

Battlelines being drawn

Students provide educated opinions about possibility of U.S. war in Iraq

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The United States is on the verge of war with Iraq.

A U.N. Security Council resolution passed Friday promises "serious consequences" for Iraq if it does not eliminate its weapons of mass destruction. Iraq has until the end of this week to indicate whether it will comply, and White House officials have said that if Saddam Hussein fails to disarm, the United States will take action.

Here at the University, student reaction was mixed.

Jarrett White of the College Republicans said he was happy to see the United Nations take a stand against Saddam Hussein.

"I'm glad to see that the U.N. is finally upholding its own policies," he said.

White added that although the backing of the United Nations is important, it is not necessary.

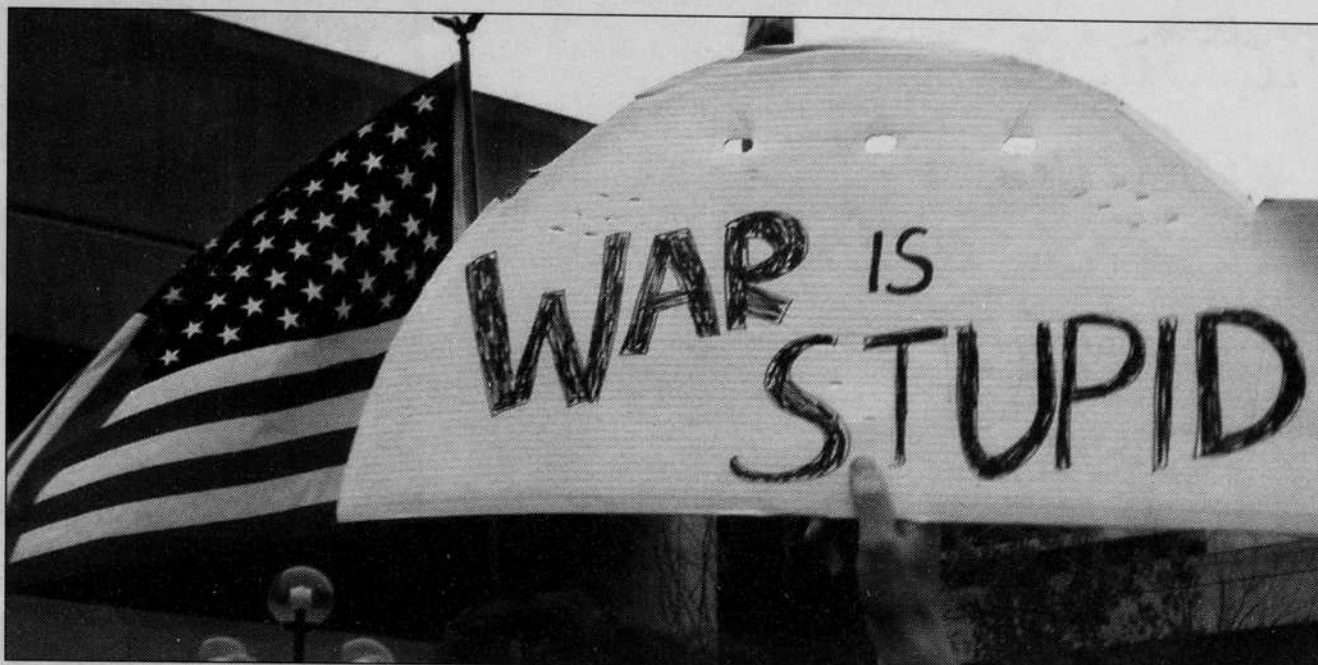
"We don't need permission from the U.N. to protect Americans," he said. "When push comes to shove, we have to act in our own best interests."

Thomas Nail, a member of the Campus Insurgent collective, disagreed.

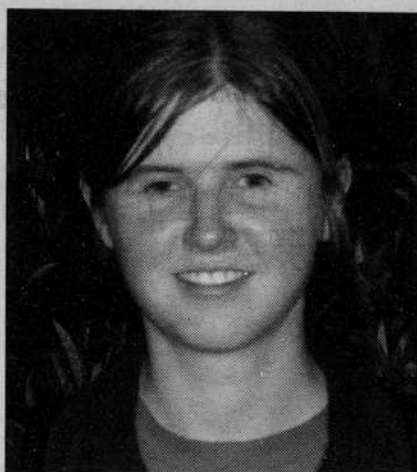
"I think it's a complete violation of national sovereignty in Iraq," he said.

Nail said that if intervention takes place, it should be in the context of preserving global peace, not promoting U.S. economic interests.

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About 100 people gathered in front of the Eugene Federal Building on Monday to protest the looming war with Iraq. Student reaction has been mixed.
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Freshman ROTC cadet Hannah Skelton said she accepts that her brother could be deployed soon. "You go into that knowing that the possibility is there," she said.

