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trict encompasses Moore County, said that if Edwards' Senate career is any sign of what kind of vice president Edwards will be, then he'll provide little help to North Carolina.

"About the only barometer I have as it applies to the presidential race occurred when I went down to Moore County — that's Senator Edwards' home," Coble said.

"When I went down there during the presidential election, Democrats came to me and complained about how Senator Edwards had deserted them. We elected him to the Senate, not to the presidency. And we want him to concentrate more on the Senate."

"And they came to me asking me to go tell him that."

The candidate

Barbara Allen couldn't be happier.

The chairwoman of the N.C. Democratic Party says that interest in this year's presidential election is high, that registration is higher — and that Democrats across the state look to benefit from Edwards' campaign.

It could be, she said, the best thing to happen to the N.C. Democratic Party since 1976.

"I've never seen as much involvement as I have seen this time," she said.

"I was talking to somebody in Wilmington today, and they registered more than 500 voters. ... I think this speaks for what's happening out there."

"And certainly I know that North Carolina has not gone for a Democratic president since 1976, but this might be the year."

There is a calculable difference from previous years in the amount of money the Democratic National Committee is putting into the state, said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on

Southern Politics, Media and Public Life.

"Edwards has engendered a lot of enthusiasm," he said. "And it's kind of kicked up a notch or two the efforts on the part of the Democratic Party. It has ensured that the national Democratic Party has put some money into North Carolina."

And although most pundits don't believe the Kerry-Edwards ticket can topple President Bush and decades of N.C. tradition, many say there will be measurable impacts in the state.

UNC political science Professor Thad Beyle said Edwards is already helping to cut into the Bush lead.

In North Carolina, the president is ahead of Kerry 50 percent to 47 percent in the latest survey available at press time: a poll of 627 likely voters performed Friday through Sunday for Survey USA.

And because the poll's margin of error is 4 percent, the state's presidential race — at least for now — can be considered a statistical dead heat.

But Bush took the Tar Heel state by an almost double-digit margin in 2000 over then-Vice President Al Gore.

"In a campaign, he already has had an impact and will continue to do so in North Carolina specifically," Beyle said.

"Does Senator Edwards assure Senator Kerry of carrying North Carolina? President Bush remains the favorite in this state."

But Beyle added that Edwards "has clearly made North Carolina more competitive than it would have otherwise been."

That competitive edge doesn't just apply to Kerry. Democrats in local and statewide races will benefit from the influx of Democratic funding and the heightened prominence Edwards has brought to the state.

And though that might have an impact on only a small number of percentage points in the race for the presidency, "that 2

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or 3 percent means President Bush's coattails will be shorter," Beyle said. "(Senate candidate) Erskine Bowles, (incumbent Gov.) Mike Easley — neither one has to fight against a huge Republican landslide.

"It might win a few swing voters — most Republicans are still going to vote for Bush — but Joe Lieberman didn't campaign in this state at all."

The vice president

Mike McIntyre is confident that Edwards as vice president would benefit the people of Robeson County.

That's why he staked out a seat behind Edwards' daughter, Cate, at the vice presidential debate. That's why he brought his two sons to the Democratic National Convention wearing "Turn it Blue" T-shirts.

"The benefit is that when I call, should he become Vice President Edwards, he knows not only where Robbins, North Carolina, is but he knows what the plight of the Robeson County schools is," said McIntyre, who represents one of the state's poorest counties in the U.S. House.

"He knows where the small towns like Wytheville, North Carolina, are. He's been with me at the hospital in Fayetteville. He knows where these places are, so then we don't talk in theory, we talk in reality."

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But not everyone is confident

that Edwards will have enough influence to substantially impact specific places in his home state.

Many asked similar questions about Dick Cheney and his potential impact on his home state of Wyoming when George W. Bush chose him as a running mate in 2000.

Cheney's impact at home has been minimal, said Jim King, a political science professor at the University of Wyoming, adding that he doesn't expect a boon to the Tar Heel state if Kerry and Edwards win.

"See, I don't think really the vice president has much of an impact," King said. "I think just generally the only impact is that you've got a president and a vice president who are favorable to this state ideologically."

"When you're the vice president, you have a whole different constituency. You've got a broader responsibility."

On March 3, when Edwards stood on a stage at Broughton High School in Raleigh to announce the suspension of his presidential campaign, he spoke of the people he once hoped to fight for in the White House.

"I can picture their faces as clear as they are in front of me right now, lint in their hair and grease on their faces, men and women who represent the best of what America is," he said.

The next few weeks will determine whether or not he's able to make a difference in their lives.

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awareness. That's why we chose Cape Hatteras," said committee member Paul Smith, a sophomore.

"It's something that we all know in North Carolina, but we may not know the danger that it is in."

