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Bush announces midnight cease-fire

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush declared Wednesday night that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated" and announced that at midnight "all United States and coalition forces will suspend offensive combat operations."

In a dramatic televised address, Bush warned the fighting would begin anew if Iraq's forces — shattered and in retreat — fired on allied troops or launched Scud missiles at Israel and Saudi Arabia. "This war is now behind us," the president said. "Ahead of us is the difficult task of securing a potentially historic peace."

The cessation of offensive action came after a tank battle in southern Iraq ended any serious threat from Iraq's ballyhooed Republican Guard.

"It is up to Iraq whether the suspension on the part of the coalition becomes a permanent cease fire," Bush said, adding later: "If Iraq violates these terms, coalition forces will be free to resume military operations."

Bush said the allied forces would

Persian Gulf War



implement a permanent cease fire once Iraq releases all coalition prisoners of war, hostages of third-country nations and the remains of all who have fallen. Iraq also must tell Kuwaiti officials of the location of all land and sea mines.

Moreover, he said Baghdad must bow to all the demands of the United Nations, including a formal rescinding of the annexation of Kuwait and "acceptance in principal of Iraq's responsibility to pay compensation for the loss, damage and injury its aggression has caused."

So far, Saddam Hussein has refused to agree to all of those terms.

After 100 hours of ground war, Bush said, "Tonight, the Kuwaiti flag once again flies above the capital of a free and sovereign nation and the American flag flies above our embassy" in Kuwait City.

Bush made his announcement on the

42nd day of the conflict with Iraq — 209 days after Hussein triggered the gulf crisis by sending an invading army into Kuwait to seize it as "province 19."

He began his address simply. "Kuwait is liberated," Bush said.

"Iraq's army is defeated. Our military objectives are met." He said it was not time for gloating or euphoria, but for pride in the troops of the coalition.

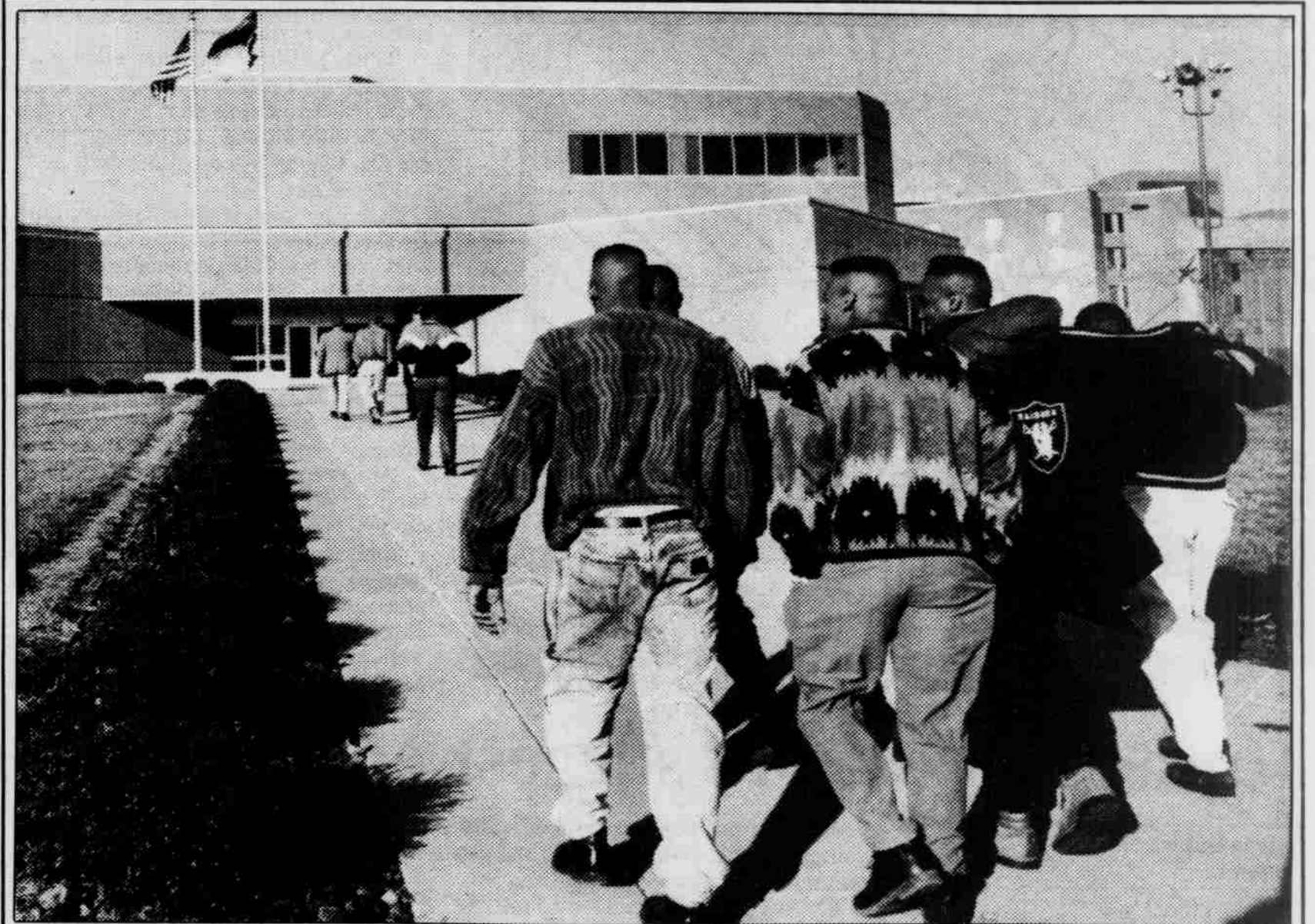
The president spoke as commander in chief of 537,000 American forces in the gulf, and the head of an unprecedented international coalition marshaled to counter Hussein's invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2.

