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Bush presses U.N. to act against Iraq

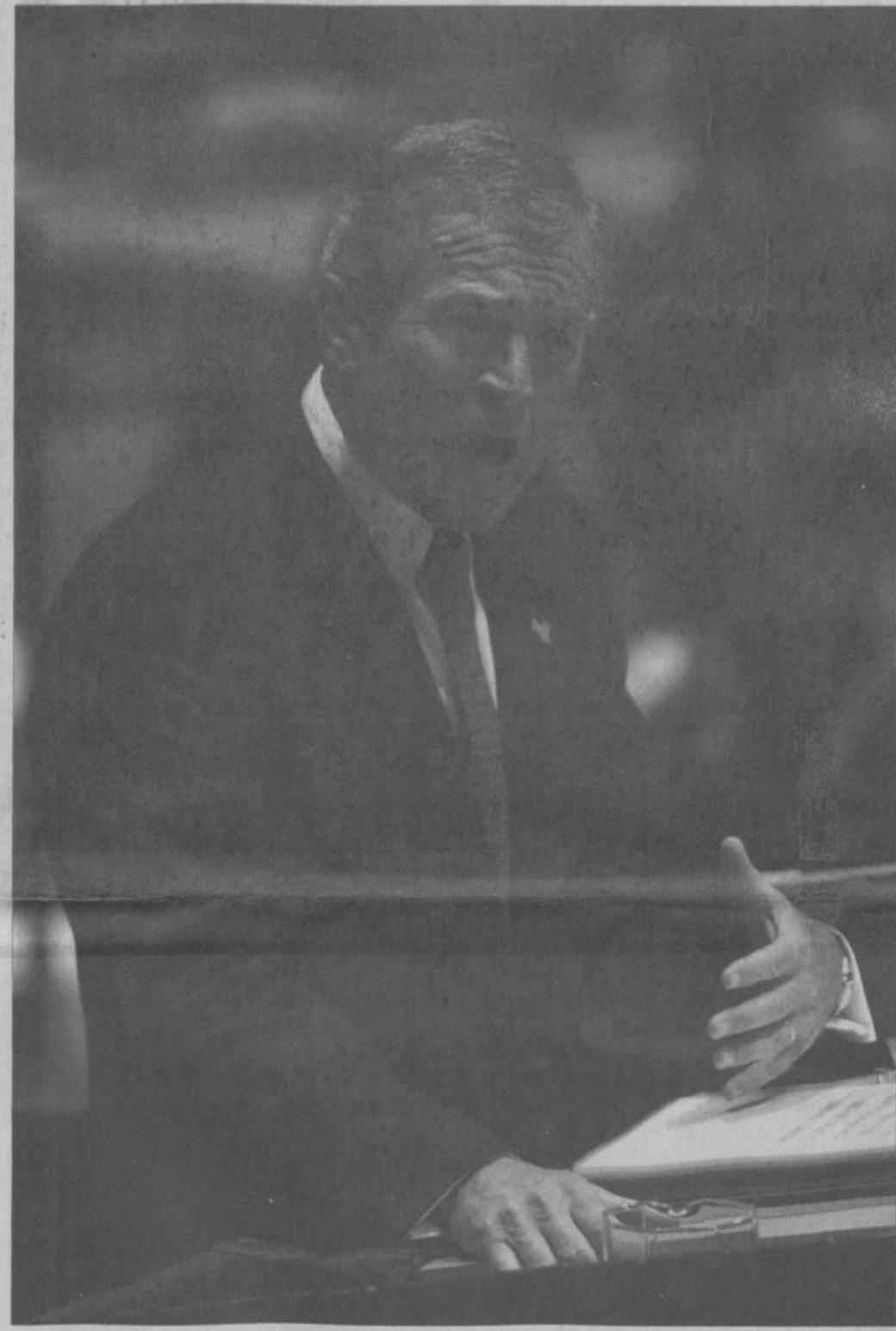


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President Bush addresses the General Assembly at U.N. Headquarters in New York on Thursday. Bush warned the assembly that "action will be unavoidable" against Iraq unless the U.N. takes a hard line and forces Baghdad to disarm.

Students share reservations about the possibility of war

After Bush's speech, some worry about his motives

BY KRISTEN MOORE
THE GAMECOCK

President Bush's plea Thursday before the United Nations to topple Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq has left USC students with mixed feelings.

After months of criticism

from Capitol Hill, Bush went before the U.N. to gain international support as well as try to persuade the American public to support an attack.

President Bush firmly emphasized the threat of Hussein's harboring chemical, nuclear and biological weapons and demanded action.

"Saddam Hussein's regime is a grave and gathering danger," Bush told the U.N. "To suggest otherwise is to hope against the evidence. And this is a risk we must not take."