A copy of the petition was placed next to the dunking booth, and about 350 students signed it, said Liz Veazey of the Southeast Student Climate & Energy Network.

Anderson said he hoped the day's events, and even the drubbing he took inside the booth, helped raise awareness about what he said is an important issue.

"We need to implement a long-term plan for moving toward clean energy sources," said Anderson.

"While that may be commonplace in Europe, in the U.S., that's quite a statement. Even George W. Bush said in 2002 that action needs to be taken, although that, of course, has been forgotten about."

Also taking place Tuesday was a Critical Mass Bike Ride down Franklin Street, which was designed to promote cleaner, alternative forms of transportation and a forum in Carrboro to discuss methods better using solar energy.

"Today was very successful because there were a lot of people who were just walking by and thought, 'Oh, a dunk tank,' and we were able to inform them (about our issue)," Veazey said.

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government."

Strunk said she believes that through frequent meetings with student government, the CAA will be able to operate more efficiently. She pointed to a summit, held before Keith's resignation, between officials of CAA and student government as a prime example of such efforts.

Roger Wespe, director of public relations for CAA, said Keith's resignation won't hinder the group's future efforts. "It is what it is. This is a strong organization, and I feel like Lindsay taking over can only move us forward."

During the CAA cabinet's regularly scheduled meeting, members continued discussions of upcoming Homecoming events.

The meeting, which was the first meeting run by Strunk, was business as usual as preparations for Homecoming week came to a close. The group discussed many of the week's activities, including the Homecoming concert, headlined by

John Legend, and the Homecoming game against Miami.

A change in authority as the countdown begins for Homecoming could easily cause problems, but as the group approaches its biggest push of the year, members have nothing but great expectations for their new leadership.

CAA secretary Lauren Thureau was supportive of having Strunk at the helm. "I don't think it will affect Homecoming or CAA in general."

CAA cabinet members still are uncertain how they will fill the vice president position and are waiting to hear more from student government.

But Strunk said she believes the organization will continue to make strides in the right direction, even during the transitional period.

"We want to highlight some of the really positive things about CAA," she said. "It's hard, but we have such an exciting week ahead."

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THE Daily Crossword

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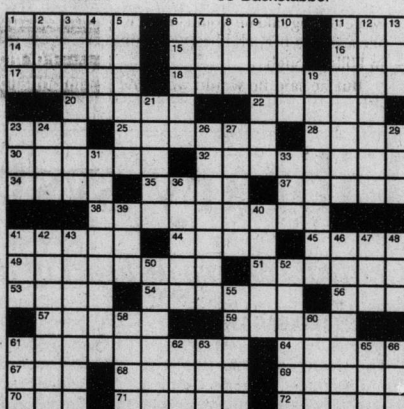
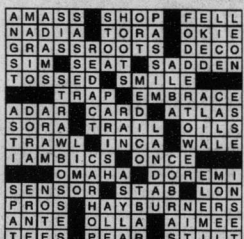
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... I didn't realize (the paperwork) would be such a burden."

Most student leaders understand when they take their positions that they will be overburdened. But officials say the reality of their situations often eclipses even these expectations.

"I had a great understanding of what I was getting into," said Rebekah Burford, student body vice president for the 2003-04 school year. Burford also served as chief of staff the year before.

"If you aren't aware of that, it'll be harder to change your life around for your position."

Holloway also stressed the importance of acknowledging the huge time commitment.

"Any leader on campus who isn't aware of that commitment of a leadership office on campus isn't qualified for the job."

Rebecca Williford, a former student body secretary who resigned from office in 2002 citing health concerns, said officials' desire to do the job well often exacerbates their problems.

Anderson agreed. "I think there's an incredible amount of pressure to get done what you say you'll get done."

Burford said that in addition to these pressures, officials have to "take care of things that come up around the year and handle those with the same amount of diligence."

Their drive to please the student body also can affect the amount of pressure individual leaders put on themselves.

"I think a lot of the pressure is something I personally put on myself," said Keith. "You want to do a good job, and sometimes are more heavily criticized than you should be by others or by yourself."

Another point of stress for student leaders is the fact that almost every e-mail they write, meeting they attend or dollar they spend is public knowledge.

"You feel a certain amount of pressure all the time, because what you do reflects on the students," said Holloway. "You feel responsible to make good out of the faith that people have put in you."

Leaders said these pressures and the time commitment of a leadership role on campus definitely changes one's life.

"Your sleep schedule changes, which impacts your classes and puts stress on your friendships and other personal relationships," said Student Body President Matt Calabria.

"There are a lot of implications of taking on a role, an amount which can't be felt until you're in that position."

Keith said he hopes students understand the amount of time and energy leaders devote to their work.

"I hope students ... are willing to work with the student leaders, believe in them and help them do what's best for the student body," he said. "They are just students taking on a full job, and that's a lot to ask of anyone."

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