

Editorial: George Bush

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Foreign policy includes many aspects of government, from the global economy, to promoting better healthcare, to encouraging democracy and freedom in the world, it encompasses much of the most debated issues of today. President Bush has many plans for addressing current problems with foreign policy and meeting urgent needs in the world.

The President values the American rights of freedom, justice, and equality for all people. He believes in promoting these same rights in other countries by instituting the Millennium Challenge Account, which will encourage nations that show they value the American dreams by aiding them financially. The President will increase its funding by 50 percent. The President also believes in the healthcare of all people, in all nations.

President Bush has implemented several plans to aid in healthcare of many nations, such as Africa. President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS relief will continue to have its \$15 billion over the next five years in order to treat all of those affected by the disease. As well, the President's G-8 Famine Initiative, Water for the Poor Initiative, and other international efforts, will continue to receive funding to end hunger, provide clean drinking water, and promote better education for people in some of the world's poorest nations. He also will continue his fight against diseases such as malaria and tuberculosis in these countries. The President will meet the economy's urgent needs as well.

The President will continue to support a trade agenda that will not only support American workers, but that will benefit other countries in need of economic help, as well. George Bush will benefit all parties involved in the World Trade Organization's Doha Development Agenda while following his own trade agenda for the country. He will also continue to successfully implement the reforms in International Financial Institu-

tions involving more grants rather than loans to overcome debt that so many face.

Promoting democracy and freedom for all countries is also on the top of the President's list of foreign policies. He believes that all countries, and their citizens, should enjoy the freedoms that we, as Americans, fought for in the American Revolution. The President has proposed to increase the funding for the National Endowment for Democracy to \$80 billion to promote these ideals of tolerance and freedom. The Broader Middle East and North Africa Initiative are two measures the President has taken to promote democracy.

The most debated about component of President Bush's foreign policy is that of the war in Iraq. President implemented his campaign against terror in the world after the events that took place on September 11th. While everyone in the U.S. remembers this sad hour, they also remember that the President immediately took action to combat not only the causes for the actions that took place but also to prevent further actions like these by any terrorist groups. The President took a preemptive strike against Iraq and Saddam Hussein, who repeatedly refused to comply with many of the U.N.'s sanctions. The President saw the threat and pursued it. This action was another stride towards the completion of his goal to end terror in the world and promote freedom and democracy. While the war has proved to be tough, the President strongly believes that the actions taken were necessary and will be fruitful if the right path is followed in the future.

The President has implemented several new strategies and programs in the last four years of his term. He believes that, given the chance to complete his goals, the nation will be a safer place in the future. George Bush has decided firmly what he stands for, and will continue to prove that he is strong and able to complete his duties as President of the United States.

2004-2005
Diversity
Calendar of
Events

Compiled by the Office of Commuter Life and Diversity Programs
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August 22 — Sunday, 4 p.m.

Courtyard
ACA Blastoff
Enjoy an evening of multicultural music and activities. Sponsored by the Association of Cultural Awareness (ACA).

August 26 — Thursday, 6 p.m.

Alumnae House
Sister-to-Sister Fall Social
Guest speaker: Linda Brown, '96, Clinical Instructor at School of Social Work, UNC-Chapel Hill.

September 8 — Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Kreage Auditorium
Campus Dialogue on Diversity: Many Voices — A Diversity of Faiths Speak
Sponsored by the Association for Understanding and Religious Awareness.

September 11 — Saturday, 2 p.m.

Alumnae House
Aspiring Angels Mentor Reception

September 20 — Monday, 10 a.m.

Alumnae House
Apples and Honey Reception to celebrate Rosh Hashanah

September 21 — Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Kreage Auditorium
Campus Dialogue on Diversity: Curanderismo (Spiritual Healing)

Curanderismo is the art of traditional healing through myths, stories, legends, popular sayings, poetry and songs that explore the body, the heart, the mind and the soul as well as the spiritual realm.

September 23 — Thursday, 6 p.m.

Chapel Common Room
Sister-to-Sister: Women of Color — Double Negative?
Panel discussion — at 6 p.m. Judy Fleming, Executive Director, and Executive Director Andrea Brown-Nelson will discuss their challenges and successes as women of color in their careers.

September 27 — October 3

Asia Week
Sponsored by the Mercer-Resator Fund for Religion and Art. For more information call Jennie Wolfelt at x8303.

October 19 — Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Kreage Auditorium
Campus Dialogue on

Diversity: Homophobia 101

Presented by Stephanie R. Chang, coordinator of the LGBT Office at UNC-Chapel Hill. This session will define homophobia, discuss the myths and realities in which it can be experienced and potential problems facing the LGBT community.

October 21 — Thursday, 6 p.m.

