

Bush asks for approval of force against Iraq

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WASHINGTON — President Bush asked Congress Thursday for authority to "use all means," including military force if necessary, to disarm and overthrow Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein if he does not quickly meet United Nations demands that he abandon all weapons of mass destruction.

At the U.N., Iraqi President Saddam Hussein delivered a defiant written message taunting the United States while claiming that Iraq has no chemical, biological or nuclear weapons - and saying he welcomed inspections to prove it. The proposal Bush sent to

Capitol Hill would give him broad war-making authority. "If you want to keep the peace, you've got to have the authorization to use force," he told reporters in the Oval Office.

The president worked to build support for a vote by Congress before lawmakers go home to campaign for the Nov. 5 elections, and legislative leaders said the vote could come in two weeks. Bush's proposed resolution says Iraq has repeatedly violated U.N. resolutions and international law by possessing chemical and biological



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weapons, seeking nuclear weapons, repressing the Iraqi people and consorting with terrorists.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., said he would like the resolution to specify that Bush needs a U.N. resolution backing the use of force. "Going alone has some very significant risks," Levin said.

As drafted, Bush's resolution would authorize him to use force unilaterally if he deemed necessary - without waiting for the U.N. to act.

It reads: "The president is authorized to use all means that he determines to be appropriate, including force, in order to enforce the United Nations Security

Council resolutions, defend the national security interests of the United States against the threat posed by Iraq, and restore international peace and security in the region."

Bush spoke to reporters after meeting with Powell on his difficult diplomatic effort to draft a U.N. resolution against Iraq.

Britain is expected to side with the United States. The fifth permanent member, China, has voiced opposition to unilateral U.S. military action but has not threatened to veto measures calling for collective action.

"The United Nations Security Council must work with the United States and other concerned parties to send a clear message

that we expect Saddam to disarm," Bush said.

The gap between Russian and American viewpoints was underlined in comments by Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov at the Pentagon, where he met with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. Ivanov said he believed U.N. weapons inspectors will settle the question of whether Iraq has weapons of mass destruction.

Rumsfeld has said repeatedly that inspections are not reliable because Iraq has a long history of deceiving inspectors - and because it has had nearly four years to figure out how to hide its weapons.

Bush was to meet at the White House on Friday with both the Russian defense minister and its

foreign minister, Igor Ivanov.

Powell, appearing before the House International Relations Committee, scoffed at Saddam's message and noted that it appeared to limit where inspectors might go. Powell was referring to Saddam's demands that the inspectors respect Iraq's "rights, sovereignty and security" - which the Bush administration says is Iraqi code for keeping inspectors out of what Iraq calls "presidential" sites.

Many U.N. members, Powell said, want to take Iraq at its word and send inspectors back without any new resolution or new authority.

"This is recipe for failure," he said.

Tickets

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fore. It is nearly impossible for ticket takers to pick up on this habit, but they are aware it happens. Derrick says that, at this time, there is no classification listed on the IDs and no system to check that when people enter.

"Right now, we're going on the honor system," Derrick said. He added that, although this does happen, the greater problem is students' loaning out their IDs.

According to Derrick, some-

times scalpers get access to student tickets and sell them to fans who are told at the gate that they are only for student use. Derrick suggests everyone become familiar with the student section so they won't be caught in an unfortunate situation like that. The student section starts with section 34 of the north stands and wraps around to section 23 of the east stands. Melissa Query, a third-year advertising student, thinks the student section is more confusing than that. She says someone asked her to move from her seat while she was cheering on the

Gamecocks with a big group of her friends.

"He had a ticket with the seat number that I was in," she said. "But my friends and I tried to explain that it was the student section, and it's first come, first serve."

While it is an unwritten rule that the student section is general admission, Ogle says the games would go much more smoothly if students would sit where they are assigned.

"Ideally, you want people to sit in their seats," he said.

Ashley Woodard, a second-year

nursing student at Midlands Technical College, has season tickets that belong in the west stands. Instead, Woodard spends the game with USC students.

"I like the student environment better," Woodard said. "Although I'm not a student of USC and don't have a student ticket, nobody has ever questioned it. If you love USC and are willing to stand up the whole game, nobody's going to say anything."

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UNIV 201

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three sections of 15 students each. The Honors College will also offer three sections.

"We're very excited about this. We're hoping, if it does well, that we'll have several more sections the following year. We'd like to go up to as many as 15 sections by spring 2004," said Dan Berman, University 101 director and coordinator of the new University 201.

Berman said he would try to recruit students out of University 101 classes to take University 201 in the second semester of their freshman year or first semester of

their sophomore year. He added that the research efforts in the new course would focus on natural sciences, humanities and social sciences.

Three faculty members have been chosen to teach the new course. Timir Datta from the College of Math and Science will lead one section, and Jan Love and Chris Robinson from the College of Liberal Arts will lead the other two.

Another three faculty members will be chosen to teach the honors sections, and an additional 12 professors are planning new versions of the course to be implemented in later semesters.

"I think this will invigorate the faculty," Berman said. "They are

very excited about teaching it." He added that more than 50 faculty members expressed interest in teaching the new class when it was proposed.

The classes will have a research librarian assigned to each section to guide students in their work. Students will also have peer leaders similar to the juniors and seniors who are now co-teaching some University 101 classes.

There will be no prerequisites for University 201. Honors College students with a 3.3 GPA or higher can apply the course toward a minor in inquiry.

Berman said that, if University 201 succeeds, there would be a possibility for a university 202 course,

which would let students who have completed University 201 study abroad with a professor for a summer. Students would continue their research inquiries during that time.

First-year business student Jonathan Morris said he would be interested in taking University 201, especially because it is modeled after University 101, a class he enjoys.

"I think, personally, it would be fun to find out more about something that I'm interested in and getting to research that subject on my own and ask people a lot of questions about it," he said.

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Crews

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Crews will attend the game with 19 members of his family. Brent Boyleston, Crews' grandson and a first-year history student, said: "I have been going to all kinds of USC games with my grandpa since I was 6. His passion for USC sports has rubbed off on the entire family."

Crews remembers many great games and players that have passed through the USC basketball program.

"I started going to basketball games at the Fieldhouse. I remember when we beat Duke and the crowd went wild," he said. "For the first game at the Carolina Coliseum, we played Auburn. The score was tied up until the last few seconds of the game, when John Roach shot near the sidelines at the buzzer for our win."

Crews also traveled with the team and, over the years, has built relationships with many of the players and coaches.

"I traveled with Frank McGuire and his team to many basketball games. After we beat North Carolina on the road, we flew back in town and there must have been 10,000 people that crowded the plane. We

could barely get to the terminal," he said. "Today, I still keep up with many of the players and coaches. Last week, I saw former coach George Felton, who is now scouting for the Indiana Pacers."

This year, Crews plans to continue going to all the USC basketball games. "I like the excitement of watching good basketball," he said. "We have had some excellent coaches and players here, and I think the current coach, Dave Odom, is doing a great job."

Crews is anxiously awaiting the start of the 2002-03 USC basketball season, and says the Gamecocks "have got to find guards that will move the ball up the court, but other than that I think we will have a successful year."

When asked about being the first to sit in the new Carolina Center, Crews says he will be there with 17,000 other USC fans and just wants to be a part of the crowd.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed USC basketball and all of its exciting history," he said.

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