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Iraq voices support for Soviet peace plan Withdrawal from Kuwait demanded; U.S. objections remain unanswered

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush has "serious concerns" with a Soviet-Iraqi proposal to end the Persian Gulf War, the White House said Thursday night, but the administration pointedly did not reject the dramatic initiative that could result in Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

"The war itself continues," said spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, acknowledging that Bush had not decided yet whether to open a ground assault that for days had seemed imminent.

Earlier in the day, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said allied forces were massing for "one of the largest land assaults of modern times," a comment that lent urgency to the Iraqi

mission to Moscow.

Cheney said there was "no choice but to proceed" with the war.

Fitzwater said, "We have had our hopes erased before" but pledged that "we are taking a look at" the Moscow plan. He said the White House would consult with coalition leaders, and Secretary of State James Baker began the contacts with calls to foreign ministers of Canada, Britain, France and Egypt.

Bush himself went to the theater, but then summoned advisers to a late-night meeting to review Moscow's plan, officials said. One administration source said among the problem areas were a proposed early end to sanctions against Baghdad and the avoidance of war

reparations by Iraq.

Parts of the plan announced in Moscow called for, among other things, a withdrawal to begin two days after acceptance, an end to sanctions when the withdrawal is two-thirds complete, the extinction of U.N. resolutions against Iraq at the end of the withdrawal, release of prisoners and monitoring by neutral countries.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev called Bush Thursday night to brief him on details of the plan. The president thanked him for his efforts "but raised serious concerns about several points in the plan," Fitzwater said.

"The president has indicated there

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Public safety director faces challenge at UNC

By Shannon O'Grady
Staff Writer

Arnold Trujillo, the new University public safety director, said coming to UNC from a commuter school of 6,000 was a challenge.

After working for 19 years as the public safety director at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Trujillo will become the UNC public safety director March 4.

"I know it will be a good experience for me and an educational experience also," he said. "I have always looked forward to going to a larger campus."

But differences exist between the University of Colorado and UNC.

"Students do not live on campus at UC-Colorado Springs. The last evening class ends at 10:50 p.m. and students generally are gone by 11 p.m.," Trujillo said.

"The last reported rape incident at UC-Colorado Springs occurred in 1974," he said.

"According to the 1989 issue of the Comparative Guide to American Col-

leges, African-American students comprise only 2 percent of UC-Colorado Springs' student body. African Americans comprise 8 percent of the UNC student body.

■ According to the 1990 edition of Editor and Publisher Market Guide, the Chapel Hill population is more than 32,000, and Colorado Springs has about 215,000 residents.

■ UC-Colorado Springs' public safety department employs about 25 people. UNC's employs about 40.

Trujillo said traveling to other universities taught him problems at small campuses were similar to the problems at larger campuses.

"I realized that I had talents that I was not using, and that I can do this job (at a larger institution) as well or better than anyone else can," Trujillo said.

Carolyn Elfland, interim vice-chancellor of business affairs, said she was unaware that UC-Colorado Springs had only 6,000 students. But she said Trujillo could adapt to the differences between the two universities.

"I think basically if you know the

proper law enforcement methods and techniques, it does not really matter how often it comes into play," she said. "Just because he doesn't have a rape doesn't mean he does not know how to handle one. If I thought it was a huge problem, I would not have hired him."

Clay Williams, UNC police officer, said Trujillo's relationship with the Colorado Springs Police Department would help him adjust to the problems at UNC.

"He has had a lot of contact with high crime even if it has not occurred on campus," he said.

Jennifer Cox, former Scribe (UC-Colorado Springs' student newspaper) co-editor, said although UNC's size would challenge Trujillo, he was an excellent administrator.

"I'm sure he is up to the job," she said. "He is good at dealing with people and is a very competent administrator."

Pat Green, Trujillo's staff assistant, said he was a positive leader.

