

Announcements:

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To make this paper successful, we need you to participate by writing in your opinions, concerns, and comments. Interested parties should send emails to fourthwall@psu.edu.

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Mission Statement

The Fourth Wall was established to provide a responsible forum for dialogue within the student community and for the free expression of considered ideas; to build community; to promote student involvement in activities and issues that have an impact on students' lives; and to disseminate information about campus activities, organizations and events. This is our chance, as students, to say what we really think.

Editorial**Kerry Concedes. Bush Wins. We're All Still Americans the Next Day**

Travis Johnson



The election is over, the results are in—George W. Bush will serve four more years as the United States president. In an election battle that was projected to be perhaps the closest in the nation's history, the votes weren't as close as the 2000 election in which republican Bush defeated democrat Al Gore after weeks of recounting in the state of Florida. November 2 was a disappointing defeat for Bush's opponent, democratic candidate John F. Kerry, who conceded to the president close to noon the day after the votes were tallied.

Bush won by a narrow margin and was able to retain the presidency once it became clear that even the provisional ballots in Ohio would not yield its 20 electoral votes to Kerry. A candidate must receive 270 electoral votes to win, with each state worth a different number of electoral votes based on population. The victory in Ohio pushed Bush over the top, giving him 274 electoral votes to Kerry's 252. Ohio could have been the Florida of 2004 where only 500-some votes decided who would occupy the Oval Office; however, Kerry and his campaign asked for no re-count.

In his concession speech at Boston's Faneuil Hall, Kerry told Americans he was proud to have run, but began his speech by apologizing, "I'm sorry we got here a little bit late and a little bit short." He also noted, "The outcome should be decided by voters, not a protracted legal process. I

would not give up if there was a chance we could prevail." Perhaps the most important message derived from Kerry's concession would be his call for a healing process, noting the division of America the two campaigns had caused over the past months. "Today I hope we can begin the healing."

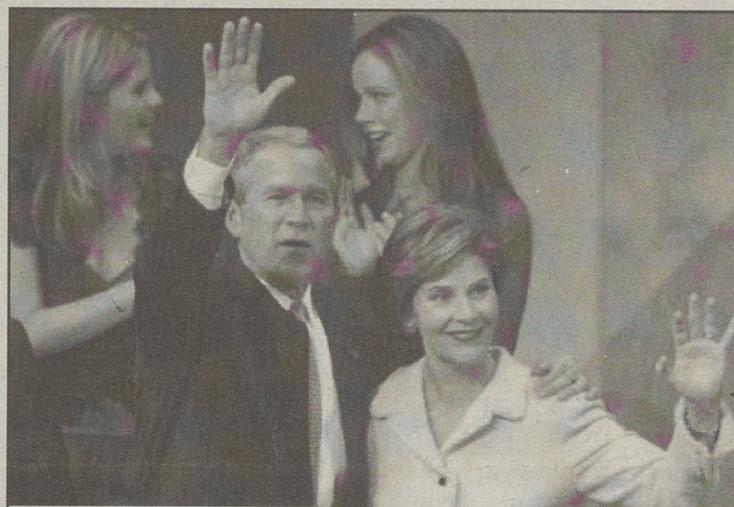
President Bush acknowledged his re-election in Washington D.C. at the Ronald Reagan Building about an hour after Kerry had delivered his concession speech. The President also called for unity after the divided election: "...today I want to speak to every person who voted for my opponent: To make this nation stronger and

better I will need your support, and I will work to earn it."

The gap that separates Americans may be hard to bridge after so many people work and vote for what they believe is right so passionately. Not everyone can win. Not everyone will agree. All Americans can do is agree to disagree, while hopefully being

must all continue to support the ideals that make America the free nation it is. Candidates and political parties are mortal things. The ideals of America will live on forever. All voters had the chance to uphold the ideals of America on Election Day; now it is in the hands of our president. It will be George W. Bush's job to lead us during the next four years. Kerry supporter, Nader lover, or even David Cobben enthusiast, America must remember that these candidates' jobs are to uphold the American message, to defend the American dream, and to attempt to spread freedom and liberty throughout the world. Bush is the man now; we

must support the ideal he represents. Unite America; we need it more than ever.



The Bush family celebrates the president's re-election.

able to support the fact that we indeed all are Americans. We are free-thinking people who love freedom and equality. Republican or Democrat, we

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