American and Soviet students at a teleconference broadcast live from the R-TV dept. on Monday.

Soviet students visit EWU, Spokane

by Bambie L. Stettler
staff correspondent

An Indian medicine bag, sweatshirts, pins and stickers were only a few of the gifts given to the 12 Soviet exchange students who stayed on EWU's campus on Monday and Tuesday.

"The delegation of students is the largest group of Soviet high school students that has ever come to the United States," said Paul Chapin, associate director of the American-Soviet Youth Exchange Program. "So what you're seeing here is a bit of history."

The Soviet students are visiting the United States as a part of the Initiative For Understanding: American-Soviet Youth Exchange Program administered by People to People Student Ambassador Programs in Spokane.

The first ever American-Soviet high school student teleconference was broadcast live from the Eastern’s R-TV department over District 81’s telecommunications network to students in seven western states and the Soviet Union.

EWU President Alexander Schilt opened the teleconference with a proposal to the Soviet Union, "Let's link up. Let's form a classroom to classroom bridge between your country and ours. Let's share our rich culture with one another. Together we can make the future brighter."

During the teleconference, students from both countries questioned each other and also accepted questions by phone from high school students outside the Spokane area.

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US-USSR youths exchange culture

by Peg Skirko
sports writer

During a first ever face-to-face meeting, Spokane area high school students found that Soviet Union students share common concerns about politics, world peace, a clean environment, friends, careers, entertainment and sports.

This historic, memorable exchange was beamed by EWU’s R-TV Telecommunications to local Inland Empire schools and the Soviet Union via satellite. The 16 and 17-year-old Soviet youth came to America to promote friendship, understanding and peace between the two countries.

During the telecommunications, high school students phoned in questions to the R-TV studio from Shadle Park, East Valley, Freeman, Harrington and even Chewelah.

Regardless of the political and economic differences between the two countries, the students found that they all enjoy sports including: volleyball, soccer, basketball, tennis, swimming and dancing.

Sergei Shamaev, a 17-year-old from Kalinin, Soviet Union, had little time to spare for dances or other entertainment.

"I don't have much free time. Athletics take up all my free time. I play soccer, volleyball and basketball," Shamaev said.

"So you can see I really don't have much free time. All young Soviet people go into many different kinds of sports."

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JFK needs $ to keep InfoTrac

by Kathy Pring
staff writer

Eastern students will lose their use of JFK Library's InfoTrac if the library can't pay approximately $15,500 to keep the system here.

"The signals I'm getting from Showalter indicate we will get funding for it (InfoTrac) - but I have heard nothing final," said Charles Baumann, university librarian.

Since last spring Eastern has added another data base offered by InfoTrac that indexes government periodicals. "This should increase the use of government publications," Otto said.

Originally, Eastern's free subscription would have run out at the end of March. But, according to Otto, Information Access Corp., the California company that markets InfoTrac, wants to sell its product to Eastern so badly that it tacked on another free month. The library paid $3,500 to extend InfoTrac service through May and June.

JAC lowered its original cost for yearly rental of the system from $14,900 to $12,000, Otto said. The second government data base will cost an additional $3,900. Payments are based on a five year schedule.

Both Baumann and Otto agree that keeping InfoTrac at Eastern's JFK Library is their top priority. They've looked at two sources of funding: the library's own budget which currently is approximately $2.2 million and university academic computing funds. Baumann and Otto said they've included InfoTrac as part of their budget request to the university.

"I'm moderately confident that one way or another we'll find funding for InfoTrac," Baumann said.

"It's almost like paying for a really expensive subscription," Otto said. "The demand is there - the students are using it.

Otto said that someone is always using InfoTrac and, at times, there are people waiting. A sign posted by the terminals requests that students spend only 15 minutes on the system so that others can use it.

The total value of Eastern's InfoTrac which has two terminals available for library patrons is about $52,000. The system includes two IBM PCs, two Amdek monitors, two Hewlett-Packard Thinkjet printers, a 32-inch laserdisc player with a controller, a SM Reader-Printer and a collection of microfilm.

