

# Student Represents WSSU in Moscow

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In the past few years, the world has witnessed changing political events of enormous magnitude. The Soviet Union's withdrawal from Afghanistan, the dismantling of the Berlin Wall, the democratization of Eastern Europe, political and economic reforms within the Soviet Union, the reunification of East Germany and West Germany, as well as the 1992 "no Boundary" unification of the European Economic Community, and the recent invasion of Kuwait by Iraq., are all major political events that require our most through attention.

As a student of World Affairs, I have a strong interest in these issues. These political events can, and are often used to analyze and predict changes that will occur. There are a variety of means of getting to these issues and understanding the who, what, why, when, where, and how of understanding these issues. Books, newspapers, magazines, radio and television are some of the most common means used.

Another means of obtaining information about certain issues is traveling. Traveling, whether it be for business, pleasure, or study, is a good learning experience. Traveling gives one the opportunity to meet people of different cultures and backgrounds, to learn new languages, as well as to broaden one's knowledge of world affairs. A well traveled person usually has access to a variety of data which will



Marvin Johnson and the Soviet Delegation at a Restaurant in Moscow. Marvin Johnson is seated first on right row of table.

give him/her a broader prospective when confronting different issues.

The North Carolina Consortium for International and Intercultural Education (NCCIE), in conjunction with the United Nations Association of America, sponsored two students who participated in the Model United Nations Security Council Conference, held late last year. In my role as ambassador to the country of Cote D'Ivoire, I discussed with the other delegates the problems of present day Kampuchea, and the Middle East crisis. Interestingly enough, as students form different political and economic systems, different cultural habits, different religious beliefs, and affiliations, we discovered that we share many of the same goals, dreams and desires. It was extremely interesting to hear the

opinions, theories, and analyses of the Soviet students.

Moscow displayed the new as well as the old, in its architectural splendor. The winter month of November brought the cold and flurries of snow, giving the gray city a feeling of romance. Lenin's tomb within Red Square was impressive to behold. Walking inside the Kremlin Walls was a dream come true. The statue of Alexander Pushkin, the Black Russian poet and descendent of Peter The Great, reigned over Pushkin Square, the intellectual focal point of the Moscovites. Though surrounded by so much history, lunch at McDonald's was available at the corner.

The opportunity to travel to the Soviet Union was an invaluable experience for me, one that I will always remember.

## Soviet Faculty and Students Visit WSSU

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Two soviet faculty members and nine students, came to visit the university in an effort to develop a mutually beneficial relationship.

The all-male delegation arrived on the campus of Winston-Salem State University on February 1, 1991 after having spent a few days in Washington, D.C. The faculty and students came to the United States as part of the exchange program between the Moscow School of International Relations and member institutions of the North Carolina Consortium for International and Intercultural Education (NCCITE).

NCCITE believes that its goal will be better achieved if it includes intercultural experiential learning. Thus, the visit by the Soviets was to enable them to get first-hand experience in America in order to become familiar with the people and culture of the country, including college campus life.

While on campus, the visitors lived in Brown Hall, and ate in the Kennedy Dining Hall where they were able to interact with American students.

A total of 25 WSSU student ambassadors served as hosts/hostesses during the visitors' stay.

"The United States is a beautiful country, and it appears we have a lot in common," said faculty member Sergei Baranenko. "The landscape, particularly in Washington, D.C., is like that in Southern Moscow." He added,



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Chancellor Cleon Tompson bids farewell to the Soviets. Student leader Michael McClinton (standing at table end) looks on.

however, that the weather here is more pleasant than it is in Moscow.

Chancellor Cleon Thompson, Jr., in a farewell message, thanked WSSU students for serving as ambassadors, and for their hard work in making the Soviets' stay a success. "It's your hard work that made it happen, and successful," he told them. To the Soviets, Thompson said, "Our gates are open if you decide to come back." The Chancellor presented each visitor with a WSSU

hat as a souvenir.

In response, a student representative of the Soviet delegation thanked the hosts/hostesses for what he called a great reception. "We would love to come back to the United States and to WSSU," he concluded. He presented a t-shirt to the Chancellor.

WSSU Model UN efforts are coordinated by Dr. Donald MacThompson, coordinator of Political Science. MacThompson serves on the steering committee of NCCITE.

## Students Speak on Food Service

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Has WSSU's very own dining hall changed for the best? The question is being asked all over campus, is it indeed improving? Has it improved since last semester? Students were asked how they felt about minor improvements made in the cafeteria this semester. The responses were somewhat the same. Many commented on the main complaint, yes, the food. Most agreed that the foods' taste and preparation had indeed improved, but could stand some more improvements.

Some replied, "When you are low on cash, or you get sick from eating so much fast food, the cafeteria comes in handy." Some students, mostly freshman, or students without transportation, felt that it is getting too cold to walk to McDonald's, Burger King, and Bojangles every day. Therefore, the cafeteria is more convenient for those individuals. One student commented, "Not all of us are fortunate enough to keep food in our room, a day in the cafeteria, is a dollar a day saved."

The question was asked, what could WSSU do to improve the food, and the conditions of the cafeteria? Students answered by saying that the silverware and glasses could be cleaner, and maybe a change to a finer food service.

Seriously, what can be done? There are many complaints, but very few are willing to speak up and out against the current conditions. In my opinion, there is no need on to continuing to complain about the cafe to your friends. We need to get our parents in on this fight or seek counsel in people we know will see to it that something is done.

What can be done to make the students want to utilize the cafeteria more, and reverse their negative feelings into positive ones? Without the students' support and initiative, how and when will these problems with the cafeteria be resolved?

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