Students are riveted to the big screen in the James B. Chavis University Center after noon on Jan. 20 as President Barack Obama delivers his inaugural address.

Dr. King honored with candles

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UNCP watches President Obama take office

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On Jan. 20 at 10:45 a.m., as snow flurried around and rested on the ground, a small group of 35 students assembled in the U.C. to watch what is being called an historic event, the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States Barack Obama.

The bash, which was broadcast live on all major news networks, was shown on a big projection screen to students, faculty and staff of the University.

It was put together by the Student Government Association which had been planning the event since last semester.

Audience

“Student government is just trying to provide a venue where students could watch and share in the experience of this historic event,” SGA President Hannah Simpson said.

Despite the snow, the crowd grew to 70 students at noon when President Obama took the oath of office in front of over 2 million people who had assembled in the national mall in Washington D.C.

Entertainers such as Itzhak Perlman and Aretha Franklin performed in the inaugural ceremony and Rev. Joseph Lowery delivered the benediction. Rev. Rick Warren, author of "Purpose Driven Life," gave the invocation.

Students in the U.C. watched as rare occurrences unfolded on the screen, such as all former presidents and vice presidents assembling to witness history.

Before the oath

James Earl and Rosalynn Carter, George H.W. and Barbara Bush and Hillary Clinton took their seats next to the podium. Former vice presidents Mondale, Gore and Quayle arrived, accompanied by their wives. Celebrities such as Demi Hoffmann, Susan Sarandon and Muhammad Ali could be seen in the crowd.

As time neared for the presidential oath of office, the U.C. became mute as spectators assembled to witness the event, the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States.

UNC Pines through the snowy weather at today’s inauguration — and students are happy to share in this important day. "I can tell my children they were there, they were there," said Kayla Pearson, a junior at UNCP.

Upon the last words of the oath, the crowd assembled in the U.C. swelled to their feet in celebration as people clapped and cheered.

"I feel some authentic pride," said Carolyn Powell. "I feel excited because I’m here to watch history in making." Sophomore Krishna Santiago added.

"I can tell my children and grandchildren I was here to watch the history..." Sophomore Jordan Smith said.

Students carry their food to the dish belt without their trays. The cafeteria went trayless at the beginning of 2009.

The cafeteria goes trayless

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UNC has joined the 150 other universities and colleges across the United States who use Sodexho and have gone trayless in an attempt to save the environment.

UNC’s General Manager of Sodexho John Campbell said that last year on Earth Day the University went trayless for one day and reported the results on water consumption and waste in relation to tray usage.

Water and waste

"There was an enormous amount of water used because of having to run the washers twice as much. The water consumption is considerably lower without the trays so in a way that is eco-friendly," Campbell said. "We aren’t using as much water—not using as much chemicals.”

According to Campbell, the cafeteria goes through 5,000 trays a day, but only has 700. Each tray gets washed seven times a day, totaling 1,250 gallons of water. Other benefits to trayless dining, according to continued on page 2A

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Students honor Dr. King and his contributions to society. A celebration of his life was held Jan. 15, began with a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. and featured a rendition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s gospel song, "Never Would Have Made It," as well as words of appreciation for the actions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Representatives from UNC-Pines and sororities were also on hand to show their support of the event as well as to acknowledge how the actions of King have impacted their lives.

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