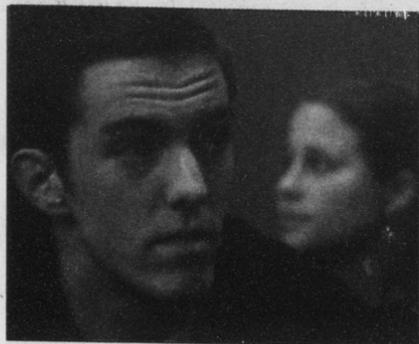


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STONE CENTER OPENS
AUGUST



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2004 RETROSPECTIVE

Debate set the tone for 2004, a year that saw close scrutiny of international actions, national politics and academic freedom at the University.

The tragedies mounted, beginning with the deaths of hundreds of American soldiers in Iraq and culminating, just days before the new year, in a historic natural disaster that took more than 150,000 human lives in

countries surrounding the Indian Ocean.

Yet 2004 also was a year for victories, from the landmark opening of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History to Matt Calabria's election as Student Body President after a contentious race that promised change to the Student Code.

UNC stood at the center of many battles, some of which won national attention. Though controversies concerning academic

freedom and civil rights were settled in the University's favor, UNC's administration continues to grapple with lawsuits.

Contention on campus mirrored the climate of a polarized nation, in which parties sparred no-holds-barred for their candidates. Out of this melee came President George W. Bush, who garnered the support of 59 million Americans in his re-election bid and must lead a divided country.



George W. Bush acknowledges applause at the Republican National Convention, two months before he defeated Democratic challenger John Kerry to win a second term.



THOUSANDS DEPLOYED
FEBRUARY



EASLEY TRIUMPHS
NOVEMBER



UNC GOES TO COURT
AUGUST



TAR HEELS CONQUER MIAMI
OCTOBER