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Secretary General reports talks failed

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Monday that he held little hope for peace in the Persian Gulf after his talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Perez de Cuellar, upon arrival in New York, told reporters that his meeting with Hussein in Baghdad on Sunday was "polite but, unfortunately, unsuccessful." He was to brief the 15-member Security Council later Monday about his latest peace initiative.

Perez de Cuellar spoke on the eve of today's U.N. deadline by which Iraq must pull out of the emirate it invaded Aug. 2 or face possible attack by the U.S.-dominated multinational forces stationed in the Persian Gulf.

The secretary-general's talks in Baghdad were considered an 11th hour bid to avert war, and few diplomats believed there would be a breakthrough.

Iraqi ambassador recalled to Baghdad

WASHINGTON — Iraqi Ambassador Mohamed Sadiq al-Mashat has been recalled to Baghdad and was leaving with most others in the Iraqi diplomatic mission to Washington, State Department officials said Monday.

Mashat, the U.S.-educated envoy who frequently appeared on American television to defend his country's actions in the takeover of Kuwait, has been a regular visitor to the State Department in the months since the crisis erupted.

A department source, speaking on condition he not be identified, said Mashat informed the government over the weekend that he would be among those departing the country under a U.S. order directing Iraq to reduce its diplomatic presence before the midnight Tuesday deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

Israel readies people, military for gulf war

JERUSALEM — Israel beefed up its military forces Monday in case of a preemptive Iraqi attack, and thousands of Jews prayed for peace at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest shrine.

In a rebuke to the army, the Supreme Court ordered it to distribute gas masks to Palestinians in the occupied territories. A Roman Catholic group had brought suit demanding that Palestinians be treated the same as Jewish settlers in the territories.

The army had argued that the Palestinians of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were unlikely targets for Iraq's bombs and missiles. The army also feared that Arab activists would use the masks to counter Israeli soldiers' firing of tear gas to put down protests.

Gorbachev ignorant of Lithuania takeover

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. — President Mikhail Gorbachev on Monday defended the bloody military assault on Lithuania and said he learned about it only after a local military commander executed it.

Soviet troops seized another key broadcasting facility in Vilnius. Lithuanian officials said the action violated an agreement to reduce tensions in the republic following Sunday's attack.

Gorbachev's statement that he was not in on the decision to use force called into question how strongly he controls the Soviet military.

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Statues to be moved

Hamilton, Bynum site chosen

By MARCIE BAILEY

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The controversy over the location of the sculpture, "The Student Body," has ended with Chancellor Paul Hardin's decision to move the statues to an enclosed garden between Hamilton and Bynum halls.

The decision to relocate the sculpture from in front of Davis Library was made after weeks of deliberation, Hardin said Monday.

Bill Massey, associate vice chancellor of University relations, answered questions on Hardin's behalf about the relocation. The decision to move the sculpture was made last week, but the announcement was postponed because of vandalism to one of the statues Saturday night, Massey said.

The statue of an African-American basketball player spinning a basketball on his finger was bent to a 30 degree angle and the basketball was stolen. The statue of an African-American woman balancing a book on her head also appeared to have been kicked.

Students and members of the community who felt the statues were racist and sexist requested that the statues be relocated to an area of campus that was less conspicuous. Others said that moving the statues would violate the right to freedom of speech.

Hardin said in the press release that his decision was influenced by the advice and opinions of community and University members. He felt relocating the sculpture would be appropriate because it would be "less likely to offend a captive audience," but still accessible for viewing, Hardin said.

"Whether or not you agree with my decision to relocate the work, I hope you will understand and affirm the guiding principle — my dedication to a community that celebrates its diversity

and is bound by our respectful commitment to one another," Hardin said in the release. "I regret any offense that has been suffered by anyone during this period of time, and I am pleased that we are able to reduce pain and enhance community while maintaining full respect for freedom of artistic expression."

