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TAR HEELS TAKE ON THE BIG APPLE DOLE COURTS DELEGATES



U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., speaks to reporters at The Warwick Hotel in New York City after a breakfast for the N.C. delegation to the Republican National Convention.

BY EMMA BURGIN
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NEW YORK

Wearing her trademark red suit, Sen. Elizabeth Dole entered the North Carolina Republican delegates' breakfast with a bit of fanfare.

The soon-to-be-senior senator from North Carolina arrived late because of traffic she hit on the way back from an interview with CNN.

Dole will become the state's most experienced senator in January. John Edwards, the state's current senior senator, is not seeking re-election in order to concentrate on his vice presidential bid alongside Democratic nominee John Kerry.

Her busy schedule — in addition to Monday's television appearance, she will appear on "Fox and Friends" today — has sent Dole jet-setting around the country as she becomes one of the leading women in the Republican Party.

"She has taken and will continue to take a large leadership position in our party," said Ferrell Blount, chairman of the N.C. Republican Party. "That's indicative of the fact that the national party is looking to North Carolina for leadership."

Dole will speak at the 2004 Republican National Convention at 8 p.m. today.

"I said, 'Vote for Governor George Bush

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First night's speakers focus on unity, Sept. 11

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NEW YORK — An uproarious and energetic crowd kicked off the 2004 Republican National Convention on Monday night, cheering the evening's speakers as they talked of a united country.

A packed floor crawling with delegates greeted speakers, including former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who spoke of strengthening national defense and fighting the war on terror.

"Like all wars, it has its ups and down, but we must fight," McCain said.

"We must learn from our mistakes and improve on our successes to provide a much stronger and better country than we were blessed to inherit."

McCain also focused on strengthening the war on terror, stating that it is necessary in order to make the world a safer place and that Bush has shown resolve in stopping global terrorism.

"President Bush deserves not only our support, but our admiration," he said.

"As the president rightly reminds us, we are safer now than we were on September 11, but we're not yet safe. We're still closer to the beginning than the end of this fight."

"We need a leader willing to make tough decisions," he continued.

"And this president will not rest until America is stronger and safer still."

The evening also included speeches from families of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks as well as from former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik.

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Earlier Monday, after a speech by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, delegates threw their support behind Vice President Dick Cheney — officially nominating him to run as the vice presidential candidate in the 2004 presidential campaign.

Bloomberg addressed a crowd of delegates with a tone of hope, thanking the country for its support during the terrorist attacks and proclaiming that the city is proud to host the 2004 convention.

"This convention is our chance to say thank you, and it's why we're making our town your town," he said.

Drawing on the memories of the attacks, Bloomberg reminded everyone that though the city was hit hard, it recovered — but not without the aid of the country.

"The terrorists hit us there, our knees buckled, but we stayed on our feet and we showed that our dreams, our liberties will never be lost to hate," he said to an applauding crowd.

"In our greatest hour of need, you ... were there for us. And we owe you more than we can say."

Bloomberg continued, asking those before him for their backing of Bush.

"The president deserves our support, and we are here to support him, and I am here to support him."

The evening ended with a standing ovation, as Giuliani reminded the crowd of what he called a strong resolve on the part of the president.

"He is dedicated to America, under his leader-

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Bowles stumps on campus

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UNC's Young Democrats saw their largest turnout in recent memory at a meeting Monday night, thanks to a planned rally for U.S. Senate candidate Erskine Bowles.

The Charlotte investment banker walked out to a standing ovation from students totting Kerry-Edwards and

INSIDE Bowles 2004 signs and bumper stickers. And cheers from the crowd interrupted Bowles' enthusiastic speech several times in the first few minutes.

"This is incredible," Bowles said to the students of his alma mater. "I'm thrilled to be home."

The group's president, Justin Guillory, said Bowles drew about 600 people to the Student Union's Great Hall. Bowles' visit to a 2002 Young Democrats meeting had a turnout of about 400.

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U.S. Senate candidate Erskine Bowles speaks at a UNC Young Democrats meeting Monday night in the Great Hall of the Student Union.

