

Bush sets second-term agenda

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WASHINGTON - A minority president no more, President Bush sketched a second-term agenda Thursday that includes fighting the worldwide war on terror while seeking tax and Social Security reform.

Bush also pledged to pursue the foreign policy that has sparked criticism by some American allies in Europe.

"There is a certain attitude in the world by some that says that it's a waste of time to try to promote free societies in parts of the world," he said, a reference to Iraq in particular.

"Remember, I went to London to talk about our vision of spreading freedom throughout the greater Middle East and I fully understand that that might rattle some and be viewed by some as folly."

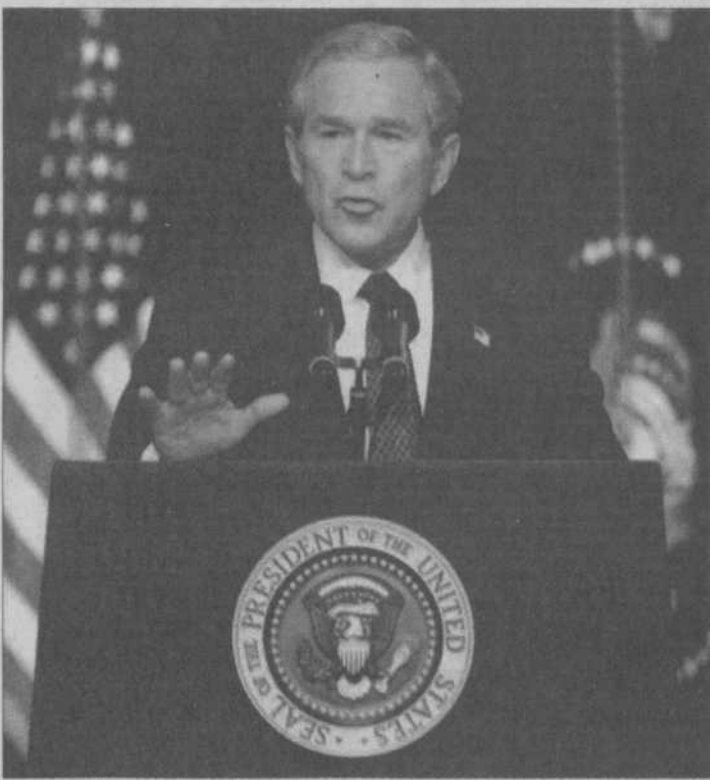
Told by a reporter that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had died, Bush said he intended to "continue to work for a free Palestinian state that's at peace with Israel." Later reports said that Arafat, in a coma in Paris, was still alive.

Bush dodged questions about changes in his Cabinet and potential vacancies in the Supreme Court.

"I haven't made any decisions on the Cabinet yet," Bush said. Nor about his top staff, he added. Changes are widely expected in both, and senior aides said Attorney General John Ashcroft was likely to submit his resignation before Bush's inauguration for a second term on Jan. 20.

As for the nation's highest court, Bush said, "There's no vacancy for the Supreme Court and I will deal with a vacancy when there is one."

He opened his first post-election news conference by prodding the lame duck Congress that meets later this month to send him an overdue spending bill while keeping deficit concerns in mind. He also



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President Bush speaks to reporters at his first news conference following his re-election Thursday in Washington.

called for approval of legislation to overhaul the nation's intelligence apparatus to help protect against another attack.

He avoided a question about the cost of the war in Iraq, saying his administration would present Congress with a "realistic assessment" of the funding that is needed. Aides have said the administration is likely to ask Congress for an additional \$75 billion to pay for military costs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Turning his attention to the new Congress, where Republicans gained seats in Tuesday's elections, he said he wants

legislation to fundamentally reorder Social Security and the tax system.

Bush has long advocated changes in Social Security to permit workers to invest a portion of their own payroll taxes in individual retirement accounts. The proposal is opposed by many Democrats who argue it would undermine the finances of a system originally established to provide pensions to retirees.

"I earned capital in the campaign and now I intend to spend it," Bush said. "And I'm going to spend it for what I told the people I would spend it on."

consideration did not come from problems with distribution because he said it was "going pretty smooth," but rather a way to make it easier for students.

"It is something that we are looking into, but is not something that major universities are going to," Grant said. "Unless it benefits students, I don't see it happening in the near future."