Keith Baker, a freshman Pharmacy major from Raleigh, said the decision to move the statues constitutes censorship. "It is sad to see such a liberal University as Carolina succumb to the pressure of a small group who wants to make decisions for the whole student body."

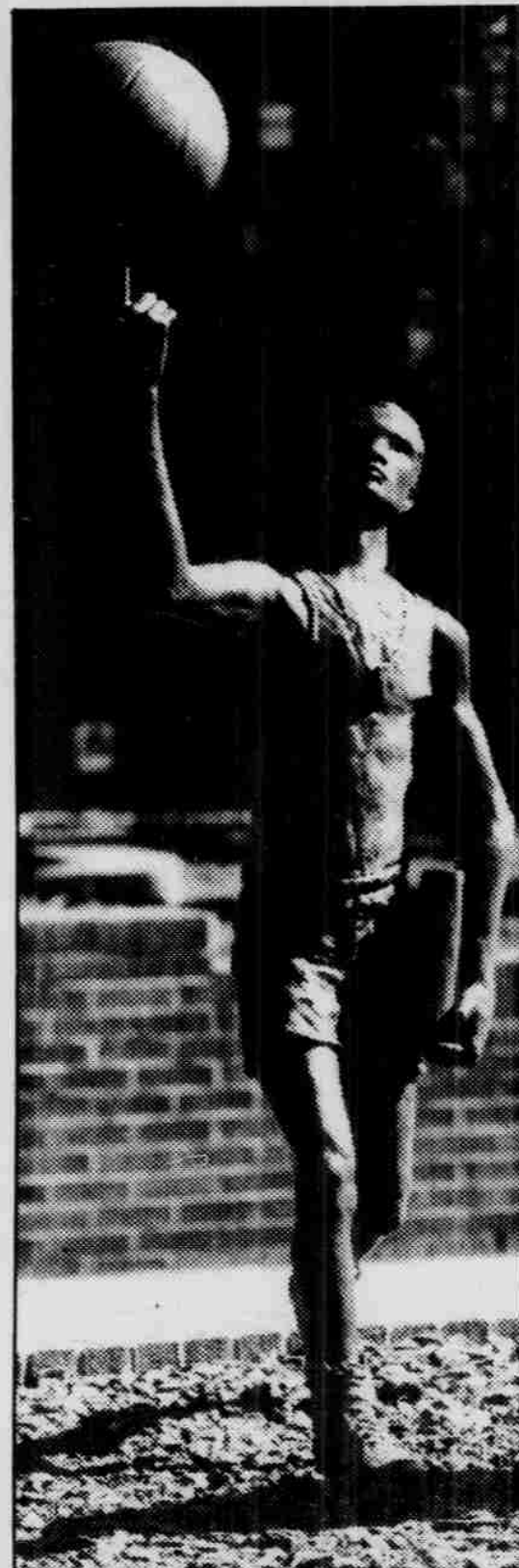
Frank Silber, a freshman computer science major from Raleigh, said the decision goes against freedom of speech. "I thought Carolina was founded on the basis of free speech and the ability to express opinions freely," he said. "Moving them will make people think the vandalism was successful."

The sculpture will be moved as soon as the new setting is ready and arrangements can be made to move the statues without harming them, Hardin said. The statues' sculptress, Julia Balk, will be consulted on the exact placement of the seven statues in their new location.

Administrators said the cost to relocate the statues is not known. Massey said the recent vandalism did not spark the decision to move the statues because it happened after the decision was made. The statues' location in front of Davis probably was not the reason the statue was vandalized, he said.

"This was a selfish action by a group of people representing themselves," he said. "I can't imagine a motive. It is not wise to make a relation between the debate and the act of vandalism, and it is not prudent to think students from

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Statue to find new home soon

Campus housing rates expected to rise next year

By ASHLEY FOGLE

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Students living in residence halls next year can expect to pay as much as 10 percent more in rent, said Wayne Kuncel, director of University housing.

The exact rates for residence halls next year are not available yet, Kuncel said Monday.

