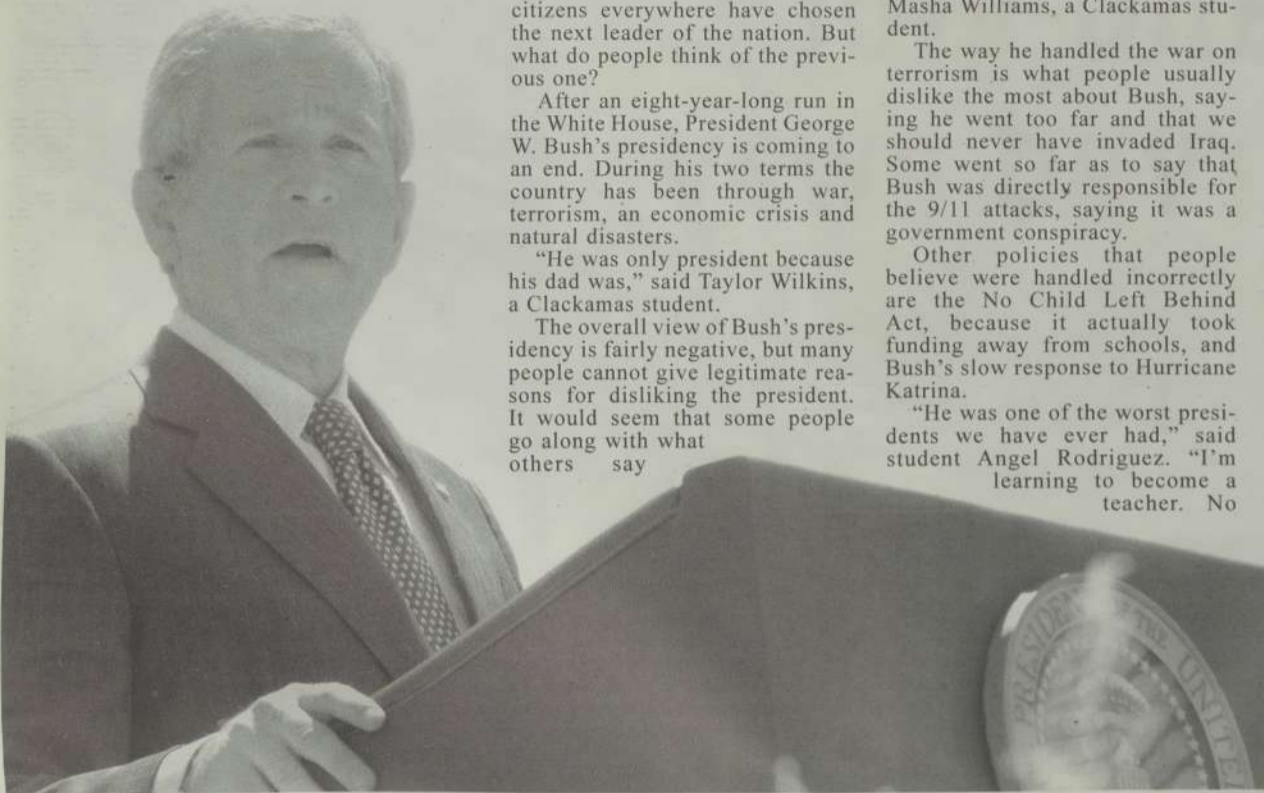


The final days of President Bush

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With elections over, American citizens everywhere have chosen the next leader of the nation. But what do people think of the previous one?

After an eight-year-long run in the White House, President George W. Bush's presidency is coming to an end. During his two terms the country has been through war, terrorism, an economic crisis and natural disasters.

"He was only president because his dad was," said Taylor Wilkins, a Clackamas student.

The overall view of Bush's presidency is fairly negative, but many people cannot give legitimate reasons for disliking the president. It would seem that some people go along with what others say

about him without looking at all the facts. However, those who do have reasons to back their statements made excellent points.

"I just don't like him," said Masha Williams, a Clackamas student.

The way he handled the war on terrorism is what people usually dislike the most about Bush, saying he went too far and that we should never have invaded Iraq. Some went so far as to say that Bush was directly responsible for the 9/11 attacks, saying it was a government conspiracy.

Other policies that people believe were handled incorrectly are the No Child Left Behind Act, because it actually took funding away from schools, and Bush's slow response to Hurricane Katrina.

"He was one of the worst presidents we have ever had," said student Angel Rodriguez. "I'm learning to become a teacher. No

Child Left Behind took from schools."

But not all the comments were negative. Some don't like Bush, and believe that he has done a good job. Ironically, for the same reason that people like that they don't like him - the war on Terror. Some are glad he is out after the terrorists so they can get on with their lives, but they still think that he has done a good job at protecting the country from future attacks.

"Ever since 9/11, there has been a fear of terrorism, yet to be another major event on the U.S.," said Page 3, a Clackamas student.

Some say it is unfair to put all blame on the president for everything that has gone wrong because it wasn't all his decision but the decision of many.

"George Bush was just a mistake for the entire government, not just his," said Martin, Clackamas student.

Overall it would seem that people are generally disappointed with the president's performance, but not all would say that he is the worst president.

"Egotistical, slightly arrogant, but overall - not the worst," said Sean Huggins, a Clackamas student.

RIGHT: ASG member Quyen Thoi (right) talks with a student after the Political Soapbox held in Bill Brody Community Center last Thursday. The soapbox was an opportunity for students to express their opinions on the current presidential and state races. More than 50 people attended the event.



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RIGHT: Emily Smith, ASG public relations officer, drops off ballots at the Clackamas County Elections Office yesterday. She turned in 101 ballots.

LEFT: Student Tanya Stiglbauer feeds a resident squirrel on campus on Halloween.



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Correction

In a Oct. 29 story about student services, *The Print* incorrectly reported the location and extension of financial aid. The correct location is Roger Rook Hall and the extension is 2309.

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