

## Edwards is more than a Democrat, He is one of us

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Democratic Primaries might not be in the forefront of everyone's mind right now, but they should be. That is because North Carolina's own John Edwards is running for the Democratic Party's nominee for President. With his strong second-place showing in the Iowa Caucus on Monday, he is squarely in the hunt for the nomination.

Over the years, many North Carolinians have voted for the extremely controversial Jesse Helms on the grounds that his powerful position in the government is a benefit to us here in North Carolina. That would logically mean these same people would vote for John Edwards because, let's face it, there is not a more powerful position than President of the United States of America.

Well, if you go outside the southeast, there are more people than you

would think who do not know where North Carolina is and a lot of those who do, think its part of South Carolina. I do not know about you, but having people think that North and South Carolina are the same place bothers me.

We are the tenth largest state in the union, one of the original colonies. For Pete's sake, we were the FIRST (albeit lost) colony!

Our professional sports teams, despite both the NFL's Panthers and the NHL's Hurricanes locations in major North Carolina cities, those teams are referred to as the "Carolina" Panthers and Hurricanes. This has led to a "Carolinafication" in this country and loss of North Carolina's identity.

On FOX's "The Best Damn Sports Show: Period" a member of the Philadelphia Eagles was recently belittled for his calling the Carolina Panthers the North Carolina Panthers. One announcer quipped, "The North Carolina Panthers! You

don't even know where the team is located!" Well, he was in fact right, the team is located in North Carolina!

This is just an example of our lack of proper representation in the national spotlight. How much would John Edwards running for president help that? Simply take a look at what his running for the party nomination has done for press of North Carolina. In the last week alone, Edwards has been written about in the Nation's most read and respected newspapers, from The New York Times and The Washington Post to The Boston Globe and the San Francisco Chronicle. This is a situation where people can't refer to the Carolinas but only North Carolina.

Local, everyday people have been quoted recently in the New York Times for their opinion on John Edwards. More and more people are intrigued to learn about where this man came from and as this happens more and more atten-

tion will be focused on North Carolina. They'll learn that he completed his undergraduate studies across the street at NC State. He went to law school at UNC. He practiced law for his entire career in North Carolina.

Imagine the attention and notoriety it would bring if he won the Democratic nomination? Nothing in this country gets covered as heavily over a long period as the Presidential elections. Not to mention election night, when Edwards would wait for the results, with massive amounts of media surrounding him, here in Raleigh.

Just look at what Bill Clinton did for Arkansas when he was elected president in 1992? Did you really know where Arkansas was before 1992? Even if you don't agree with Edwards's stances on everything, you have to like the idea that the most powerful man in the free world is from your state

## When insecurities attack!

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Along with the start of the semester return all the problems of the previous semester—the papers, the exams, and, worst of all, the insecurities. (And no, I don't mean worrying about if anyone is going to notice that your Louis Vuitton bag has Js on it.)

These insecurities of which I speak are ones that have been instilled in us for quite some time—the classroom. For so long, we have been made to feel stupid for the wrong answer, whether by being corrected by the professor or being sneered at by the girl in the front row who had the right

answer. After enough of these humbling moments, we have been programmed to second-guess ourselves into silence. Too many times do we sit in class knowing the capital of England or who Immanuel Kant is and not answer because maybe our answer is wrong, or maybe our answer is not deep enough.

Even more terrifying are those times outside of the classroom when there is no exact answer; and no assurances that we are correct. We do not know what the response will be to what we have said. This predicament raises the question: can we ever be sure that what we are saying is

right?

In order to more clearly explain the question I am posing, it is necessary to use some scenarios in which this question is exemplified.

Here's one: Our recently single Ann goes to a party at which she meets Andre. Being of the female persuasion, she is persuaded into going on a date with him. This date goes well and they begin dating. After being in a relationship with Andre for a while, Ann develops feelings for him. She dares to say she loves him. Ann thinks on what to say, when to say it, calling into account previous heart-break and the stigma of

being the first to profess her love. Without knowledge of the dilemma Ann is in, Andre comes out and says "I love you" first and means it. His affections are returned. They currently are together and happy.

And another: The terminally single Ashley has a blast and a half with an otherwise nameless guy at a similar gathering as the one that brought Couple Number One together. The next day nothing is exchanged other than awkward conversation, during which Ashley's head (and maybe heart) is screaming, "Get his number! Give him yours! Do something!" Yet nothing is done. Nothing is

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lost. And, most importantly, nothing is gained.

Thus Ashley has just illustrated the point that I am trying to make. If you do not do anything, nothing is going to be done. If you are too scared to say something and you never speak out, you will forever live with your unearned, and therefore unreasonable, fear of rejection. This is not about saying "I love you" or getting that hot guy's number. This is about listening to your heart, abandoning the insecurities that hold you back and going for it, whatever that may be.