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## Soviet Delegation Visits Guilford College

by Alexandra Duckworth

Glasnost. It's not a household word for most Americans, but without it, the Soviet-American panel discussion on Monday, November 2 might not have happened. A few years ago, before the introduction of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "openness" policy, a delegation of 10 Soviets participating in a people-to-people exchange would have been considerably less likely.

But in The Gallery of Founders Hall, Soviets and Americans did get together to talk about different aspects of the two countries and the relationship between the superpowers. About 60 people attended the panel discussion.

The four members of the American panel included Political Science professor Bill Schmickle, Economics Professor Carol Clark, and students Miller Bushong and Liz Wyant.

Panel members' questions reflected a probing curiosity on both sides and ranged from the roles of women in today's society to the history of Stalin.

Carol Clark's question regarding a woman's role in the U.S.S.R. was answered by Alla Smirnova, a panel member who also interpreted for the group. Smirnova said that women are paid as much as their male counterparts, but that some mothers can only work part-time.

Smirnova added that a woman's job is guaranteed for two years after the birth of her child. She also receives her full salary for the 58 days before and after giving birth. When the mother returns to work, Smirnova said, "We

have a widely developed network of kindergartens."

Alexander Shakai, a 38-year-old Soviet, criticized the publishing of books that portrayed his country as "the enemy." Samuel Johnson, a math professor, answered from the audience. He attributed the distribution of such books to market forces.

Shakai also mentioned that the film "Amerika" was not shown in the Soviet Union because it would have promoted animosity towards the United States. "We do not create the image of an enemy," he said.

Liz Wyant, a senior French major, asked the Soviets about Gorbachev's decision to rewrite the history of Stalin. "This in no way affects our relationship with the U.S.," Victor Matrosov said. Shakai added, "No one can escape their mistakes. We are not gods."

Miller Bushong, a senior political science major, questioned the popularity of reduction in military spending in order to build up agriculture and light industry. In response, Shakai said, "The level of our life would be better. I'd love to see it. There is no question. Many people feel this way."

On the situation in South Africa, Smirovna said, "we condemn the racist situation and express support for the Black majority to exercise rights."

Asked about freedom under a communist political system, Shakai said, "When you live in any society you are free and you are not free. Every society has its own rules."

Smirnova, added, "In a socialist society, you are

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A Question is Translated to the Soviets.

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## Epicure to Leave at Semester End

by David Upchurch

Epicure Management Services may serve its last meal at Guilford at lunch on December 18th of this year. The company has decided not to participate in the food services review currently taking place and has cancelled its contract as of December 30th, 1987.

Jim Newlin, Guilford College Director of Financial Affairs, said on Monday that he has received a letter from Epicure saying the company is exercising its option to cancel the contract.

This option was added to the contract last school year. In any addendum which says that Guilford reserves the right to review its food services during the 1987-88 school year, and that the results of this review process could be used to make a decision to keep Epicure or to sign a contract with another food services company.

"We had given them [Epicure] notice that we would be reviewing our food services and looking at other companies. Epicure was asked if they wanted to be a part of the food services review, and they were scheduled to make a presentation to the Food Committee. They [Epicure] had said all along that they wanted to be a part of the process."

But on Tuesday, November 3rd, the day the company was to make its presentation to the Food Committee, Fred Berger, President of Epicure, cancelled the contract during a meeting with Newlin, Coe, and Bill Young.

"I was certainly surprised," said Newlin.

Young, Epicure's District Manager, said he was not aware of the decision until the meeting.

"I really don't know what to say. I was as surprised as the other two

people at the table," he said.

According to Newlin, Berger said he was disappointed that the Food Committee had decided to accept presentations from other companies, that this was an example of Epicure's failure to gain the support of Guilford students, even with a new management team, and that it would be better for Epicure to simply withdraw, rather than go through the bidding process.

"I don't want to speak for Epicure," said Newlin.

Mr. Berger could not be reached for comment.

Epicure plans to have the facility closed down by December 23rd, according to Newlin, but a new company will replace Epicure and should be in place by January 10th, when students return for the second semester of the

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