

Beutel gains Blume

New physical therapist, athletic trainer comes with goals for future

BY APRIL YOUNG
The Battalion

Chris Blume, physical therapist and athletic trainer, has been hired as physical therapist for A.P. Beutel Health Center and has goals for the future of physical therapy at Texas A&M. Blume, who has three years of experience at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, and opened a sports medicine clinic in the Mayo Clinic, said her vision is to implement an educational program focusing on injury prevention, in which the Health Center works in conjunction with the Student Recreation Center. She said the Rec Center provides students a facility where visitation appointments are not required, so students would have more flexibility when incorporating a physical therapy routine into their schedules. Margaret Griffith, health education coordinator for the Health Center, said she

believes it is important for the Health Center to offer physical therapy as a service because most insurance companies do not offer coverage for it.

Dr. Lucille Isdale, director of student health services for the Health Center, said employing Blume has given the Health Center an opportunity to offer students more options since she will be available to serve them full time.

Blume said she encourages students to take advantage of the services offered by the Health Center because they are paid for by student fees, so students are not charged upon visitation of the center.

Blume said she believes the Health Center exhibits a positive relationship with the faculty and students at A&M, and the center provides students with talented physicians.

"Our goal is to get everyone back to where they were before and back to what they enjoy doing, safely," Blume said.

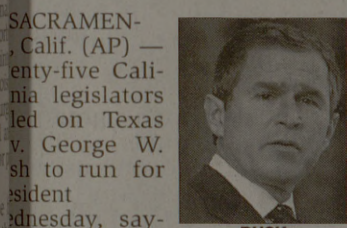
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Daniel Ramirez, a senior biology major, performs for onlookers at the MSC flagroom during a break between classes.

Californians petition for Bush's candidacy



BUSH

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Fifty-five California legislators led on Texas v. George W. Bush to run for president Wednesday, saying his education policies and "compassionate conservatism" make him the strongest candidate in a growing GOP field. "I'm for George W. Bush — he represents to me a new generation of Republican leaders, and I think that's what the country needs in 2000," said Assemblyman Bill Leonard of Rancho Cucamonga. The petition was signed by 22 Democrats and three of 15 Republican legislators. They represent moderates and conservatives alike in the legislature, and included all four Hispanic Republicans. Their petition was sent to Bush

one day after he was sworn in for a second term. Bush has not announced whether he will run for president, but some national polls put him in front of all other competitors.

The petition and the accompanying rhetoric represent a double slap to California's last Republican governor, Pete Wilson, who is considering a White House run himself. Some Republicans believe Wilson cost the party dearly by fostering racial divisiveness with his stands against aid to illegal immigrants and against affirmative action.

"I'm sure Governor Bush very much appreciates their words of support," said Karen Hughes, Bush's director of communications.

"He hopes they will understand that he has not made a decision at this point, but he is thinking very seriously and intends to make an informed decision. He appreciates their input and their encourage-

ment," she said.

The petition was accompanied by a note under the "California Legislature" letterhead.

"With the California presidential primary of March 2000 fast approaching, it is important that a credible candidate for president establish a California presence," the letter read.

"We know that you are the Republican presidential candidate for Texas, and we share a strong opinion that your qualities will serve well as the Republican presidential candidate for California."

California has advanced its primary to March 7, 2000, an early date that could give the state more clout in the nomination process than ever before.

"George W. Bush has a record of accomplishment as governor of Texas on important issues like cutting taxes, ending social promotion and teaching every child to read, welfare reform, juvenile justice reform and encouraging free trade,"

said Senate Republican Whip Ray Haynes of Riverside.

Leonard added that California is attempting to pattern its emerging school standards after those in Texas.

Bush has "shown unmatched political leadership in his ability to reach out and bridge the gap between traditional and non-traditional Republican constituencies, like Latinos — a growing and increasingly important population in California," added Assemblyman Abel Maldonado, R-Santa Maria.

The Texas governor is the only GOP presidential candidate, announced or otherwise, who has made a courtesy call to new Assembly Republican leader Rod Pacheco, who is Hispanic and who signed the petition.

In the letter, the lawmakers predicted Bush "will reach out to all."

"I like Pete Wilson. I worked with him for years," Leonard said in a telephone interview just after the petition was faxed to Bush.

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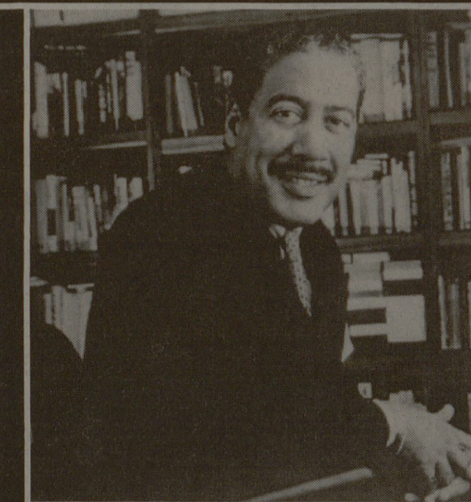
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