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ly elected to the Baath party in 1963 that he completed his education, earning a law degree in 1968.

Hussein helped overthrow Iraq's president and his regime. He took the authority to nationalize the Iraq Petroleum Company in 1972.

1979 marked his election to the presidency and the beginning of his absolute reign. "He's been number one since 1979," Phillips said.

He said Hussein's presidency has led to unprecedented brutality toward citizens who defame the regime and toward escaped soldiers, who have their tongues and ears cut off, respectively. "He's brought new levels of torture to the Middle East," Phillips said.

However, Hussein has managed to avoid the same sort of revolt that brought him to office.

Eric Cline, a classics professor at George Washington University, said Hussein uses religion in propaganda, comparing himself to Nebuchadnezzar and other rulers. "Basically, he's tried to remake himself as one of the great rulers of Iraq," he said. "You name the ancient ruler, chances are he's used him in his propaganda."

Cline said this propaganda probably would have little effect on other rulers and on the educated. "But for the illiterate person on the streets of Baghdad, who knows?"

Over the years, Hussein's power and influence have increased.

"Baathism is whatever he says it is," Phillips said. "He has the ambition of leading the Arab world."

A hindrance to this goal has consistently been the Kurds, a non-Arab race viewed as second-class citizens. He first expelled the Kurds from Iraq into Iran in 1974 and has engaged in various conflicts with them over the last three decades.

Hussein's relations with the United States also have had consistent friction. "It's always been at arm's length," Phillips said, but added that the Reagan administration saw friendlier terms.

In 1980, Iraq initiated war with Iran, attacking the oil reserves. The United States sided with Iraq at the time because it viewed Iran as a bigger threat, but support waned as the conflict continued.

Phillips said Hussein and Iraq became definite U.S. enemies Aug. 2, 1990, when Iraq invaded Kuwait. U.S. forces were deployed to fight against this invasion and spent the winter of 1991 fighting the Persian Gulf War. Conflict resumed in 1993 when Hussein broke peace terms of the war and the United States decided to bomb Iraq.

Through both past actions and now Operation Iraqi Freedom, Hussein has proved that brutal acts and gory shows of power are well within his capabilities.

"He's feared by the people that know him best," Phillips said.

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comments made by Police Chief Gregg Jarvies and other residents concerned about downtown safety.

"The police chief feels strongly that this ordinance will help officers enforce safety so that people will not feel intimidated," Ward said.

Jarvies said the main concern expressed by residents is the fear associated with panhandlers downtown. "We believe the proposed ordinance will help deter the direct approach that causes the fear," he said.

Jarvies said that with the ordinance, officers would have more objective grounds for arresting panhandlers for disorderly or threatening conduct by having

more guidelines.

Harrison said that though he was reluctant to vote for the ordinance, he has been provided with sufficient evidence that it will be reasonably effective and constitutional.

"I think it is not out of the question that the council can legislate out of fear, because we do it a lot," he said.

Strom, however, said the ordinance was not a solution to the town's panhandling problem and motioned a substitute of having further open discussion with the homeless community and concerned residents to brainstorm answers to the issues presented by panhandlers.

Mayor Kevin Foy, who was in support of the ordinance during

the first vote, said he agrees with Strom's motion but is also in favor of the ordinance.

"We have differences in opinion of how effective this will be," Foy said. "It is certainly not a full solution, but is part of the solution."

Council member Pat Evans agreed. "This is not the solution, this is a baby step. ... But the place to start is by adopting this baby step."

The concerns of constitutionality, raised by several lawyers and students present at the meeting, also was voiced by opposing member and lawyer Mark Kleinschmidt, who said the ordinance does not address fear.

"We have heard that fear is the problem, and this solution does not ask whether you are afraid," he said. "This ordinance creates a new

criminal act in the choice of words on Franklin Street."

He said that for officers to differentiate between panhandlers and anyone asking for change, they would have to engage in a form of profiling.

Kleinschmidt said that to make things fair, action would have to be taken to enforce regulations against any type of inappropriate behavior or public intoxication.

He proposed an action against anyone on Franklin Street — UNC students, the Office of Greek Affairs, or patrons using offensive words or behaving inappropriately. "I find that more offensive than someone asking me for a dime," he said.

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with Republican Guard forces."

That seemed a matter of not much time, though.

The Army's 3rd Infantry Division was within 50 miles of the capital, battling sandstorms more than Iraqi fire as it neared the approaches to Baghdad.

The advance of long columns of thousands of vehicles was aided by heavy air protection that wiped out a column of Iraqi armor at one point and sent some of Hussein's outer defenses withdrawing toward the capital.

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