about music and dance

"It's very important for children to experience live performance arts," Leahy said. "Sometimes, this opens up a whole new world to the kids."

The troupe has spent most of its residency performing at local schools and for campus-based youth mentoring pro-grams. Amid clapping hands, stomping feet and high-pitched giggles, the troupe taught simple dance routines and songs to children from the Campus Y-spon sored Hype program and the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center's

Communiversity program.
Rhythm in Shoes' programs help to boost the kids' confidence, said dancer

adding that Bowles' experience in the

White House will give him an advan-

"He has to deal with foreign policy

But having ties to Clinton also has

issues and knows people familiar with the situation," he said.

Beth Butler, an eight-year veteran of the group. "You can show them that you group. "You can show them that you don't have to be self-conscious when you move," the 30-year-old said. "Usually, kids are so self-conscious. If they see you acting like a fool, they get into it too."

Foolishness aside, the performers also

strive to promote a sense of unity – the same thing that strengthens the group's bond, Leahy said. "Rhythm is what holds a community together," she said. "Moving ogether brings people together."

And the rhythm is contagious.

Leahy's three children have all joined the act. Her youngest and middle both dance, while oldest child, Ben Cooper, plays the bass and banjo ukulele.

Daughter Emma Leahy-Good, 14, was born into the troupe. The youngest member of Rhythm in Shoes performed in her first show when she was 5 and has

negative ramifications, said Republican

Party Chairman Bill Cobey.
In last year's presidential election,
George W. Bush received 56 percent of

the vote in North Carolina, 373,000

North Carolina was the second highest in the nation, ranking only behind

Cobey said the 2000 presidential vote

"There is a philosophy among mem-

The vote margin by which Bush won

more votes than Al Gore.

Bush's home state of Texas.

While the group's busy schedule leaves little time for relaxation, the members' faces light up each time they take the stage. "It gets tiring," Butler said. "But it's all worth it when the show rolls around." Admission for tonight's Rhythm in

been dancing regularly with the group for nine years. "It's tough," Leahy-Good said. "We definitely argue a lot, but it's also a plus. We're all really close."

For Nate Cooper, 24, touring with his siblings and the rest of the group is often tiring but never boring. "I was a kid sleeping on the studio floor," he said. "I couldn't imagine not doing this. I love performing and traveling."

Shoes performance is \$6 for students and \$12 for the general public

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margin proves North Carolinians do not approve of candidates associated with Clinton. "Gore suffered from his affiliation, and you are accountable for those you work with," Cobey said.

"Bowles is in Clinton's shadow, and that's not a shadow to be in in North

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"A lot of stuff goes on at the General bers of the trustees at Chapel Hill and Assembly without the input of a lot of important people, including the students. he said. "What we need is a guarantee of

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how much we're going to pay and how much our wallet is going to be affected."

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tage in the race.

idea of having a big separation from campus to campus," Nieman said, adding that he is particularly concerned trustees at UNC-CH and N.C. State will pursue large tuition increases

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Regardless, students are watching the show, and Barnette and her cast are gaining a little notoriety. "The coolest thing is that we'll be at a restaurant and people will be like 'Aren't you on General College?'" she said. "Other people on the cast will be on the P2P at night, and drunk people will be like You're on General College, and your boyfriend cheated on you last week.

She hardly has any time to watch television herself because she's too busy making it, but Barnette cites "The Cosby Show" and "Law and Order," as shows that she feels stress quality a component she said is missing in

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"You have trustees who, if they had their druthers, would triple tuition.

Young said he is mostly upset because

(N.C.) State that as long as people out there can pay, we should continue to raise tuition as much as the market can bear,'

students were not told about the change

television's latest reality-based craze "One of my goals is to bring back some more good television because

ome of that right now," Barnette said. Last year she ventured to take the cast and crew of "General College" to New York City for an episode, an unheard of feat in the STV world. In March, members from the show's '87-'90 cast came to Chapel Hill to film a reunion episode in four days, during which Barnette had

three or four hours sleep total.

Barnette said the hours are rough but that the rewards are worth the trouble. "I'm doing this because I know I've found what I'm happy doing, and I might look like a big nerd walking with

going to bed all times of the night or (walking) back at 8 a.m. in the morning because I stayed over to edit," she said. we've passed an era. For a while we had "I do that because it's what I'm passion really good television, and we've passed ate about and you have to be passionate about something."

Barnette isn't sure about her future plans yet. She is considering film school or moving to Los Angeles and has written a feature-length screenplay and the pilot episode of her dream show.

But if her experience doesn't lead to a career, "General College" is enough for her. "If I never make a movie, if I never do a show, for four years of my life I did this," Barnette said. "Even though it's not big time, I did shows for four years."

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## 76 Die in Russian Plane Crash

ADLER, Russia - A Russian airliner carrying at least 76 people from Israel exploded and plunged into the Black Sea on Thursday, raising fears of a ter-rorist attack. But U.S. officials said a missile fired during Ukrainian military exer-

cises apparently downed the plane. Russian President Vladimir Putin said terrorists may have caused the crash and he had no reason to doubt a Ukrainian denial stressing that missiles used in the exercise did not have the range to reach the airliner.

However, a senior U.S. administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was no evidence of terrorism and a Ukrainian military exercise probably led to the crash.

The chartered Tupolev 154 went down in pieces 114 miles off the Russian coastal city of Adler, located on the Georgian border, said Vasily Yurchuk of the Emergency Situations Ministry.

The Sibir Airlines plane was on its way from Tel Aviv to the Siberian city of Novosibirsk, about 1,750 miles east of Moscow, Yurchuk said.
President Bush, who spoke to Putin

by telephone Thursday, said he was deeply saddened. "My heartfelt sympathies, and those

of the American people, are with the people of Israel and Russia and the families of the many victims of this tragedy," Bush said. He did not address Putin's contention that the crash may have been the work of terrorists.

An Armenian airline pilot flying nearby witnessed the explosion and

"I saw the explosion on the plane, which was above me at an altitude of 36,300 feet," said Garik Ovanisian. "The plane fell into the sea, and there was another explosion in the sea. After that I saw a big white spot on the sea, and I had the impression that oil was burn-

Russian television showed footage of white debris floating on the sea in a straight line, following the trajectory of

the wreckage into the depths.

Shortly after the crash, Putin told a delegation of European justice ministers "it is possible that it is the result of a terrorist act." Other Russian officials said terrorism was the main focus of the

"Against the background of the fight against international terrorism, naturally this version must be considered," said Alexander Zdanovich, the spokesman for the Federal Security Service, referring to the Sept. 11 terror attacks against U.S. targets and Russia's involvement in

the anti-terrorist campaign.
Putin said he believed Ukraine when it said a missile from its military exercises did not bring down the flight.

"The weapons that were being used during this exercise could not reach the area where our Tu-154 was flying," he







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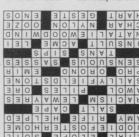
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