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Bush set for Saturday inauguration *Attorney General nominee faces tough battle*

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As the nation prepares for George W. Bush to be inaugurated as the 43rd president of the United States on Saturday, professors and students at UNCW have varying opinions on what to look for in this new administration.

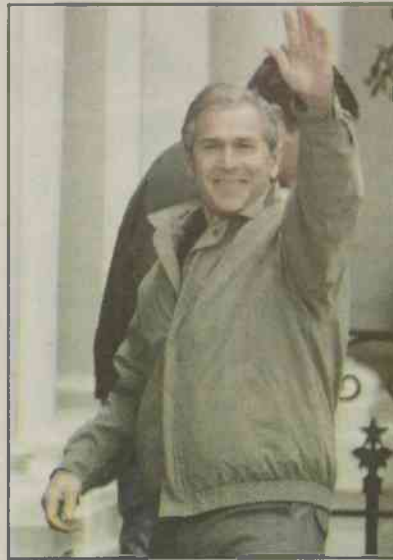
Shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court decision and the concession speech by Vice-president Al Gore, Bush started to make the transition between the two administrations by beginning to appoint people to his cabinet. After the appointment process is completed, conformation hearings will be conducted in the Senate.

"It sounds like he has appointed some decent people," Drew Davenport, a senior, said. He also added that the new administration and cabinet "should be alright."

The first appointment was General Colin Powell as Secretary of State. Powell was a former Joint Chief and has respect within the military. The second major appointment announcement was Condoleezza Rice for National Security Advisor. She has ex-

pertise in Russian affairs and foreign policy. New Jersey Governor Christy Todd Whitman has been named to head up the EPA.

For Secretary of Defense, Bush ap-



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President-elect George W. Bush

pointed Donald, who held the same post under former President Gerald Ford. Senator John Ashcroft of Missouri will be put in the Attorney Gen-

eral position. Because of his conservative stance on issues such as gun control and a woman's right to choose, he may have a difficult time during his conformation.

"The confirmation hearings may very well be a little barometer of how much anger there is..." left over from the election, Dr. Thomas Barth, associate professor of political science, said.

Bush's first legislative move is expected to be the proposal of a \$1.3 trillion economic package that he will send to the U.S. Congress early this year.

"(Bush) ran heavily on a tax cut for all, so he obviously has to pursue that...this is the number one policy issue to be looking for," Barth said.

Some members of congress may not be willing to accept certain tax cuts that are in the package.

"I don't think it will be as ambitious as what he has; the reason for that is he doesn't have the votes and the democrats are going to have to bargain with him," said Dr. Milan

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ECU player, UNCW students in spitting incident

DAN GUY AND RACHEL CRUZ

THE SEAHAWK

Immediately following UNCW's home game against rival ECU Saturday night, Fred Primus, ECU junior guard, allegedly spit in the face of two Seahawk Heckler members.

According to Captain David Donaldson of the UNCW police, reports indicate that when students approached and began to wrap a banner around Primus, he allegedly spit at two students, and cocked his arm back as if to throw a punch.

The names of the students involved could not be revealed, because they have

been referred to the Dean of Students office. Charges have not been filed with UNCW police.

According to Daniel James Urban, a junior at UNCW, some members of the hecklers stood in the lobby outside of the gym after the game, and waited for the opposing team to enter the locker room.

According to Urban, fellow member Dave MacDonald, a sophomore at UNCW, stated to Primus that the Hecklers "had something for him," and attempted to give him a banner that read "Fred Primus: the nation's leader in steals."

MacDonald had no comment when asked about the incident.

Urban said that Primus lurched at him and MacDonald before being restrained. Primus then looked back and spit in the face of Urban. Urban filed a report with UNCW police immediately after the al-



leged incident.

Urban and his student-run group, the "Seahawk Hecklers" began with about 5 members before the basketball team went to the NCAA tournament in Spring of 2000 and the popularity spread by word-of-mouth to about 20 members currently.

"Our job is to throw the opposing

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