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On Friday, former vice presidential candidate John Edwards announced that he will return to UNC to start a center on poverty, work and opportunity.

Edwards to work at UNC

WILL ESTABLISH NONPARTISAN POVERTY CENTER ON CAMPUS

BY EMILY STEEL
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

John Edwards announced Friday his intentions to return home and establish a Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at UNC, closing months of discussions between UNC officials and the former U.S. Senator and vice presidential candidate.

"UNC has a long and deep history in being involved in very important causes, starting with people like Frank Porter Graham half a cen-

tury ago," Edwards said Sunday. "I thought it would be a terrific place to launch an effort to combat poverty."

The center is a nonpartisan initiative, linking efforts of faculty members and public policy experts to ultimately break the poverty cycle.

Edwards, a 1977 graduate of UNC's School of Law, also will serve as a guest lecturer in his part-time, two-year faculty position, funded through private donations. He will earn \$40,000 annually.

"My sense is really this is where he wanted to be," Chancellor James Moeser said. "It would have been unfortunate if a great Tar Heel had been snagged by a competing institution."

Edwards said he hopes to engage students and North Carolinians in the battle against poverty.

"It is an exciting opportunity for us to do some real good on an issue that most Americans care about but has not gotten the attention it deserves," he said. "We are going to be looking at the whole range of ideas for impacting poverty and the cycle of poverty and trying to find creative models that work."

During last year's presidential campaign, as well as during his six-year term in the U.S. Senate, Edwards advocated for poverty-reducing initiatives such as raising minimum wage and providing incentives for teachers to work in low-income schools.

"I think questions of economic justice and poverty and opportunity are close to the core of the mission of the University of North Carolina," said Gene Nichol, dean of the law school, where the center will be based. "I think it is a great coalescence of interests."

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Clock ticks on election efforts

Candidates rush to garner support

BY DANIEL WILKES
STAFF WRITER

After a weekend of relatively little campaigning, student body president hopefuls are set for one last push to get platform and voting information to students.

Candidates will saturate the campus to make their views known and to boost voter turnout before polls close Tuesday night.

"We're going to be fanned out across the campus, having a good time and talking to students," said candidate Seth Dearmin.

Candidate Seke Ballard said he will swipe UNC ONE Cards at Chase Hall tonight and that a dance performance also is in the works.

Candidate Leigha Blackwell intends to spend today and Tuesday explaining her platform and reminding students to vote.

"We're going to start really strong Monday morning for the people who have early classes," she said.

She said they will focus on high-traffic areas such as the route from South to North Campus.

Candidate Tom Jensen said operations will proceed as usual today, but that supporters will be spread across campus Tuesday and target dining halls to "corral people" to vote in the online polls.

While Jensen said he will try to connect with students who were not home during previous dorm-storming efforts, he stressed the importance of not taking up too much of the students' time.

"We are going to hand people dollar bills, spend five seconds talking about the campaign, then leave them alone," he said. "We want to inconvenience them for as little time as possible."

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SERVICE WITH A SMILE



DTH/NICK CLARKE

Quinn Holland (right) gets help trying on a surgical mask from one of dental professionals who visited Mi Escuelita Spanish Immersion Preschool on Friday. Local private dentist Kathy Davies gave all of the children at the preschool free screenings as a part of Give

Kids a Smile day. This is the third year of Give Kids a Smile, a state-recognized program in which more than 25 private dentists and UNC dental students participate. Rep. Verla Insko, D-Orange, read "Your Smile Counts" to the children at the preschool as part of the event. For the full story, see page 6.

16 MISSIONS, ONE VISION



A 16-part series profiling the campuses of the UNC system. The next 15 stories will run on page 3.

TODAY:
NC A&T

N.C. A&T BOND PROJECTS

BOND	AMOUNT
Classroom/Laboratory Projects	\$83,477,475
Residence Hall Renovation	\$41,678,400
Harrison Auditorium	\$2,895,200
School of Agriculture Facilities	\$1,832,700
Corbett Intramural Center	\$7,035,000
Infrastructure	\$18,581,216
Land Acquisition	\$6,300,000
TOTAL:	\$161,799,991

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N.C. A&T stays true to legacy

BY AMY EAGLEBURGER
STAFF WRITER

GREENSBORO — James Renick began his day Dec. 1 at a 6 a.m. swim practice for N.C. Agricultural & Technical State University's Division I swim team.

