

**OTHER SCHOOLS**

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dancing — participants even get down on their way to the bathroom. While many schools have periods when dancers stop to listen to testimonials from families or to hear bands, Ballheim said, Northwestern's dancers are encouraged to dance as much as possible. During the 30-hour marathon, the 500 dancers take short breaks every few hours, but there is little time when they are not dancing. Each year, the marathon, in its 30th year, chooses an organization to receive most of the money raised. This year more than 90 percent of the money will be given to h.a.v.e. dreams, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of autistic children. Haley Robertson, executive director of the University of Georgia's dance marathon, said she has first-hand experience with the mission of marathons. Robertson was in the hospital as a child and later volunteered there. "I probably have a little bit of a biased view," she said. Now in its tenth year, UGa.'s 2004 marathon is hoping to bring the total money raised since the marathon's inception to \$1 million. Robertson said it is good to see other colleges having dance

marathons. "It's bigger than just us," she said. Although many schools have strict rules that do not allow dancers to sit during the marathon, Alison Myers, executive director of the University of Iowa's dance marathon, said Iowa has loosened its rules in past years. The university's marathon has a surprise for first-year dancers who expect to stand for 24 hours — a mood room where they can take a couple of 20-minute breaks. Aside from these breaks, dancers stand even while eating during the marathon, which was held Feb. 6 and 7 and raised more than \$625,000 this year, Myers said. Bucy said that at UNC, the biggest sign of growth is not the money raised but the dancers involved. The first year, the core group that started the marathon didn't know if they would break even, he said. "Everyone (in the core group) had said, 'There's no way we're doing this again,'" Bucy said. But Dance Marathon at UNC continued, and Bucy has come back every year to dance. He will be at Fetzer Gym Friday for this year's Dance Marathon, he said. "The thing that united (the first) group was the dream of something more."

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**PRIMARY**

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trade policies and two newspaper endorsements for Edwards. Nor did the polls take into account 11th-hour attacks on Kerry from President Bush's re-election team. "We underwent a lot of Republican attacks the last week. Notwithstanding those attacks, we showed we can fight back," Kerry told the AP. "We're winning in every state across the country," he said. "We're going to win the nomination." Kerry won 15 of the 17 elections to date — seven by almost half the vote — on the East and West coasts, in the Midwest, the Great Plains and the Southwest. He remains the undisputed front-runner, flush with money and momentum. But the Edwards surprise ended any hope for a quick conclusion to the race and earlier-than-ever general election planning. A poor second-place showing would have crippled Edwards' campaign. Dean, the former Vermont governor, ignored pleas to give up the fight. "We are not done," he told his supporters, even as his own advis-

*"Independents are the people we have to win over to win the general election."*

JOHN EDWARDS, CANDIDATE

ers were saying his campaign for the presidency was effectively over. Dean was heading back to Vermont to regroup, in search of a way to convert his political network into a movement that helps elect Democrats. Exit polls showed that half of the voters made their selection in the last week — most in the last few days — and Edwards led among late-breakers. Taking advantage of Wisconsin's open primary rules, one in 10 voters were Republicans and about 30 percent were independents. Those voters broke for Edwards. The strong GOP turnout was boosted by city government elections in Milwaukee and a controversial referendum on casino gambling by an American Indian tribe.

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process. "The Iraqi people are better off without Saddam (Hussein)." Shelton said he does not believe Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, but he said that based on the intelligence available prior to the attack and Hussein's numerous violations of U.N. resolutions, the Bush administration acted credibly in classifying Iraq as an imminent threat. Still, he said his main concern was the timeline for rebuilding the nation. "This requires the commitment of the entire country to rebuild a

nation," he said. Shelton cited the nine-year commitment of U.N. forces in Bosnia as an indication that the United States should not be fooled into thinking that rebuilding Iraq will be quick or easy. With the United States in recent years becoming increasingly involved in international affairs, Shelton acknowledged the government could do a better job of crafting its image for other countries. "When you're the big guy on the block, a little humility goes a long way."

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**WESLEY KING**

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today those conditions have not been eliminated. "We've come a long way, but we haven't come far enough," she said. King cited the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which helped eliminate obstacles placed on voting, as proof that society still does not enforce the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. "What, in fact, is the purpose of the Constitution?" she asked. "If we are not going to adhere to it under the law, then it has no muscle." King said the Voting Rights Act

has to be re-passed every 25 years because it still has not been added as an amendment to the Constitution. Yet, despite the murder of her sister, the discrimination she faced in school and the feeling that, even today, society still has work to do, King's message was hopeful. "Life is up and down," she said. "When I'm at my lowest point, I can be happy that it's not going to stay that way." "With all things said and done, life is great."

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**CHUCK D**

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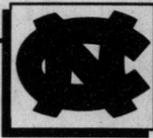
that when the group learned that Chuck D was both available and affordable, it jumped at the opportunity. "We were looking to bring in a speaker who would be both able to speak for Black History Month and draw (students) to the new Union," he said. Chuck D is known for his outspoken views and disregard for the politically correct. But Lamb said he isn't worried about the possible repercussions of sponsoring a notoriously outspoken speaker. In fact, he said that the rapper's charged opinion will be a nice addition to the campus' intellectual climate. "I'm looking forward to it because bringing people like that to campus is a good thing," Lamb said. "It incites discussion and makes people think for themselves." One of the issues Chuck D takes a strong stance on is that of file sharing. He opposes the Recording Industry Association of America's prosecution of those who partake

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CHRIS LAMB, CUAB PRESIDENT

in the illegal activity — an issue that is applicable to UNC students. "CUAB doesn't want to come down on either side of that issue," Lamb said. "But we're eager to bring someone who has thoughtful opinions on that subject to campus." Though CUAB doesn't have an abstract of the points Chuck D plans to speak about, the organization expects that the speech will be insightful, possibly incendiary and an appropriate addition to their commemorative events during Black History Month. Whatever the subject matter discussed, you can anticipate that Chuck D will combat Public Enemy No. 1: ignorance.

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