Otto said ideally he would like to see other stations added to allow more than two people to use the system at one time. But the additional cost would include $1,500 for each terminal/printer combination.

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with agenda items for the meeting next fall. "Meeting in the spring was really too late," Zenner said. "We want it to be at the beginning of the year and the planning process.

Zenner plans to bring the results to the A.S. council. "We hope to bring this before A.S. so they will adopt it into their bills and make it a priority."
Feel good, help others... but mostly feel good

by Erin Doyle
University of Winois

The newest trend, the compassion kick, is receiving more publicity every day. Tutors. Hospital volunteers. Soup-kitchen workers. Volunteering is a lot less fun than squash, but it beats aerobics any day.

The upwardly mobile and anxious to help. It sounds so good. It only takes a few hours a week.

However, as a friend of mine noted, "Um, I don't mean to cut it down, but I think volunteering has been around for quite a while. It's nothing new."

She's right. I have an aunt in Washington, D.C., who, every holiday season, stays there. Her mother lives in Chicago, as does the rest of the family, but my aunt stays to deliver Christmas dinner to shut-ins. My aunt is no saint, but I do admire her for this. She genuinely wants to help someone. She does not do it for the sole benefit of making herself feel less guilty for owning a Cuisinart.

In many cases, a lot of the motivation is positive publicity. Companies that sponsor volunteer programs look good in the eyes of everyone but the stockholders. It bothers investors to think that their money may be poured into a company that is not putting all its effort into making more cash.

Some companies, most notably Atlantic Richfield Co., were forced to downplay volunteer expenditures when the company was not as profitable as it had been the previous year. Helping the less fortunate has its merits, but shareholders have their good points too.

There's something wrong with this whole rationale. Volunteering, I always thought, was something one does as an individual as if he is the sole and personal savior. I've noticed that the paper doesn't suffer any excess of objectivity and doesn't seem to be bound much by ethics either.

I am an editor, and a graduate of Workplace Programs for Volunteers, speculates this sudden increase in voluntarism is, in part, due to the need for security. Individuals feel that if they look after someone now, someone will look after them later. Probably while their friends and children are boating.

Mike King, executive VP of the organization, has a different theory.

"Why are they there? To meet other yuppies. It's better than a singles bar."

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Letters

Election coverage called unfair

Dear Editor:

Well, with the help of The Easterner, this quarter was a real sizer! I've noticed that the paper doesn't suffer any excess of objectivity and doesn't seem to be bound much by ethics either.

I am an editor, and a graduate student, and I hold a public office. If you looked at the election day pin-the-tail-on-the-candidate issue of The Easterner and honestly didn't see a smear job; maybe you should reconsider your line of work. I think you saw it; I think you just liked it that way.

It was prudent of you to apologize, but the veil of your sincerity was a little thin. To start with I'm sorry and jump to... but the real issue is... left room to doubt how sorry you really were.

I'm not pointing fingers or making accusations. But set on one individual as if he is the sole possible perpetrator of all injustices is a mockery of the alleged pursuit of fairness.

I'm not saying it is OK to do whatever you want as long as you don't get caught -- the point is, if campaign fairness is the issue of concern then pursue it, all of it. If you or the janitors, or the student body president, or anybody else have a victim you want to cry out for, then go for it, but don't try to cloak it as a respectable action -- a personal vendetta by any other name would still stink.

Holding My Nose,
Karen Clark

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Child care suggestions needed

Dear Editor:

I'm pleased that The Easterner has provided coverage of child care on Eastern's campus and believe this issue, which affects so many of our returning students, deserves attention.

The complex task of determining which option would best meet the diverse needs of our student population, and how to construct a program that will meet such a system has been the charge of the Child Care Task Force, called by Associated Students last fall, and composed of students, faculty, staff and administrators. We have appreciated the continuing strong support from Associated Students, Student Services, the School of Human Learning and Development and Women's Programs for the work we have been doing.

