

Cobras attend Inauguration

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Close Up visits Washington to learn more about our democratic government and see President-elect Bush inaugurated.

Each year, students from schools around the country travel to the nation's capital. Students visit the Supreme Court, the Senate and House of Representatives and the White House. They meet with politicians and possibly visit consulates of other countries.

This year presents an added attraction. Students will attend the inauguration of President-elect Bush and a ball after the ceremony. Their trip will include visiting many of Washington's historic sites and museums, such as the Smithsonian Institute and the Lincoln Memorial.

Close-up's sponsor, Mrs. Campbell, said, "Our kids get a lot of knowledge about how this country is run. The only problem is the \$850 that the trip costs. That turns many students away, deny-

ing them a great experience. We need to find a way of funding this trip for students who really want to go but cannot afford it."

Marisol Rodriguez, Close-up president, said, "This trip teaches students about the government in a way they can't learn it in a classroom. I am looking forward to the inauguration because it is a very important moment in our history."

Melissa Mackewicz, member, said, "I wanted to go on this trip because of all the different site in Washington. Now I'm going to see so many important things, I know it's going to be fun."

Students will leave Miami on January 17 and return January 21. Students will meet daily with one another and discuss what they have learned. The twenty students from South Miami Senior who will go on the trip have raised funds by selling candy. All of them are looking forward to the trip, but very few are looking forward to those cold January days and nights.