The ticket forgeries that have plagued USC this season are not indigenous to USC. Grant said the Carolina Panthers

have also had problems with tickets this year, but he sees the situation improving.

"Because awareness is growing, a person is going to think twice about the consequences that are in place," Grant said. "Make sure you get tickets from the ticket office, and if you are outside of it then be sure that you get it from someone you know because it may not be the real deal."

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mail system as cause for delays. Before mail makes it to the Russell House mailboxes, it must first be sent through the main USC post office, sorted, then sent on to be sorted again at the Russell House boxes.

This process can mean a piece of mail arrives on time at the main post office, but may take a number of days to be received and sorted at the Russell House.

"I know that packages from UPS can arrive almost the day they are sent, so the problem is in the system," Havird said.

He said he doesn't think on-campus students mind paying a fee for a mailbox.

"I would much rather them be open about it than hide it in some administrative fee. But we want to see change. We want to see it being used."

Second-year biology student Ben Hinman said a package for him was misplaced for days.

"I had to call them back multiple times before I could get it. I think if they have started charging a fee they should definitely have service on par with other

services," Hinman said.

Walsh also cited the improvements the mail room had made, despite his criticisms.

"They sell stamps, they have a package-weighting computer now, they are taking steps to become a full fledged mail room. It's just that when students are paying that fee, they have a right to expect service on par with what they would find outside USC," he said.

Havird said the resolution was necessary so the senators could confidently offer proof to the administration that students were behind the resolution.

"If we have the support of the students behind it when we go in there to talk to them, it'll carry more weight and they'll be more likely to listen," he said.

Walsh added that he would bring the resolution before the RHA Senate at their next meeting.

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recruiting program.

Other students remain hopeful about the team's chances for improvement.

Drey Wigfall, a fourth-year theatre student, played defensive back under Holtz for the 2000 team.

"I don't think it's the coaching," Wigfall said. "In order for a team to be successful there must be an understanding of the coach's expectations and good

communication."

Wigfall described the leadership of Holtz as motivational.

"If the players continue to focus and trust what their coaches are telling them to do, then there will be a turnaround," he said.

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"Sometimes the technology is best for a particular situation and we are reviewing it right now," Grant said.

The consideration of the technology started when the ticket office was researching different ticket companies for the Colonial Center, Grant said.

Grant said that such technological

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Walsh said he understood that students expected some delays in the mail system, but that some of the instances he had heard about were more than inconveniences.

"I think everyone understands that there could be a delay of one or two days, but five to seven days, up to 14 days that I have heard about, that is unacceptable," Walsh said.

Walsh cited students who pay their bills through the system and those who receive magazines as some of the students most affected.

"If you are not getting a bill until a couple of days before it is due, it can be difficult to turn that right back around and get it out on time, and if you get a weekly magazine, by the time you get it, the information in it could be moot," he said.

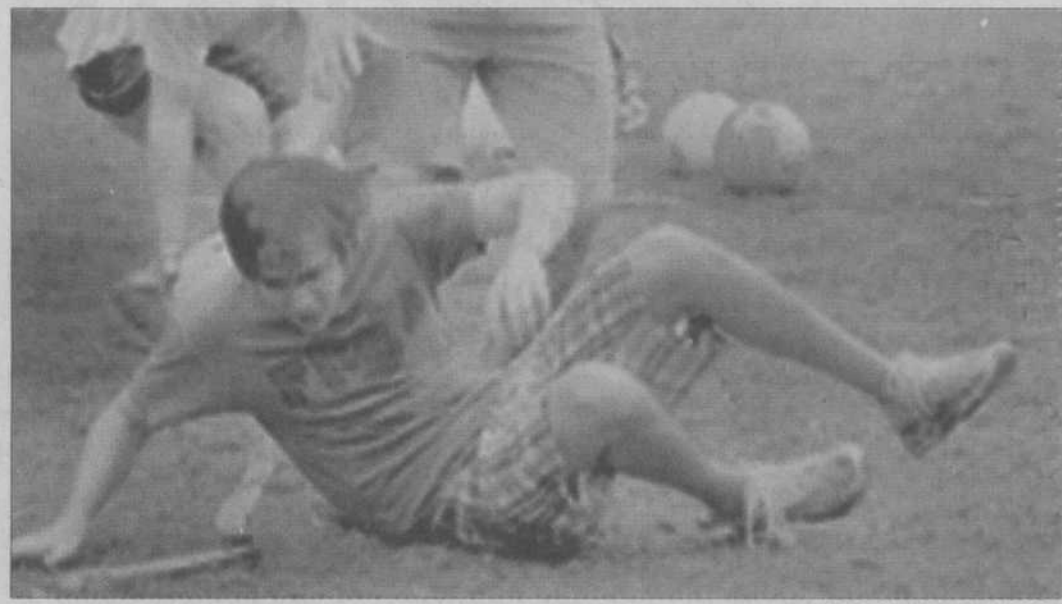
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go, and we need to get a coach that can help us win over half the games," he said.

