

World and Nation

Baker plans May visit to Moscow

From Associated Press reports
 SHANNON, Ireland — Secretary of State James Baker met with the Soviet foreign minister Tuesday and agreed to visit Moscow in May, where they will discuss prospects for a Bush-Gorbachev summit.
 His two-hour meeting with Eduard Shevardnadze in Vienna took place the day after they outlined their governments' positions at a 35-nation conference on reducing conventional military forces in Europe. Baker's plane made a refueling stop in Shannon on the flight home.
 Baker resisted a Soviet overture to reopen negotiations in April or May on reducing long-range or strategic nuclear missiles. He said the Bush administration wants to complete

parallel reviews of its arms control policy and nuclear force structure before resuming the talks.
 Reopening the talks on long-range bombers, nuclear submarines and missiles will be discussed during the visit to Moscow in the first half of May, after the parallel studies are completed in April, he said.
 In Vienna after the meeting, Baker told reporters the United States "is not ready to set a date" at this point for a summit between President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.
 The secretary criticized the Soviets about Iran and military aid to the leftist Sandinista government of Nicaragua. He said Moscow was "posturing" on Iran, which Shevard-

nadze visited recently, and had helped arm Nicaragua in a "way out of proportions" manner that threatens its Central American neighbors.
 A senior State Department official traveling with Baker said the Soviet offer to mediate the furor over British writer Salman Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses" interferes with a U.S. campaign to isolate Iran.
 Iran's fundamentalist Shiite Moslem regime believes the novel blasphemes Islam, and the religion's patriarch, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, has ordered his followers to kill the author. Iran broke relations with Britain on Tuesday because it did not condemn the book and prosecute Rushdie.
 Despite clear differences on these

and other issues, the get-acquainted session between Baker and Shevardnadze appeared to go well. Baker said it was held "in a very positive atmosphere, reflecting a determination to cooperate."
 As they parted at the residence of Henry Grunwald, the U.S. ambassador to Austria, Shevardnadze "told me it was a very good beginning, and I would agree with that," Baker said.
 Baker objected to the Soviet attempt in Vienna to seek reductions in combat aircraft and naval forces and also eliminate short-range, or battlefield, nuclear weapons. He said the mandate for negotiations beginning Thursday excludes missiles and ships.

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USSR

"As far as political activism, the important development in the Soviet Union is the explosion in so-called informal groups, that is (groups) separate from the state," said Michael Alexeev, a visiting economist at Duke University who emigrated from the Soviet Union in 1977.
 "People don't seem to be nearly as afraid as they used to be," Alexeev said.
 The Soviet press also seized the opportunity to write candidly about what is going on in the country, a U.S. State Department official said under condition of anonymity. "The press in the Soviet Union is virtually free compared with two years ago."
 Charles Fairbanks of the Foreign Policy Institute said he was struck by how radical Gorbachev's reforms are.

"Gorbachev's program is like a lot of revolutions," Fairbanks said. "It has achieved momentum by the magnitude of its proposals."
 The radical nature of the reforms may be a strategy to convince the Soviet people change is necessary, Schwartz said.
 Large groups of the population are skeptical of the reforms because they may result in short-term disadvantages such as unemployment, he said. Unemployment is a new phenomenon in the Soviet Union. Gorbachev estimated that before the year 2000, about 18 million Soviets may have been unemployed at some time, Schwartz said.
 Soviets are guaranteed health care, an education and other welfare benefits, he said. "They have all these

things they can take for granted. They don't live well, but they live adequately. They ask, 'Am I going to be better off?'"
 "You are introducing all these uncertainties in a population that historically has never liked uncertainty."
 There is also some resistance to reforms within the military, spurred by fear of budget cuts, Schwartz said.
 Gorbachev finds his greatest supporters among intellectuals and in the agricultural sector, he said.
 But as reforms gain support, they also pose a risk to the political system. Glasnost has allowed a wide political spectrum to develop — from very liberal to very reactionary, Schwartz

said. And the many and diverse ethnic groups place a potential "bombshell" under the political system.
 Likening Gorbachev to a circus artist walking a tightrope without a safety net, Schwartz said: "On the one hand he needs people to get conditioned to speak out. On the other hand, what's on their mind can ultimately subvert this very heterogeneous, very pluralistic and very potentially conflictual political community and create enormous political destabilization."
 Successful political reform is intimately tied to successful economic reforms, Alexeev said. "The economy in the long run will determine the outcome of the full package."