Chapel Common Room
Sister-to-Sister: HIV and Women of Color

Presented by Kristina Clay, AIDS Alliance of North Carolina. Considering current research showing a sudden increase in HIV infections among male, black college students in North Carolina, this session will offer information about HIV concerns and how they may affect you.

November 15-19 —

International Education Week
Sponsored by Study Abroad. For information call 85257.

November 17 — Wednesday, 4 p.m.

Balk Dining Hall
Native American Heritage Dinner
Sponsored by ACA.

November 17 — Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Kreage Auditorium
Campus Dialogue on Diversity: "Real Indian" featuring filmmaker Malinda Maynor

"Real Indian" is a unique look into the fascinating and complex world of Lumbee Indian culture and challenges the viewer to question perceptions of Native Americans as well as the meaning of our own American cultural identity.

November 18 — Thursday, 6 p.m.

Chapel Common Room
Sister-to-Sister: Going Greek Grad

Sorterby representatives will discuss historically black and hispanic sororities and opportunities to become graduate

members. Information will also be available about multicultural sororities.

January 17 — Monday, 10 a.m.

Chapel Common Room
Hate Crimes Awareness Week
Sponsored by various organizations and departments. Events and locations TBA.

January 17 — Monday, 10 a.m.

Chapel Common Room
MLK, Jr. Annual March
Sponsored by ACA.

January 19 — Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Chapel Common Room
MLK, Jr. Worship Service
Guest Speaker: TBA. Sponsored by ACA.

January 20 — Thursday, 6 p.m.

Chapel Common Room
Sister-to-Sister: Affirming Ourselves

This session is dedicated to being empowered, discovering your strengths and celebrating successes. You will have the opportunity to create your own affirmation with a little help from your sisters.

January 24-28 —

Meredith International Association Week
Events and locations TBA.

February 13 — Sunday, 3 p.m.

Jones Auditorium
Gospel Fest
Sponsored by ACA.

February 16 — Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Jones Chapel
Black Emphasis Month Worship Service
Speaker: TBA.

February 17 — Thursday, 6 p.m.

Ledford 101
Campus Dialogue on Diversity: Tunnel of Oppression

The Tunnel of Oppression is an experience in

which participants travel through a series of sensory experiences utilizing forms of oppression and discrimination within our society. The experiences can be either active or passive. The goal is to enlighten and create an educational and thought-provoking activity for the campus community.

March 3, 14 & 30 —

International Women's Month Celebrations
Sponsored by Meredith International Association (MIA). Events and locations TBA.

March 17 — Thursday, 6 p.m.

Kreage Auditorium
Campus Dialogue on Diversity: Affirmative Action—How it Affects People of Color and Women

Presented by Dr. St. Cooke Stewart, director of diversity education and research for the Office of Minority Affairs at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. This session will discuss the legal history of affirmative action, including a look at Brown vs. Board of Education 30 years later, the actual implications of affirmative action in higher education and the impact of low-achieving middle class students on higher education planning and practices.

April 21 — Thursday, 6 p.m.

Chapel Common Room
Sister-to-Sister: Mind, Body and Spirit

This session is dedicated to improving the physical, mental and spiritual health of women of color. Discussion will focus on self-care, health issues and inner renewal.

May 3 — Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Courtyard
International Stress Fest
Sponsored by MIA.

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Film gets 4 stars

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Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind is a unique romantic comedy, directed by Michel Gondry, that almost evokes the feeling of an independent film. Jim Carrey is brilliant in this role that is more serious than his usual characters. Released to DVD last month, this is a film that is definitely worth a look.

After Joel Barrish's (Carrey) relationship with his free-spirited girlfriend Clementine Kruczynski (Kate Winslet) ends, he finds that she has undergone a procedure to remove all memories of him. In a rage of anger, Joel contacts the doctor and developer of the technology, Dr. Howard Mierzwaik (Tom Wilkinson) and makes an appointment to have his own memories of Clementine erased. While the procedure is being carried out, Joel decides he wants to keep his memories of Clementine and he resists the procedure while Dr. Mierzwaik and his workers (Kirsten Dunst, Elijah Wood and Mark Ruffalo) fight to complete the task. Joel struggles to outsmart the process and to



keep at least one memory of Clementine. In the end, it is the very thing that makes the couple forget each other that brings them closer together.

The first half hour is somewhat slow, leaving the viewer with an array of questions and confusions but towards the middle, the plot picks up quite a bit. There is a slight element of suspense as memories of their times together are being erased one by one and Joel resists each time, and is desperate

photo courtesy of amazon.com to stash them in other parts of his brain. It is a film that provokes viewer's thoughts: would it be easier to simply erase memories that make us sad or should we find the purpose of those memories?

Eternal Sunshine will first make you wish you could erase your own memories of past loves, but as you follow Joel on his journey to realization of the importance of memories, you too will find your own.