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Today, periods of snow, with a high of 33. Light snow tapering off to flurries tonight, low around 25. Partly sunny and seasonable tomorrow, with a high temperature near 40.

—by Bob Tschantz

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Baker negotiating Mideast peace

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DAMASCUS, Syria — Secretary of State James A. Baker III held extended talks last night with Syrian President Hafez Assad on a U.S. formula to bring peace to the Middle East by having Israel give up territory in exchange for Arab recognition.

Nearing the end of a five-nation trip to the Middle East, Baker also discussed American hostages in Lebanon and a plan to guard the Persian Gulf oil fields with an alliance of Egyptian, Syrian and American forces.

The session in Assad's office completed Baker's consultations with the key figures in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

But he added Lebanese Foreign Minister Fares

Bouez to his schedule this morning before flying to Moscow to measure the situation in the restive Soviet Union.

The American and other Western hostages are believed to be held in Lebanon by Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed group, and Baker wants to get the latest word from the Beirut government on the situation.

He also appealed to Assad for help, but U.S. officials said Syria's intervention may not be enough to gain the hostages' freedom. Iran, they said, holds the key.

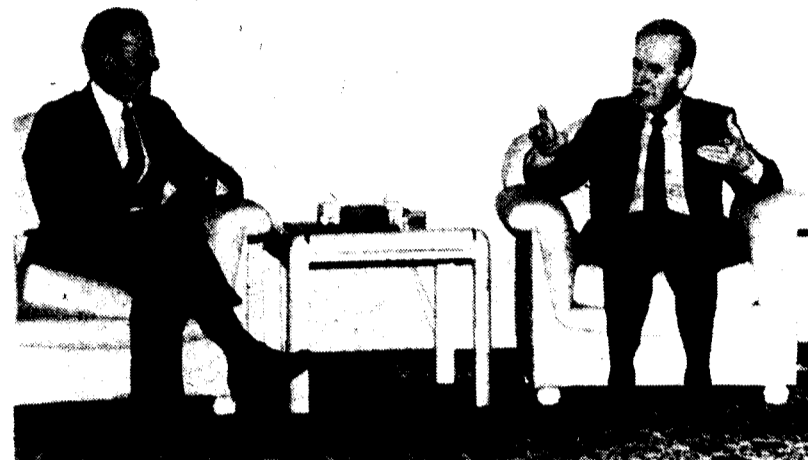
Still, the United States has no direct relations with Tehran and depends largely on intermediaries.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they had no evidence of a break in the situation, but President Bush and Baker have vowed to persist, hoping the postwar climate in the region might produce results.

After the Baker-Assad meeting, which ran seven hours, Assad spokesman Jibrane Kourieh said in a statement that the two sides stressed peace in the Mideast should be "just and comprehensive" and should be given "suitable impetus based on the two U.N. resolutions."

That was a reference to resolutions adopted at the end of the 1967 and 1973 Mideast wars. They call for withdrawal from occupied territories — without saying all of the territory — and the right of all states in the region to live within secure borders.

Baker has told reporters traveling with him that he made no specific demands of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in their meeting Tuesday. But Israeli sources said early yesterday in Jerusalem that he



U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, left, talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad. The two spoke before their meeting in Damascus, Syria yesterday.
AP LaserPhoto

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Univ. students ask for tuition increase

Commonwealth campuses want \$2.2 million PSU equality fund

By JAMES DUFFY
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Another tuition increase has been proposed for the Commonwealth campuses. But there's a switch: Students, not administrators, made the suggestion.

The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments proposed last semester the creation of a System Wide Equality Fund that would raise Commonwealth campus tuition by \$63 a semester, making it equal to that of University Park, Behrend and Capital College.

CCSG coordinator Brian Donaldson said the increase would generate about \$2.2 million, and the funds would aid in constructing or renovating buildings and purchasing equipment at the Commonwealth campuses.

"The main purpose of SWEF is to elevate and equalize the overall atmosphere of each campus," Donaldson said. Priority will be given to student facilities such as student unions and lounges, returning-adult centers and learning centers, and will not be used for faculty salaries, he added.

"The monies will be put into a central fund that will be distributed by the SWEF committee upon approval of the (University) Board of Trustees," he said. The funds would be allocated based on need, he added.

The fund's committee would represent the entire Commonwealth campus system and be comprised of five students chosen by CCSG, five campus faculty members chosen by the University Faculty Senate, and five campus

administrators chosen by the senior vice president of the Commonwealth Education System, he said.

Any allocations must first be approved by this committee, he said. In addition to the main committee, subcommittees will be set up on each campus, he added.

Donaldson said the money from the fund would be used to buy bonds to raise additional capital.

"We would, in effect, be taking out a mortgage for about \$20 million for the first year and would pay it off with the tuition increase from the following years," he said. This would free up \$20 million right away so more campuses would immediately benefit, Donaldson said.

The administration has received the proposal, Donaldson said, but has not yet formally responded.

However, at the Jan. 25 CCSG meeting, University President Joab Thomas said that budget cuts and registration declines will hinder this project.

"I support what you're after," he told the council, "but I have some reservations about the path." He would like input from the campuses on an advisory basis, he said, adding that the University Board of Trustees makes financial decisions.

Thomas Eakin, assistant vice president of student programs, said the program represents a serious effort to deal with problems at Commonwealth campuses.

"It is a complicated question about how to distribute the funds," he said.

