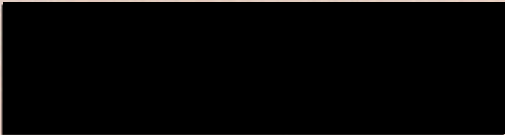


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GEORGE Bush's reelection campaign may stress a return to traditional family values, but that apparently hasn't deterred the nation's chief executive from getting some extra-marital bang for the buck.

In the new issue of *Spy Magazine*, reporter Joe Conason sheds light on several women who've been romantically linked to the president while he's been married to Barbara Bush — including the chief executive's longtime aide Jennifer Fitzgerald, known in media circles for some time as "the other Jennifer."

The British-born Fitzgerald, 66, who has served Bush "in a variety of positions," as the *Washington Post* noted, currently has a "cushy" job as the State Department's deputy chief of protocol.

"By now, Fitzgerald appears an unlikely sexual object," writes Conason. "But her relationship with Bush began almost 20 years ago."

That's when Bush was named as the first official U.S. envoy to Beijing and Fitzgerald, a 42-year-old divorcee and former Nixon aide, was appointed his personal assistant.

When Bush returned to the States to head the CIA in 1976, "Fitzgerald came with him, and from then on, except for a year in England at the U.S. embassy, she played a central role in his professional life," Conason writes in *Spy*.

Her "strange hold" on Bush was temporarily broken by James Baker and other "men around Bush" during Bush's first campaign for the presidency, in 1980.

But in 1982 "her rankling style," according to *Spy*, caused two of Bush's top staff members, including current Republican Party chairman Rich Bond, "to resign in disgust."

In 1990 Fitzgerald made headlines when she was fined \$648 for failing to declare a nutria-lined raincoat and a silver-fox cape during an official visit to Argentina. Later, the Inspector General found her guilty of "gross misconduct" and suggested she take a 15-day leave of absence without pay.

Although Fitzgerald's name and alleged ties with Bush have surfaced in the press — Hillary Clinton mentioned her first name in a recent *Vanity Fair* article, for example — Cona-

son says the national media consistently dropped the ball on "the other Jennifer."

Ironically, Conason says, the rumors may have diverted attention from better targets.

Though he doesn't name them, the journalist hints at five other women who've allegedly dined with "Poppy," including, "the widow of the congressman who was one of Bush's best friends," a woman "appointed to a position of considerable power in the Bush administration"; a "highly controversial appointee of the Reagan administration who was then divorced but has since remarried"; "a New York socialite"; "a photographer for a national magazine who is supposed to have met Bush overseas," and a recently deceased woman who moved to Washington from North Dakota.

Though back in the 1988 campaign Bush, Conason reports, had been coached to reply, Bill Clinton-style, "None of your damn business!" to any questions about alleged extramarital activities, White House spokeswoman Judy Smith replied yesterday: "I can't believe that you'd print such trash."

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Like Clinton, Bush's sons, colleagues avoided Vietnam

By Deborah Zabarenko

WASHINGTON, (Reuter) - President Bush's four sons and many of his draft-age Republican colleagues stayed out of the Vietnam War with student deferments, national guard service and good timing, according to the Selective Service.

The Bush campaign has taken aim at Democratic presidential challenger Bill Clinton for his Vietnam-era draft record, but one key Republican strategist, Charles Black, has said anybody who could get out of the draft, did.

"Everybody our age preferred not to go if you didn't have to," Black said, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Black followed his own advice and got a student deferment, even though he says he supported the Vietnam War.

Republican Party chairman Rich Bond also got a student deferment during the war and then entered the draft lottery in 1970. He was never called to serve.

Bush has used Clinton's draft record to call his character into question, urging him to "come clean" on how he first sought then surrendered a student deferment in 1969.

Clinton got a deferment to join a reserve officers training program, then drew a high draft lottery number and never served.

Vice President Dan Quayle has joined the charge, but his own draft history was problematic when Bush first picked him as his running-mate in 1988.

Quayle served six years in the Indiana National Guard and has acknowledged that one reason to choose the Guard was because so few of its members were sent into combat. Only 14 out of every 1,000 guardsmen and reservists went to Vietnam.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney got four student deferments in the early 1960s and a fifth deferment after his first child was born.

Bush's four sons never served in Vietnam, Selective Service spokesman Lew Brodsky said in a telephone interview.

"None of these four individuals ever really had to face the draft, either because of the deferment involved or because the timing made them not draft vulnerable," Brodsky said.

The president's eldest son, George Walker Bush, was born in 1946 -- as was Clinton -- and got a student deferment which was reviewed four times while he studied at Yale University.

He then served in the Texas Air National Guard, learned to fly fighter jets and signed up for a program that rotated some pilots to Vietnam, but was never sent.

John Ellis Bush, born in 1953, became eligible for the draft in 1973 and had a low draft lottery number. However, the last new draftees for Vietnam were called to serve in December 1972, Brodsky said.

Neil Mallon Bush and Marvin Pearce Bush, born in 1955 and 1956 respectively, were born too late for Vietnam but still would have had to register for the draft, Brodsky said.

The finger-pointing extends to Capitol Hill, where Rep. Jim Scheuer, D-N.Y., said on the House Floor that 69 percent of all Republican members who were eligible to serve in Vietnam took

advantage of legal loopholes to stay out.

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