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Soviets, Chinese to negotiate talks

From Associated Press reports

BEIJING — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze arrived Wednesday to discuss a summit he said "will open a new chapter" and heal the 30-year breach between Beijing and Moscow.

"We have stepped on the soil of the People's Republic of China full of good expectations and great hopes," Shevardnadze said in a written statement in English distributed by the Soviet Embassy.

He said he hoped to finalize preparations for a meeting between Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and to set an exact date with the Chinese.

Both sides have indicated they want their leaders to meet in the first half of the year.

"We are convinced that the summit will open a new chapter in the history of two neighboring countries," said Shevardnadze's statement.

He arrived on a special plane of the Soviet airline Aeroflot at Beijing's old airport, now used only by top Chinese and foreign leaders. He was met by his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen.

The two men shook hands warmly as they stood bareheaded in a biting wind.

Shevardnadze did not read his statement, but he told reporters he was carrying a letter from Gorbachev to Chinese leaders. He did not reveal the contents.

"I reached an agreement in principle with my comrade Qian Qichen in Moscow" on holding a summit, he said. "Now we're going to talk

concretely about the matter."

Qian's visit to Moscow in December was a "major step forward," Shevardnadze said in his statement.

He will meet Qian on Thursday, then fly to Shanghai on Friday for a meeting the following day with Deng. The Chinese leader is in the east coast city to celebrate the upcoming Lunar New Year.

"We are starting our negotiations fully aware of the scale of the forthcoming event," said the Soviet minister. "The title theme of the Soviet-Chinese dialogue is peace and development."

The Soviets have been courting China for several years to heal their longstanding ideological and political quarrel, but only in the past year has China shown equal eagerness.

This has been prompted by changed Soviet policies and a sense that not much time remains for Deng, who is 84.

Cambodia's 10-year occupation by Vietnam still is the chief regional conflict at issue.

But Vietnam, under apparent pressure from the Soviet Union, its main ally, said last month it is willing to pull out by September. China agreed in principle to end its aid to Cambodian rebels by then.

Two other issues that blocked Chinese-Soviet reconciliation also appear nearing resolution. The Soviet Union is scheduled to complete its troop pullout from Afghanistan in two weeks and has announced plans to withdraw some troops from Mongolia, its ally on the Chinese border.

Tower responds to charges as Senate hearings near end

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary-designate John Tower on Wednesday denied he had a drinking problem or would be hampered in his new job by past ties with military contractors.

"I'm a man of some discipline," Tower told the Senate Armed Services Committee near the close of four days of testimony. The committee chairman, Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) said he expected the panel to vote Thursday to recommend that the Senate confirm Tower's nomination.

The committee began Wednesday with a closed session to discuss possible conflicts of interest involving Tower and to allow him to answer allegations made Tuesday by conservative activist Paul Weyrich that he had "on a number of occasions" seen Tower publicly inebriated and in the company of women other than his wife.

Jury selection getting tougher
WASHINGTON — Eight more potential jurors were picked Wednesday for Oliver North's Iran-Contra trial in a laborious effort interrupted by the judge's threat to hold a TV reporter in contempt for making jury selection even tougher.

So far, there are 15 people in the pool of prospects from which 12 jurors and six alternates eventually will be chosen.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell angrily said he was considering holding ABC News correspondent Tim O'Brien in contempt of court. He said an ABC account Tuesday night "appears to be a deliberate effort to obstruct" jury selection by airing congressional testimony North had given covering the same subjects on which he now faces charges.

Shamir proposal rejected
JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on Wednesday offered to withdraw soldiers from some cities in the occupied

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lands if Palestinians agree to limited autonomy as an interim solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Palestinian leaders rejected the idea, saying they would settle for nothing less than a Palestinian state.

It was Shamir's most conciliatory remark yet on Israel's future role in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Compared to his old stand, he has moved a step, but it is a far step from meeting the demands or conditions of the Palestinian people. We can't accept it," said Faisal Husseini, considered the top PLO leader in the occupied lands.

Official pushes for SBI funds
RALEIGH — State Attorney General Lacy Thornburg staked a claim to the leadership of North Carolina's war on drugs Wednesday and called on other officials to "put up or shut up" by taking a stand on his budget proposals.

Thornburg said the State Bureau of Investigation, which is under his jurisdiction, is the front-line agency in state government's war on drugs. He spoke at a news conference two days before the Drug Cabinet established by Gov. Jim Martin and led by Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner is scheduled to hold its first substantive meeting.

Thornburg also warned that dividing what money is available for anti-drug programs among several law enforcement agencies, instead of giving the SBI top priority, would hamper the struggle to stem the flow of drugs in North Carolina.

Grievance

four, the State Personnel Commission.

In his letter denying the grievance, Hardin wrote, "the (step four) request should be made within 30 calendar days and may be filed through either the Office of the University Assistant Personnel Director — Employee Relations or the office of the chancellor."

ACC tickets

your school."

Wake Forest University students receive about 1,300 of the 8,000 seats in the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum, where Wake plays most of its games, Wake Forest Ticket Manager Judy Cunningham said Monday. Students sit in lower and upper sections in seats stretching from mid-court to behind one basket, she said.

"We have seats directly behind the basket," Wake Student Body President Mike Smith said Wednesday. "People are always standing and yelling," he said. "It keeps the team going."

Students at the University of Virginia are satisfied with their seats, UVa Student Council President Tom Scott said Tuesday. "We don't have too many problems with student seating," he said. "I think the location

is very good for students." Seats behind the basket help keep students involved in the game, he said.

Virginia students have 3,300 seats on the floor, second and upper levels of 8,800-seat University Hall. Ticket Manager Dick Mathias said Monday. The students are seated on one side of the hall, going from one baseline to around the basket at the other end, Mathias said.