Edwards, Clark criticize Bush

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WILMINGTON — Sen. John Edwards strayed from the upbeat family-oriented rallies that have become the Democratic Party's signature during his solo speech at UNC-Wilmington on Monday morning.

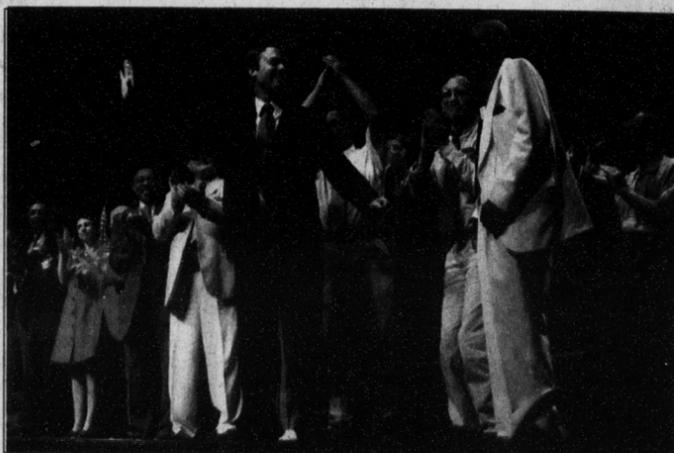
Veterans peppered the audience and filled the stage to show their support for the democratic ticket.

In place of "Johnny B. Goode," classical music played quietly in the background, setting the tone for a more serious, direct event.

Edwards was introduced by Gen. Wesley Clark and welcomed onstage with a standing ovation from the packed Kenan Auditorium.

Edwards outlined his and Kerry's plan for national security while pointing out the differences between

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John Edwards waves to a packed house after delivering a speech Monday morning at Kenan Auditorium on the UNC-Wilmington campus. Many veterans joined Edwards on the stage.

Alcohol linked to increase in crime

Reports: Police make more arrests at onset of semester

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The town of Chapel Hill experienced a rise in crime rates during the last three weekends as students returned for fall classes.

State and local law enforcement records show a rise in larcenies, driving while intoxicated arrests, drug-related arrests and noise ordinance violations during each of the last three weekends.

Chapel Hill police reports indicate that many of these crimes involved students.

Between Thursday night and early Sunday morning, at least five UNC students were arrested on various charges, and many students were cited on noise ordinance violations, reports state.

Chapel Hill police reports also show that police issued four times the number of underage drinking-related violations this weekend than the previous two weekends combined.

Chapel Hill police records show there were reports of 14 different driving while intoxicated charges this weekend. Four of those charges involved students, reports state.

N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement agents also were busy cracking down on underage drinking.

Tony Mills, assistant supervisor for Raleigh's ALE office, said agents made 30 arrests on 43 charges Thursday, including 10 for underage drinking and 21 for using false identification.

Chapel Hill police and ALE agents also issued five citations for selling alcohol to minors this weekend to local stores, including Key Food Mart on Rosemary Street, Ken's Quickee Mart in University Square and the Carr Mill Mall Harris Teeter in Carrboro.

While ALE agents did not make any arrests Friday or Saturday, they still considered it a busy weekend.

"We've had busier weekends," Mills said. "But we still had a lot of work to do."

Serious crimes also have been reported since classes started.

This weekend, there were reports of one aggravated assault; one sex offense, which occurred at Fraternity Court; one charge of assault with a deadly weapon; and one case of assault with intent to kill or commit serious injury, according to reports.

Town officials were prepared for the jump in reported incidents, an increase that is typically associated with the return of students.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said the police department increases patrols when students come in, as well as during other periods of high activity in town.

Mills said ALE also braces for the influx of students each year by bringing in extra agents to Orange County in addition to the two resident agents.

While ALE primarily was focused on having an increased presence this weekend, Mills said agents plan to continue operating with extra agents for several weekends.

"If what we did on Thursday deterred people on Friday, we succeeded," he said. "But there's no telling when we'll stop."

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