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Today, a mix of sun and clouds, continued hot, high 90. Tonight, partly cloudy and mild, low 67. Tomorrow, variable cloudiness with a chance of a few afternoon showers and thunderstorms, high 88.

— by Adam Canter



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Muslim cleric leads 'urban terrorism'

By LARRY NEUMEISTER Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A radical Muslim cleric was charged yesterday with commanding a "war of urban terrorism" that included the World Trade Center bombing and foiled plots to blow up New York landmarks, attack U.S. military sites and kill Egypt's president.

The federal indictment charges 15 men in all and marks the first time prosecutors have tied together those conspiracies and other alleged terrorist acts, including the 1990 assassination of militant Rabbi Meir

Kahane, as part of a broad scheme to terrorize the United States.

It also was the first time Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman was charged in the Trade Center attack and bomb-sprees plot. The blind cleric has denounced and denied any involvement in those conspiracies, though followers of his have been charged in both cases.

Abdel-Rahman has been in federal custody since July 2, fighting an order that he be deported to Egypt because he lied to get into the United States. Now, he will stay in this country to stand trial.

The indictment described an

organization that only strengthened its resolve after the Trade Center bombing, plotting to kill FBI agents and kidnap hostages to trade for those charged in the blast.

One of the 15 defendants is El Sayyid A. Nosair, who was acquitted on state murder charges in the Kahane killing but is in a New York state prison on a related weapons conviction.

This time, Nosair was indicted on federal racketeering charges in the shooting death of Kahane in a New York City hotel.

Nosair is seen as a hero to young Muslim radicals. Many of those

charged earlier in the Trade Center bombing and summertime bomb-sprees plot were known to have supported him during his trial and visited him in prison.

The Feb. 26 Trade Center bombing killed six people and injured 1,000. In June, authorities broke up an alleged plot to bomb the United Nations, the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels and the George Washington Bridge linking New York City and New Jersey, and a federal building that houses the FBI in Manhattan.

The indictment had been promised a month ago by prosecutors who

were transcribing hundreds of hours of tape recordings captured by a government informant who had become a confidant of Abdel-Rahman.

It spoke of an organization that from at least 1989 carried out acts of terrorism, including bombings and murders, against various governments and officials.

Also in May, the indictment said, Abdo Mohammed Haggag, Mohammed Abouhalima and an informant discussed killing Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and Abdel-Rahman made similar remarks to an informant later that month.



Mohammed Abouhalima



Get up, stand up

Agnes Harty protests in front of the Cobb County Courthouse in Marietta, Ga. She protested Tuesday after the county commission voted to suspend

all arts funding. Controversy began when commissioners objected to a county-funded play with AIDS references.

Working diligently behind the scenes

By COREY GESFORD Collegian Staff Writer

As the Undergraduate Student Government Senate grabbed headline after headline last year, members of the USG Academic Assembly quietly worked in the background.

Although often overshadowed by its counterpart in USG's legislative branch, Academic Assembly diligently goes about its job of addressing students' academic concerns.

"USG, in theory, is set up well," said Erich May, Academic Assembly president. "The senate takes care of life issues; we take care of academics."

The assembly is chartered to advise the administration on student opinion and provide services that promote academic excellence, May said.

Assembly members are chosen in two ways, May said. A representative is elected by the student body of each of the 11 academic colleges, he said. The other members are the vice presidents of each college council.

He added that each college has a council that holds end-of-the-year elections for president and vice president.

George Bugyi, executive secretary of the University Faculty Senate, said the Faculty Senate benefited from Academic Assembly's correspondence of information.

"They give us a better perspective of student concerns," Bugyi said.

He added that the Faculty Senate constitution allows the vice president of Academic Assembly to serve on the Faculty Senate student life committee, which is one of 13 standing committees within the Senate.

Bugyi said this position allows the Academic Assembly vice president

to provide an entry level for student concerns to the Faculty Senate.

USG President Chris Saunders said Academic Assembly members are the "specialists" when it comes to academic matters.

"If we (the executive branch) need to know something, we go to them," Saunders said.

In the past there has been friction between the USG Senate and Academic Assembly, a fact May attributes to the tradition of the two bodies.

"Traditionally we have problems with the politics of USG," May said. "We work more as a think tank."

But May said those problems may remain in the past due to his relationship with USG Senate President Mike King.

"King and I are on very good terms," May said.

King said he was looking forward to a good year and better relations with Academic Assembly.

"Erich and I met several times at the end of last semester and attended each other's organization's meetings," King said.

One assembly goal is enhancing education with a course-selector guide, May said. The guide would provide students with a description of courses that is more in-depth than what is currently available and would help students choose classes.

May said a small course-selector guide, primarily consisting of general education courses, may be printed during the Fall Semester to help students with Spring Semester scheduling.

Saunders said he and May have discussed other projects, including the possibility of getting a student on either University-wide or individual college promotion and tenure committees.

Officials quitting disagree with Bosnia policy

By RUTH SINAI Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The cable was sickening: a 9-year-old Muslim girl raped by Serb militiamen in Bosnia, left lying in a pool of blood. Her parents, forced to watch from behind a fence, restrained from going to her. They kept watching for two days, until she died.

