The Daily Tar Heel

Edwards returns to stump in Tar Heel State

BY CARLY TRICHE

RALEIGH — Hyped supporters arrived at a Democratic rally Friday not only to support hometown Sen. John Edwards, but to cheer on a trio of Johns: Edwards, John Kerry and Jon Bon Jovi.

Buoyed by Bon Jovi's hits and his political rhetoric, Edwards – Kerry's running mate in Tuesday's presidential election - returned home to the Tar Heel state in an event meant to acknowledge the people who have pushed him toward his current heights.

"I didn't come here to give a political speech. I came here to say thank you to all of you," Edwards said to thousands of supporters inside the J.S. Dorton Arena at the State Fairgrounds. Edwards did address the con-

cerns of people in the audience who had heard about a tape released by al-Qaida mastermind Osama bin Laden regarding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, promising to hunt the leader down. "We will win this war on terror

together," he said

But he quickly lightened the mood by talking about his North Carolina childhood in a speech that related to the people of the state. Edwards said his family and fam-

1 & 2 Bedrooms

On 5 bus lines

Basketball court 24 hour fitness room

Sparkling pool

FREE gym membership

Only 1.5 miles from campus

Washer & dryer in every apartment

STELAD OWOOD

ily values are important to him. "Like many of you, we went to PTA meetings. We went to wild football games," he said. But Edwards said the current

administration is not listening to America.

"They do not hear the voice of the mother who is waiting in the ER with her child, worried sick about how she is going to pay the bill.

"They don't hear the voice of the mother who asks, 'Why did you send my son over there?" he said of the war in Iraq. Edwards said one of the benefits

of living in the United States is that people can make changes.

"It's you that can create an pitals. America where we can once again have well-paying jobs that can sup-port a family." Before Edwards' speech, his wife

Elizabeth spoke to the crowd about elections issues and why everyone should vote.

"She's toured this country more on behalf of her ticket than (Vice President) Dick Cheney has toured on behalf of his," Bon Jovi said. Elizabeth Edwards greeted the

crowd with a warm smile and enthusiasm before launching into her critique of the Bush administration.

"The president says we need responsible leadership, and I couldn't agree with him more," she said. "This president doesn't take any responsibility."

She talked about hot-topic issues, such as health care, the flu vaccine shortage and the problems in Iraq, which she said Bush blames on lawyers and the Shame on him," she said.

Shame on Bush! Shame on

Bush!" the crowd responded. Elizabeth Edwards also said Bush broke a promise made to troops before he took office by charging returning soldiers a \$250 enrollment fee to enter hos-

"John Kerry knows those men and women pay their enrollment fee when they put on that uniform," she said, asking everyone to help make sure Kerry and Edwards win on Election Day.

"I promise you, if you work for the next four days for John Kerry, John Edwards and (U.S. Senate candidate) Erskine Bowles, we will work the next four years for you,' Elizabeth Edwards said.

The Edwards' daughter, Cate, also spoke about the importance of voting. "There's so much energy, so much excitement," she said. "It's

with the way Bush has handled

the way bush has hardred the war in Iraq or with his treat-ment of U.S. troops. He also told everyone to write to family and friends overseas and to those who are struggling with job loss or inadequate health care. "You tell them, in four days, hope is on the way

He did not leave without making one more promise to the diverse Southern audience:

"The family you are born into and the color of your skin, in our America, will never control your

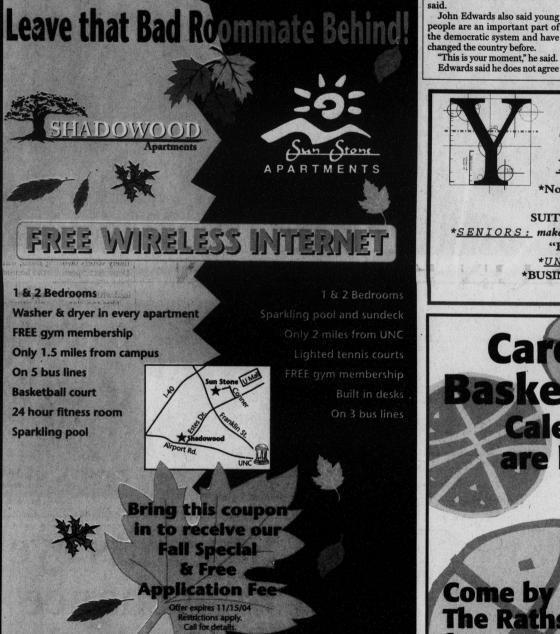
Contact the State & National Editor at stntdesk@unc.edu.

The Daily Tar Heel

P.O. Box 3257, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 Michelle Jarboe, Editor, 962-4086 Advertising & Business, 962-1163 News, Features, Sports, 962-0245

One copy per person; additional copies may be purchased at The Daily Tar Heel for \$.25 each. © 2004 DTH Publishing Corp. All rights reserve

Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards shakes hands with supporters inside the J.S. Dorton Arena at the N.C. State Fairgrounds on Friday night while Edwards' 5-year-old son, Jack (right), looks on. destiny.

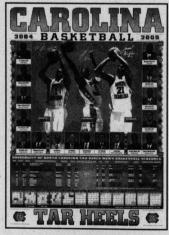




5

The Yearbook of UNC YEARBOOK PORTRAITS *November 1-5 and November 8-12* 11am-2pm & 3-6pm SUITE 2415, OLD STUDENT UNION *<u>SENIORS</u>: make appointment at www.mcgrathstudios.com, password: nc5 **"BUSINESS ATTIRE PLEASE*** *UNDERCLASSMEN : just walk in *BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE PLEASE* No purchase necessary! Carolin Basketb Calendars are here!!!

The Rathskeller





Yackety Yack

tremendous. "We only have four more days," she added. The audience respond-ed by enthusiastically chanting, "Four more days!" "We're doing everything we can to change this country. ... We can't do it alone," Cate Edwards

John Edwards also said young

said

Edwards said he does not agree

1-888-266-3431 shadowood@aimco.com www.shadowoodapartments.com 110 Piney Mountain Road Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Order for delivery notiday delivery AIMC

1-888-710-3826 \square

公司已 endar!!

st • No purc

Open Daily 11:00am-10:30pm • 157 ½ E Franklin Street

Carolina Ring vent



DATE.....TODAY, Monday, Nov. 1 - Friday, Nov. 5 TIME......10:30am - 3:00pm PLACE.....UNC Student Stores

1-800-996-8636 Local Balfour Office: 919-968-7894 • Special Payment Plans Available. 🔤 🜌 👹

1

www.balfourcollege.com

N