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Iraq agrees to talks on U.N. resolutions

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WASHINGTON — One day after halting the war, President Bush announced Thursday that Iraq had promptly agreed to talks on a permanent cease-fire and the return of prisoners of war. "We are going to get back our POWs, and we're going to do it fast," Bush declared.

With the guns silent in the Persian Gulf, the administration said Secretary of State James A. Baker III will fly to the Middle East next week to begin charting the region's postwar future. He will stop in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria and Israel, as well as in Turkey.

Baker also will go to the Soviet Union, which tried and failed to broker a peace agreement to avert the ground war.

As long as Saddam Hussein remains in power in Iraq, the administration will urge the U.N. Security Council to maintain a ban on all weapon shipments to that nation, officials said.

Bush met with the ambassador of newly liberated Kuwait and then went to the Rose Garden to announce Iraq's willingness to discuss peace terms set out Wednesday night in his announcement of a conditional cease-fire.

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He said Baghdad had taken a first step by agreeing to name military commanders to talk with U.S.-led allies, concerning the battlefield arrangements to make the pause in fighting permanent. "We will go promptly back to them with the arrangements; when and where," Bush said. He said the meeting will take place very soon.

Bush said that the return of POWs and seized Kuwaitis will be a primary subject "and we expect a prompt repatriation of them, Kuwaiti detainees and others."

Forty-five Americans are missing, and at least eight are believed to be Iraqi prisoners.

Bush skirted reporters' questions about whether he will insist on prosecution of Saddam for war crimes. "We're not going to get into that," Bush said. "These matters will all be discussed in appropriate forums."

With the fighting over, prospects were

raised for bringing troops home. White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said a pullout might begin in days, but cautioned that "it took seven months to get in, it's going to take a lot of months to get out."

"But we're going to start a steady withdrawal." Some 537,000 Americans are stationed in the gulf.

Bush said the end of the 43-day-war brings "a great day for all Americans." To visiting French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, Bush said, "You come here on an exciting day for all Americans."

Separately, Kuwait's ambassador to the United States, Saud Nasir al-Sabah, told Bush "you'll go down in history as the great liberator of my country."

At a news conference earlier, he said allied countries will be first in line for billions of dollars of contracts to rebuild Kuwait, shattered by seven months of brutal Iraqi occupations.

Bush met Thursday evening with the Saudi ambassador, Prince Bandar, who praised America's armed forces and the president's leadership.

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The last word

Sergei Ponomarev, a Soviet trade representative to the United States, discusses Soviet economic reform measures Thursday

night in the Union as the last speaker of International Festival Week. See story, page 3.

Criminal justice classes limited by budget crisis

By Shannon O'Grady

Staff Writer

Criminal justice classes are being canceled for freshmen and sophomores because of continuing budget cuts.

Gordon Whitaker, acting director of

the criminal justice curriculum, said Thursday that criminal justice classes would be offered next fall only for juniors and seniors who needed them to graduate.

The approximately 60 freshmen and sophomores in the program will have to

change their academic plans, Whitaker said.

Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will notify students next week about the curricula changes, he said. Cell was out of town Thursday and could not be reached for comment.

The criminal justice curriculum does not have enough money to fund both introductory and advanced courses, he said.

"It seemed to be most prudent to make sure that students who are in the program get the courses they need to

graduate as anticipated," he said.

Donna Lefebvre, a criminal justice lecturer, said facing changes in the department was difficult.

"It is just a nightmare because there is so much uncertainty, especially for the students," she said. "It is definitely

worse for the students."

The future of the program is uncertain, she said. "I have no idea what will happen. If there is some money left over, I hope it will be able to continue."

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Reduced purchases hurt library ranking

By Stephanie Johnston

University Editor

UNC's library system has dropped 41 places in the last five years in a ranking of 107 national research libraries, said Larry Alford, associate University librarian for planning and finance.

The library was ranked 10th in expenditures for books among the 107

libraries in the Association of Research Libraries in 1985-86. Although the association has not released the 1989-90 ranking, a spokesman told him the University was ranked 51st, Alford said.

The ranking is based on the number of books purchased by all of UNC's libraries, but does not include serials.

The drop in ranking can be attributed to budget cuts and decreases in the purchasing power of the dollar abroad,

Alford said.

"The vast majority of the library funds comes from the state," he said. "We've received no new money, or very little, from the state."

James Govan, University librarian, said the new ranking was a shock. "We are incurring woes we will never get over," he said. "Stuff simply won't be there for us to go back and get."

The rankings are taken seriously by the "educational world," he said.

"It means something very seriously for the University. In truth, the faculty and graduate students aren't going to be as interested in coming here."

Alford said although the library had received little additional funding from the state, the costs of books had increased in the last five years.