Presently we are surveying student needs, evaluating a range of options including a need-based voucher and a campus facility, and exploring avenues of funding. Student parents can help by making sure they've completed the survey at registration, in Showalter or at the Spokane Center. Groups may wish to consider fund-raising projects for equipment if a university-operated facility is determined to be the best way to meet student needs. We'll need a united and positive campus effort -- which we are capable of -- to accomplish this task, and best serve the needs of Eastern's students. We welcome and appreciate hearing suggestions and concerns from the campus community.

Sincerely,
Chris Jacob Kyle, Chair
Child Care Task Force
special competitions." He didn’t know very much about the Masters of Soviet football and basketball but he said they are “organized on a self-paid basis.”

Chess has a special significance to the Russian people. It was Lenin’s favorite amusement. Olga Romanova explained that Cary Kasparov was the World Champion Chess player. Research from American universities has found that Soviet philosophy towards sports is that they build a strong body, mind and spirit for all citizens. This research has shown that the aggressive efforts to promote sports in the Soviet Union began in the 1920’s after the communist revolution. Studies have shown that sports activities should not produce developed human beings and a more productive labor force.

The Soviets have experimented over the years to make sports available to all citizens. Students now enjoy the effort to take an elaborate network of clubs in all the towns for youths. The clubs organize all the activities for the youths from dancing to sports. Mariia Surmeneva said.

Surmeneva was chosen by her classmates and teachers from 500 students who belonged to the Komsomol during the 1950’s when the Komsomol was a Young Communist League, was organized 30-45 years ago.

While many area U.S. students questioned the importance of the party for the youth, Surmeneva said.

“Komsomol is a political youth league which helps students with all sorts of problems at home, at school and social problems,” she said.

The high school students from the two countries found that their lives are very different. While Spokane youths cruise Riverside on Friday night, the Soviet youth go to clubs or walk the streets of Leningrad, Moscow or Pushkin. Soviet youths can’t get a driver’s license until they are 18-years-old.

“I’ve been studying a driving course for two years,” said Demitri Isodorov. “When I turn 18, I’ll get my license. In general, we study for six months and then take a written and a driving test.”

The Spokane area students found that another great difference between the students exists in the history and culture from which they come from.

“I am from the Karelian Region (by Leningrad),” Galin Astafeva said. “My city, Pushkin, is a very old city which celebrated its 1,000th anniversary this town is an ancient Russian city were impressive writers such as Alexander S. Pushkin came from.”

“Russians recognize Americans by how they carry them selves,” Vitalia Emec said.

“For me, my impression of American high school students came last year when a Soviet and American peace march from Moscow to Leningrad traveled through my town,” Astafeva said.

The American students seemed apprehensive to ask the Soviets about controversial issues. But the Soviet students asked the Americans to respond to their questions about job guarantees after college, American press, the environment, Soviet-American peace and nuclear energy.

“I was sent to work and make friendships and do serious work, not just have fun,” Surmeneva said.

“How are the feelings about Soviet-American relations going to change?” Isodorov asked.

“What do you (American students) want to do? What can we young people do?” One Mead High School Student ventured an answer. “We have to act as a group—we American youths and you Soviet youths. We can do more than leaders can.”

Although this was the first time Soviet students were allow ed to travel as ambassadors to America, the exchange was cold.

“Because it is so expensive for Soviet Olympic teams to travel," Natalia Igounovato, the Russian advisor said. “We can send one group to the Olympics or six small groups to America like we have done here.

“I don’t know what I will say to my friends back home about our friends here. Natalia Menshikova said. “There is no difference between these friends. There is a bigger difference among adults than young people.”

Visit from p.1 thoughts,” said Natalia Menshikova when asked what she liked about the U.S. “We are very glad and excited with the friends we have met.”

A Press conference held at Shadle Park High School on Monday afternoon gave Spokane high school students an opportunity to meet individually with American high school students on Tuesday morning when they attended classes at various Spokane high schools and spent the afternoon in the homes of individual families.

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Question after question revealed that high school students do the same types of things, they love to dance, to play basketball and hang out with their friends regardless of the country they are raised in. “We have places where we meet our friends,” said Maria Surmeneva (through an interpreter). “It’s kind of like what you call cruising Riverside.”

