

EDWARDS

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it benefits Democrats. "How this decision benefits Republicans is that now they know that there will not be an incumbent in that race — that they don't have to oust somebody," Guillory said. But it's not all good news for the GOP. "What it also tells Republicans is that Democrats will have time to raise money to organize for a strong campaign." For months, Edwards has been under pressure from Democrats across the state to make his intentions known. "I think it's a decision that Democrats have been looking for," Guillory said. Several prominent

Democrats in the state, including former Gov. Jim Hunt and N.C. Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, have said Edwards' announcing his intentions would be in the best interest of Democrats who need a strong slate of candidates. Rand said that as a legislator, he knows the decision was difficult for Edwards. But he also said he thinks the choice was best for North Carolina. "As I said, I'm sure it's a hard choice for him, but in a way, it's a logical next step," Rand said. "He has told everybody involved, the voters included, that he's fully committed to the presidential race."

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LA FIESTA

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connecting with the Hispanic population. During the last 10 years, La Fiesta has grown beyond the capacity of its former home, Chapel Hill High School, and into the largest Hispanic festival in the state. This year, El Pueblo Inc. moved the festival to the State Fairgrounds, where the event drew an estimated 50,000 to 60,000 visitors. As the festival grew, more organizations decided that they could not ignore perhaps the best opportunity they had to speak to the Hispanic people. Political groups, including the Hispanic Democrats of North Carolina, the N.C. Republican Party and the Green Party, held booths beside advocacy organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the Sierra Club — none of which had attended the festival for more than four years. In a nonpartisan effort, El Pueblo Inc. teamed up with the National Council of La Raza, an umbrella Hispanic advocacy organization, to conduct a voter registration drive.

Some attendees collected political information to prepare them for their first time at the ballot box. But Arthur Sosa, a school administrator and 13th Congressional District representative for the Social Services Commission, said he thought the efforts of some visiting advocates were ineffective. Many of the Hispanic residents targeted by the volunteers are not aware of the full implications of party politics and aren't even eligible to participate in the democratic system, Sosa said. "There are a lot of people who I see who might not be politically astute coming with a different paradigm, different glasses," he said. "They pick up a sticker. Do you know what that stands for?" Sosa's wife, Maricela, said the volunteers who might not connect with the people at the festival did not detract from its purpose. "I see all cultures together," she said. "In Mexico, this is natural. I'm missing my country. I would like my baby grown up in this community, in this culture."

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PROTEST

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Rights," Susan Austin of Durham held aloft a sign that stated, "The Patriot Act is un-American." She said the frightening aspects of the Patriot Act include "the fact that they can go to libraries and bookstores and have access to any of the records there, and you're not even allowed to be told." The act allows law enforcement agents to violate people's privacy rights in the same ways that former U.S. Sen. Joe McCarthy and FBI director J. Edgar Hoover did, she said. "It's just a total erosion of our civil liberties." Erin Carter, a senior at Chapel Hill High School who attended Ashcroft's speech, saw her own privacy become an issue this summer. In May, she accused two Chapel Hill police officers of posing as FBI agents during an investigation of her Web log in conjunction with problems with the computer network at CHHS. One officer eventually resigned. The other was placed on administrative leave with pay. "I have felt extremely violated when this happened to me," Carter said. "So I can't imagine what it would be like to have an even deeper investigation brought on about you." Protester Owen Fitzgerald, a

senior at Enloe High School in Raleigh, said that not only does the Patriot Act run counter to everything he stands for, it also is a misstep in the war on terrorism. U.S. officials had the power to prevent a large-scale terrorist attack before the Sept. 11 attacks took place, he said. "Throwing money at the problem and expanding their powers exponentially is not the way to do things." He added that U.S. officials should battle terrorism using foreign policy and not from a law enforcement perspective. Ashcroft addressed some of the concerns in a brief press conference after his speech to law enforcement officials. He said that immigrants aren't detained without charges and that in every case he knows, they were notified of the charges and given access to lawyers. But he added that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has replaced him in supervising the immigration process. Section 215, one of the act's particularly controversial provisions which allows the FBI to search business records without notification, actually strengthens the safeguards on searches to accommodate civil liberties, Ashcroft said.

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FACULTY

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keep faculty better informed. Some faculty also inquired about the possibility of new revenue sources for the athletic department, including a proposal introduced last fall to modify the percentage of merchandising revenues allocated to the department. When first introduced to a scholarships committee, members soundly rejected the proposal. "This proposal has some of the qualities of a sewer rat," said law Professor Charles Daye. "We've heard it scur-

rying about for some time now, but no one has seen this rat." The athletic department gets 25 percent of merchandising revenues, with the rest going to scholarships and student aid. Moeser said that whether or not the allocation structure is modified, the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid will not be hurt financially. "If there is any change in allocation of dollars for financial aid, it will be a plus and not a minus." Contact the University Editor at udesk@unc.edu.

ASHCROFT

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been used effectively to track suspected drug dealers since 1986. "Americans expect that law enforcement tools used for decades to fight organized crime and drugs — those same kinds of tools should be available to protect their lives and their liberties from terror," he said. The contentious delayed notification search warrants have been used for decades, he said, and they have been upheld as constitutional and respectful of civil liberties. He said any investigation of suspected terrorists could be compromised if they are tipped off too early, resulting in a suspect fleeing or the destruction of evidence. Ashcroft said that although the terrorist threat to the United States remains, the tactics outlined in the Patriot Act are working. Ever since the act has allowed for the consolidation of law enforcement and intelligence efforts, he said, four alleged terrorist cells in

the United States have been dismantled and 132 people have been convicted or have pleaded guilty. Officials have brought criminal charges against 255 people, and more than 515 people with links to the Sept. 11 investigation have been deported, Ashcroft added. "All told, more than 3,000 suspected terrorists have been arrested in countries around the world. And many more have met a different fate." Ashcroft said the act has allowed law enforcement officials to fulfill their first responsibility: to protect U.S. citizens. He said the Sept. 11 attacks, which caused people to run "up the stairs of the World Trade Center as others were running down," have transformed the mission of the U.S. Department of Justice. "Our greatest memorial to those who have passed must be to protect the lives and the liberties of those yet to come."

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BUSH

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alongside the United States and that U.S. commanders have requested a third such division. Some countries have asked for an explicit U.N. peacekeeping authorization, and Bush said Secretary of State Colin Powell would seek a Security Council resolution to authorize deployment of

new forces. Pressed for a price tag for Iraq, Bush said he would ask Congress for \$87 billion for the next fiscal year. Of that amount, he said, \$66 billion would be earmarked for military and intelligence operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Defense Department officials have said U.S. operations are costing about \$3.9 billion monthly, excluding indirect expenses.



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