"We are in the process of building the budget," he said. "In January and February we will put together the rate schedule. We are estimating a rate increase of 10 percent for next year."

That means students in a typical double occupancy air-conditioned room could expect to pay as much as \$86 more per semester with the increase.

Rising operating costs and the expense of renovation projects are the primary reasons for the increase, he said. Rates also generally rise yearly because of inflation, he said.

"The increase will cover operating expenses for next year," he said. "We're trying to hold the line on most expenses. We're also trying to build reserves for renovation on major projects like Old East and Old West and for other projects in the future."

"Rates generally do increase due to the cost of utility, labor and all the expenses of operating a residence hall."

Gretchen Diffendal, Residence Hall Association president, said she was unhappy about the increase.

"We were expecting an increase of about 5 percent," she said. "My initial reaction is that I'd like to see why it is

going up more."

Diffendal said she did not believe a 10 percent hike was justified. "We've worked on (energy) conservation, so utilities is not the reason," she said. "In order to be satisfied I would need more reasons for the increase."

Kuncel said he hoped the increase would not have a negative effect on students living in residence halls.

"We certainly hope that (the increase) will have a minimal impact on our students' budgets," he said.

Diffendal said she was concerned about the impact on students. More students may move to off-campus housing as a result, she said.

"Any rent increase is a problem," she said. "Dorm rent is so expensive anyway. By raising the cost every year they are pricing themselves out of the market. It almost does become cheaper to live in an apartment than in a dorm."

"Upperclassmen living in dorms will become an extinct animal," she said. Several on-campus residents objected to the planned increase.

Laura Guy, a freshman from Greenville, said increasing costs were the fault of the University.

"Housing costs are already very high," she said. "Half of the operating costs are their own fault. Like with energy costs — they run the heat too high and the air conditioning too low."

"It would probably be more efficient if students didn't have to run the heat and open a window to regulate their room temperature," she said.

Protests show sentiment against impending war in gulf

Durham march unites thousands against war

By ERIC LUSK

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DURHAM — Several thousand Triangle residents prayed, sang and marched in downtown Durham Monday night to deliver a message of opposition to possible war in the Middle East.

Today is the U.N. deadline for Iraqi forces to withdraw from Kuwait, a nation they have occupied since Saddam Hussein's invasion on Aug. 2. This weekend the U.S. Congress gave George Bush the authorization for the use of force to oust Iraq.

The threat of war became greater with the failure of last-minute peace talks between U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and Hussein on Sunday.

The peace rally began with a prayer vigil at the First Presbyterian Church and concluded with a candlelight march through downtown Durham to the city courthouse, where protesters chanted anti-war slogans and called for an end to U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf.

A black coffin led the procession through the streets of Durham and protesters chanted anti-war slogans like, "We're not the world's police. We want peace in the Middle East."

"You could have thought that it (anti-war demonstrations) was over," said James Barber, a Duke University political science professor. "But instead you've come out to protest against an unjust war. We are here tonight as brothers and sisters. We are here together."

Organizations which sponsored the rally included the First Presbyterian Church, The People's Alliance, Duke Coalition for Peace in the Middle East, Concerned Citizens United, Triangle Citizens for Peace, Coalition for Peace in the Middle East and Ad Hoc UNC Committee for Peace in the Middle East.

A similar rally, which included about 1,100 protesters, took place in Chapel Hill on Saturday. Another rally is scheduled for today at noon in Raleigh and a prayer vigil will take place on the N.C. Central University campus at 10:45 a.m.

Guest speakers, which ranged from Duke University professors to pastors to university students, criticized George Bush for risking countless lives for the sake of oil and jobs.

