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things we worked on during the school, crowd control techniques."

Bob Wiatt, director of UPD, said the mounted force was established two years ago, when UPD officers approached him with the idea. He said mounted patrol officers serve on the force under their own enlistment and provide their own horses; UPD is not permitted to purchase horses for the force.

Wiatt said the conference was effective in training the officers, and he will appoint them to serve at University-related events in which they would excel over vehicle and bike patrol officers.

"There are numerous reasons that a [university] would benefit from a mounted patrol," he said. "I'm not hesitant to use them wherever I think they can be of value."

Sechelski said the force has served at events, including the George Bush Presidential Library dedication and annual Aggie Bonfires, and the officers are looking forward to becoming more involved in safety preservation.

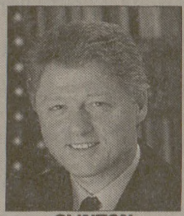
"There are so many people [at A&M] in positions of power who don't understand horses," Sechelski said. "Our horses are very well trained. We know their capabilities; we know their shortcomings."

Sechelski said the plans for the conference originated from the officers' desire to acquire additional training, which would enable them to execute their duties more safely.

"We felt that we needed training," he said. "We're accomplished horse patrol and accomplished peace officers. We just weren't sure how to put those two together."

Clinton's address focuses on new-programs spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before a Congress torn over impeachment, President Clinton offered a surprise plan Tuesday to protect the Social Security and Medicare programs with massive budget surpluses that Republicans are eyeing for tax cuts.



CLINTON

On a day of high drama that shifted from his trial in the Senate to his State of the Union address, Clinton urged spending billions of dollars for new programs in child care, education, crime-fighting, the environment and the Pentagon.

He proposed \$4.2 billion — a 70 percent increase — to reduce the threat from Russia's nuclear arsenal and redirect the work of Russian scientists from weapons research to civilian fields.

Two special guests were invited to sit in the House chamber with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton for the president's speech: civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks and baseball slugger Sammy Sosa.

Clinton's Social Security proposal sets up a monumental fight

over the how to protect the giant pension program and deal with GOP tax-cutting ambitions against a background of \$4 trillion in projected surpluses over 15 years.

The president's proposal — which came under swift attack by Republicans — would create new 401(k)-style retirement accounts for workers and invest some of Social Security's cash reserves in the stock market for the first time.

Moving from last year's call to "save Social Security first," Clinton proposed transferring 62 percent of expected budget surpluses over the next 15 years — \$2.7 trillion — to the Social Security account to keep the program solvent until 2055.

Twenty-five percent of that money would be invested by the government in the stock market in hopes of achieving higher returns.

Clinton's plan also would reserve 15 percent of the surplus — \$650 billion over 15 years — for the ailing Medicare system. An additional 11 percent of the surplus — \$500 billion — would be devoted to new government-subsidized retirement accounts, with the Treasury matching the savings of lower-income people.

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countable to the same standards as other U.S. citizens.

"I think he should step down from the office, just as Nixon did," Knocke said.

Amy Hinze, president of Aggie Democrats and a sophomore political science major, said the president has remained popular because he focuses on the issues important to the American people.

"We are disappointed in the president's behavior, but we support what he has done as a

president," Hinze said.

Jon Bond, a political science professor, said the trial in the Senate is very different from the trials in the judicial system.

"It's called a trial, but many of the procedures of a criminal trial are absent in the Senate," Bond said.

"For instance, Barbara Boxer, a senator from California, is the President's in-law. The court would allow her to sit as a juror. Hataway said she is unsure how the trial will last.

"It could be over in ten working days, but if they call witnesses, it could take two weeks for each witness

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held this past Wednesday, January 13, at the Capitol in Austin.

The Roadshow gave Texas A&M students and their faculty advisers an opportunity to present 18 research projects to members of the Texas Legislature.

"The exciting part of the experience was how the research projects incorporate both the faculty and student interests into one event," said Reinemeyer. "Also, the Texas Legislature had the opportunity to meet with some of its constituents and see what the University is doing."

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