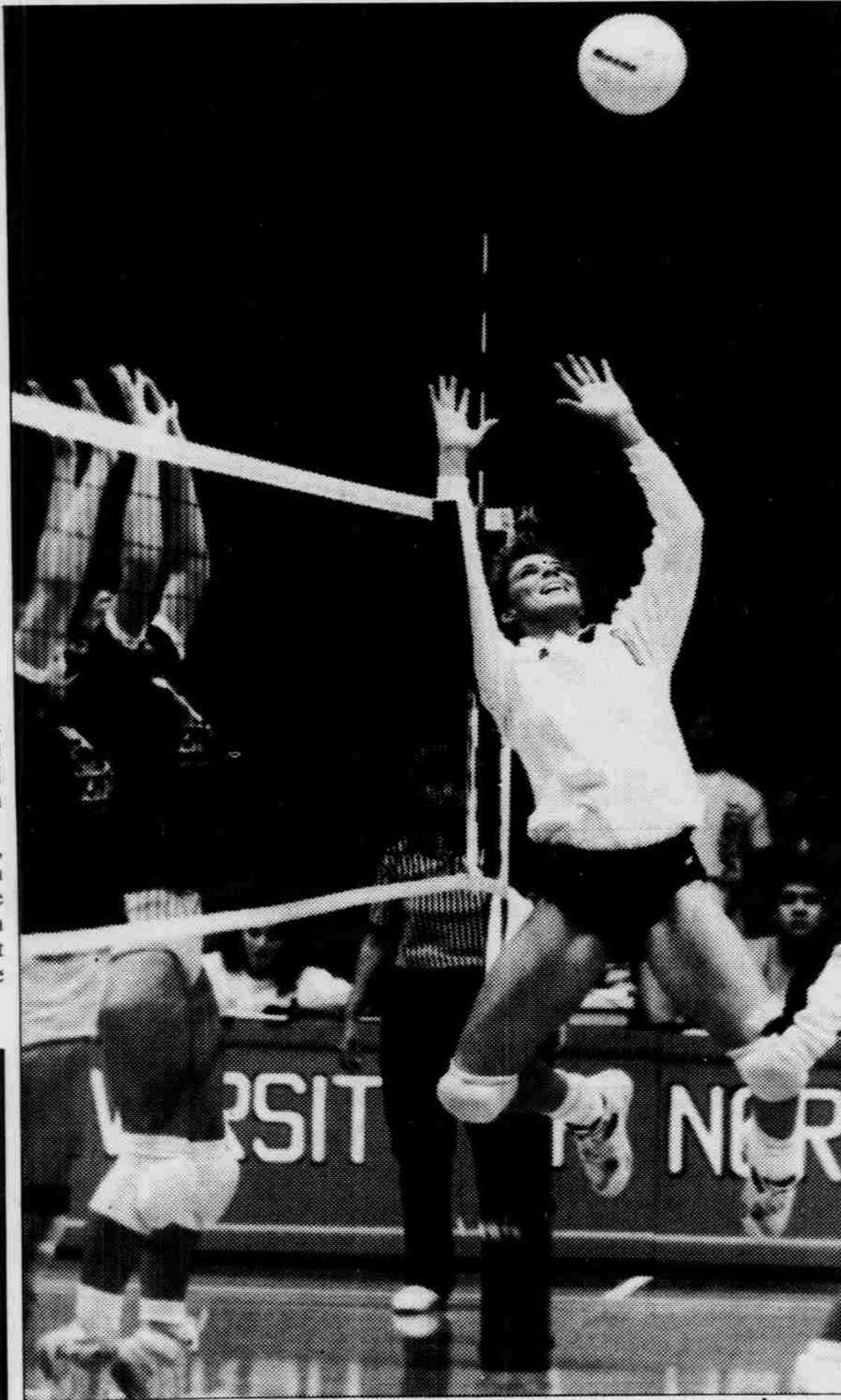
MEN'S SOCCER, vs. Wake Forest, NCAA first round, Fetzer Field, 7:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY, at NCAA District III Qualifier, Greenville, S.C., 10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL, vs. Miami of Ohio, Carmichael Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 11
FIELD HOCKEY, vs. Providence or Northeastern, NCAA second round, Navy Field, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER, vs. N.C. State, NCAA second round, Fetzer Field, 3 p.m.



Setter Amy Peistrup will lead UNC into a battle with N.C. State tonight

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Volleyball looking to rebound vs. Pack

Eight-game losing streak on the line

By BRYAN STRICKLAND
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Bragging rights and a third-place finish in the Atlantic Coast Conference will be on the line Tuesday night when North Carolina and N.C. State's square off in a volleyball matchup at UNC's storied Carmichael Auditorium.

First-year head coach Joe Sagula's UNC squad, which has dropped eight straight matches, will enter the ACC battle at 11-16 overall, 3-2 in the ACC. The Tar Heels are staring at their first losing season since 1984, when UNC limped in with a 12-21 mark. Despite the dismal record, UNC managed a second-place finish in the ACC that season, and the Tar Heels would finish third this year with a victory over the Wolfpack.

The Tar Heels' recent losing streak has not affected the team's major goals set at the beginning of the year. Sagula said Monday, "Our first goal is to win the ACC (Tournament) title, and it's still a reality for us," he said. "We had higher goals for a won-loss record than we've achieved at this point, but we've also looked to improve our play. That's a goal that any team in any sport tries to achieve."

Sagula added that his Tar Heels will be primed to avenge a five-game setback to the Wolfpack earlier this season in a match designated as a non-conference battle.

"I think people were disappointed in our first loss and felt that we were not at our best," he said. "We'll be out to prove that we can play better ball."

N.C. State also enters the match with a 3-2 conference mark. State head coach Judy Martino, in her eighth season with the Wolfpack, believes her team will also be ready for the contest. "We know that when we play Carolina, it's always

a big rivalry," Martino said. "It's always a fun one to play."

The Wolfpack, 8-14 overall, is led offensively by outside hitters Lisa Kasper and Tressa Paul. Kasper leads the team with 269 kills on the year, while Paul, the only senior on State's young squad, has 182 kills. How young is this Wolfpack squad? Well, State has only one senior and one junior on its current roster.

The Wolfpack will probably be without the services of middle hitter Susan Dew, who sprained an ankle earlier this week. "It's a tough time for it to happen, but we've got to make sure she's in good shape for the (ACC) tournament," Martino said.

Dew holds the team lead with 35 service aces, and her absence from the middle could be devastating to the Pack attack.

"Our middle is much better than their's," Sagula said, "and we were really effective in our middle attack when we played them last time." Without Dew, the Wolfpack middle should be even more suspect.

The Tar Heels are led statistically by a couple of Arlington Heights, Ill., natives, Liz Berg and Amy Peistrup. Senior captain Berg leads the team and the ACC with .59 aces per game, and is also averaging 4.36 kills and 3.33 digs. Peistrup, a sophomore setter, is averaging 8.38 assists and 2.5 digs per game.

Peistrup said the struggling UNC team will perform well Tuesday night. "We didn't play as well as we wanted to the first time," she said. "I really think that we'll all be pumped."

This is the 51st volleyball meeting between the two bitter rivals. The Tar Heels hold a 30-20 advantage over the Wolfpack.

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