Bush repeats vow to use 'full force' if Iraq doesn't comply with resolution

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WASHINGTON — President Bush marked Veterans Day on Monday by vowing to "commit the full force and might" of U.S. military forces to compel Iraqi compliance with U.N. demands for disarmament.

Bush issued his threat at ceremonies at the White House and Arlington National Cemetery as the Iraqi parliament opened debate on the U.N. Security Council requirement.

The U.N. Security Council gave Baghdad seven days to accept U.N. terms — or by Friday. Iraq then has until Dec. 8 to furnish a complete inventory of prohibited programs for chemical, biological or nuclear weapons and until Dec. 23 to readmit U.N. weapons inspectors.

Iraqi lawmakers' acceptance of the U.N. terms would give Hussein a face-saving way to accept the U.N. demand by enabling him to claim that he was merely abiding by the will of representatives of the Iraqi people. Hussein's hand-picked Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council makes the final call.

Bush highlighted his readiness to back up U.N. demands with U.S.-led military action, after winning U.N. Security Council support for the crackdown he had sought since Sept. 12.

"The dictator of Iraq will fully disarm — or the United States will lead a coalition and disarm him," Bush told veterans, officials and family members marking Veterans Day in a blustery rain at Arlington National Cemetery.

Bush reiterated in his remarks on Monday that Iraqi defiance of U.N.-imposed restrictions on weapons of mass destruction raised the possibility that Hussein might hand off mass-casualty weapons to operatives from the al-Qaida

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Internet prank in Carson blasts file-sharing

Bogus notices threatening bandwidth reductions prompted student concerns

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Random notices were placed throughout Carson Hall on Wednesday, warning students to discontinue their usage of Internet peer-to-peer software programs such as Kazaa. But as

it turns out, the letters were nothing more than the work of hooligans.

The postings, dated Nov. 6, said the network serving Carson was under extreme stress because students were using high-volume programs to download music and movies. Because previous guidelines set forth were not followed, ResNet administration was forced to take "extreme action,"

the letters said.

But the notices — which stated that upload and download streams would be capped at two kilobytes per second if students did not quit using file-sharing programs — are completely bogus, ResNet Administrator Norm Meyers said.

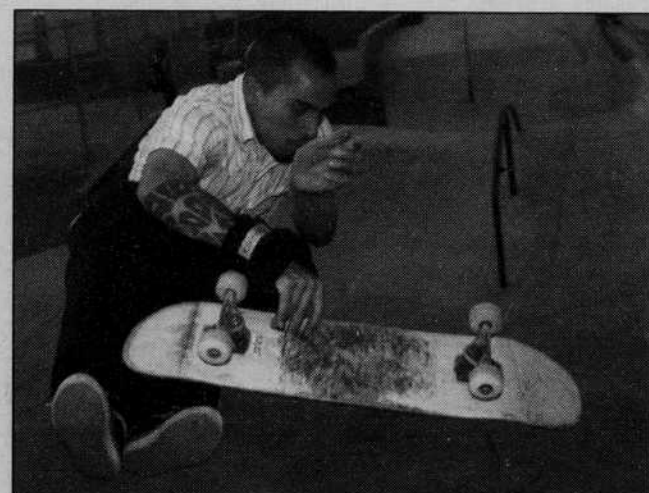
Meyers said he does not know who posted the notices, but added that it was not from

anyone in the ResNet administration. Meyers speculated that the postings probably came from an irate user who is upset because the system is running slowly.

"There's too much volume going on, and (it is) saturating the network," Meyers said.

Students often call and complain about speed, Meyers said, and sometimes the com-

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Adam Amato Emerald

Skatepark patron Bryan Schmick has been skating for five years. "Skating just became a way of life," he said.

Bethel Skate Park draws little, big kids

At 8,600 square feet, the city's newest skate park emphasizes both form and function

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Extreme sports lovers of all ages agree: The creative and efficient design of Eugene's newest skate park is what keeps BMX bikers and skateboarders alike coming back for more. Bethel Skate Park, located on Babe Ruth Street across from Bethel Elementary School, is the largest in the city.

And although the 8,600 square feet of well-placed rails, flowing "speed lines" and high "air hits" make it a favorite among Eugene's five parks, most "big kids" only truly enjoy the park before elementary students get out of school. After two months of vigorous planning and conflicts about its size, the Bethel park was completed Oct. 1 after a quick 10 weeks of construction, skate park designer Geth Noble said.

"The city only provides a meager, little chocolate of land next to all this open space," Noble said, referring to the dust-

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WEATHER

Today: High 55, Low 45,

Gusty, rain at times

Wednesday: High 55, Low 45,

Mostly cloudy, scattered showers

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday

City Council is poised to decide on the domestic partner registry

Thursday

Orbis system expands to borrow from Washington schools as well