

SIGNATURES

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Association each needed 800 signatures; candidates for the senior class president and vice president, as well as Residence Hall Association president, need 350 signatures; and candidates for Graduate and Professional Student Federation president need 100 signatures.

Most candidates said they had no difficulties collecting the required number of signatures.

"We got about two-thirds of the signatures on the first day," presidential candidate Tom Jensen said. "After that, we called off the dogs."

Whisnant said previous campaign experience helped him determine the best way to target his voters.

"I knew how to target juniors," he said. "We went to all the professional schools. Otherwise, there would only be a one in four chance that the person you approached was a junior."

At 7 a.m. Tuesday, candidates can use campaign materials, which include A-frames and posters.

Candidates said they plan to Pit sit and attend forums next week

SIGNATURE TOTALS

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Student Body President Candidates*	
Seke Ballard	1625
Leigha Blackwell	1227
Seth Dearmin	1464
Tom Jensen	1422
Senior Class Officers**	
Madison Perry, Whit Walker	403
Bobby Whisnant Jr., Jenny Peddycord	444
Carolina Athletic Association President*	
Hayes Holderness	1053
Justin Johnson	1393
Graduate and Professional Student Federation President	
Mike Brady	105+
Residence Hall Associate President	
Chasity Wilson	350**

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to promote their platforms and answer questions from students.

"Everything is going smoothly," Sidden said. "(The campaign's) had its ups and downs, but everything is going great."

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VOTING

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But opponents of the proposal said that Orange County's early voting system facilitates student voting and that more changes to the precincts are unnecessary.

In the 2004 election, students had the option of either voting early by absentee ballot at Morehead Planetarium or by going to their designated precinct on Election Day.

The 5,416 young voters in Chapel Hill and Carrboro who voted by absentee ballot jumped by 31 percentage points in the 2004 elections.

In the November election, 8,860 young voters cast their ballots in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Calabria said that despite this option, a single precinct is still necessary. "The early voting certainly helps," he said.

"But having one effective form of voting does not make ineffective all other forms of voting."

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, said she supports students' efforts to form a single precinct. Kinnaird

"Our districts are so chopped up, and it serves to disenfranchise students."

ALEXA KLEYTEUBER, SBVP

introduced a bill during the long session of 1997 that would have made it legal for on-campus students to vote at any precinct in their district.

The bill did not pass, but it facilitated a compromise that led to the early voting bill and the University's current voting arrangement.

Orange County Rep. Joe Hackney, a Democrat and the House majority leader, said he supports the bill as well as the efforts put forth by the Calabria administration.

"It's certainly possible that a bill could come out of this session."

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VIGIL

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The scholarship is presented each year to a student who best exemplifies King's commitment to society. Students must demonstrate exceptional academic and humanitarian accomplishments.

"All of the candidates are judged on a commitment to improve the quality of life at Carolina," said Archie Ervin, chairman of the chancellor's MLK celebration committee and director of minority affairs.

The first-place winner of the award receives a \$1,000 scholarship. Two runner-up candidates receive \$500 scholarships each.

This year, the award was presented to junior Amelia Kaye by the 2004 recipient, T.J. Abrams.

Fernando Soto, a finalist for the 2004 scholarship, said he was proud to have been considered for the scholarship last year and

expressed his admiration for King.

"Martin Luther King fought for anybody and everybody. He wanted the world to be a better place, that's why there are so many people of different races here."

Ervin said the celebration represents an important University event that is broadly educational in nature.

"(It is) a way to keep generations thinking about Dr. King. We recognize students for this, so that they continue the vision of Dr. King," he said. "It's a really great way of honoring Martin Luther King Jr. and an even better way to present a scholarship for UNC students."

Students at the celebration also expressed their admiration.

"This event, is what really keeps the dream going," said sophomore Muhammad Salameh.

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INAUGURATION

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rying coffin-like cardboard boxes to signify the deaths of U.S. troops in Iraq, stood along the parade route.

Rows of law enforcement officers stood between the protesters and the parade, and Bush's motorcade sped up as it passed the demonstration area. The president and his wife, Laura, got out of the car to walk the last two blocks to the White House.

Democrats attended the inauguration but didn't hide their unhappiness.

"Personally, I don't feel much like celebrating," said House Democratic

leader Nancy Pelosi of California. "So I'm going to mark the occasion by pledging to do everything in my power to fight the extremist Republican's destructive agenda."

Entering his second term with one of the lowest approval ratings of any recent two-term president, Bush was unapologetic in his speech about the course he had set over four tumultuous years.

He challenged critics of his quest to spread democracy across the Middle East, saying that now "is an odd time for doubt." And he voiced eagerness to confront oppressive rule around the globe in the name of spreading freedom.

LIBERTY

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County.

"I think he wanted to try to show big, long-term vision in his words," Schaller said. "He's trying to leave a legacy that involves a transformation of the globe for the 21st century."

With Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina standing behind him, Bush took his oath of office at noon outside the Capitol. His subsequent speech was marked by a defense of what is now being called the Bush doctrine — a policy of pre-emptive action to spread freedom across the world.

"The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands," Bush said. "The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of peace in all the world."

He later said the United States would support those who resist oppression.

"When you stand for liberty, we will stand with you."

His statements could indicate a plan to extend the war on terror to other nations known for oppressive governments, even those typically supported by the United States,

said Steffen Schmidt, a professor of political science at Iowa State University.

"We're probably scaring the hell out of some of the governments that we've traditionally gotten along with or looked the other way," Schmidt said.

Bush also touched upon domestic policy issues that are sure to dominate debate during the next four years. Schmidt said Bush likely will push major changes to government programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

Bush's words promoted a belief in personal responsibility that could translate into an overhaul of such programs.

"By making every citizen an agent of his or her own destiny, we will give our fellow Americans greater freedom from want and fear, and make our society more prosperous and just and equal," he said.

"Self-government relies on the governing of the self."

Schmidt said this idea is a throwback to another characteristic of the original American: self-reliance.

"(Alexis) de Tocqueville, when he wrote 'Democracy in America,' said

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THOMAS SCHALLER, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND-BALTIMORE COUNTY

he was amazed that the American people didn't wait for the government to solve their problems," Schmidt said.

"We kind of have forgotten that that's one of the things that made us such a dynamic country."

With the cost of Medicaid bearing down on cash-strapped states, controversial solutions will spark heated debate but might also potentially produce results, Schmidt added.

Others say Bush could propose more than just reforms.

"(His words are) an indication that there will be a major deconstruction of government programs, or at least an attempt," Schaller said.

Bush returned to his rhetoric of spreading liberty beyond the nation's borders at the end of his address.

And those who disagree with the Bush doctrine could not say he is acting out of sync with his own beliefs.

"He really has very strong feelings about the things that he wants to accomplish," Schmidt said.

"Bush clearly falls into the category of someone who believes the United States has a historic responsibility to reach out and transfer democracy."

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