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Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., laughs with a congregation of more than 2,000 worshippers Sunday during the sermon at the Bible Way Church service in Columbia, S.C. Edwards spent the day campaigning across the state in preparation for the Democratic primary to be held Tuesday.

EDWARDS COURTS MINORITY VOTERS

BY CHRIS COLETTA AND LAURA YOUNGS
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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Amid the more than 2,000 stomping, singing disciples at Bible Way Church, you couldn't miss John Edwards.

As others swayed in an almost ecstatic rhythm, taken in by the church band's tight rhythms and the bellows of Pastor Darrell Jackson, North Carolina's senior senator stuck out, tapping his hands meekly on the pew in front of him and smiling.

Edwards, a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, toured the Palmetto State on Sunday in what was likely his last full day of campaigning here before Tuesday's primaries. Bible Way, a congregation with more than 7,000 members, was the senator's first stop, and its leader's message of reconciliation and colorblindness would set the tone for his day.

"What unites us is blood. What divides us is skin," Jackson said shortly before delivering his sermon, which he geared toward his overwhelmingly black congregation as much as he geared it toward Edwards.

During the message, Jackson got worshippers onto their feet several times, telling them to open their eyes and ask God to grant the blessings promised in the Bible.

"Whatever you do, keep your hope going," he said, as his people responded by bursting into punctuated cheers.

Edwards, for his part, participated in the events with good cheer, if not with the gusto of those surrounding him.

The Seneca, S.C., native followed the service with an appearance in the church's

Family Life Center, where he delivered a version of his "Two Americas" stump speech that elicited a reaction similar to the one that was found in the sanctuary.

With his voice hoarsened by weeks of campaigning, Edwards made his usual claims that the government's policies on health care, taxes, foreign policy and civil rights have created a divide among the American people, one that often finds the black population on the wrong end.

"I don't have to tell the people in this room we live in an America that is too much divided by race," he said.

To drive home that point, Edwards emphasized other major issues facing black voters, such as prescription drug prices and the neglect of impoverished families.

"This is not an African-American issue. This is an American issue," he said, winning his loudest applause on the chilly afternoon before heading east to meet with supporters in Florence, S.C.

Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life, said Edwards' actions were typical of Southern politics, where candidates often court a substantial minority vote by becoming active in community events. Black voters comprise as much as 40 percent of South Carolina's electorate.

"It is not at all surprising," he said. "It's a way for him to say, 'I was listening.'"

Being perceived as sympathetic to black needs and as an activist for those needs is key for Edwards, who is in a tight race with Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., for first place in South Carolina. Edwards has cited Tuesday's primary, the first in the South, as a must-win, and his Southern roots and

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Students help canvass in S.C.

BY AMY KINGSLEY
STAFF WRITER

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The ice cracked when the opening notes of "Let's Get it On" sounded on the minivan speakers.

It might have seemed like an unlikely anthem, but for five strangers, all UNC-Chapel Hill students, on their way to campaign for presidential candidate John Edwards of North Carolina, nothing could have been more appropriate.

These five students joined about 20 other UNC-CH students to meet up with volunteers from across the nation in Columbia, S.C., this weekend with the goal of wooing as many undecided voters as possible before

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DTH/JUSTIN SMITH

Freshman Aneri Patel (left) and sophomore Summer Lin Home search a list of voters while campaigning for Sen. John Edwards in Columbia, S.C., on Saturday.

Vandalism strikes SBP campaigns

Six signs stolen or dismantled

BY BROOK CORWIN
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

In addition to preparing for forums and soliciting student support, some student body president candidates now are having to repair or replace vandalized campaign signs.

In the past several days, six wooden sandwich boards belonging to four different campaigns were dismantled or stolen outright.

Bearing the worst of the vandalism is the campaign to elect Matt Calabria. Three campaign signs were dismantled — one on two separate occasions — and a couple of the signs were defaced with homophobic and anti-Semitic comments. "We've never seen this kind of vandalism," said Calabria, a veteran of several campaigns, "and we're worried it will continue."

Campaign workers have rebuilt or painted over the vandalized Calabria signs. But similar signs for the campaigns of Laura Thomas, John Walker and Lily West are partially or completely missing.

Candidates said they don't know anything about the vandalism's source and are disheartened to see typical election competition escalate to this degree.