"In 1988, he (Bush) was for a kinder, gentler America," said John Hope Franklin, a Duke history professor. "In July 1990, he said through his ambassador in Baghdad that the United States would not enter into a border dispute between Iraq and Kuwait. Two months

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Students sign and read the banner to be sent to President Bush

War with Iraq imminent as peace efforts fail

From Associated Press reports

Iraq and the United States appeared locked on a course for war Monday. Both sides insisted the other must yield a day before the U.N. deadline for Saddam Hussein to pull his troops from Kuwait or face a possible attack.

Yemen, meanwhile, tried to keep hopes for peace alive by sending a high-level delegation to Baghdad with a new proposal.

Around the world, anti-war protesters took to the streets, and Israel — Iraq's stated target should fighting begin — called up more reservists.

Stocks and bonds tumbled and oil prices soared on world markets.

U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who said he lost hope for peace after meeting with the Iraqi president on Sunday, was to brief the Security Council on Monday night.

Iraq's parliament once again declared that a Palestinian homeland, not Kuwait, was at issue.

"We declare here and now that we

are ready to sacrifice everything for the cause of Palestine. Palestine should be liberated and rights of Palestinians restored," National Assembly speaker Saadi Mehdi Saleh said.

The lawmakers voted to give Saddam full authority over the gulf crisis. "It is either life with dignity or death," said one deputy, Muslim clergyman Abdulwahab al-Hitti.

Since shortly after his troops seized Kuwait on Aug. 2, Saddam has repeatedly tried to connect an Iraqi withdrawal from the emirate to a homeland for Palestinians. The United States has rejected any such link.

President Bush called Iraq's apparent intention to keep troops in Kuwait beyond the Tuesday midnight EST deadline "a tremendous mistake." But Saddam said any "last-minute initiative" for peace was up to the United States.

In Ottawa, Secretary of State James Baker said he was disappointed in the failure of Perez de Cuellar's trip to Iraq. Baker, who was completing a tour of

Students send opinions on war to White House

By LAURA WILLIAMS

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President George Bush will receive a large letter today from some UNC students who want to tell him their views about the possibility of war with Iraq.

A 125-foot-long banner with about 300 comments from students was created Monday in front of Lenoir Dining Hall. It will be sent by Federal Express to the White House today by members of the Student Committee for Peace in the Middle East, a group that formed in response to the possibility of war in the Middle East.

Students gathered around the banner throughout the day to read comments both in support of a possible war and against it.

Some of the comments included: "Peace Sucks. War is big business." "Mr. Bush, I thought you were Pro-Life."

"Pres. — Do what you have to. We elected you."

"Dear Mr. President, I'm scared. What next?"

"Mr. Bush, I am praying for you and support whatever decision you make."

"Give Hussein a way out. Let's talk about the Palestinian problem. Talking is better than dying."

"I support my president. God bless America."

Lisa Abbott, a member of the Student Committee for Peace in the Middle East, said the banner gave students a chance to put their thoughts on paper.

"I think that everyone is so scared that they are paralyzed," she said. "I

think it is important for people to talk to George Bush right now. Both sides of the story are expressed here."

Elif Erginer, a student who opposes using military action to get Iraq out of Kuwait, wrote on the banner, "Send Jesse over there. He looks like he needs a tan."

She is disappointed with the attitude of some writers who condemned peace, Erginer said. "You can stand up for Kuwait without downing peace," she said.

Bush and other leaders should listen to non-violent solutions advocated by people such as Martin Luther King Jr. and John Lennon, Erginer said. "I don't think killing is going to solve anything. I think we should care more about people than oil, sand and George Bush."

Keith Lane, who supports the U.S. going to war, said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein will not stop with Kuwait but will try to take over other countries. "I think war is the last and only option we have."

The United Nations' resolution to support whatever means necessary to end the invasion made war justifiable, Lane said. "It doesn't make it right, but better."

Members of the Student Committee for Peace in the Middle East also participated in an anti-war demonstration on Franklin Street Saturday. The banner, the materials for which were donated by the Campus Y, was another way the group could put democracy into action, Abbott said.

I have seen so many people to whom killing is a casual thing. — Hawkeye, "M*A*S*H"