



Museums offer range of exhibits

Show of 'unofficial' Soviet art included

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The University is home to a Museum of Art and a Museum of Natural History, and both will present several diverse exhibits fall term.

The Museum of Art, just north of the Knight Library, is presenting five separate exhibitions. From Aug. 26 through Oct. 14, the works of 18 Leningrad artists will be on display.

"What Is Not Forbidden Is Allowed: Contemporary Soviet Art" is a collection of paintings and prints by members of the Tovarishchestvo, the Fellowship for Experimental Art. Formed in 1981, the Tovarishchestvo is a professional organization of unofficial artists who are neither dissidents nor members of the underground nor members of the government-sanctioned Union of Artists of the USSR.

Until recently in the Soviet Union, membership in the Union of Artists was essential for those who hoped to be recognized as artists and allowed to practice professionally, said University senior Will White, co-curator of the exhibit.

To qualify for membership in the union, an artist had to graduate from an approved art institute and conform to government standards regarding artis-



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Dana Masters of Tucson, Ariz, views a Rodin exhibit at the University's art museum.

tic style and subject matter.

"Union artists have to sign papers saying that they will only paint in the realism style," White said. "So that's why there's been no outside interest. People have been painting the same subjects over and over."

Artists who did not belong to the union were generally unable to purchase quality art

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