Jon Western, a young intelligence analyst at the State Department, read the account in disbelief. He believed when it came to his desk again and was told to U.S. investigators.

This month he became one of four young State Department officials who over the past year have abandoned promising careers to protest America's hands-off policy in Bosnia — which in their view is tantamount to sanctioning a Serb genocide of Muslims. Two other State Department Bosnia specialists have asked to be reassigned. Their indignation over Bosnian policy is said to be shared by dozens more within the department.

Not since a spurt of resignations 20 years ago over U.S. policy in Southeast Asia has the State Department known such rebellion. Then it was

to protest the extent of American involvement; now it is to protest its absence.

"I found myself going home every night extraordinarily bitter and angry," said Western, who had been on a meteoric rise since coming to the department three years ago at age 27. The accounts and analyses he drafted were reaching the desk of Secretary of State Warren Christopher three or four times a week, he said, but the policy response was weak and vacillating.

With his wife's support — "she saw the per-

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'U-2 committee' secretly tours campuses

By JENNIFER SHAPIRA Collegian Staff Writer

It has never been uncommon for university and college officials to visit other schools to learn about their services — until James Madison University went undercover.

Several groups from the school, known as the "U-2 committee," toured the University without making their presence known. Georgetown University and the University of Maryland were also targeted.

"This was never meant to be a covert action," said Steve Grant, assistant director/editor of communications for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, which represents James Madison, the University of Maryland system and Penn State.

Grant considers it comparison shopping.

"It's a commendable technique," Grant said. "Not enough schools do it... we'd have a better sense of customer needs."

Originally the group's name was too long so they changed it to "U-2," said Karen Lee, manager of the student information system office of information technology at James Madison. The name "U-2" refers to a series of famous U.S. spy planes, one of which was shot down inside the former Soviet Union.

"It's the idea that you're gathering information from a sight away from you, like the planes," she said, emphasizing that the name was all in jest.

John Knight, assistant controller at James Madison, said this approach

gives administrators the advantage of seeing other schools from a different perspective.

"We didn't want the red-carpet treatment, per se. We wanted to observe from a customer perspective," said Knight, who toured Maryland's College Park campus in February.

The U-2 team, made up of three women and one man, visited Penn State April 20 and 21, said Jennifer Robertson, assistant director of employee relations and training at James Madison. The University Police Services bicycle-riding officers were a hit with the team, Robertson said. The officers set a good example and were versatile, she said, adding that James Madison will implement a bike patrol this fall.

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Waiting and waiting

Julia Mena, Esmeralda Castro and Rosa Tinoco, friends of Nicaraguan Vice President Virgilio Godoy, wait in front of the house where Godoy and four others are being held hostage. Yesterday they gathered as negotiations continued.

Six republicans may enter gubernatorial race; goals and backgrounds are different

Editor's Note: This is the first of two profiles of announced and possible candidates in the 1994 Pennsylvania gubernatorial race. This profile focuses on the Republicans.

By JULIE NASH Collegian Staff Writer

The early-bird politician is not always guaranteed the gubernatorial worm.

Even though U.S. Rep. Tom Ridge, R-Pa., and state Sen. Mike Fisher (R-Allegheny) are the only two declared Republican candidates for the 1994 Pennsylvania

gubernatorial race, the competition is not going to end there. Auditor General Barbara Hafer, state Sen. Earl Baker, Attorney General Ernie Preate and businessman Sam Katz are expected to enter the race this fall.

Neither Hafer nor Preate has made official arrangements to enter the race, but Baker plans to officially announce his candidacy at a news conference Sept. 7.

Baker will focus on job creation as a main issue during the campaign, said Lowman Henry, Baker's chief of staff. Henry said he expects job creation to be a major issue.

Baker, currently Republican chairman of the state Senate Labor and Industry Committee and the General Assembly's Service Efficiency Task Force, has created a legislation package to remedy the state's business retention problem, Henry said.

"We want to convince businesses to relocate and expand in Pennsylvania," he said. "Right now it is a problem because we have more companies moving out."

In his "Ready From Day One" campaign, Baker plans to stress his experience as a Chester County commissioner,

Henry said, adding the other Republican candidates have not actually run a government.

Steve Schell, Hafer's press secretary, said Hafer has discussed entering the race and hired political consultant Edward Rollins, who worked for Ronald Reagan in the 1980 and 1984 presidential elections. But he said Hafer has not made plans to announce her candidacy. Hafer ran against Gov. Robert P. Casey in the 1990 gubernatorial election.

Casey has served two terms as governor and cannot run for re-election.

If Hafer decides to enter the race, the announcement would not come until after the 1993 general election in November, Schell said.

Mike Hudome, director of the Preate for Governor exploratory committee, said Preate plans to focus his campaign on economic development and job creation, taxes and education. In June, Preate formed the committee, comprised of Republican leaders from across the state, to lay the groundwork for his campaign.

"The purpose of the committee is to reach

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