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BUSH WINS

WINS 2ND TERM AFTER KERRY CONCEDES OHIO; PLEDGES TO SEEK 'BROAD SUPPORT'

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President Bush claimed a re-election mandate Wednesday after a record 59 million Americans chose him over Democrat John Kerry and voted to expand Republican control of Congress as well. He pledged to pursue his agenda on taxes and Iraq while seeking "the broad support of all Americans."

Kerry conceded defeat in make-or-break Ohio rather than launch a legal fight reminiscent of the contentious Florida recount of four years ago. "I hope that we can begin the healing," the Massachusetts senator said.

Claiming a second term denied his father, George H.W.

Bush, the president struck a conciliatory tone, too.

"A new term is a new opportunity to reach out to the whole nation," he said, speaking directly to Kerry's supporters.

"To make this nation stronger and better, I will need your support and I will work to earn it," he said. "I will do all I can do to deserve your trust."

It was a warm-and-fuzzy close to one of the longest, most negative presidential races in a generation.

Bush didn't use the word mandate, but Vice President Dick Cheney did, and the president's intention was clear as he ticked off a familiar list of second-term goals: overhaul the tax code and Social Security at home while waging war in Iraq and elsewhere to stem terror.

Bush stands to reshape the federal judiciary, starting with an

aging Supreme Court that voted 5-4 to award him Florida four years ago. In all branches of government, the GOP now holds a solid, if not permanent, ruling majority.

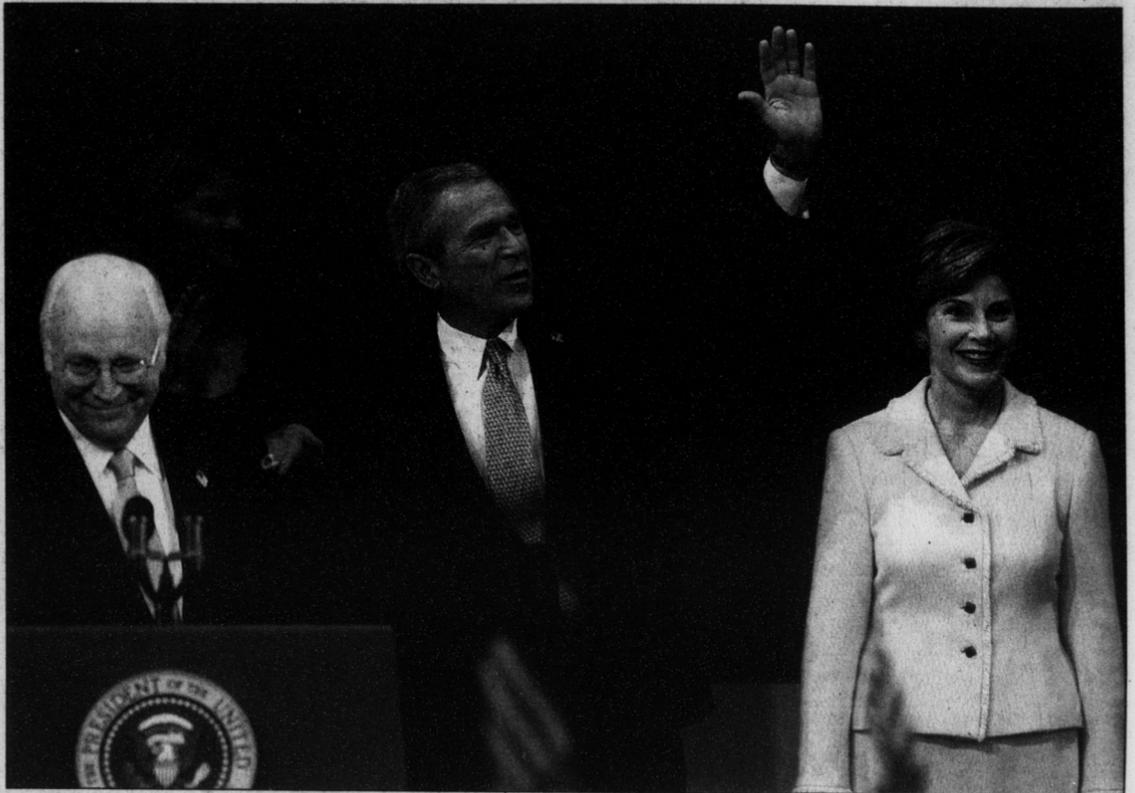
Bush's vote totals were the biggest ever and his slice of the vote, 51 percent, made him the first president to claim a majority since 1988 when his father won 53 percent against Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Like Dukakis, Kerry is a Massachusetts politician who was labeled a liberal by a Bush.