A somewhat surprising common ground was found when Donald Sidwell asked the American students, “How can you run your paper? Do you get to express your own ideas? Do you have any kind of censorship in your papers, too?” In answer to this question Mead high school student said, “Recently our government said that school administrators can restrict what students in America write to protect them (the students) from outside influences. So yes, there can be but I think it’s wrong.”

Schlof Russian when he welcomed the Soviet students at a reception held in the PUB on Monday morning.

Many of the Soviet students spoke English when introducing themselves and telling about their hometowns while none of the American high school students were able to speak Russian.

Before returning to Anderson Hall the Soviet group went to the Spokane City Council meeting and presented Mayor Vicki McNell smiles we are sharing today we are developing a friendship that will last forever.”

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Sattler earns MVP and tops conference scoring

by Peg Skirko

Sports

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Ladies take second

by Peg Skirko

Sports writer

The Eagles Women's Basketball Team ended their season with a second place berth in the Mountain West Conference Championship games on March 12.

While the women ended the first game of the championship with a 16-point victory over Montana State in Missoula on March 11, they were unable to repeat their winning performance against Montana. The Montana team (28-1), 14th in the nation at the time, shot 79-53. While Lisa Danner set the Eagles (17-10) in motion with 22 points, Susan Smith scored 18 points and Karen Devor sunk 16 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

Smith and Danner were voted to the All-Mountain West Conference second team following the championship.

Coach Bill Smithpeters will be losing three seniors who helped build the team with a 11-5 season record. Although Sonya Gauzberger, Collette Stewart and Devor won't play, Smithpeters has already hit the recruiting trail to fill the holes. One recruit, Kim Knopp from Kettle Falls High School was selected for the All-Northeast A League Team March 27.

Absalonson strikes out 3 in 10th - EWU wins.

by Peg Skirko

Sports writer

In the 10th inning at Yakima's Inland Empire Tournament, Randy Absalonson put a twist in his pitch to strike out three Utah batters in a row and forced the score in EWU's favor, 16-14.

During the final game of spring break, the Eagles won their fourth game against Utah since March 19.

In the top of the ninth inning with EWU trailing Utah by four runs, the men rallied with pitcher Rich Long's three-run homer and hit three more singles. Utah made a comeback at the bottom of the ninth and sent the game into an extra inning.

Long leads the Eagle's with a .455 batting average. The Eagles are scheduled to play four doubleheaders in the next five days at Chassia Field in Cheney at 1 p.m. EWU faces Central Washington University on Friday and Saturday. They play Lewis Clark State College on Monday and Whitworth College on Tuesday.

The Eagles lost two of their players to facial fractures. Third baseman John Rhodes broke a jaw on March 15 during practice when a ground ball flew into his face. On March 19, second baseman Rick Harris suffered a minor compound fracture of a cheekbone during a base running accident during a game against Utah.

Coach Jim Wasm, who begins his seventh coaching season at EWU, will lead the Eagles into their first Northern Pacific-10 Division game following the double headers on April 9.

The short Northern Pac-10 Division season will end with tournament games in Spokane May 17-22. The Eagles now 10-6, ended the 1987 season record with 7-13, 24-32.

Jobs listed in Placement

by Peg Skirko

Although the Eagle Men's Basketball team ended their season with 2-14 and 6-23, Kevin Sattler and many other EWU players lead the Big Sky Conference with individual performance scores.

Sattler, a senior who scored 40 points when EWU played Idaho State University on February 11, led the Big Sky in the high point performances category. Sattler, during the peak of emotion after the Idaho game, jokingly said he was determined to make more points than Gail Berry by the end of the season. The competition between the men continued until Sattler led EWU in scoring against the University of Montana on March 5 with 19 points. He topped Berry's total by one, scoring 405 points. Sattler placed ninth and Berry came 10th in the Big Sky Conference scoring.