"If this was a one-time thing, that's something else, but this is out in the open," Walker said. "I

don't understand where this is coming from."

Calabria said his staff filed a police report after the Board of Elections was unable to take action.

"There's little we can do to enforce the law," said Melissa Anderson, board chairwoman. "It's a really frustrating situation for the board, the candidates and the student body in general."

The trend has discouraged candidate Ashley Castevens from planting any signs until this week. Castevens said she sensed animosity from the beginning of the campaign season when she says her staff had several sheets of campaign signatures swiped. "I hate to say it, but we expected this," she said. "I was really hoping this would be the year we didn't have to deal with this ... but it's turning out to be rather vicious."

Other candidates downplayed any negativity among campaigns, attributing the vandalism to student pranks.

"I take the perspective that we're putting up these signs with 25,000 20-year-olds around," said candidate Matt Liles, who has had one campaign poster vandalized. "There are kids who watch 'Jackass' and drink and are going to do stuff."

But members of Calabria's staff said the nature of the vandalism, which requires using a cordless drill, indicates more malicious intent.

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Offers entice administrators

BY EMILY STEEL
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

UNC's reputation as a top-notch public university has transformed it into a manufacturing plant of highly respected administrators, many of whom are being lured away by other universities.

Three of UNC's high-level administrators are candidates for the position of dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the College of William and Mary.

"UNC seems to have an excellent system for grooming administrative talent," said Gene Tracy, the chairman of the search committee. "You've got three excellent people there who are ready to take on these new challenges."

Out of the 135 people who applied for the position, Linda Dykstra, dean of The Graduate School; Darryl Gless, senior associate dean of the College of Arts



Provost Robert Shelton said he understands when faculty decide to leave UNC.

and Sciences; and Bernadette Gray-Little, executive associate provost, rose to the top of the pool. They now are three of the final five candidates in consideration.

Both Gless and Gray-Little also are candidates for the position of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC.

"The good news is we have talented people," Provost Robert Shelton said. "The bad news is they have a lot of options, and sometimes they need to exercise them."

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Patriots narrowly edge Panthers for title

Field goal seals Sunday nail-biter

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Once again, the New England Patriots have Adam Vinatieri's foot to thank for a Super Bowl victory.

Vinatieri gave New England its second NFL championship in three seasons when he booted a 41-yard field goal down the middle of the uprights with 4 seconds left for a thrilling 32-29 victory against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday night.

Vinatieri earlier missed a field goal and had another one blocked. But as he did in 2002 when he kicked the winning field goal to beat the St. Louis Rams on the

final play of the Super Bowl, he proved he is perhaps the NFL's best clutch kicker.

For a contest that was scoreless for a record 27 minutes, this game later turned into one of the greatest all-time offensive shows between two of the NFL's best defenses.

There were 37 points scored in the fourth quarter alone, and Tom Brady, who led New England on its winning drive, was 32-of-48 for 354 yards and three touchdowns.

Brady was voted the game's MVP for the second time in three seasons, although he did throw an interception that prevented

New England from winning more easily.

"There have been some heart attacks, but they've come out on top," said Coach Bill Belichick, whose team won its 15th straight game.

Carolina had tied the game at 29 with its third fourth-quarter TD on a 12-yard pass from Jake Delhomme to Ricky Proehl with 1:08 left.

Then John Kasay kicked the ball out of bounds to give New England field position at its own 40.

Brady moved the Patriots 37 yards in six plays, hitting Deion Branch to set up Vinatieri's winning kick.

"I looked up and it was going

right down the middle," he said.

The kick prevented the Super Bowl from going into overtime for the first time ever.

The Patriots led 14-10 at the half, and after a scoreless third quarter, they made it 21-10 on the second play of the fourth quarter on a 2-yard run by Antowain Smith.

It capped an eight-play, 71-yard drive that featured a 33-yard pass from Brady to tight end Daniel Graham.

Carolina wasn't about to give up, though, scoring on DeShaun Foster's 33-yard run on a six-play, 81-yard drive.

But the 2-point conversion pass

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DTH/LAURA MORTON

Million Mekonnen and Shew Mumawe (center) celebrate at Buffalo Wild Wings after the Carolina Panthers' first touchdown in the Super Bowl.



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