

Cold Welcome Likely For Bush in Europe

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WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush returns to Europe this week, and the forecast for his six-day trip sounds like anything but a vacation.

As he bounces from tea with Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace to a meeting of developed-country leaders in Genoa, Italy, to an audience with Pope John Paul II in Rome, Bush is likely to get an earful from some global peers about their dislike of an array of U.S. policies. They're outraged about his rejection of the Kyoto treaty on global warming, uneasy about his continued push for missile defense and unconvinced about the morality of capital punishment.

Their objections are far from frivolous. But at some point in their time in office, virtually every U.S. president of the post-World War II era has been lectured in a similar manner. It is a role Europe loves to play: the Old World sophisticate telling the bumptious American what is wrong with his actions in precise detail.

The cold war quieted some of this natural fractiousness. But in the new millennium, the lid is off.

"They used to need us to defend them against the Soviet Union," said Thomas Henriksen, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, who focuses on international political affairs. "That's gone now — they are freer to express their feelings."

To some extent, Bush has already been initiated in European attitudes, and vice versa. His trip last month to a U.S.-European Union summit was his first

opportunity to meet European leaders on a personal basis.

That visit went well, according to White House officials. Bush did not, in the words of one official briefer, come off like a "shallow, arrogant, gun-toting Texas buffoon." But neither did he conjure Latin verbs for the crowd's amusement. According to some U.S. analysts, he seemed simply friendly, well-briefed and competent enough.

"Although I think he met that minimal standard, there's still a long way to go, not only vis-a-vis the leaders he's going to meet with, but particularly vis-a-vis European public opinion and the press," said Philip Gordon, senior fellow and director of the Center on the United States and France at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

And on this trip, which includes his first visit to the G-8 meeting of world industrialized nations, Bush is likely to face more concerted challenges.

Britain's Tony Blair, Germany's Gerhard Schroder and other European leaders have already talked about presenting a united front in an attempt to get Bush to soften his opposition to the Kyoto treaty's limits on greenhouse gases. Russian President Vladimir Putin, with whom Bush will have a one-on-one meeting at the Genoa summit, has signed a treaty with China that, among other things, denounces Bush's missile-defense plans.

Protesters are already gathering. Thousands are expected in Genoa.

European leaders have long wanted a greater say in overall world affairs, and, with the rise of the European Union, they are beginning to get it.

BAITY

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Baity long ago had dreams for how his land might be used. "I want it to be as nearly as possible an ideal, high-class residential community, enjoying solitude, and with a subdivision plan that will take the best advantage of the interesting topography," Baity wrote in a Feb. 10, 1960, letter. "Its location within walking distance of the University should give it additional attractiveness."

He wanted to donate the land to his beloved university, but later was financially unable to do so.

In July 1974, after years of negotiating its price and land use, the Baitys sold 44.9 acres to the University for \$500,000. They kept their house and nine acres that surround it.

But Baity died just a year later, survived by his wife and two sons, William and Philip.

Several years after acquiring the land, the University announced its intentions to build a Student Athletic Center on property it had acquired from the Baitys.

Mrs. Baity wasn't pleased with this proposal. "I am deeply concerned over the proposed use of the land," Mrs. Baity said in a March 29, 1978 letter.

"Our first question upon opening negotiations concerned its possible use for the coliseum. Had we not been assured that this was not in the picture, we might not have been reluctant to turn down offers for twice as much per acre."

But a few weeks later, the University submitted a rezoning proposal to the town that would allow them to develop the South Campus area.

"There was a falling out," Okun said. "She was very unhappy about the way things were handled. Mrs. Baity claimed there was an agreement that they would protect part of the land."

But the land was rezoned and the Smith Center was built in 1986.

Mrs. Baity died on Oct. 7, 1989 and the University acquired the house and remaining nine acres of the Baity property in March 1991.

Looking Toward the Future

As part of the Master Plan, UNC wants to build a new married-student housing complex on the Baity property. These units will eventually replace the

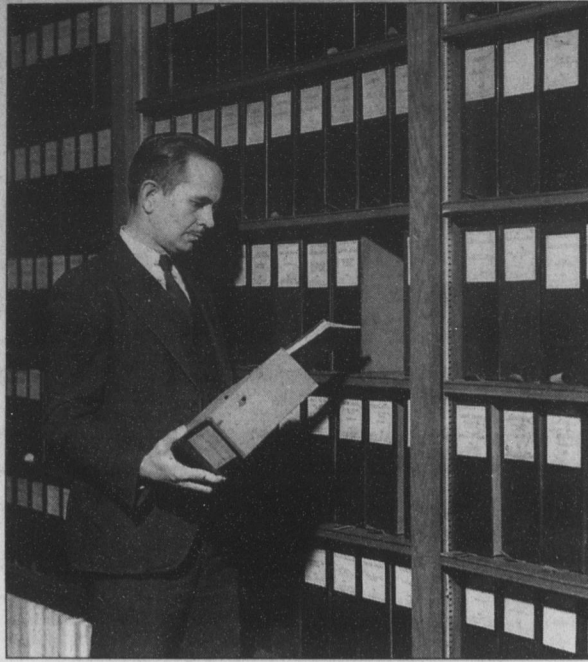


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The property of H.G. Baity, a UNC alumnus and faculty member, might serve as one of the areas for Master Plan-related construction.

