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me tell you: Daddy Warbucks is alive and well in this country," Wooten said. "There's a new paradigm, a new way of thinking that calls for peace. The whole idea is that we've got to start cooperating instead of dominating."

"The male dominance model operates everywhere, men against women, strong against weak," Wooten added. "The point is that we can get back to cooperating and working together in peace. But unfortunately the people running this country don't know there's a new way of thinking."

The emphasis on peace and renewable energy needs to be reflected on a grass roots level as well as a congressional level if the nation's dependence on oil is to change, Prince said.

"There needs to be some changes in tax policies and in consumption at the grass roots," Prince said. "There needs to be some changes in the laws regarding alcohol fuels, electric cars, busses and mass transit systems. This movement is the revival of the movement from the '70s that came as a result of the first gas crisis."

For the movement supporting peace and renewable energy to succeed, Prince said, people have to get involved and make themselves be heard.

"You've all heard of the thousand points of light," Prince told listeners at the rally. "The light is energy, and the thousand points are you. Sign the petitions for peace. Write your congressmen. Speak out for peace."

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Mubarak said. "That's why the whole world is against him."

Abdassalam said Hussein is a hero who is very popular in the Arab world and has been misrepresented by the Western media.

He said Iraqis do not believe it is an invasion, but rather an answer to a call by Kuwaiti revolutionaries for help in overthrowing the Kuwaiti monarchy. He said Kuwait has always been a part of Iraq and re-unification is the Iraqi goal.

"In Kuwait, there is a revolutionary people against the former Kuwaiti leaders," Abdassalam said. "They asked the Iraqis to support them because they know this monarchy ... will not let anybody change the situation, so they need force to support them."

He said Iraq has all the oil it needs and economic problems are not the reason for the action.

"The Iraqi people feel the unification between Iraq and Kuwait is the only reason," Abdassalam said. "It has always been a part of Iraq, historically. British imperialism in the 1930s split Iraq into two states. Now, we are returning the splitting part, which is Kuwait, to the mother, which is Iraq."

He also said the Kuwaiti council voted in the 1930s and again in the '60s to return to Iraq, but that decision was overturned by the monarchy.

The Kuwaiti students said their country has had its own political identity since the 1700s and the citizens are satisfied with the monarchy.

"It's our own land," Al-Delaimi said. "Where was (Saddam Hussein) all these years? Why would he come now and declare it's his land?"

He said he has never heard of the revolutionary group Abdassalam spoke of and said he does not believe any Kuwaitis asked Iraq to enter the country.

"I don't think that happened," he said. "There could have been small groups who wanted a democracy rather than a monarchy, but the majority of the Kuwaiti people are happy with the royal family. The Kuwaitis' main goal is to get the royal family (now held in Iraq) back to Kuwait."

The Kuwaiti students speak of the torture, massacre and public executions they have heard about from Kuwaitis now living in Saudi Arabia and others who

have fled the country.

Abdassalam said Iraqi television claims that Iraqi troops, under orders from Hussein, have not killed any Kuwaitis. He said the Western media is distorting the facts and exaggerating the conflict.

Al-Delaimi said the information Abdassalam received through the Iraqi media was "well-controlled, manipulated and full of inexact facts."

"Some media is propaganda," Al-Delaimi said. "But the torture and the massacre is happening. It is not as you hear it in the news. It is more profound, more brutal."

Moreover, the Kuwaiti and Iraqi students have dissenting opinions about the American presence in Saudi Arabia.

"We believe the U.S. has nothing to do in the Gulf," Abdassalam said. "Who gave them the right? Who agreed that the U.S. is the new cop of the world?"

The Kuwaiti students said they are grateful for the American military presence and hope the military moves into Kuwait soon.

"For the Americans, Saudis and Kuwaitis, it's a mutual interest," Mubarak said. "Saudis don't want to see what happened to the Kuwaitis happen to their land. Americans don't want to see that and they don't want their economy to be threatened."

"The Americans were asked to be there," Al-Jassim said. "It's not out of their wanting to police and control the area."

Abdassalam said he believes a war would destroy the region and the situation can be resolved without U.S. involvement.

"I believe that, as any brothers, the Arabs can fight and they can settle down," he said. "I think we can reach a good solution."

"It is unfortunate that Arabs are fighting each other," Al-Delaimi said. "We have nothing against the Iraqi people. We know they are oppressed because of the political regime they live under."

But the Kuwaiti students say a war would be worthwhile if their country ends up free.

"We have no other way to go," Al-Delaimi said. "Either we get Kuwait back or we live the situation as it is. I want Kuwait back. The circumstances are bad as it is, and the consequences (of war) would not be worse."

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