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Opponents dispute possible effects Clinton testimony release

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Americans have an about the effect of the Clinton's grand jury and professors at M are no exception. Blackwelder, head of the department, said she feels be no major implicac administration from of these tapes because ng new.

tions or local political races. "This should not have any effect on the Democratic party because there were no grounds of party collusion in this case. None of the other democrats knew anything about this until it was presented in the media either," she said.

Judith Baer, a professor of political science, said she feels the Clinton case could have possible harmful effects to the democratic party, but it is really too early to tell.

"Even though it might not have a national effect, the Democrats at the local levels are taking on a defeated kind of attitude which shows a lowered confidence level, and this could potentially hurt them," she said.

Jon Bond, a professor of political science, said he felt the release of the tapes was driven by partisan politics.

"The releasing of the tapes is just an partisan attempt to embarrass the Clinton administra-

tion," he said.

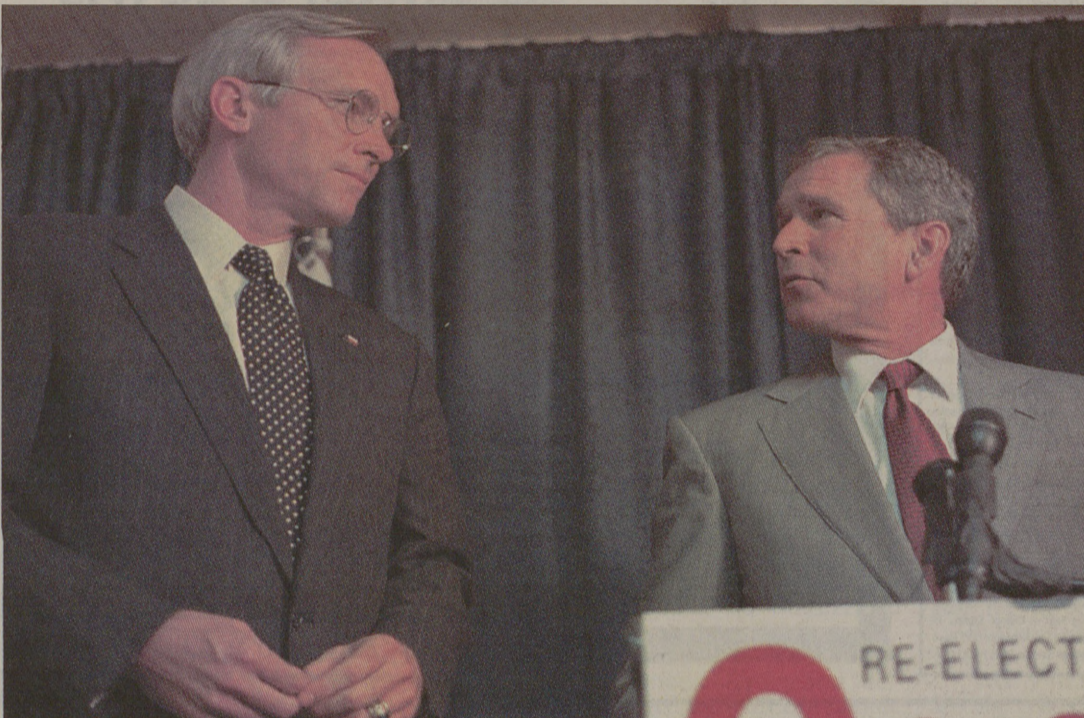
Bond said that during the Reconstruction period, the Andrew Johnson impeachment dealt with slight policy disagreements, but Nixon's administration dealt with serious and grave abuses of power as well as governmental corruption.

Bond said he felt the Clinton case falls somewhere between the two.

"As far as impeachment proceedings are concerned, Congress is struggling with the definition of what meets standard high crime misdemeanor which is the basis for the proceeding with an impeachment," he said.

Blackwelder said she thinks this case could possibly have a negative effect on the Republican party in the long term.

"In the next decade, the relationships between conservative politics and religion will fall apart," she said. "The search for morality is becoming more of a witch hunt."



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Sen. Steve Ogden and Gov. George W. Bush speak at a press conference Monday night before a birthday party for Ogden at Texas (formerly Texas Hall of Fame). Both Ogden and Bush are seeking reelection for their respective positions in November.

Birthday bash serves dual purpose

• *Celebration doubles as fund raising function for Bush, Ogden.*

BY MEGAN WRIGHT
The Battalion

Gov. George W. Bush attended a joint fund raiser and birthday celebration at Texas (formerly the Texas Hall of Fame) last night for Sen. Steve Ogden and his wife Beverly.

In a press conference before the event kicked off, Bush expressed no intent to run for president, despite what recent polls indicate.

"At this point, I am interested in one thing," Bush said. "I intend to be the first governor to be elected to two consecutive four-year terms. I will make up my mind about a presidential election in the spring."

When asked about the recent White House scandals, Bush kept

his focus on the fundamental duties of officeholders.

"I haven't seen the Clinton videotapes yet, but I believe when people put their hand on that Bible and take the oath that they have certain dignity to uphold," Bush said. "This is not a politically joyous time in America right now. People need to realize that this is somber business."

Last night's fundraiser was attended by approximately 1,000 people, with Brazos County Sheriff Chris Kirk serving as the Master of Ceremonies.

Bush addressed the crowd, wishing both Steve and Beverly Ogden a happy birthday and saying he will keep his campaign efforts strong for both Ogden and himself.

"The polls [for the governor's race] say that my lead is growing," Bush said. "I refuse to take a single vote for granted. I am working harder in 1998 than I did in 1994, because I am working to make sure Texas has correct priorities of

a limited government."

Ogden's words focused on the success of the Republican party in Texas.