Other EWU players ranked high in the conference individual statistics. Mike King gained a 10th place slot in the Big Sky with 134 rebounds, an average of 5.7 per game. Even though Ronn McMahon didn't play most of the season due to an injury, he and Northern Arizona University's Kevin Tucker lead the conference with 10 assists during Eastern's game against Central Washington. In addition, Berry gained 76 turnovers and Roy Palmer took 53 turnovers. Both men averaged 2.8

Sattler earned the honor as Eastern's Most Valuable Player and Team Captain. Sattler and freshman, Jeff Curtis will not return next season to play for Coach Bob Hofman. Curtis transferred to Western Washington, near his home town, at the start of spring quarter.

Even with these losses, Hofman has strength with returning players for the 1988-89 season. Guard McMahon, forward David Peed, Berry, King, Nate Perkins, Brian Sullivan, Roy Palmer, Damon Andrews, Anthony Glanton and Dan Jarms will all be returning to the team.

Jobs listed in Placement

Now is the time to be thinking about preparing for making the transition from college to the world of work. It's never too early to begin your job search process.

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The goal of the Career Planning and Placement Office is to assist graduates with securing the best possible employment. The office has a variety of important resource materials: job opportunity listings, names and addresses of potential employers, videotapes on job search preparation (resume writing, interviewing, and research company information), and counselors to help you successfully plan career goals and utilize job search techniques.

By making contact with the Career Planning and Placement Office, Showalter 310, you will not only be introduced to many valuable resources, but will be taking a very major step toward securing professional employment that matches your interests and academic background.

While most EWU students celebrated the end of finals and the coming of spring, EWU ROTC cadets were given a mission to accomplish. The mission was to complete 5 days of intensive training during ROTC's annual Spring Camp at Fort Lewis, Washington, March 23.

This year's Spring Camp was a joint venture between EWU, Central Washington University's ROTC programs. MSIV senior cadets from each school conducted the training, while MSIII junior cadets were the object of the training.

"The main emphasis for spring camp," said Capt. Barry Menne, "was to prepare MSIII cadets for advanced camp at Fort Lewis this summer."

During the five days of training, cadets zeroed and qualified with the M16A1 rifle; navigated through day and night land navigation courses; spent a night on bivouac -- that's army talk for camp out; and went through a leadership reaction course.

Brett Young, an MSIII cadet, says that spring camp built up his confidence in his ability to go through advanced camp this summer. But, added Brett, "spring camp was only five days and a centralized camp will be six weeks."

He said he'll think about that when the time comes.
Some work-study jobs unfilled

(CPS)—Several campuses across the country say they can't find enough students willing to take their work-study jobs. Students, officials at the schools say, would rather work off-campus in jobs that pay higher wages and didn't require them to meet burdensome new federal College Work-Study program regulations.

At Penn State, for example, a drastic shortage of work-study students crippled the university library system, forcing the school to reduce services. The University of Washington, moreover, found that "many" of the work-study students it hired last fall recently have left to take higher-paying jobs off campus.

Many academic departments at Northern Illinois University also are finding themselves understaffed.

Work-study programs, funded by the federal and state governments, provide a loan's share of wages for students working on campus. The college department that employs the student pays the remainder.

Besides providing financial aid to students, work-study programs also provide campuses with a subsidized source of cheap labor. Penn State library official Rod Henshaw said hiring part-time and full-time employees to fill the vacant positions would cost his department an additional $50,000.

Many students are opting not to take work-study jobs because of changes in federal student aid qualifications.

"Often a student now has a choice of a guaranteed student loan or a work-study award, instead of receiving both," said Nick Rengler, the associate director of student financial aid at Northern Illinois University.

"Students who need money for tuition or residence hall payments up front choose the loan," said Rengler. "I wish I could convince more students to borrow less."

Other students are eschewing work-study jobs for higher-paying off-campus positions. Washington, in fact, may pay bonuses to students who work 100 hours or more per quarter to keep those employees on campus.

There are exceptions to the shortage.

The University of New Mexico, for one, imposed a hiring freeze on campus work-study positions until the end of the spring.

Other students are eschewing work-study jobs for higher-paying off-campus positions. The University of Washington struggles to find enough students to fill campus work-study jobs. EWU tries to place students to fill campus work-study positions.

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