Clemson students are also happy with their seats, Clemson Student Body President Jamey Roots said. He acknowledged the demand for basketball tickets may not be as great at Clemson as at UNC.

Students are seated on a first-come, first-served basis, Roots said. "There's not a seat that's really a bad seat in Littlejohn Stadium," he said. "To my knowledge we have not had

any complaints about the location of student seating for basketball."

The University of Maryland also has a smaller ticket demand than UNC, UM Student Government President King James said Tuesday. "We have trouble filling the arena (Cole Field House)," he said. "We get more complaints about the team than the arena."

Student seating at Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum is not supposed to be general admission, but seating order isn't enforced, Undergraduate Student Body President Sharon Just said Wednesday.

The student section stretches from floor to ceiling, so quality of seating depends on students' arrival time, Just said. Students line up hours ahead of game time, she said.

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office sent a letter to Edwards Sept. 20 requesting that she fill out and sign a form including several questions about her appeal.

Edwards returned the form in October, and King informed her Nov. 1 that the information had been received and that her grievance would be processed.

On Jan. 11, Kaye Webb, an assistant N.C. attorney general, told Edward's lawyer, McSurely, that the attorney general's office was filing a motion to dismiss the case because it had been filed Oct. 31.

University rules state that charges of racial or sexual discrimination should be given immediate concern, McSurely said.

"Everybody sat on it here (at UNC) for weeks," he said.

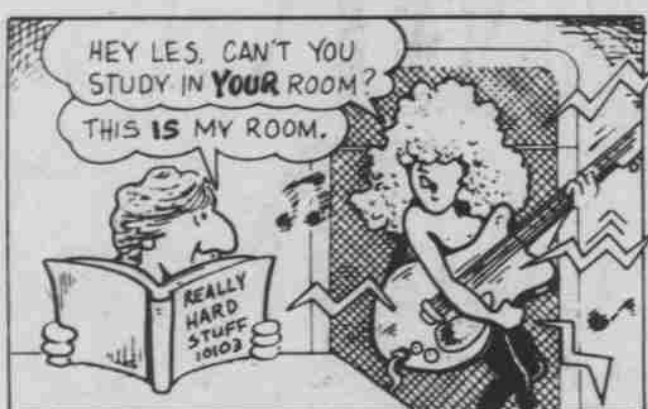
Efforts to reach Webb for comment were unsuccessful.

Lewis said the motion to dismiss was probably the result of a bureaucratic mix-up. "They have literally thousands of these filed every day," he said. "I think this is a non-problem that will be cleared up."

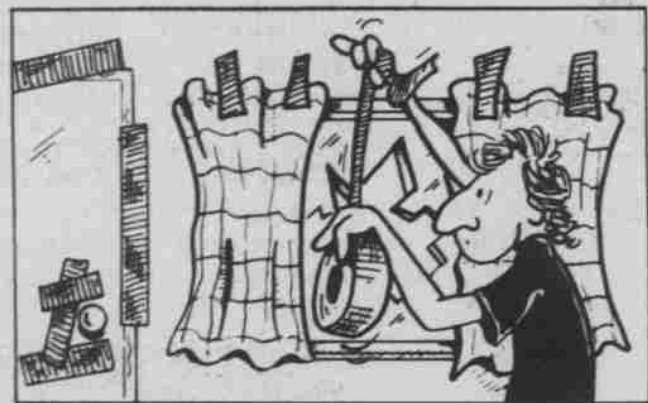
Edwards said she is upset that her case is being delayed.

"I want to have this grievance heard as soon as possible," she said. "My life has been on hold. This should be a top priority."

Les has his own apartment



Les avoids a trip to campus by studying at home.



Les spent more money on duct tape than on books.



Les's exercise regimen consists of taking his trash to the dumpster.

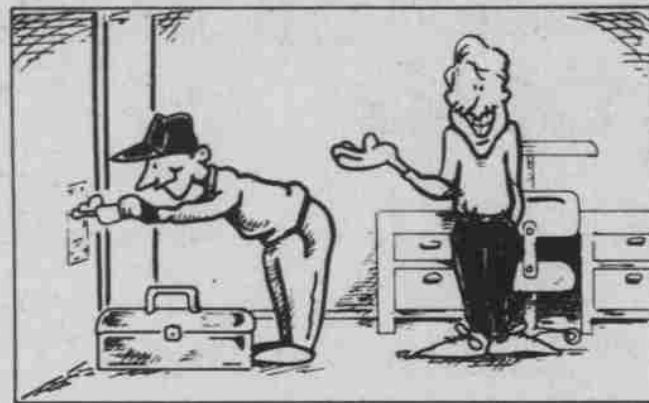


Les doesn't have much to do when the Nerf hoop is broken.

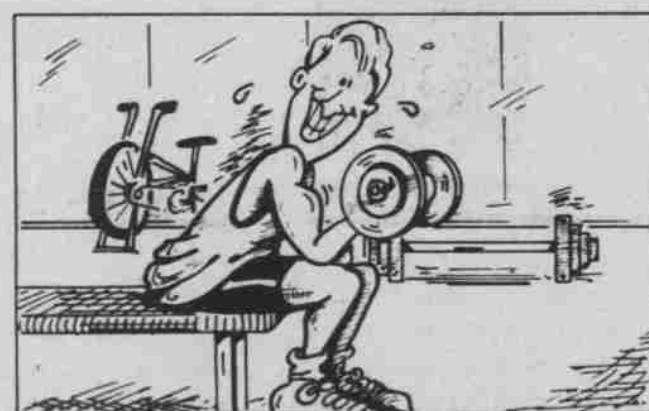
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