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Gates supports Bowen's stance on Aggie Bonfire

By Kevin Espenlaub
THE BATTALION

In the wake of several new developments concerning the legal issues of the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse, incoming President Dr. Robert Gates supported the decisions of outgoing President Dr. Ray M. Bowen, including the decision to hold off on Bonfire in 2002.

On July 24, 2002, U.S. District Judge Samuel B. Kent ruled that University officials were aware of the dangers associated with Bonfire but government immunity applied in the cases.

On July 27, according to the Bryan-College Station Eagle, the Texas Board of Engineers approved an agreement with A&M requiring professional engineering oversight and supervision for any future Bonfires that was signed by Bowen.

"There is still a lot that I don't know about Bonfire," Gates said. "I was here at the time and I watched President Bowen's decision making process and I can't see where anywhere along the way he has

put a foot wrong on these issues."

However, Gates showed concern about future Bonfires under the new regulations that would be in place if the tradition were to resume after 2002.

"There are two aspects that I want to look at more closely," Gates said. "The first is that the liability issues seem to be very serious to me. The other is totally different. Just in listening to the students it seems a big part of the Bonfire tradition was the engagement of the students in every aspect of it."

"It sounds like under the new rules, the students couldn't participate in the cut, they couldn't participate in putting the stack together, and it sounds like the only thing that would be left for the students would be figuring out who puts the match to the thing."

Gates encouraged the idea that students create a new tradition to imitate the complete student participation that made Bonfire unique stemming from Bowen, when he announced in February that Bonfire would not take place in 2002.

Gates

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most about A&M is the number of old Aggies that came here with little more than the shirt on their back and became extremely successful in one way or another," Gates said. "I think of this as the University that offers an opportunity for young men and women in Texas that don't have much, but have a great deal of potential. We need to remain accessible to people."

Gates is looking to a man many people on A&M's campus

Students

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tradition has been on hold since the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse, sparking much debate by students and the administration.

"It is very key that everyone who has an opinion about Bonfire is heard," said Burke Wilson, the spokesman for the Corps of Cadets and a senior speech communications major. "I don't think Bonfire needs to burn unless it is safe. I think Gates will need to look at everything and weigh all of the options before making his decision. The hard part for him will

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are very familiar with the tradition as he takes on the challenges of one of the largest universities.

"The person I look for is someone who came in and basically revolutionized this University. He made it co-ed, made it no longer mandatory, and made it of this while still keeping the traditions in place. I think it could be done, and the challenge is to see if it can be done. The good news is that I've got a lot of help."

be balancing it with what the students want."

Gates, who has degrees from the College of William and Mary, Indiana University, and Georgetown, served as the interim dean of the George Mason School of Government and Public Service from 1999-2001.

However, students say being a former student will hinder his presidency.

"Because he is relatively new to the school, he will be able to have new discussions with us from different perspectives," Hammond said. "He has the best interest of the University at heart. I don't think loving A&M requires graduating from here."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Citizens group seeks removal of Prairie View A&M dean after alleged lewdness

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS (AP) A half dozen demonstrators were on the Prairie View A&M campus on Tuesday, calling for the resignation of a dean accused of public lewdness.

Gerald Rambally, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, lacks the "moral expertise" to continue in his position after he pleaded no contest to a reduced charge of disorderly conduct.

Paul Nugent, lawyer for Rambally, said the dean entered his plea July 17 to the lowest-level misdemeanor - equivalent to a traffic violation - to avoid the expense and disruption of a trial. Rambally paid a \$200 fine after entering his plea.

The case began in March after a neighbor complained that Rambally performed a lewd act in front of an open window of his apartment so she could see him.

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The SRPH was founded in 1998 and is the only school of its kind in the country, Dorsey said.

The school remains the only school of public health in the country that puts rural health issues in the forefront, Sumaya said.

The SRPH has continually expanded since its inception. Earlier this year the school received approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the addition of two doctoral programs to

further its current masters programs. From the beginning, SRPH offered a masters of public health, a master of science in public health, and a master of health administration.

Courses will be offered that will count toward a doctorate in health services research beginning in Fall 2002, but courses that will count toward a doctorate in public health (with two different focus areas) will not start until Fall 2003, Dorsey said.

The SRPH also offers courses at eight different locations in the central, east, coastal bend and southern regions of Texas. Dorsey said the courses offered in

College Station are televised through TTVN to all of these locations.

The types of certificate or graduate degrees offered is specific to each location, she said. The SRPH campuses in Temple, Tyler, Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Laredo and McAllen currently offer masters of public health.

As a professional school, SRPH includes a wide range of students, Dorsey said.

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