Seven months ago, he said, the nation drew a line in the sand and said Iraq's aggression would not stand.

"America and the world have kept their word," he said.

Bush said he'd asked Secretary of State James Baker to work with the United Nations Security Council on "the necessary arrangements for this war to

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Institutional education

Members of the UNC football team visited inmates at Central Prison Wednesday afternoon. The players toured the maxi-

mum security prison, talked with inmates and attended a lecture given by the warden.

Graduate history students to present demands

By Warren Hynes

Staff Writer

Graduate History Society members will present a list of demands to the history department advisory committee at the committee's meeting today.

Members are upset about a memo from Frederick Behrends, graduate history studies director, to graduate students in the history department. The

memo states that because of a cut in available salary money, the department expects to lose about 20 teaching and research assistant positions.

GHS members decided at a meeting Wednesday night to gather outside the office of Colin Palmer, history department chairman, today as the committee's meeting begins.

GHS co-presidents James Crawford and Debbie Holden will enter the meet-

ing and present the list of demands to the committee. Members also will place letters stating their demands and concerns in history faculty members' mailboxes.

In the letter, GHS members ask the faculty members to join "in alliance" with the students in issuing the following demand to the University:

"That the University fund the number of graduate history assistantships,

instructorships and departmental secretarial positions that existed in the 1988-89 academic year."

GHS also demands that the history department:

■ Restore graduate courses to the number of courses typical in the pre-budget crisis era.

■ Enact an immediate moratorium on the admissions of additional graduate students for the fall of 1991.

■ Redirect all student funds targeted at incoming history students to students already at the University.

■ Hold a meeting of all faculty and graduate students to discuss the demands.

At the meeting, members also discussed other possible forms of protest, but the presentation at today's meeting and the faculty letters were the only definite plans made.

In the letter, members stated that graduate students now face the possibility of having to leave the program because of the cuts. They also stated that the cuts damaged the quality of undergraduate instruction.

At the beginning of the meeting, Behrends said the number of TAs probably would be cut from 57 to 39 and the number of RAs probably would be reduced from 6 to 4 next year.



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Rap on

Kris Parker, also known as KRS-ONE, delivers his speech titled "KRS-1: Revolution of the Mind" Tuesday in Memorial Hall.

Parker is on a tour lecturing for African-American self-improvement and uplifting of humanity.

Chief Justice Exum requests financial support for judiciary

By Karen Dietrich

Staff Writer

In a rare State of the Judiciary Address Wednesday, N.C. Chief Justice James Exum encouraged the General Assembly to carefully consider changing the judicial selection process and asked members of both houses for increased financial support for the judiciary.

"We (the judicial branch) depend on you to understand our problems and to respond to our needs," Exum told the assembly.

"We depend on the executive to enforce our decrees. You have the power of the purse. The executive (has) the power of the sword. The judiciary has only the power of reason, perhaps the most fragile of all the powers. The judicial system depends on help from the sword and the purse," Exum said.

Exum asked legislators to support his crusade to change the process of electing appellate judges to a system of selection by the governor and approval by the General Assembly.

"The darkest storm cloud on the judicial horizon, with the potential to

wreak the greatest havoc, is our continued use of partisan political elections for the selection and retention of judges," Exum said.

"There is more momentum for change today than we've ever had before. Men who were opposed to change now believe and are persuaded that change must come," Exum said.

He stressed the danger of "judges for sale" and emphasized that there soon will be a time when candidates want judicial office so badly that the truth will be obscured by campaign rhetoric, distortion and exaggeration.

Exum said he hoped legislators would not allow the differences between various House and Senate bills to kill the idea of judicial selection.