Keys said that if there are holes within the structure of the team then it is ultimately the responsibility of the coach to patch them with an effective



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Fourth-year finance management student Jay Harper braces himself after taking a direct hit Thursday in a rainy game of dodgeball on Davis Field. The game was sponsored by FCA.

Dodgeball brings rainy-day fun to campus

By RYAN JAMES
THE GAMECOCK

A student dodgeball tournament sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes raged across Davis Field on Thursday.

FCA president and fourth-year English student James Melchers said he tried to pick an interesting activity that would bring students together.

"It was something random and different that would make people say, 'Wow, this is something I haven't played in a long time. I definitely want to play,'" he said.

The tournament was an all-day

event with free pizza, popcorn and lemonade for participants. Boundaries were marked off with duct tape, and each end had plastic barricades to keep the balls in the playing area.

The afternoon rain did not dampen the dodgeball players' spirits, despite being covered head to toe in mud.

"I lost brain cells doing this," third-year business student Paul Lessard said about the game.

To play dodgeball, two teams line up on opposite sides of a court. A row of balls is lined up between the teams and when a whistle is blown, competitors race to grab the balls. The objective is to throw balls and hit as many people as

possible without being hit oneself. Players hit by balls are out until the next round.

Many students enjoyed a break from day-to-day routine and were exhausted at the end of the hours-long tournament.

The tournament was a promotional event for the FCA, a student organization that meets at 8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Blatt P.E. Center.

"It's cool, because you can go and hang out with your friends. It's kind of an everybody-knows-everybody atmosphere," Melchers said.

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high risk conditions to come get the vaccine."

Allison Johnson, a first-year biology student, said she would take advantage of the opportunity because her mother told her she had to receive a vaccine.

"It's important that we keep safe here especially after the meningitis incident," Johnson said.

Initially, Johnson said she thought she was going to have to pay more than \$200 for the vaccine at a clinic and was relieved to discover the university would offer it a much lower price. Lauren Arrington, a second-year nursing student, already

received her shot earlier this year at a local clinic in her hometown.

"I was getting all the other shots I needed for school, and I heard it was going to be a bad flu season so I just went ahead and got it even though I usually don't," Arrington said.

Even though she does not have to worry about receiving the shot anymore, Arrington said she thinks offering the shot at the university is beneficial for students who cannot visit their local clinic.

"It's especially important for out-of-town students and out-of-state students who can't go home or are uncomfortable with the surroundings and don't know where any of the health departments are here,"

Arrington said.

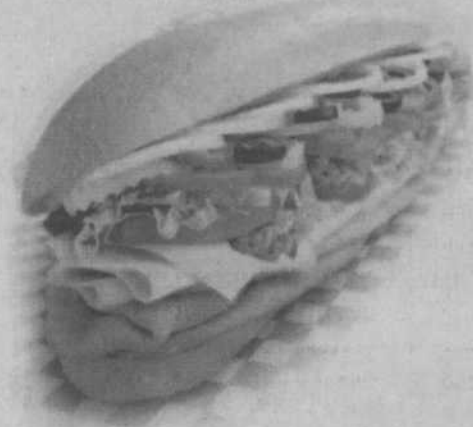
Second-year music composition student Laura Nevitt said although she has not received a vaccine yet, she probably should.

"I had the flu last year, and it was awful," Nevitt said. "It took me out for a week or two."

Nevitt said now that she knows the health center offers the vaccine she will try to make sure she gets it, but she is still not certain whether she will brave the lines.

"I feel more inclined to get it, but I'm might not," Nevitt said. "It's a cross between being too busy and lazy."

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