

## Clinton's legal troubles have long term effects

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"Some think that sexual virtue is the be all, key all to determining character. Presidents can be vulnerable morally, yet be effective politically," she said.

"John F. Kennedy was clearly reckless in his sexual behavior, but look at his handling of the Cuban Missile Crisis. He wasn't a risk taker. Clinton is also very moderate and modest in politics. Whatever his sex life may be like, he is not an extreme risk taker."

Glad also thinks Americans expect too much out of their presidents.

"They are expected to be morally pure while being politically smart and politically effective. People think they can never make a deal but a president can't survive in political life without this," she said.

Glad sees Clinton as someone with the ability to bounce back from stress rather than shutting himself down as some presidents have. For example, Calvin Coolidge was immobilized after the death of his son.

She says the public has a problem with Clinton because they do not know his position on issues.

"He talks in ambiguous ways. But Franklin Roosevelt and Gorbachev, as well as Jefferson and Washington were accused of this too. Politicians have to be careful and watch their talk. Is this an adaptation to political life? I don't know," she said.

Glad believes the allegations concerning Lewinsky are more serious politically than previous allegations concerning Gennifer Flowers and Paula Jones.

"Lewinsky is younger and this happened in the White House. The others are past history. The guy should, if he did what they say, have been acting more politically astute," Glad said.

However, she believes that speaking of impeachment is premature.

"We don't know what happened yet. Impeachment would be long down the road. Most likely, though, he would resign," she said. "It's strange. It's not a criminal trial if he did encourage her to lie. I'm not aware of anyone who's been prosecuted for lying in a deposition in a civil case."

Glad said "gotcha" politics is characteristic of the past decade, and this type of media coverage for former presidents like Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George Bush did not occur during their presidencies.

"People still liked sex and crime in the 60s, but it wasn't like this with Carter, Reagan and Bush," she said. "Carter did political things while claiming not to be political like appointing friends when he said he wouldn't."

However, Glad does not know why the change occurred.

"Perhaps it's a more active right-wing group making a concerted effort to get Bill Clinton," she said.

She also believes that the increased coverage is not caused by an increased demand by the people.

"We shouldn't go back to where nothing's published anymore, but the press doesn't wait for balanced stories anymore," she said. "Once it's in one source, the responsible press goes after it. They don't want to be scooped. Double checking evidence be damned."

## Guatemala attack causes U.S. colleges to weigh risks, benefits of study abroad

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When gunmen raped and robbed 16 college students and school officials from St. Mary's College in Maryland who were on an anthropological tour of Guatemala, some educators back in the United States promptly canceled their plans to back similar study trips to the Central American country.

Spring Arbor College in Michigan ordered 18 of its students and faculty members, also in Guatemala at the time of the attack, to return home immediately, cutting short their trip by two days.

Administrators at Michigan State University, which sent 22 students to the area last month, weren't planning to send another group until December. They've already nixed those plans.

The attack on Jan. 16 raises questions of liability.

Courts already have ruled that colleges and universities are legally responsible for some injuries happening on campus, but whether the same is true for studies abroad isn't clear.

"We're always scared that if there were one terrorist incident in Rome, what could happen to us there, despite our liability insurance protection," said Rose Hayden, a board member of American University in Rome, according to news reports. "It sends a cold shiver down the backbones of anyone sending Americans anywhere."

Such uncertainty comes at a time when more American students are studying abroad than ever and venturing into more diverse territories. The number of students in Latin America in 1996 jumped 18 percent to 13,726 over the previous year; in Africa by 10 percent to 2,027; and in Asia by 5 percent to 5,699.

The uncertainty also comes at a time when the State Department is advising Americans worldwide "to exercise greater than usual caution" when traveling. Experts suggest tips ranging from avoiding loud talk to staying out of dark areas at night. They also say travelers should follow current events and leave clothing with coveted labels, Nikes and Levis, for example, at home.

More travel safety tips and a list of destinations where the State Department

discourages travel can be found at: <http://www.state.gov>

Recent events suggest there's a growing threat of anti-U.S. violence, such as Saddam Hussein's angry and intermittent exchanges with American leaders; the November murders of four Americans visiting Pakistan, targeted, their killers later said, in retaliation for the conviction of a Pakistani man who had killed two CIA workers; and last year's conviction for the bombing of the World Trade Center.

The recent attack wasn't the first inkling of danger in Guatemala. The United States Embassy there has reported an increased number of kidnappings, rapes, shootings and violent assaults involving American tourists.

In July, the State Department reported that a public bus was hijacked during daylight hours and all 20 passengers robbed at gunpoint.

The student group from St. Mary's was aware of these incidents and had been counseled about safety concerns before the trip. Nonetheless, college officials didn't believe students were at great risk,

noting a lack of travel restrictions issued by the State Department at the time.

Michael Conn, like most students who study abroad, told the Associated Press he's bound for Western Europe. France is the "safest place" to study French, he said.

"I think people might say at first that Africa would be cool, and then they say, 'This place might have an unstable government, and I don't want to be in that area if it blows up,'" he said.

