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College Republicans' voices strong on UNCW campus



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College Republican President Jenny Poston supports Bush's administration.

"President Bush is a proven leader," said Jenny Poston, president of the College Republicans. Poston, as well as her fellow College Republican members, fully support George W. Bush in the 2004 presidential election.

Poston believes Bush has, "provided the United States with visionary leadership in times of crisis both at home and abroad." Poston also believes the economy and job market are on the rise due to the Bush administration.

One major reason Poston believes Bush is the choice of the Republican Party is because he is a Christian and has morals and values that the College

Republicans embrace. "His protection and restoration of traditional family values really puts hope back into the future of America," Poston said.

Bush disagrees with abortion and gay marriage, as he is very conservative. "Though these topics are hotly debated and highly

contested, President Bush really captures the Republican ideology in his beliefs on these social issues, making the Republican party a good fit for him," Poston said.

As for the College Republicans as an on-campus organization, their mission is to "activate local republicans and further their education on our party," Poston said. "We also intend to mobilize students to become active in the Republican Party, either by getting involved with a campaign or educating others on our mission and ideology."

Members of College Republicans register voters on campus, inform the public about their platform, take part in debates, participate with the New Hanover County GOP and promote conservatism.

College Republicans meet every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Cameron Hall Room 122. For more information, contact Jenny Poston at jposton@nc.rr.com.

In the upcoming election, support for each candidate appears to be split equally.

Kerry finds support at Wilmington

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With Election Day right around the corner, the two main political parties represented on campus have two different stands and vie for two distinctive presidential candidates.

"John Kerry has proven himself to be a man of honor and integrity," says Zach Wynne, a member of the College Democrats.

Wynne is very excited to have Kerry as the Democratic nominee for the presidential election. "About a year ago, we had the great opportunity to choose between ten great candidates to be our nominee for

2004. Once John Kerry had clinched the nomination, the party rallied around him as we would any of our great candidates," Wynne said.

Wynne and other College Democrats support the many plans Kerry has for America. Such plans involve Kerry's stance on the war in Iraq, in that the focus should be shifted back to the number one target, Osama Bin Laden.

Kerry's plan to cut back on tax increases for American citizens that make over \$200,000 is also supported by College Democrats, because it will help close the deficit, and help to provide health care for those without health insurance.

Wynne believes Kerry is a part of the Democratic Party because of Kerry's plans on spending tax dollars properly and protecting natural resources.



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Zach Wynne of the Democratic Party is behind a change in the status quo.

"Kerry believes that the Democratic Party best holds the interests of regular, working folks at heart by providing them the opportunities to live, work and play freely in a safe America," Wynne said.

The mission for the College Democrats is to "promote Democratic ideals, platform, and candidates at UNC-Wilmington, and at the same time, making sure that our leaders know where we stand on issues that directly affect us," Wynne said. He believes that the College Democrats are doing their best to support local Democratic candidates, and getting their message out to students on campus.

College Democrats generally meet Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in Morton Hall Room 206. For more information, contact the College Democrats president, Stephanie Johnson at sej1339@uncw.edu.

Understanding the mysterious 'third party'

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Most people are familiar with the Democratic and Republican Parties but when it comes to the third party, many people are not sure what it is or what it represents.

The Democratic and Republican Parties are the two dominant parties in the United States. The third party is an alternative to the two major

political parties in America. When a person registers to vote, they register to be affiliated with either the Democratic or Republican Parties or they register as an Independent, which means they choose not to be affiliated with either of the major political parties.

In every election there are various candidates that are considered "third party candidates," and there

are actually several different parties that run on that ticket. Some candidates may or may not appear on ballots come election day depending on which state a person is voting in. The Democratic and Republican nominees receive ballot status automatically in all fifty states. The third party candidates, however, must obtain about 750,000 valid

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