In 1984-85 the library bought 81,000 books in the arts and humanities. In 1989-90 it bought only 35,000.

Since 1986-87 the price of serials has increased 41 percent and the cost of books 29 percent, Alford said. But the library's materials budget has increased by only 5.1 percent in the last four years and not at all in the last two, he said.

In addition, \$429,000 of the money allocated to buy books in 1988-89 reverted back to the state and \$200,000 reverted this year.

According to a report submitted to the Faculty Council last week by the Library Administrative Board, a minimum of \$1.5 million would be needed to restore the library's losses in books during the last five years.

The library buys about 40 percent to 50 percent of its books from abroad, therefore the devaluation of dollar in recent years also has contributed to the decrease in purchases, Alford said.

"Less research and foreign language materials are being bought," Alford said. "The changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union in the last year and a half have resulted in an increase in materials available from these countries. Often when they have small press runs, if you don't get it right away, you won't get it."

The lack of these materials will hurt the University 20 or 30 years from now when people want to research recent historic events but cannot obtain the needed materials at UNC, he said.

Although the price of books and technology has increased, expenditures have decreased, Alford said. Library expenditures in 1989-90 were \$16,097,662 for all the libraries on campus. This figure represents a de-

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Inadequate security forces Carrboro shop to close, owner says

By Peter F. Wallsten

City Editor

The owner of a downtown Carrboro store has decided to close down because he feels police do not provide adequate protection in the evening.

Flashback, located at 102-A W. Main St., will close March 31, store owner David Jimenez said Thursday.

Jimenez called the Carrboro police to talk about security after last Thursday's shooting death of Internationalist Books owner Bob Sheldon and Friday's burglary of Archive Records at Carr Mill Mall.

In Friday's incident, someone took \$6,200 worth of merchandise from Archive Records, including 350 compact discs, said Capt. Ben Callahan of the Carrboro Police Department. The burglary happened at about 10 p.m. and took eight minutes. Jimenez said he decided to close his store, which sells t-shirts, posters and Guatemalan imports, after a frustrating phone conversation with a detective at the police department.

"I was told that unless they get more manpower, they couldn't do any

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Forum evaluates pass/fail options

By Birch DeVault

Staff Writer

Participants in a pass/fail forum Thursday night made valid, helpful arguments, said Dietrich Schroeder, chairman of the Faculty Council's Educational Policy Committee.

"The purpose of the meeting was to discuss pass/fail's importance to students, and I believe it achieved that end most successfully," he said.

The committee has been researching the reasons students take classes pass/fail and will present their recommendation about the program to the Faculty Council in early April.

Schroeder outlined several alternatives to pass/fail, including completely dropping the option. Other alternatives are a target grade plan created by Student Body President Bill Hildebolt, an option to allow departments to eliminate pass/fail, a requirement that students declare classes pass/fail earlier, and the creation of a list of pass/fail students to be distributed to faculty members.

Hildebolt said committee members could not combine the options because they were mutually exclusive.

Joey Graham, a student who helped Hildebolt design the target grade option, said he opposed requiring students to declare classes pass/fail early.

"It is hard to gauge your performance in a class before you take it, and if a student does declare pass/fail before attending a class, it means he previously decided this and is not necessarily go-

ing to slack off," he said.

With the target grade option, students would set a grade they thought they

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Fetch and catch

Junior Tracey Ratz enjoys a warm Thursday afternoon in McCorkle Place with her Rottweiler, Newt, as he returns with a ball she threw to him.

History students ask for department cooperation

By Burke Koonce

Staff Writer

The co-presidents of the Graduate History Society asked history department advisory committee members Wednesday to cooperate with graduate students in facing expected cuts in the department's budget.

Although the committee briefly addressed a list of demands drafted by GHS members, the discussion focused on the need for department unity to withstand the cuts, said James Crawford, GHS co-president.

Committee member David Griffiths said the cuts would be especially tough on the graduate student program, which is already the most vulnerable part of the budget. "The department is certainly aware of their situation," he said.

Crawford and GHS Co-president Debra Holden met privately with Colin Palmer, history department chairman, for about 30 minutes before they stated their concerns to the other committee

members.

After the meeting, Crawford and Holden told a group of about 40 graduate students in the history department office that advisory committee members were responsive, but that the budget outlook appeared grim.

"I'm not that optimistic," Holden said. "I don't think things are going to get better anytime soon."

Crawford said, "They were very responsive. We were very appreciative that they would let us speak in such an impromptu manner."

GHS members' actions were spurred by a memorandum graduate history students received Tuesday. The memo stated that about 20 teaching and research assistant positions would be cut because of a decrease in available salary.

The problems graduate history students face also will have a negative impact on undergraduate students,

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A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes. — Mark Twain