

## Baker invites NATO to join center

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point of having to ... spend endless months and years haggling over the tiniest points and details," Baker said after meeting for more than two hours with Kozyrev.

The two will hold another round of talks on March 10 on the sidelines of a NATO foreign ministers' meeting in Brussels, a U.S. official said.

Baker said he hoped the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would join in the proposed early warning system, saying that other countries would also be welcome

if they acted "in a responsible way."

The center would be established by the United States and Russia and would also be open to participation by the former Soviet republics in the Commonwealth of Independent States, said a senior official traveling with Baker.

"It's the first move to create a practical form of defense cooperation" between the adversaries of the Cold War, the official said.

He indicated that the project had not progressed much beyond the conceptual level.

The center, at a site yet to be determined, would utilize existing technologies and might develop

new techniques down the line, said the official.

He held out the possibility that the system would eventually require modification of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty which bans space-based anti-missile defenses.

The Bush administration wants to modify the treaty to allow a limited space-based defense, but Russia does not.

The proposed system is of particular importance to Russia which is likely to lose some of its early warning capability from radar in the former Soviet republics which have now declared independence.

## Attorney suggests safety measures

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started, he said. Owners can run a wire to an inconspicuous place in their car and activate the switch when parking the vehicle.

Kuboviak said that inventions like "the Club" will deter amateur car thieves, but not professionals.

"A professional car thief will laugh at 'the Club,'" he said.

"The best crime prevention in the world is your neighbors," he said.

As for protecting your bicycle, Kuboviak said that a good lock is the difference between owning a bike one day and not owning one the next.

A good lock usually costs about \$45.

"The little chain locks are a joke," he said.

Protecting your possessions is important, Kuboviak said, but

only if you know how to protect yourself first.

He warned women to never go anywhere by themselves at night, and to be aware if they must go alone.

Before walking from a destination to a car, keys should be in hand, in case a quick escape from a parking lot is necessary. Always look under and in the back seat of cars before entering a vehicle, he said.

Sexual assault is a crime of violence, and can happen anywhere, Kuboviak said.

If a woman is in danger of being sexually assaulted, she should try to evaluate the situation as quickly as possible, because many assaults can be avoided, Kuboviak said.

Women should think about their options to different situations in advance, he said.

Screaming and running is usually the best answer to an attack, he said.

AIDS has changed everything involving sexual assault, because women must now wonder if they have been infected with the HIV virus along with the emotional and physical elements of the attack, Kuboviak said.

If anything, Kuboviak said he hopes the fear of AIDS will make women report more sexual crimes than they have in the past.

Kuboviak said only one out of ten victims of sexual assault report the offense.

"That is a horrible statistic," Kuboviak said.

Not only does he teach others ways to avoid being a victim, Kuboviak listens to his own advice.

"I practice everything I preach," he said.

## Agency warns of alcohol dangers

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large amount of people in College Station have fake identification cards and if they don't then they just use a friend's (ID) that looks similar to them and probably it works nine out of ten times."

Surveys on alcohol conducted by the center during the spring of 1989, 1990 and 1991 have been very consistent, Dr. Dennis Reardon, coordinator for A&M's Center for Drug Prevention and Education said.

Ninety-five percent of A&M students said they consumed alcoholic beverages at some time according to survey. Eighty-eight percent of the surveyed students said they consumed alcohol in the last year, 60 percent said they had been intoxicated in the last year and seven percent said they drink to get drunk.

"We are probably no different than the general population," Reardon said.

The center is here to help them while they are still students, he said.

"We have a confidential service and any information will not become part of the students' records," Reardon said. "We see 80 to 100 students a month in MIP classes."

Community organizations in the Brazos Valley are also focusing on the alcohol situation among students.

Surveys conducted by Brazos Valley's Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization among students who attended MIP courses revealed students' experiences with alcohol.

Sixty percent of the students said they had sex when they drank too much, Florence Wagner, president of MADD said. Ninety percent of the students surveyed said beer was their favorite drink.

A high number of students also spent a lot of money, did not remember what they did and missed classes, she said.

"The standard answer students gave for drinking was stress; academic and sexual," Wagner said.

Gulping two to three drinks before going out on a date is very widespread, Wagner said. Students did say that they learned a lot from the MIP course and that they would think before drinking heavily in the future.

"Alcohol is the number one problem with kids ages 13 to 22," said Kay Parker, community education director for the Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol.

About 25 percent of the population is in a high risk group because they already consume alcohol, Parker said. The council is a referral and assessment agency that also operates a 24 hour hot line, 775-TALK.

"A lot of calls come from A&M students," said Parker.

The Center for Drug Prevention and Education is a part of Student Affairs and is located on the second floor of the Beutel Health Center. For information about Alcoholic Anonymous meetings and other support groups, call 845-0280 or go by room 222 in the Beutel Health Center.

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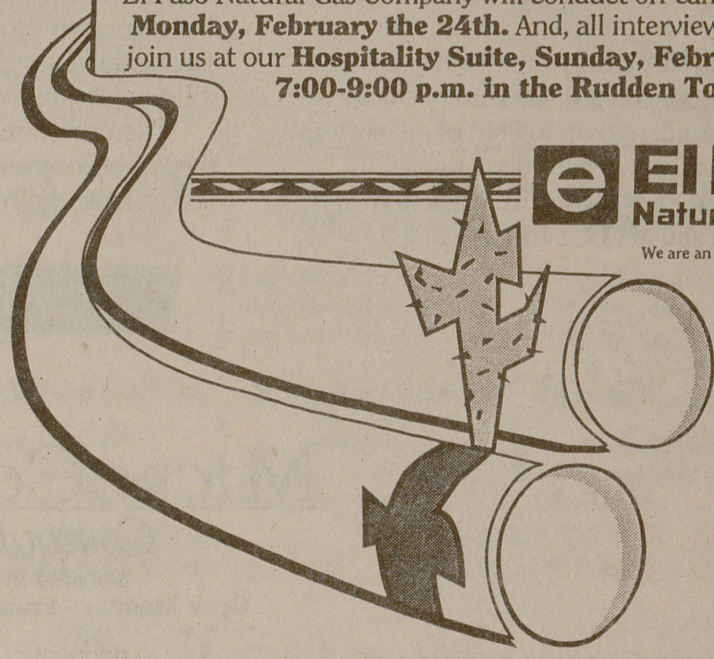
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