Conn also said he's been encouraging his girlfriend to study Spanish in Spain instead of Central America so she'll have a better chance of avoiding incidents such as the attack in Guatemala.

"She's pretty definitely going to Spain, and she's looking for one more deciding factor," he said. "I think she may have found it."

## Boston U. looks to open student judicial records

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A juvenile on a bike rode around Boston University fondling female students.

Another BU student had a cup of coffee thrown in his face in what was labeled a possible hate crime.

Both cases have happened within the past four years, and both were disclosed to students by the campus' police department. But at many colleges across the country, students have to press school officials for more information about the crimes committed around them. Numbers, they argue, just aren't enough. They want the names of the students involved.

Support for opening student judicial proceedings isn't limited to campus. This

session, Congress will consider forcing colleges to open their judicial records to students, said Steve Fisher, a spokesman for Rep. John Duncan Jr. (R-Tenn.), who introduced The Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting bill last February.

The bill would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow more timely and accurate disclosure of crime reports and statistics. But the most sweeping and controversial aspect of the bill is its provision calling for open disciplinary hearings at colleges nationwide.

In December, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a ruling from the Ohio Supreme Court that forces universities in that state to release disciplinary records — with students' names and addresses attached.

"Such disclosure nationwide is simply unthinkable," said Lori Tenser, Brandeis University's associate director of campus life. Because Brandeis is private, neither students nor journalists have the right to attend hearings, she said.

"Private institutions do not adhere to the same standards that public ones do," Tenser said. "Freedom of the press applies in a technical sense to the protection of the Constitution, and the protection of the Constitution does not necessarily apply to private enterprises."

"At most colleges, judicial proceedings are held behind closed doors, and administrators plan to keep it that way. Some legal experts warn that opening student judicial proceedings to the public could be dangerous."

"A bunch of complications arise over having public hearings," said T. Barton Carter, a professor of mass communication at BU. "You have to measure the privacy right of the student versus the public safety."

Carter pointed to a case at Brown University three years ago in which a female student claimed another student raped her. The campus newspaper got the name of the accused and printed several articles about the case. The man was exonerated eventually, but he withdrew from Brown after being bombarded with hate mail and verbal assaults.

"It's something that you definitely have to consider when looking at holding open hearings," Carter said.

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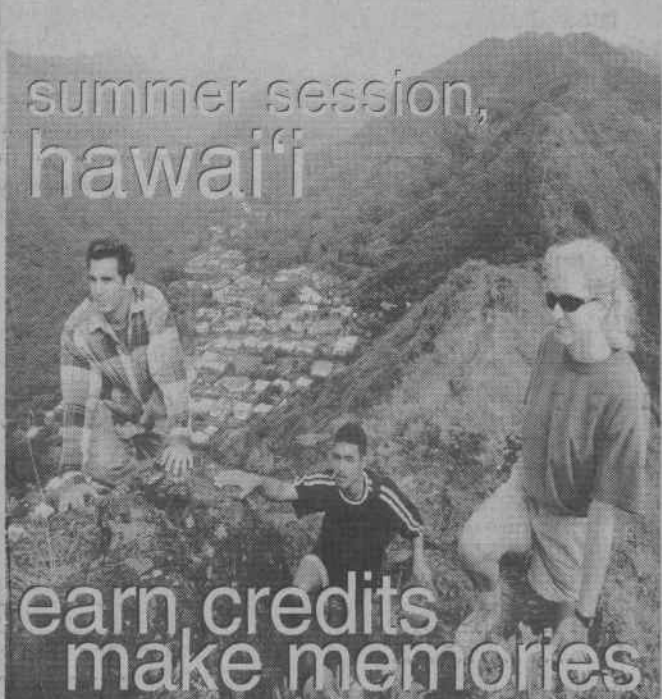
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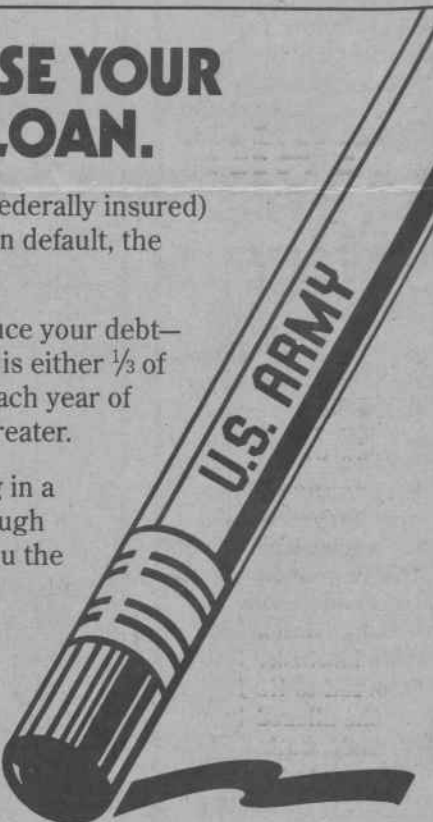
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