Odum Village apartments and enable more undergraduate housing to be built.

"We will preserve as much as we can of the park-like setting that exists," said Special Assistant to the Chancellor Jonathan Howes.

The Baity house will be kept and used as a centerpiece for the family housing community. Howes is unsure what capacity the house will serve, however. "We haven't begun design on the property yet," he said.

The University submitted a development plan to the Town Council that includes general plans for its expansion. The University cannot begin construction until the plan is passed, however. The town is scheduled to vote on the development plan in early October.

University officials said there was careful consideration to retain many of the trees and landscapes that characterize the property.

"When the Master Planners were looking at the area for development, there was an idea that we put 500 units out there," said Bruce Runberg, vice chancellor for facility services. "But they found that damaged the terrain."

The complex will contain eight new three-story student family housing buildings. Construction could begin in spring 2003 and be completed by spring 2005.

The Baity property contains a rich history, but it's one that has not been void of controversy. It is clear, though, that H.G. Baity wished for his property to be used in any way that would benefit the advancement of his cherished alma mater.

"He had a great love for the University," Okun said. "When he was alive, he would have done anything for the University."

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BCC

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would be a positive move for the BCC. "In the symbolic sense, (the free-standing BCC) honors a very, very revered teacher and scholar," Jordan said. "And hopefully (it) will inspire similar accomplishment on the part of students and other faculty and staff."

"On the other hand, it offers something very practical, a place with serious cultural work and intellectual inquiry," he added.

BCC Information and Communications Specialist Lorie Clark said the staff at the center is dedicated to Stone's mission, and is creating a space that would enhance academic and intellectual dialogue to highlight the African American experience.

"For students of color, it is a place they can be proud of," she said. "It is (the University's) goal to be the premier academic and cultural institution in the Southeast region."

Student Body President Justin Young said the appointment of a permanent BCC director will be a great step forward for the center and the University.

"I anticipate a great year for the BCC," he said.

Young said he interviewed some of the 30 finalists for the position. "Selection criteria were for individuals that were outgoing, their understanding of the BCC and their vision of what the BCC could be."

He said he hopes that the new director will shed new light on what the BCC can mean to the University community, and that Jordan will remain true to the center's established traditions and ideology.

He said the center will benefit the entire University by organizing events such as lectures, exhibitions and performances that will bring students from all cultural backgrounds together.

"I think it proves to be a very educational center," Young said. "It's a place for all students, not just black students."

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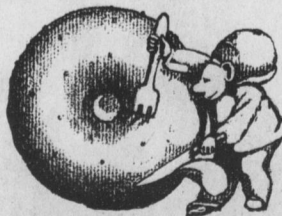
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said Sen. Walter Dalton, D-Rutherford. "So we are really waiting to see what the availability of money will be."

Last week, the House approved three tax-loophole closings that would raise \$61 million in revenue. An optional local-government one-cent tax increase also continues to be discussed in the House. The proposed increase could raise as much as \$700 million in the next two years.

Legislators also worry that the state's Triple-A bond rating could be in jeopardy. Last Friday, Moody's Investor Service revised North Carolina's outlook to negative and indicated they would update the state's credit rating when a new budget is enacted. If the state falls to a Double-A rating, it could lose \$300 million, because it would have to pay higher-interest loans.

"The Senate stands by its commitment to protect our investments in education and to strengthen our economy," said Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, D-Dare. "Of course, being placed on credit watch is cause for concern — but it

also proves that we truly cannot afford to enact a budget that allows our state to just squeak by until next year."

Legislators will have to ensure that all money is accounted for and there is a solid source of revenue.

"We're going to have to show that we have some permanent streams of money coming in that we don't have to juggle around," said Rep. Beverly Earle, D-Mecklenberg. "We don't want to have to rob Peter to pay Paul."

But time continues to be a factor in the budget-making process. Legislators passed another continuing resolution that will keep the state operating until

July 30. But some think it may take longer.

"We still have a long way to go," Earle said. "It seems like the budget situation changes daily. It's kind of hard to hit a moving target."

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