

Costly inauguration an inauspicious genesis

Things are finally beginning to settle down in Washington, D.C. Our 52nd president is finally at work after a three-day pre-inaugural party, one that Washington has never seen before in the history of presidents, at a cost of \$32 million, partially attributable to taxpayers' money.

It's not as if Bill Clinton is a savior to the United States and his inauguration was the "Second Coming," although his campaign promises made him "godly" in the eyes of the American people. He is merely a new face with some new promises, just like the other 51 men before him.

The fireworks, the music, the dancing, and the celebrity entertainment all became a symbol of the change of power in the White House: a change from a Republican to a Democrat, a change from a conservative to a liberal, but more importantly, a change from the older generation to the baby-boomer generation.

This three-day long symbolism was nothing more than a prelude to the rest of Clinton's symbolic presidency, which will have to be extremely successful to make the celebration worthwhile.

For many Americans, the celebration represented new equality and freedoms, and a unity that will strongly bond the country. Homosexuals are already realizing there may be no reason for celebration--President Clinton is now having to give the "homosexuals in the armed forces" issue a little extra thought.

The \$32 million pre-inaugural extravaganza not only cost the taxpayers money, but also tarnished the hopes and dreams of all the Americans that believed in the symbolism of the celebration and Bill Clinton.

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