

Pat Tours University, Gets Cool Reception

MOSCOW — (UPI) — Pat Nixon toured the 32-story, 45,000-room Moscow state university today. She saw only a few students and some of them were not hospitable.

"I'm not getting to see the people," the American First Lady told newsmen.

Her Soviet hosts told her it was examination time and that was the reason she found so few students in the classrooms and corridors of the building that is the Soviet Union's primary seat of learning.

Some of those she met seemed pleased to see her. Others seemed annoyed.

Startled

She put her arm around some of the students and startled a young man by tapping him on the shoulder and saying, "Hi."

"We didn't expect her," a girl in one classroom said. "We were not told. We are studying environment."

In a reading room stocked with some English language technical journals, she greeted two students and approached a third — a young woman engrossed in a book.

Mrs. Nixon leaned over to tap her on the shoulder. The girl gave the American First Lady a cursory glance.

The First Lady's bright smile faltered. She withdrew and the girl returned to her reading.

Subway

Mrs. Nixon's schedule called for a tour later today of Moscow's massive stone Gum department store. Yes-



FIRST LADY TRIES A FRIENDLY TACK
Student reacts politely; another continues reading
—AP Photo

terday she launched her rounds in the Soviet Union by visiting a secondary school and riding the Moscow subway.

Mrs. Nixon rode up one of the university's 100 elevators to the 27th floor office of the university rector, where she had the finest panoramic view of Moscow available.

One professor pointed out some of the onion domes of famous cathedrals in the distance.

Much of her tour took place in the geology department where professors showed her along polished cases filled with rock specimens and a geology professor presented her with a case filled with 10 minerals.

Entranced

She was particularly entranced by a display of diamonds, emeralds and moonstones.

"My but these are beautiful," she said.