This president also called Kerry a flip-flopping opportunist who would fight feebly against terror.

None of that rancor was evident Wednesday, when Kerry called Bush to concede the race. He told Bush the country needed to be united, and Bush agreed. But the

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President Bush waves as he comes onto stage and joins first lady Laura Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney at a victory rally Wednesday at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. During his speech, Bush promised to reach out to a divided United States.

"It's very important for students to see what kinds of behavior could get them to wind up in Honor Court." ADRIAN JOHNSTON, HONOR SYSTEM DEFENSE ATTORNEY

Honor Court hearing open to all

BY JENNY RUBY
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Today marks the first time in four years that the UNC honor system will open its doors and allow the general public a glimpse into its usually confidential procedures.

Chase Foster, a senior public policy major, has opened his case to the public and will appear before the University Hearings Board to appeal a decision made by the Honor Court.

Five members of the board will review Foster's case at 3:30 p.m. in 039 Graham Memorial.

"Certainly every student has the right to have their case go public," said Adrian Johnston, a defense attorney Foster selected through the honor system. "Although it's rare, it's the right of the students. It's a great opportunity for students to see how the honor system process works."

On Sept. 20, the Honor Court found Foster guilty of two of the three charges brought against him: misusing University property and using the name of a member of the University community without authorization.

Foster is appealing the rulings

on the grounds of insufficient evidence, Johnston said. "This is a really unique case. It's certainly not a run-of-the-mill case that the Honor Court sees."

Johnston and Foster decided Wednesday not to disclose specific details about the case to ensure a fair hearing.

Dave Gilbert, assistant dean of students, said the hearings board will determine whether the Honor Court made a reasonable decision.

"The emphasis on the first level of the original hearing is the facts," he said. "The appeal is based more

on the rule, or the law. They can't bring in new evidence, and it's not a rehearsing of the case."

Student Attorney General Carolina Chavez said that after the hearings board reviews the case, the decision of the Honor Court can be thrown out, remanded or upheld.

The Honor Court, which conducts and rules on original hearings, is made up of five students. The University Hearings Board, comprising one administrator, two students and two faculty members, reviews appeals from Honor Court cases.

Chavez said that even though the hearing today will be open to the public, it will not provide students with a complete picture of Honor Court procedures. She said most cases are resolved in the Honor Court and don't reach the next level.

"Appeals runs very different from Honor Court," she said. "They're looking at different values and whether the lower court acted appropriately."

Johnston said it's important for

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Voters arrive at polls in force

Turnout remains short of estimates

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Spurred by the nation's deep divisions over a controversial war and polarizing moral issues, voters turned out to the polls Tuesday in the highest rates since 1968.

But some pundits said the numbers still fell shy of their predictions.

"The turnout was great, but we'd still like to see it higher," said Robert Richie, executive director for the Center for Voting and Democracy.

Richie estimated that roughly 60 percent of America's eligible voters turned out.

Closer to home, 67.2 percent of registered voters in Orange County — a total of 64,224 people — showed up at the polls.

That was up from the 53.8 percent of registered voters who cast ballots in November 2000.

Although that number was smaller than officials had hoped, it was still encouraging.

"It shows that citizens are interested and care about who's representing them," said Carolyn Thomas, director of the county Board of Elections.

The story was the same across the country: Percentages and estimates for voter turnout were up from previous elections, but the numbers fell short of many

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Young voters show up by the millions

BY MEGAN MCSWAIN
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The presidential election Tuesday brought historic numbers of young voters to cast their ballot, as 4.6 million more made it to the polls than in previous years.

"The turnout rate rose to over 50 percent," said Cate Brandon, spokeswoman for Rock the Vote. "We are very happy with that."

But the high turnout by the under-30 bracket coincided with a high national voter turnout, dulling the effect of this group's large participation.

The youth vote constituted 18.4 percent of the nation's popular vote — not a dramatic increase from 2000, when young voters made up 16.8 percent of those who cast ballots.

Turnout of 18- to 29-year-old voters was especially high this year in the 10 closest states, jumping 13 percentage points from 2000 to 64 percent, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement.

Youth constituted 19 percent of the total turnout in those battleground states, such as Ohio and Florida, according to a CIRCLE press release.

For this election, Rock the Vote set the goal of getting

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HOLY FEAST



Freshman Kareemah Lewis (left) and law student Nabela Sedighi enjoy a meal Wednesday evening with the Muslim Students Association in the Student Union. This meal marks the end of a day of fasting during the

Muslim holy month of Ramadan, during which followers may not eat or drink anything while the sun is still up. "It's about learning self restraint, self sacrifice and purifying your soul," said Hannah Masoud, a freshman MSA member.

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