Kathryn Graham, a third-year history student, said she

doesn't agree with President Bush's motive for an Iraq invasion.

"It's silly, it's unnecessary and I don't think we have sufficient reason to invade Iraq," Graham said. "It's arrogant of the U.S. to say they (Iraq) can't have it when we do." She said Bush "is supporting his own agenda."

"It's not right to say they can't have the same technology as us."

The president pushed that Hussein had "made the case

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Threat is too dire to ignore, president tells world leaders

BY RON FOURNIER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS —

Raising the specter of war, President Bush told skeptical world leaders Thursday to confront the "grave and gathering danger" of Saddam Hussein's Iraq or stand aside as the United States acts. Hesitant allies asked him not to go it alone.

From the United Nations' cavernous main hall, filled with wary friends and one bitter foe, Bush said the body must rid the world of Saddam's biological, chemical and nuclear programs or risk millions of lives in a "reckless gamble."

Behind the scenes, U.S. diplomats reported progress toward a U.N. resolution giving Iraq a firm deadline — just weeks away — to disarm or face dire, but thus far unspecified, consequences.

"If Iraq's regime defies us again, the world must move deliberately and decisively to hold Iraq to account," Bush said in his 15-minute address. "The just demands of peace and security will be met or action will be unavoidable. And a regime that has lost its legitimacy will also lose its power."

Bush gave Saddam a chance to avoid confrontation, but only if Iraq meets a series of U.S. demands that are far greater than other allies have sought and — according to senior White House officials — far more than he expects Saddam to meet. The biggest challenge to Saddam: Remove or destroy all weapons of mass destruction from Iraqi soil.

The address was Bush's answer to deep reluctance among U.S. allies — and American lawmakers — to use force against Saddam despite Iraq's decade-old defiance of U.N. resolutions. By coming to the U.N., Bush rejected the advice of some senior administration officials who had urged him to confront Iraq alone and without delay.

Many world leaders welcomed Bush's attempt to reach out, but counseled him to give Saddam every chance to allow U.N.

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Finding of body prompts arrest of 3 local teens

BY RACHEL LADDAGA
THE GAMECOCK

Aug. 12, 2002, armed robbery of Sandy's Hot Dog's.

A man walking along the canal discovered the body, identified as 45-year-old Angelo Ricardo Timmons, of 4140 Hileah Drive, on Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday's autopsy report revealed that asphyxiation and strangulation killed Timmons, who died Sept. 7.

Richland County Coroner Gary Watts said "the victim was found floating face up in the water with a plastic bag over his head and a cable TV cord wrapped around his neck."

Watts said the body showed evidence of no other trauma. Watts

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President Sorenson gets choked up at a Wednesday ceremony to remember the events of last Sept. 11 and celebrate how people have come together since that day.

PHOTO BY AMANDA TRABU/THE GAMECOCK

USC unites on the Horseshoe to reflect on 9/11

Students gather to hear Sorenson, Patel speak of freedom and solidarity

BY COREY GARRIOTT
THE GAMECOCK

They came to the president's house in "I Love NY" T-shirts; military uniforms of beige, white and blue; coats with ties; and Birkenstocks. They arrived to the Faculty Brass Quintet's playing of Pezel's "Sara Banke" and Bach's "Prelude in E Minor." They sat Indian-style in the shade until Sorenson arrived to speak.

The students, professors and friends of the university all stood when USC President Andrew

Sorenson arrived with Student Government President Ankit Patel.

A year after the terrorist attacks, more than 200 gathered to hear short remarks from a pair of university leaders.

Sorenson spoke about the aftermath of Sept. 11 — especially, how the "horror of the attacks drew us together." Comparing our newfound unity with the civil rights movement, Sorenson recalled 1963, when USC readmitted black students after a 95-year suspension of

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High 83
Low 69

TOMORROW



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SG approves bill to limit campaign spending

BY ANNA LAKE
THE GAMECOCK

After heavy debate in Wednesday's meeting, the Student Senate passed the controversial Campaign Finance Reform Act.

Written by Sen. J.D. Shipman and endorsed by Student Government Attorney General Brook Bristow, the bill will regulate spending for candidates in SG elections.



The bill will impose a \$750 spending limit on candidates who run for executive offices, such as Student Body President, while candidates for senator will be allotted \$75.

The act allows \$250 for a possible runoff in the executive race, and \$25 for a runoff in the



Bristow

Senate race, while also requiring full disclosure of all funds. Shipman contends that past SG elections suggest the candidate who raises the most funds will win the election.

"Ninety percent of the time, the candidate with the most money wins," Shipman said.

"Students shouldn't have to be rich to run for Student Government."

According to Shipman, there are other ways to create change on campus if you have money you want to spend.

"If you have an extra \$2,000, don't run for Student Government. Go feed the homeless or work on the adopt-a-puppy program," he said. "If you

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