"He is very fair," she said. "He un-

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Write stuff

Matthew Stewart, a graduate student in comparative literature from Madison, Wis., writes a letter to a North Carolina representative, voicing his support for raising fuel efficiency standards on new cars from 26 to 40 miles per gallon. See story, page 3.

University's library system slides in national rankings

By Natarsha Witherspoon
Staff Writer

UNC's library system slipped from 17th to 20th in a recent national ranking, a drop University administrators said was a direct result of state budget cuts.

University librarian James Govan said budget cuts during the past several years were to blame.

"The ranking is clearly related to the reduction in the budget," Govan said. "We will drop further unless we can get more money."

The list was released by the Association of Research Libraries.

Sarah Pritchard, senior program officer for the association, said, "The ranking doesn't reflect total quality of the library. It is a quick way for us to access if a library is eligible for membership in our organization."

Pritchard said she was concerned that people would read too much into the rankings. The number of libraries in the ranking varies from year to year, making it difficult to compare research libraries, she said.

But Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, called the budget cuts a blow to the heart of the University.

"The budget cuts put a special kind of hurt on our libraries," Boulton said. The University could suffer permanent damage from the cuts, he said.

A report from the University's Library Administrative Board, which will be presented to the Faculty Council today, said the budget cuts could destroy the libraries' ability to buy books.

"In 1984, our libraries ranked 13th in the nation," the report stated. "It does no longer. To restore the losses from the last five years would require a minimum of \$1,500,000."

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Price says politics 'heavy' in government



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U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., speaks to political science majors at a seminar Thursday

By Dacia Toll
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"Big time politics has come to North Carolina," announced U.S. Rep. David Price, D-N.C., to a group of UNC students who gathered in their seminar class Thursday night to hear him discuss his experiences as a congressman.

Professor Alan Hirsh invited Price to speak before the 15 students enrolled in Hirsh's seminar focusing on the N.C. General Assembly.

"Politics now has a certain hard edge to it," Price said. "It has become a tricky environment and requires a great deal of strategizing."

"We've gone from being a typical, Southern, one-party state where most of the political battles were fought in the Democratic primary, to being a genuinely competitive two-party state that attracts a great deal of national interest," Price said.

Price pointed out that the political game does not end with the election results. "The game only changes form. There's an inside game that goes on. You immediately begin trying to maneuver within the legislature."

"This transformation has a lot of negative potential. Politicians can abuse television by using it to accuse each other of ridiculous things."

Significant portions of N.C. politics have become dominated by 30-second television spots and million dollar campaigns, he said.

"Big, expensive television campaigns have become the norm," he said.

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Recycling coordinator set to leave University

By Karen Schwartz
Staff Writer

The University's Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling is looking for a new recycling coordinator to manage what has become one of the biggest programs in the state.

Rhonda Sherman-Huntoon, the University's recycling coordinator since March 1990, is leaving today to take a job in the N.C. Office of Waste Reduction.

Sherman-Huntoon said she considered the new job a career advancement. "I'm certainly not leaving because I'm unhappy with my job here," she said. "It's just a great opportunity."

Physical Plant Director Herbert Paul said the position of coordinator called for someone who could manage the University's programs, which now collect 50 to 60 tons of newspaper, cardboard, aluminum, plastics and mixed paper each month.

"Our recycling program is pretty mature," he said. "It's going to be even tougher now to find an individual than when Rhonda came on. The position requires a lot of logistical planning, an ability to work with people and marketing skills."

The University's recycling has probably doubled in the last year, which adds pressure in finding a capable coordinator to fill Sherman-Huntoon's position, Paul said.

The position falls into a state salary grade that ranges from \$24,000 to \$37,000 a year, he said.

Sherman-Huntoon said although budget cuts had reduced her office's

funding, recycling programs had not been affected.

"It would have been nice to have a field coordinator and super-expensive equipment," she said. "I just found inexpensive methods."

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Everything starts as somebody's daydream. — Larry Niven