



— Staff Photo by Jim Beekel

Former President George Bush gestures during a Republican campaign rally Friday at the Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts in Oklahoma City.

## Bush Criticizes Clinton During Stop in City

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Saying he was breaking his policy against criticizing President Clinton, former President George Bush said Friday in Oklahoma City he was tired of his Democratic successor criticizing Republicans.

Bush invoked the name of a comedian in explaining what he said was his former refusal to bash Clinton. "As Dana Carvey would say, 'Wouldn't be prudent. Not gonna do it,'" Bush said.

But on this partisan stop in Oklahoma, whatever promise of silence he made to himself was too much to keep only four days from the election.

Bush told the crowd — some of whom waved signs, like "Hooty Hoo Bush" and "Bush Rocks" — that Clinton was stumping about blaming Republicans in Congress "for his demise or things that weren't going right."

"He blames us and he is wrong. I'm so tired of it," Bush told about 5,000

noisy GOP supporters at Oklahoma Christian University of Sciences and Arts. "I think America is a little tired of it."

Bush's brief stops in Tulsa and then Oklahoma City were to boost Oklahoma candidates who all happen to be Republicans.

Bush also invoked a higher authority. This came in when he said Oklahomans have a chance to make "a national statement" in electing Republicans. "You are going to be doing the Lord's work," he said. "You are saying we are going to make fundamental change in Washington."

Bush said his political days are over, that his sons running for political offices in Texas and Florida is enough politics for him and wife Barbara.

U.S. Sen. Don Nickles, R-Ponca City, introduced the Oklahoma GOP candidates with political etiquette, even calling former GOP governor Henry Bell-

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