Saddam statue, regime collapse

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Their hour of freedom at hand, jubilant Iraqis celebrated the collapse of Saddam Hussein’s murderous regime yesterday, beseeching a toppled statue of their longtime ruler in downtown Baghdad and embracing American troops as liberators.

“I’m 49, but I never lived a single day. Only now will I start living,” said Yousif Abdel Kazim, a mosque preacher. A young Iraqi spat on a portrait of Saddam. Men hugged Americans in full combat gear, and women held up babies so soldiers riding on tanks could kiss them.

Iraqis released decades of pent-up fury as U.S. forces solidified their grip on the capital. Marine tanks overran the government complex, and a toppled image of Saddam was pulled down.

Kurdish children chant “George Bush we love you” during celebrations in the streets of Sulaymaniyah, Northern Iraq yesterday.

Prof said he was unfairly stopped

By Arek Sarkissian II

Police detained UA Professor Julian Kunnie last Sunday shortly after a man threatened a campus-area restaurant employee. Now, Kunnie plans to take action against what he called “a violation of his rights as a citizen.”

Kunnie, director of the African-American studies department, was released 10 minutes after being detained when the threatened employee told police in a drive-by lineup that he was not the suspect.

Kunnie was standing at East First Street and North Tyndall Avenue when a University of Arizona Police officer stopped him because he fit the description of the man who pulled a knife on an employee at Subway, 914 E. Speedway Blvd., reports stated.

The officer reportedly had his gun drawn at his side when he confronted Kunnie because the suspect was reported to have a knife.

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