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**College Republicans attend Victory Rally**

*Summary:*

(September 23, 2004)-Student members of the College Republicans at University of Minnesota, Morris attended a Republican Victory 2004 rally in St. Cloud for President George W. Bush. The students, along with over 13,000 others, listened to the President speak about issues such as national security, health care, and the economy.

Armed with cameras, “Bush or Bust” signs, and excitement, the CRs gathered at 5 a.m. to carpool to the rally. They went through a security check to join a standing-room-only crowd on Dick Putz Field. Holding Bush campaign signs, the CRs listened to speeches by Rep. Mark Kennedy [R-MN] and Governor Tim Pawlenty prior to President Bush’s arrival.

President Bush spoke for about 45 minutes before leaving for his next campaign stop in Blaine. The CRs had their photo taken behind the same podium from which the President spoke. The picture led to an interview by the St. Cloud Times of students April Kummrow, Regal and Jackie Thrasher, St. Paul.

At the day’s end the CRs drove back to Morris with pictures and ticket stubs to remind them of their exciting day.

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