"We are standing on an estimated \$6 billion budget surplus. This means a possible 10 percent tax rate reduction for all Texans. We are working to make this a reality in January."

In last night's address to the crowd, Ogden thanked his wife for her support.

"I would like to thank her for standing by me for 24 years, giving me three wonderful children and all her help and support getting me reelected," Ogden said.

Bush also said he appreciates the support both he and Ogden have received from Aggies.

"They (Aggies) have been a huge part of the success for 'Victory '98,'" Bush said. "A&M is fertile land when it comes to this campaign. Both Senator Ogden and I plan to mount a massive voter registration drive, and Aggies have been instrumental in our efforts."

College of Education hosts open house

ELISSA JORDAN
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College of Education its Graduate School use today from 2 to 110 and 111 Koldus. Carr, assistant dean Department of Academics, said the College began the open year as a new way t graduate students. en 60 and 70 people l the open house last Carr estimated that 100 people will par this year.

60 percent of the graduate population part-time students, d the open house is l to include a variety e.

College of Education nitations to city and governments, private and day care centers rea so that teachers, trators and other em would be encour attend.

Nelson, academic II in the Department ational Administratid people interested nuing their education visit the open house. courage anybody in munity that is con-

sidering a master's or doctorate from any of our departments to come and take advantage of this," Nelson said.

Carol Wagner, academic adviser in the Department of Educational Psychology, said the open house provides an opportunity to speak one on one with representatives from the College of Education.

"For those in the community it's good that they can talk face to face with people that they will have to deal with once they make up their mind what it is they want to study."

Wagner said representatives from each department in the College of Education will be present to answer questions about the types of programs and courses offered in the graduate school.

Information concerning graduate programs, specific departments within the College of Education and the Graduate Record Exam will be available during the open house.

"All of the information that a student would need to know about applying for graduate school in the College of Education is right in one location," Wagner said.

Clinton tapes bring mixed student reactions

BY MEREDITH HIGHT AND MEGAN WRIGHT
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With the videotapes of President Clinton's grand jury testimony released yesterday, political student organizations had mixed reactions about the president himself, his actions and possible repercussions.

Kent Carter, Programs Director for Aggie Democrats feels the testimony will have some effect on the Democratic Party, but that should not overshadow President Clinton's ability to lead.

"It's definitely going to be somewhat of a strain on the national Democratic party. Nobody is going to want him to come out and campaign for them. There are going to obviously be some negative effects," Carter said. "As far as his leadership abilities, I think he can lead because he's had so many obstacles during his presidency and he's overcome all of them. It will be interesting to see him overcome this one. I think he can."

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CLINTON

Bus Operations test drives prototype

BY MEGAN WRIGHT
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During the next two weeks, students might notice a blue and white bus running on different routes on and off campus.

Gary Jackson, manager of Texas A&M Bus Operations, said the bus is a prototype that Bus Ops is considering for future use at Texas A&M.

"We are getting a bus on loan from the Bluebird (bus company) for about two weeks," Jackson said. "They are similar to the type we are looking at leasing later in the spring semester."

Jackson said major differences between current A&M buses and the prototype include a more powerful air conditioning system, seats that face inward to allow for increased standing room, an improved paratransit lift and a more efficient engine.

Once a decision is made by Bus Ops officials about whether to lease the new buses, a new assembly of buses would take up to six months to secure.

"We're looking at possibly ordering these new buses later in May," Jackson said.

During the next two weeks the prototype will be used for various routes both on and off campus so it can be seen by a large number of students.

Opportunities for women at A&M differ greatly from those in 1964

BY ANDREA BROCKMAN
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The role of women at Texas A&M has come a long way since 1964 said Kay Goldman, one of the first women officially accepted into the University.

When Goldman first started attending classes at A&M, a woman either had to be married to a student or be the daughter of a faculty member.

"My husband was a veterinary medicine student at the time of my enrollment," she said. "We were married a week before I moved to College Station and registered for classes."

Goldman said there were only about 200 women out of the 6,000 students, and the majority of the students were in the Corps of Cadets.

"I used to walk across the entire

campus without seeing a single other woman," she said. "I was also the only female in most of my classes."

Goldman said neither Texas A&M nor its faculty were prepared for women students.

"There were no women's restrooms for students," she said. "I had to track down secretaries in the buildings to let me into their restrooms."

"Also, bowling was the only PE class we could take," she said.

Goldman was the first woman to run for a student body office in the history of Texas A&M.

"I ran for the social secretary of the freshman class," she said. "I didn't win the election, but I did get more votes than some of the men running."

"I did get my name in *The Battalion*," she said, "but at the time,

women in the newspaper weren't called Aggies, they were called Maggies or Lady Aggies."

Goldman now is on the executive board of the Graduate Student Council along with one of her two daughters.

Goldman is a graduate student in the history department of Texas A&M and teaches a section of History 105.

She said she teaches in the same room she had a class in 1964.

"My students are great," she said. "I told them what year I came to school here and offered extra credit for anyone who can correctly guess my age. So far no one has offered a guess."

Goldman said she and her husband have always been Aggie football fans.

"The year we went to school together we attended almost all the games and yell practices," she said.

"We made road trips to Houston, Dallas and even Louisiana."

"Last year, my daughter and I had season tickets and I stood at the games along with everyone else," she said.

She and her husband have also traveled to many Aggie Musters she said.

"The best tradition is Muster. It is the essence of being an Aggie," Goldman said. "When my husband was stationed in Scotland for the military we traveled to London to attend Muster," she said.

Though Goldman did not have the same opportunities as women attending A&M do today, she said she is proud of the role she played at A&M as one of the first female students.

"I was a pioneer," she said.



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Kay Goldman, a history graduate student, was one of the first women admitted to Texas A&M.