"If you can avoid the pitfalls of minor differences between the chambers and ... pass this legislation, standing on its own merits, you will have taken... a giant step, as big a step as any legislature has ever taken, to preserve the independence and impartiality of our courts and the people's confidence in them," Exum said.

State Rep. Anne Barnes, D-Orange,

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Committee offers \$5,000 reward for conviction in Sheldon's shooting death

By Peter F. Wallsten

City Editor

A committee created to help investigate the shooting death of Internationalist Books owner Bob Sheldon is offering a \$5,000 reward for any information leading to an arrest and conviction of a possible suspect, spokeswoman Ashley Osment said Wednesday night.

In addition, Chapel Hill police learned Tuesday that a cash box may have been taken from the bookstore when Sheldon was shot, leaving open the possibility that the shooting may have resulted from a robbery.

Sheldon, a local activist who owned and operated the alternative bookshop for almost 10 years, died Friday after he was shot in his store on Rosemary Street Thursday night. Ken Kaye, a friend of Sheldon's, found Sheldon Thursday at about 9 p.m. lying on the floor unconscious and bleeding from the left side of his head.

Kaye said he and Sheldon were planning to meet and celebrate a possible peaceful settlement to the Persian Gulf War.

Police established that Sheldon was

shot from close range with a small caliber handgun. Investigators have been unable to locate any witnesses or track down any suspects.

The Internationalist Books Committee, which consists of six associates and close friends of Sheldon, met Wednesday night to plan its strategies for investigating the murder and reopening the store.

The \$5,000 for the reward will be collected from 20 guaranteed pledges of \$250 each, Osment said. "We already have had a number of people commit to that," she said. "It shouldn't be a problem getting the money we need."

Reopening Internationalist Books is a goal of the committee, but the main focus now is the investigation, Osment said. Committee members are planning to interview anybody with leads or information.

"It's still so unclear what was behind Bob's murder," Osment said. "No lead is too extravagant or spectacular. We need people to throw their wildest ideas at us."

The committee, which is expecting to work closely with the Chapel Hill Police Department, is asking those

who made purchases with cash or checks at Internationalist Books last Thursday to contact either the police or the committee.

"Our relationship with the police department is great," Osment said. "We're pleased with their level of commitment and their level of concern."

The committee also will ensure the reopening of the store, Osment said. Students who still need to purchase textbooks from Internationalist Books should write the committee at P.O. Box 951, Chapel Hill, or call 929-7372, she said.

"They need to contact us," Osment said. "There shouldn't be a problem with anybody who's got ongoing business with the store."

The committee will present a proposal regarding the future of Internationalist Books in mid-March, according to an announcement released Wednesday.

"There are so many people who want to volunteer and make sure the store continues," Osment said. "I want to emphasize that there is ample opportunity for people to provide support. ... It's safe to assume it will open again."

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Carolina Credit Union rallies against possible consolidation

By Jennifer Mueller

Staff Writer

Members of the Carolina Credit Union will join other credit unions today in a nationwide rally, an effort to stop a bill that would turn the CCU into a bank, said Susan Ward, CCU president.

The main difference between banks and credit unions is that banks make profits, she said.

Congress is considering a bill designed to help credit unions avoid problems that savings and loan associations have experienced. The bill contains two proposals: to keep credit unions separate or to consolidate the entire system under one set of rules.

"If they combine the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) and the NCUSIF (National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund), we'll be a bank," she

said. Ward said the CCU now acted as a financial institution for students.

People participating in a credit union are called members, not customers, she said. "We like to call it 'students serving students.'"

The CCU, which has about five hundred members, does not require service charges like banks, Ward said. The credit union requires only a one-time fee upon joining and a \$10 minimum balance.

The credit union also has a loan program and pays out dividends to its members.

"Most of the time, banks won't make loans to students unless the parents go out on a limb," Ward said.

The recent S&L crisis might cause Congress to end the credit union system, she said.

At 11 a.m. today, credit union members will stage a rally in Washington and other cities in an attempt to convince Congress to keep the credit union system.

At least two members of the University-based credit union will participate in the rally in Raleigh tomorrow, Ward said.

Diane Henry, spokeswoman for the N.C. Credit Union League, said the S&L situation "forced Congress and the administration to start looking at things more closely."

Congress will release studies on the deposit-insurance systems, which include the FDIC, the NCUSIF and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, Henry said.

The credit unions had nothing to do with the S&L scandal and are structured differently, she said.

If this happens, Henry said, "ultimately, we would be forced to act with a profit motive — not for members."

Although the NCUSIF has twice as

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FRIDAY: Cloudy; high near 70

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Fiddle dee dee! War, war, war! — Scarlett O'Hara