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ISU College Dems Kick Off Election Year

Normal, Ill. – The Illinois State University College Democrats kicked off the 2004 election year with two events over the past week.

Thursday (8-26-04) the ISU College Dems participated in Festival ISU on the quad at Illinois State University. While there the College Dems were registering new voters, handing out information about the democratic ticket, and handed out buttons for John Kerry and Barack Obama. By the end of the day over 160 new voters were registered at the College Dems booth.

On Tuesday night (8-31-04) over 100 students crowded into a lecture hall in the Center for Visual Arts at Illinois State University to show their support for John Kerry, Barack Obama, and the rest of the Democratic ticket. Students that attended the meeting had the opportunity to hear candidates discuss the important issues coming up in the November election. Candidates in attendance were Tari Renner for U.S. House, Sherrie Auth for McLean County Treasurer, Betty Kinser for McLean County Board district five, Kathy Harrington representing the Obama for U.S. Senate campaign and Bloomington City Councilman Mike Matejka.

“Tonight’s meeting showed that college students at ISU are willing to stand up for their beliefs and come together for John Kerry, Barack Obama, and the rest of the democratic ticket.” said ISU College Dems President Bill Gugerty. “I am so pleased by this turnout and hope that the outpouring of support for our ticket continues through the election.”

The ISU College Dems are a registered student organization at Illinois State University. The primary goal of the ISU College Dems is to help elect democrats to office at all levels of government and to raise civic participation among the 22,000 students of Illinois State University.

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