But Renick won't be winning any titles for his backstroke any time soon. Instead, he will be cheering from the sidelines, exuding Aggie pride as the university's chancellor.

"It's a family. There are strong relationships. People respect each other," said Renick of the N.C. A&T community.

That family is a dynamic one, constantly striving to balance its historical ties to the civil rights movement with its future aspirations, including increasing the size of the campus and the student body.

The student population is more than

"From one generation to the next, we continue the African-American leadership structure in this country" JAMES RENICK, CHANCELLOR, N.C. A&T

10,400 strong, and there are more than a few notable names on the family tree.

"(Students) come here not looking for only a quality academic experience but to experience the A&T historical legacy," said Andrew Perkins Jr., assistant vice chancellor for facilities and engineering.

That legacy is closely tied to the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Every Feb. 1, the university celebrates its fellow Aggies — Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, David Richmond, and Ezell Blair Jr. (now Jibreel Khazan) — who began the sit-in movement.

In 1960, the four men took a stand against segregation when they were freshmen at N.C. A&T by sitting at a whites-only Woolworth's lunch counter and refusing to leave until they were served.

The history of the university and of the United States was forever changed.

"February One is an important tradition for us," Renick said. "I give a medal ... a human rights medal ... to commemorate the sit-ins."

A memorial statue, titled "February

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Shooting leaves man injured

Durham man arrested, charged in incident

BY RYAN C. TUCK
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A man shot twice on Rosemary Street on Sunday morning is in stable condition at UNC Hospitals.

Almatin Jarvis Parker, 28, was shot twice at 2:13 a.m. Sunday outside the Bank of America parking deck across from Carolina Blue Bar, at 136 E. Rosemary St.

Chapel Hill police arrested Laperly Lashawn Snipes, 28, of 910 Linwood Ave. in Durham, on one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury, and one count of possession of a stolen firearm. Both charges were in connection with the shooting.

Lt. Chris Blue said police also served Snipes with an outstanding warrant for

assault on a female.

"Fortunately, we had enough to be able to charge someone, but there's not a lot of information available about the circumstances," Blue said, adding that there is no evidence to suggest that the two men were acquaintances or that the incident was gang-related.

Blue said the only information on the incident is that there was a disturbance in the parking deck across from Carolina Blue Bar that resulted in the shooting.

Witness and N.C. State University student John Tart said he saw a group of people huddled inside the parking deck as he walked by just before the shooting.

"There was a group of people in the corner of the lot ... and by the time I was

at (Airport Road), I heard the shots," Tart said.

Blue said Parker was shot once in the arm and once near the abdomen.

He was transported to UNC Hospitals within minutes of the shooting.

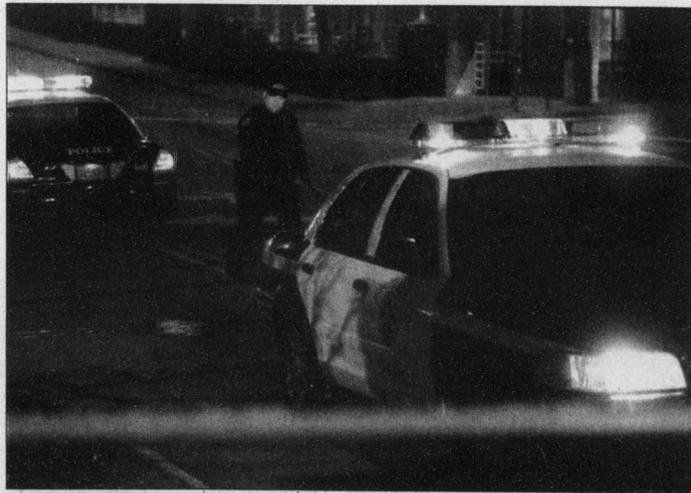
Witnesses and police at the scene were able to provide little information on the suspect, with most only recalling having heard the shots.

"I heard two shots ... and then there was a guy in the middle of the street," said witness Paul Murtagh.

Police investigators, who remained on the scene until after 5 a.m., also found little physical evidence on the incident.

Officers found both bullet casings and a trail of blood leading away from where Parker had fallen in the street but found little to indicate who the perpetrator had

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DTH/LAURA MORTON

Chapel Hill police investigate the scene of a shooting early Sunday morning on Rosemary Street. Almatin Jarvis Parker, 28, is in stable condition after being shot twice at 2:13 a.m.

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