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Judge in North trial calls halt on 'frivolous' security claims

From Associated Press reports
 WASHINGTON — Judge Gerhard Gesell, irritated by repeated interruptions of Oliver North's trial by claims that national security was about to be violated, warned lawyers in a blistering memo that he will no longer honor claims he considers frivolous.
 In an order late Monday dismissing a North contention that prosecutors were guilty of misconduct, Gesell blamed many of the problems in handling secret documents on the Bush administration.
 The North trial was in recess Tuesday because of snow and freezing rain.
 It has become clear, Gesell said in the written order, that many documents were classified for purposes of the North trial, now in its fifth week, which were not deemed secret before.

News in Brief

Lacy Thornburg said at a news conference.
 The state provided \$300,000 for drug buys, with \$100,000 provided by local agencies in the undercover operation. Most of that money will be lost since it was used for small buys, Thornburg said.
PTL taken to appeals court
 RICHMOND, Va. — Two people who bought lifetime partnerships in the Rev. Jim Bakker's Heritage USA Grand Hotel tried Tuesday to convince a federal appeals court that they are due damages from the PTL founder.

However, the three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals indicated uncertainty about whether more than 55,000 individual sales of lifetime partnerships in the hotel at Bakker's religious theme park in South Carolina amounted to a pattern of fraud that would qualify for a civil claim under federal racketeering law.
 "Nobody has a handle on what a RICO pattern is," Judge J. Dickson Phillips said of the U.S. Racketeering-Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, under which the plaintiffs in the case are seeking \$60,000.

Drug suspects arrested

RALEIGH — A six-month, statewide drug investigation ended Tuesday as law officers in 62 counties began arresting 791 suspected drug dealers on 2,614 charges.
 "The net result of 'Operation Spring Cleaning' will make this the single largest statewide operation to have been conducted in North Carolina, with arrests ranging from street-level dealers to major traffickers," Attorney General

Fellows

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from Raleigh, said the seminars and programs had attracted her to the Teaching Fellows scholarship. "I've always known I wanted to be a teacher. The programs sounded ideal because it gives you a lot of opportunities that you wouldn't have had."
 Education majors don't normally begin taking classes in the School of Education until their junior year, but Teaching Fellows become involved from the moment they arrive on campus by participating in various programs.
 They tutor elementary and secondary students in the Chapel Hill-Carboro schools, visit and work within a local public school classroom at least twice a semester during their freshman and sophomore years, and attend at least two school board meetings during the academic year.
 In addition, they attend professional monthly seminars and social events with the other Teaching Fellows. Summer programs also offer opportunities for the fellows to learn more about the state and its public school system.
 Joseph Thomas, a freshman psychology and secondary English education major from Albemarle, said the Teaching Fellows program allowed him to see the opportunities the education field offered and to

make better career decisions. "The scholarship itself made me try to find the direction I was looking for."
 "I realized this is four years of my life I'm signing away. But it's training me to do something I want to do."
 Most of the Teaching Fellows knew they wanted to be teachers before the scholarship existed, Day said. "Ninety-nine percent knew exactly what they wanted to major in and what they wanted to teach. Because they are so highly screened, they had to resolve it in their own mind during the selection process."
 Most Teaching Fellows aren't satisfied with just a degree in education, Day added. "They are very much interested in pursuing an academic major... they want a full-fledged major."
 Nicky Hudson, a freshman secondary math education major from Angier, said the Teaching Fellows scholarship gave her a feeling of security about her chosen career.
 "I'm hoping we can make a difference. It's a good feeling coming to college and having people know you want to be a teacher and not looking down on you for it."
 "We support each other because if things don't get much better in North Carolina, we're going to need to support each other."

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Symposium

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UNC and discussing how far racial relations have come since 1964, understanding through cross-cultural entertainment, and coming to grips with prejudice and stereotyping. The week will conclude with a stepshow competition.
 Student Body President-elect Brien Lewis said the week was the kind of project that would gain a wide audience.
 "The initiative has come from a large coalition of student groups," Lewis said. "For a while race relations efforts were like a splintered piece of timber. Now, it's a solid piece, and you need a solid piece of timber to build a bridge."
 Student Congress member Jurgen Buchenau (Dist. 3) said he was pleased with the race relations effort but said he hoped the project would be comprehensive enough to include Native Americans as well as blacks and whites. The University does not recognize Native Americans as a minority, Buchenau said.
 Student Congress member Gene

Davis (Dist. 16) said student involvement was essential to improving race relations.
 "Race Relations Week will begin as a trickling stream, but through increased student involvement it will become a gushing river from which racism will be washed away," he said.
Council from page 1
 The council also approved a request to restrict traffic on Ridge Road during the University commencement ceremony. Traffic will be restricted between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on May 14 to allow for the ceremony's large attendance.
 In other council business, Trey Loughran, student liaison to the town council, raised questions about the lack of lighting between Kenan Residence Hall and the University parking lot on Boundary Street.
 Howes said the council would investigate the problem and offer its recommendations at a later meeting.

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