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Top: Governor Edwards speaks on his campaign. Below: Edwards pulls two of his four children in a parade.

Edwards campaign gains momentum

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In his bid for president of the United States, North Carolina Senator John Edwards is closing the gap between himself and his most formidable opponents. A second-place finish in the Iowa caucuses on Monday, January 19 is helping his campaign even more. While John Kerry won the race with 38% of the vote, 32% of Iowans who voted in the caucus favor Edwards. Howard Dean, who had long been the front-runner and predicted Democratic nominee for president, slipped to third place when he garnered only 18% of the vote. Representative Richard Gephardt, who finished in fourth place, announced Monday that he would not carry on his fight for the White House. Although Dennis Kucinich, who was reported to procure only 1% of the vote, did not make any concrete plans for the future of his campaign. The other main Democratic hopeful, General Wesley Clark, did not run in Iowa caucuses.

Since Edwards performed so well in Iowa, one must speculate on his perfor-

mances to come in New Hampshire and South Carolina and maybe even in Washington, DC. Will Edwards take his positive campaign all the way to the White House?

Edwards also has a plan to strengthen defense. Domestically, he is in favor of overhauling America's intelligence system so that our response to terrorism will be proactive rather than reaction. He also wishes to provide firefighters, police departments, and emergency medical teams with more sophisticated resources and equipment. Additionally, Edwards has worked to increase the safety of our chemical and nuclear plants, and he wants to continue this work if he is elected. Edwards' foreign policy ideas involve enlisting the cooperation of our allies. Edwards holds fast to the idea that security must come from within. "The [Bush] administration may think domestic defense is about changing the color code from yellow to orange. Let me tell you something: the colors that will make America safer are firefighter red, EMT white, and police officer blue," he comments. For Iraq, Edwards wants to create a peacekeeping force that will keep the country stable and a government run by Iraqis who truly represent the

Iraqi people.

In the area of education, Edwards has developed a comprehensive plan to strengthen our schools, support our teachers, and expand after-school programs. He would increase the budgets of schools and teacher salaries and work to make schools in affluent, middle-class, and poor districts more equal. "A great education starts with a great teacher; it's as simple as that," he sums up. In higher education, he would make the first two years of college free for every student who is willing to attend a public college and work part-time.

The economy is another issue that Edwards is focusing on in 2004. He wants to work to create and save American jobs rather than sending jobs overseas. Edwards also believes that the middle class, not the wealthy, should be strengthened and that the tax cuts should fall mostly on them. Senator Edwards states, "I believe the backbone of the American economy is hard work, determination, and ingenuity of the middle class—not the insiders." Finally, Edwards wants to place more checks on large corporations so that they fall in line with American's moral values.

Physician Assistant returns to tend students illness

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Beginning Monday, February 2, students seeking medical attention will no longer suffer long lines at the Urgent Care facilities located across the street from Methodist College.

Patsy Brewer, the college's new P.A., will hold office hours Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for a total of six hours a week. Students will be able to obtain medical attention by either appointments or on a walk-in basis. If students cannot be treated by the P.A. then they will be referred

to outside attention.

After the departure of former P.A., Ron Foster, it was believed that an on campus P.A. was unnecessary even with the extreme amounts of sick students before, during and after the Christmas season. Students were recommended to the Urgent Care facility across the street.

Sandy Colms, the Methodist College nurse stated: "We got really busy, and it's a long way for students to go. [Urgent Care] is really good at what they do, but the waiting time is long. We wanted to go back to something that was more convenient for students."

A full range of medical services will be available including, checking for illnesses, physical exams, suture, as well as a women's clinic. All services will be all-inclusive and in-house.

The Student Medical center is located on the back Pierce dorm on the first floor. For appointments or questions, contact Sandy Colms at 482-7164.



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The Student Health Center is located in West Hall