

Young Democrats Head to Wake Forest for Presidential Debate

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UNC students will have an opportunity to be a part of the presidential race tonight, courtesy of UNC's Young Democrats.

Michael Songer, communications director for the Young Democrats, said two buses will transport UNC students to Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, where presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush will hold their second debate.

Students will be able to watch the debate on big screen televisions and attend a free rock concert and a rally for Gore.

"This is a great way to get students involved in the presidential debates," Songer said. "It is really a once in a lifetime opportunity."

The first bus, leaving at about 2:30

p.m. from Morehead Planetarium, is sponsored by the Al Gore campaign and only will contain Young Democrats members. Songer said the students will be transported first to the Forsyth County Democratic rally for Al Gore and then join other students for MTV's Rock the Vote.

MTV's Rock the Vote Tour has been traveling for the past four months, engaging college students in the political process and stressing the importance of participating in the 2000 Elections. Rock the Vote hit N.C. State University on Oct. 9 and will host the concert at Wake Forest prior to the debate.

The Young Democrats will sponsor the second bus, which will leave at 5 p.m. from the Morehead Planetarium.

Chris Brook, president of the Young Democrats, said both buses are already filled to capacity, but arrangements have been made for those who are interested in caravanning behind the buses and attending the events with the group.

One of the main highlights of the evening will be MTV's free concert featuring Hootie and the Blowfish, Pink and Rah Digga, who will perform adjacent to the site of the debate.

Students will then view the debate on large-screen televisions at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum at Wake Forest.

"Over 4,000 students are expected to be present for the largest debate-watching party ever," Songer said.

After the debate, students will then attend another Democratic Party rally at which Al Gore will again speak, said Susan Navarro, deputy communications director for the Young Democrats.

Brook said the event represents the excitement growing within his organization as election day draws near.

"We have had an excellent year so far with the Young Democrats, and this event is just marking the crescendo until the elections," Brook said.

He said any students interested in this opportunity can join the group leaving at 5:00. For more information, e-mail Brook at cbrook@email.unc.edu.

Songer said he hopes as many students as possible will take advantage of the event.

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Deacons Prep for Candidates' Showdown

Tonight Wake Forest University will not only host a presidential debate but also a variety of other activities including protests, a third-party candidate rally and a free Rock the Vote concert.

■ **9:30 a.m.** — Unrestricted public access to Wake Forest campus ends.

■ **Noon** — Activists hold a "Rally for Democracy" in Winston-Salem's Polo Park.

■ **5:30 p.m.** — The doors to the Rock the Vote concert, taking place at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, open to the public. The free concert will feature Hootie and the Blowfish, Rah Digga and Daniel Cage.

■ **7 p.m.** — Rock the Vote's free concert will begin. Interested people can watch the debate broadcasted on big-screen televisions at the Wake Forest University Magnolia Quad.

■ **9 p.m.** — The presidential debate begins at Wake Forest University Wait Chapel. The Rock the Vote concert will stop playing music and begin airing the debate.

■ **10:30 p.m.** — The debate is scheduled to end. Rock the Vote performers will start playing.

■ **Midnight** — The Rock the Vote concert ends.

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Clinton Urges Summit On Mideast Violence

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton turned to telephone diplomacy to urge Israel and the Palestinians to stop fighting as his call for a quick summit failed Tuesday to stir broad support.

Among alternatives Clinton was offering were a summit this week in Cairo, Egypt, with either himself or Secretary of State Madeleine Albright sitting with the principals to the violent confrontation in which more than 80 people have died in less than two weeks.

The Arabs don't want to go to a summit until after an Oct. 21 Arab League meeting in Cairo, while Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is insisting the violence end before any meeting.

"There just has been no decision, one way or another," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said to a question about whether Albright would

stand in for Clinton at a meeting with senior Israel and Palestinian officials.

While Clinton's proposal for a summit or other U.S. contacts "will, of course, be discussed on their merits," Barak told Israel Radio, "there is no logic in our saying on the one hand that we demand an end to the violence, and on the other, when there is an attempt to convene a meeting for the purpose of halting the violence."

Egypt, the projected host, was lukewarm to the idea as well.

On a visit to Syria, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said "the next event will be the Arab summit" that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has called for Oct. 21-22 in Cairo.

Syria's foreign minister, Farouk al-Sharaa, said: "I don't think there are indications that a summit will be held in Sharm el-Sheik," an Egyptian Red Sea resort at the tip of Sinai.

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