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Bakker receives 45-year sentence

From Associated Press reports

CHARLOTTE — Jim Bakker, the television evangelist who lost his PTL empire in a sex scandal, was sentenced to 45 years in prison and fined \$500,000 Tuesday for defrauding his followers for his own enrichment.

"I'm deeply sorry for those I have hurt," Bakker, 49, said before he was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Robert Potter. "I have sinned. But never in my life did I intend to defraud."

Bakker shook his head in disbelief while a federal prosecutor presented

arguments, as did his daughter, Tammy Sue Chapman.

Bakker's wife, Tammy Faye, did not attend the court session.

Bakker had faced a maximum sentence of 120 years, but the judge consolidated the 24 fraud and conspiracy counts to nine and sentenced Bakker to five years on each. Bakker could be eligible for parole in 10 years.

His lawyers said they would appeal, and despite defense pleas, Bakker was immediately taken into custody and driven to the medium-security Federal

Correctional Institution at Talladega, Ala., about 60 miles east of Birmingham.

In handing down the sentence, Potter said, "I'm concerned about the hundreds of letters I have here from people who say they'd do anything for him, and that could include preventing Mr. Bakker from going to prison. I believe them."

Because of that, Potter said, "I think we're going to have to put him into custody." At that point, Bakker's

daughter broke into sobs.

Bakker was put in a holding cell, then taken away in a government sedan to Talladega. A prison official said Bakker would probably be transferred to another prison in one or two weeks.

Bakker's attorney, Harold Bender, said his client was "concerned about the lengthy sentence, but he has strong faith, and will come through." Bender said he had filed notice of appeal with the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., and would ask the court to free Bakker on bond.

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Israelis say allies of PLO to blame for Arab murders

From Associated Press reports

NABLUS, Occupied West Bank — Palestinian Liberation Organization-allied (PLO) gangs with fanciful names like "Black Panther Brigades" and "Red Eagles" are blamed for most of the 20 murders of Arabs accused of collaborating with Israel.

Israeli officials claim some gangs operate under direct order of the PLO. But Palestinians maintain that at least some of the murders have been carried out in defiance of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

With 132 Palestinians killed for alleged collaboration in the 22-month-old Palestinian uprising, there are fears that the executions are getting out of hand. Palestinians complain that ordinary citizens are being intimidated by the frequent murders.

In Nablus last week, the Red Eagles killed a 24-year-old upholstery worker and wheeled his body through the streets of the West Bank's largest city in a pushcart, presumably as a warning to others.

Soviet confession called surprise

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration applauded Tuesday what it termed "extraordinary" admissions by the Soviet foreign minister that the invasion of Afghanistan was illegal and that a massive radar installation in Siberia violated the anti-ballistic missile treaty.

But it said the Soviet Union should go further by withdrawing its support

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for the Kabul government of Afghan President Najibullah, and it shrugged off a renewed Soviet proposal to disband both the Warsaw Pact and NATO by the turn of the century.

U.S. officials, accustomed now to bold policy shifts under Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, still seemed amazed by the bluntness of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze's confession of past mistakes, in a speech to the Supreme Soviet on Monday.

"They're extraordinary," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. He called Shevardnadze's candor "a step in the right direction" for arms control.

Cut in farm aid suggested

WASHINGTON — The United States is proceeding with proposals to liberalize world agricultural trade, including a five-year phasing out of export subsidies, the Bush administration said Tuesday.

Eventually, perhaps within a decade, the plan also calls for the elimination of domestic programs that distort international trade in farm commodities.

But Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter said the detailed plan would not get rid of all government farm aid.

Search

chancellor candidates NCSU's past commitment to women's affairs, including existing programs dealing with sexual assault, sexual harassment and affirmative action, Risman said.

However, NCSU is still behind UNC and other schools in day care, maternity leave policies and women's studies, she said. "In many ways N.C. State does not have the infrastructure support for women that most universities of our caliber have."

A candidate's commitment to the role and status of the university's education program is also a criteria the committee should consider, said Joan Michael, dean of NCSU's College of

Education and Psychology. "The training of teachers, I happen to believe, is one of the most important things that a campus of this nature can do."

The new chancellor should be sensitive to the special needs of the athletics program and minority groups, Albert Jabs, a Shaw University professor, said at the meeting. However he added, "This person, man or woman, should not be beholden to any interests."

"Athletics have a place — but they are never to dominate the vision of a university."

The need for a chancellor tough on athletics makes NCSU's chancellor search similar to the UNC chancellor

search resulting in the hiring of Paul Hardin, said Thad Beyle, a UNC political science professor.

During the UNC chancellor search, UNC received bad press from the controversy surrounding former football coach Dick Crum's resignation, Beyle said. That scenario parallels NCSU's present flood of publicity concerning NCSU basketball coach and former athletic director Jim Valvano and alleged NCAA violations, he said.

The NCSU controversy may cause problems with attracting candidates from outside the university because it overshadows the school's good aspects, Beyle said. Any difficulty in finding outside candidates could get worse depending on what the NCAA does about the alleged violations, he added.

Another similarity between the NCSU and UNC chancellor searches is the use of a consulting firm in the search process. William Burns, chair-

man of the NCSU chancellor search committee, announced at the Friday meeting that the committee would hire the consulting firm of Korn-Ferry International, the same firm used in the UNC chancellor search.

A contract with the firm has not been signed but is being negotiated, Burns said. Korn-Ferry will be paid one-third of the chancellor's salary plus expenses for its services, he said.

Unlike the UNC chancellor search, the NCSU committee will not hire an outside firm to do a management audit of the whole university, Burns said.

A management audit gives the search committee an idea of what type of chancellor a university needs and what problems the new chancellor will face, Beyle said. UNC did not receive the management audit very well because many people thought it stressed the negative aspects of the University, he said.



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