

# Activists Urge Democracy, Cooperation

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UNC students are expressing a mix of enthusiasm and frustration throughout the ongoing push and pull of the presidential election.

Campus groups such as the Young Democrats and leaders of an upcoming rally for democracy are gung-ho about making their voices heard regarding the battle of the ballots in Florida.

Some students will host a nonpartisan rally at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Pit, despite a low turnout at a rally last weekend.

"Saturday is the day that several hundred location across the country are holding rallies," said Russ Jones, a freshman political science major involved in the rally. "The main point we want to get

across is that democracy should not be sacrificed for the sake of expediency."

Election results in Florida are expected to be finalized by Saturday once overseas absentee ballots are tallied.

"We feel that nothing should be rushed at this time. Whatever is necessary for democracy to be maintained is needed through the entire (presidential election) process."

And members of UNC Young Democrats are not limiting their involvement to campus. "We have a group of Young Democrats heading to Florida this weekend to help out with the efforts down there," said Chris Brook, president of Young Democrats.

Brook said members are visiting Florida to interview residents about possible voter intimidation during voting,

But College Republicans member Justin Johnson said it is not necessary for his organization to go to Florida.

"We are just really ready for (the election) to be over. It seems to me that Gore's people want to recount the ballots until they get the count they want," Johnson said. "If heavily Democratic Palm Beach was being recounted, then why not recount the rest of Florida, or even the rest of the country, to ensure validity?"

Other campus organizations such as the Black Student Movement are using the election debacle to inform people about how each person's vote does make a difference. "This is an opportunity for us to stress the importance of voting and to really look at the political system on a larger scale," said Tyra Moore, president of BSM. "I think that,

right now, we are just trying to help one another understand as well as help the larger student body understand that voting is important," Moore said.

By using the situation as a learning experience, Moore said, the BSM is trying to help alleviate the impatience caused by the election.

"I think there is a general sense of frustration with the system and lots of questions are being asked," Moore said.

She also said the BSM, as well as the majority of the student body, just wants an end to the election madness.

"The campus at large would like to see the election over and done with in the fastest and fairest way possible."

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# International Students React to U.S. Election

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Ben Lewis is just a little cynical about the delayed presidential election.

"The inability to punch a hole in a piece of paper fits the typical British stereotype of Americans," said Lewis, a junior political science major from England.

Several UNC international students, some more critical than others, also offered their outside perspectives regarding the Florida ballot recount and its reflection on the U.S. political system.

These students are ambivalent about U.S. integrity being jeopardized because of its inability to select a president.

"It's a very bad situation for the U.S. because they are such a big power and can't decide on a president," said Jaouad Bentaguena, a senior business major from France.

These feelings of surprise, confusion and even humor have resonated among foreign students around campus.

"I think people are chuckling a little bit, but it doesn't show frailty because the people need to make sure they choose the correct person," said Derek Cool, a sophomore from Canada.

But not all international students find the indecision amusing. "I don't think it's silly," said Ariadna Orozco, a senior business major from Mexico. "As far as I know, this is the first time it has happened in the U.S., and it's just part of the process."

Sophomore Alistair Cooper from Scotland has a more negative outlook on the election indecision.

"The U.S. is going to struggle to retain its dignity and respect," Cooper said. "They take it for granted on an international level."

Despite varied opinions on the quality of the U.S. electoral process, international students said they have a greater understanding of how it works by being here during the election and seeing the continuous media coverage.

"The fact that I am down here for an election has helped me understand more about the electoral process," Cool said.

Other international students said the election coverage has provoked questions for them. "I follow the election by the Internet because I don't have a TV," Orozco said. "I asked friends about electoral votes, and it seems like the votes of citizens don't really count, so why vote?"

Indeed, opinions regarding the two-party system and Electoral College vary.

"I think a big country like the U.S. should have more than two parties because not all the people's interests are represented," Bentaguena said.

But freshman business major Udayan Seksaria from India said, "I like the two-party system because in India, we have two main parties along with several smaller parties."

"This hurts, having a majority in the house, which is needed in government."

Bentaguena said the delayed election results reveal the nation's priorities. "This kind of big show is stupid because the public is looking for a president, not a celebrity."

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## Campus Calendar

### Today

8 a.m. - Bracelets will be distributed for student basketball distribution until 5 p.m. at the ticket office. The distribution Saturday morning is for Wake Forest, Marquette and Clemson tickets.

10 a.m. - Attend a Digital Study Break in the Commons Room of Graham Memorial.

Students will be able to play with the newest handheld computer technology, enter a drawing for a free Palm Pilot, get a free CD-ROM of downloadables for those who already own a Palm Pilot,

and free food for everyone.

5:15 p.m. - Professor Willem J.M. Levelt from Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics and Nijmegen University will present a lecture titled: "The Generation of Single and Multiple Spoken Words" in Love Auditorium of the Levine Science Research Center at Duke University.

6 p.m. - The Carolina Academic Team will hold a practice in 321 Greenlaw Hall.

Anyone interested in "Jeopardy!," "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," quiz bowl, or in putting trivia knowledge to good use is invited to come. No experi-

ence is needed.

7 p.m. - Come to Alpha Phi Omega's Date Auction, featuring campus celebrities. Meet and greet before the auction begins at 8 p.m. in the Union Auditorium. All proceeds go to charity.

7 p.m. - Please come join InterVarsity Fellowship in Union 224 as Michelle Hunter, formerly of the band Rose of Sharon, leads our chapter in a night of worship.

7 p.m. - Teach in a Mississippi Freedom School next summer! The Sunflower County Freedom Project offers paid teaching positions to college students. Find out more at an informa-

tion session in 08 Gardner Hall. For details, contact [mrmymers@hotmail.com](mailto:mrmymers@hotmail.com).

7 p.m. - Members of the Gynomitel feminist performance group will be speaking and performing in 100 Hamilton Hall.

7 p.m. - Robert Meeropol, the younger son of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, will speak on "Fatally Flawed: The Death Penalty from the Rosenbergs to Mumia Abu-Jamal."

The speech will take place in 111 Carroll Hall.

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