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 HERE LET ME DEMONSTRATE.
 ALRIGHT I'M READY! GRAB MY LEGS, MAN, GRAB MY LEGS!
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 THAT'S IT, STANLEY! I AM SICK OF BEING SUCH A LOSER!!!
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 I HAVEN'T HAD A JOB FOR EIGHT MONTHS...
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 I'LL GO GET A PRIEST.
 IT'S THE END...

Powell keeps low profile as Bush ponders attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell continues to maintain a low profile on attacking Iraq, but close associates say it is not meant to signal his views.

While some other senior advisers to President Bush have been publicly vocal, Powell is concentrating on privately laying out a case to European allies and Arab friends that Iraq's President Saddam Hussein poses a threat to the world, these intimates say.

The secretary, in his consultations with foreign leaders, takes the position that even if Saddam reversed his refusal for 3 1/2 years to admit international inspectors to search for weapons of mass destruction it would not end the Bush administration's dispute with Baghdad.

Powell says Iraq must go further and disarm, as it promised the U.N. Security Council at the end of the Persian Gulf war to liberate Kuwait in 1991.

Whatever views Powell holds beyond that are reserved for the president, say Powell's associates, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But his consultations, mainly by telephone, are geared to seeking as much unity as possible on Iraq as a threat to stability in the Middle East, as well as elsewhere.

His opportunity to lobby will expand this week as he attends an environmental and economic summit in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Leaders from Africa, Europe and Asia will attend — and be available for Powell to present the administration's case against Saddam. Powell flies there Monday night.

In a BBC program marking the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, Powell stressed the need to hold unfettered international inspections in Iraq. "The president has been clear that he believes weapons inspectors should return," he said.

"Iraq has been in violation of these many U.N. resolutions for most of the last 11 years or so," Powell said. "And so, as a first step, let's see what the inspectors find."

Last week, when Britain appeared ready to pro-

pose a deadline for inspections, the State Department spokesman Richard Boucher suggested even if Iraq complied that would not be enough to satisfy the Bush administration.

He said Iraq had backtracked on commitments nine times since 1991 and that inspections were not an end in themselves.

Powell's low profile is partly due to taking some time for vacation. But it is still in marked contrast to the strong public statements by Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Condoleezza Rice, Bush's assistant for national security.

Cheney has been especially outspoken, accusing Iraq of avidly pursuing nuclear weapons. His remarks appeared to support a pre-emptive strike.

Bush has said little and evidently has not yet made a decision on how to attempt to overthrow Saddam. Powell has given no public indication he disagrees with the administration's goal of ousting the Iraqi leader.

His advice on how to go about it is for the president's ears alone, officials say.

The former chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff brings with that advice long experience in combat.

At the same time, he is known to be an advocate of restraint — against Iraq after Kuwait was freed and against intervention in the Balkans against ethnic conflict in the first Clinton administration.

Most of the European allies and Arab governments have sought to dissuade Bush from launching an attack.

And members of Congress are asking the administration to outline its position and provide an assessment of whether the U.S. military was ready to take on Iraq.

Sen. Chuck Hagel, a ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and an early advocate of caution in Bush's approach to Iraq, agrees that Saddam regime is a threat. But the Nebraskan says Bush needs to keep an eye on a political map filled with dangers.

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 — Colin Powell
 U.S. Secretary of State

Silver Taps
 Silver Taps, normally on the first Tuesday of the month, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 10 in the Academic Building Plaza at 10:30 a.m.

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 needs of a changing Texas. Fehlis said. "Our role is to research information from university to people in the for use in everyday life."

Fehlis has been assistant vice chancellor of Agriculture Program, deputy director of Extension since 1998. He earned a bachelor's degree in animal science in 1969, a master's in 1977 and a doctorate in 1987, both in agricultural education, all from Texas A&M.

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 completion in October. The building will be a room for the football team and A&M athletes, but will include south end zone seating for games. Williams said there are no plans to do the future, he said.

The most recent project which began in July, is the construction of the chemical engineering building at Spivey Street and University Drive. Zachry. The building is scheduled for completion in October 2003, Williams said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Charter school students found to score poorly
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Students in charter schools often score as poorly as students in failing neighborhood schools, a new study shows.

Charter school students were anywhere from a half year to a full year behind their public school peers, researchers at the Brookings Institution concluded after reviewing 1999-2000 reading and math achievement test scores of 376 charter schools in 10 states.

The study, the first independent snapshot of charter school performance across the nation, found that 59 percent of students at traditional public schools scored better than charter school students during the period studied.

The findings don't necessarily reflect poorly on charter schools, which often attract students who are looking for a way to improve their skills, the authors caution.

In a few states, such as Texas, these schools actively seek out such pupils, said Tom Loveless, a senior fellow at the Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings, a liberal-oriented think tank here. "They're looking for kids who are low achieving," he said.

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