"There is so much variability between

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Enlightenment

David Bee (junior-biology) sits by a window on the second floor of the Music Building. He was studying chemistry yesterday afternoon.

Collegian Photo/Patti Christian

USG candidates present diverse platforms

By JESSICA HARTSHORN
Collegian Staff Writer

The candidates for Undergraduate Student Government president and vice president hope to improve student services, increase state funding and "clean up" USG, according to their platforms.

Roger Czulewicz (senior-political science) and Janine Salomone (junior-psychology) said eliminating tuition increases is their primary concern. They said they also hope to address inadequate parking for students, possible misdiagnoses at Ritenour Health Center and what they view as understaffing at the Women's Health Center. In addition, they said they are concerned with "secrecy and poor USG communication" between student government leaders and students.

Courtney Malveaux (senior-sociology) and Saul Trieman (junior-accounting) said they will stop USG from funding "radical" speakers, trying to impeach its members and taking political stands on left-wing issues. They said USG should instead provide an affordable education, ensure campus safety, improve student health care and work to keep ROTC on campus. They want to make the Department of Women's Concerns' priority the prevention of sexual assaults, and create three new USG departments to address financial, academic and community service issues.

Leslie Osborn (senior-advertising) and Michael LaFlam (senior-human development and family studies) want to provide an affordable education by creating a Department of Higher Education Affordability that will fight tuition increases, help open the University budget and examine University expenditures.

They said they will also work for more student representation on University committees and involvement with the State College Borough Council.

Mark Stewart (junior-English) and Merryll Werber (junior-accounting) will focus on providing student services, like allowing students to use their meal points downtown, providing buses to away games of athletic teams, establishing an 800 number for class scheduling and adding weekend HUB Eatery hours.

Jim Van Horn (junior-history) and Kim Thorsen (senior-social work) want USG to serve the students more directly by having a group lobby in Harrisburg regularly. They also suggest lobbying the University Board of Trustees to add a clause to the University's non-discrimination policy that would protect gay men and lesbians from discrimination.

Ex-PSU activist still makes the headlines

By JOE TARR
Collegian Feature Writer

Most of the protesters, who had come wearing "death masks" of black-and-white makeup, danced and hugged each other after the University Board of Trustees voted in 1987 to divest all University holdings from South Africa.

But among the jubilant students stood one man more somber than the rest.

"Everybody was really giddy," said Travis Parchman, who was the vice president of the Committee for Justice in South Africa. "I was more of a damp blanket that day than others were."

Parchman was upset because the University failed to divest from IBM, Coke and General Motors, companies that he says own subsidiaries or hold special contracts with companies in South Africa.

Idealists seldom like to compromise.

Some of his opponents, whom he battled vehemently in his years here, said Parchman was never one to give in on any of his goals.

"He was definitely bright, but he sometimes wasn't rational. He didn't listen at times to both sides and he was very headstrong," said Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations Steve Garban, who dealt



Collegian File Photo

Travis Parchman

with Parchman on issues relating to divestment and open budget.

Parchman's credentials are lengthy and read like a who's who of young American radicals. But one thing missing from his resume is a Penn State degree.

He was dismissed from the University on May 9, 1989, for his involvement in protests against CIA recruitment on campus in the fall of 1988. The University, which forbade him to record the hearing and denied him an appeal, found him guilty of

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Apartment limit may be home for student trouble

By KRISTINE LAMEY
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A new State College ordinance limiting the number of apartments in new buildings may drive up student rents, one State College Borough Council member said.

Council member F. Dan Winand said he believes students already pay too much for apartments that are often overcrowded.

"I don't think I could survive at PSU today," he said. "I think all you students should refuse to sign leases."

Local residents concerned about the number of people living downtown pushed council last week to pass the proposal, said Anita Genger, of the Holmes-Foster Neighborhood Association.

Permanent residents want to limit the

number of downtown apartments to prevent the extension of what they call "Beaver Canyon," the series of high-rise apartments along Beaver Avenue, she said.

Council passed three other ordinances limiting business activity and the height and floor areas of new buildings. The ordinances represent council's first steps to implement its downtown plan.

The plan, designed by Land Design Research Inc., based in Maryland, suggests the borough must control retail, commercial and entertainment development to protect the local economy.

An ordinance requiring retail use of the first floors of new buildings passed by a 6-1 vote. Developers may be less willing to build in the area if council restricts first-floor use, councilman R. Thomas Berner, who voted against the proposal, said.

House approves additional \$30 billion for S&L bailout

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The House yesterday night approved a compromise worked out with the Bush administration to pour an additional \$30 billion into the savings and loan bailout.

The key 213-197 vote came 24 hours after the House, rebelling against leaders of both parties, rejected four separate proposals for financing the bailout. After accepting the compromise, the House then passed the amended bill by a 192-181 margin.

Negotiators will work out minor differences between the bill and a version passed by the Senate last week.

"It's the easiest thing politically to say 'damn the S&L scandal,'" said Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, chairman of the Banking Committee, in pleading for support of the compromise. "But we have no choice."

Failure to continue paying for the bailout, he said, would bring disaster and "invite a run on our financial institutions."

"If there has been one action that has outraged Americans from Maine to California, it has been the S&L fiasco," said Rep. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt. "I'll be damned if I will vote for a bill that will stick it to the working people" to pay for a bailout they did not cause, he said.

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