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## MODERATE FACES AIM TO CAPTURE SWING VOTERS GOP SHOOTS FOR MIDDLE



First Lady Laura Bush addresses delegates Tuesday night at the Republican National Convention in New York. Bush spoke of her husband's warm personal qualities and his courage.

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**NEW YORK**

The North Carolina Republican delegation threw all 67 of its votes behind President George W. Bush on Tuesday amid a night of speeches by some of the most amiable Republican faces.

The second night of the 2004 Republican National Convention saw the official nomination of Bush as the Republican candidate for the presidency. The night spotlighted Californian Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who goes against Republican Party lines to be pro-choice and to support gay rights. The movie star-cum-politician is among several moderates in the week's speaker lineup who could help make Bush more palatable to party centrists.

But while moderates dominated the speakers' podium, the attending delegates remained invested in the conservative platform passed Monday.

Delegates drew their inspiration from Bush's "compassionate conservatism" Tuesday, applauding the faith-based leader-

ship the president has employed in his policies against same-sex marriage, abortion and further funding for stem cell research.

Still, delegates gave Schwarzenegger, arguably the most popular party member, a raucous welcome. During his much-anticipated speech, delegates waved placards that said "Arnold!" as the Austrian immigrant drew on his own experiences to invoke the compassion of the American Dream.

"There's no place, no country that's more compassionate, more generous and more welcoming than the United States of America," he continued.

Schwarzenegger evoked cheers from the floor when he said that the convention is about unifying the party, but that space for debate still can remain: "I believe that's not only okay, but that's what's great about this country. Here, we can respectfully disagree and still be patriotic, still be American, and still be good Republicans."

Even though Schwarzenegger was a hard act to follow, First Lady Laura Bush

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## Delegates step back, take time for service

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**NEW YORK** — North Carolina delegates stepped outside the convention halls and into Harlem on Tuesday to give back to the community serving as their host for the week.

Filing out of a large tour bus, enthusiastic delegates came to Morningside Park to help scrape, scrub, paint and rake — renewing park benches and picnic tables as the gray sky cleared.

"It's not important that they know my name," said Linda Daves, a Charlotte delegate and project coordinator. "What is important is the example that is set. If you set an example of leadership, then you will find a better America."

Daves, who also serves as vice chairwoman of the N.C. Republican Party, said her service will be one of the things she'll remember most about her time in New York — second only, she said, to nominating

President Bush.

Members of City Year, a national service organization that works with area schools, kicked off the morning with physical training for the delegates, including stretches and jumping jacks.

The event also was sponsored by Youth Service America, a resource center dedicated to strengthening service programs nationwide.

Jewan Garner, program manager for City Year in New York, said the group — which has 15 sites nationwide — also worked with delegates at the Democratic National Convention in Boston.

He added that although the community benefits from such volunteerism, those who give their time also learn a lot from their experiences.

"It's showing (the delegates) why full-time service is so important," he said. "I actually think it's more

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## Election rules come under fire

**BY LIZZIE STEWART**  
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The first meeting of Student Congress hit a snag Tuesday night as members were held up in a debate regarding codes that define negative campaigning during student elections.

During their first efforts in a yearlong process of revising the Student Code, representatives spent more than 40 minutes debating one of 15 proposed changes to the election laws.

Congress ultimately opposed reviewing the amendment before the full body and instead voted to discuss the bill during the Rules and Judiciary Committee meeting tonight.

Matt Liles, chairman of a com-

mittee doing an independent review on the code and former speaker pro tem, said he hopes to expedite the process by conducting open meetings during which Congress members and students can bring up concerns.

Liles said that he was happy that Congress is reviewing each amendment but that it is important for members to speed up the process.

"You really have to see (the Student Code) as a whole to understand how the revisions work," Liles said.

Among other reasons, Liles proposed to overhaul the code after the signs of candidates running for student body president were stolen

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## Democratic 'family' rallies in Polk Place

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A crowd of more than 300 students and community members gathered on the lawn outside South Building on Tuesday, waiting for the daughters of Sens. John Kerry and John Edwards to arrive.

The Democratic presidential and vice presidential nominees' daughters have been touring the country, accompanied on the campaign for their father's ticket by Andre Heinz, Kerry's stepson.

At UNC-Chapel Hill, one of three stops in North Carolina, Republicans and Democrats alike stood in the sweltering heat, anticipating the speech.

Meanwhile, an island of protesters holding signs for Republican presidential ticket George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, gubernatorial hopeful Patrick Ballantine and Senate candidate Richard Burr surfaced, inciting boos and calls for "four more months" from the crowd.

Speech organizers acted quickly, distributing several more Kerry-Edwards signs.

After a 40-minute delay, Cate Edwards, 22; Alexandra Kerry, 30; Vanessa Kerry, 27; and Heinz, 34, finally arrived.

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Cate Edwards (left), Vanessa Kerry (center) and Andrew Heinz welcome the students and community members who gathered outside South Building to hear them speak Tuesday.

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