

Edwards regrets Iraq vote

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Former U.S. Sen. John Edwards, director for the UNC Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity, weighed in Sunday on an issue of national concern, but it was not poverty.

In an opinion piece in The Washington Post, Edwards wrote of his regrets about his 2002 Senate vote to authorize the war in Iraq.

Edwards began his article with a simple statement: "I was wrong."

His original view was based on information that he now believes was faulty, he continues in the piece.

"The information the American people were hearing from the president — and that I was being given by our intelligence community — wasn't the whole story," Edwards wrote.

"It was a mistake to vote for this war in 2002," he admits. "I take responsibility for that mistake."

That sentiment was echoed strongly by Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, who has long been a vocal opponent of the war.

"The fact remains that pre-war intelligence was manipulated and cherry-picked," Dean said in a Monday press release.

In his editorial, Edwards wrote that the "intelligence was deeply flawed and, in some cases, manipulated to fit a political agenda."

Michael Bailey, a professor of government at Georgetown University, said Edwards might also have an agenda in challenging presidential hopefuls, most notably Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., to make similar statements about the war.

"Iraq will be one of the biggest issues (in the 2008 election)," he said.

While speculation has run rampant that Edwards again will run for the White House in 2008, he has not declared any intent to seek office.

Many critics of the war in Iraq are disappointed that Clinton hasn't taken more of a stance against the war, he added.

"This is all about Hillary Clinton," Bailey said, referring to Edwards' editorial. "She hasn't been getting in the conversation the way Edwards is."

Henry Brady, a professor of

political science and public policy at the University of California-Berkeley, said many Democrats who voted to authorize the war are experiencing regret.

"Democrats who voted for the war are having buyer's remorse," he said. "Buyer's remorse is a real thing, especially if the seller misleads the buyer."

Democratic lawmakers who voted in favor of military action in 2002 are backed into a corner, Brady said. In opposing the war now, they have to decide how to explain their original vote.

Many have chosen to claim they were misled, he said.

Kim Ruby, a spokeswoman for Edwards, said the article was released independent of any other politician's statements.

"His goals were just to present his own views," Ruby said.

She added that Edwards is not compromising his focus on projects at UNC.

"The issue of poverty is his main priority."

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POLICE LOG

■ A robbery and automobile theft was reported Thursday by a University junior, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

Reports state that a 1999 Toyota 4Runner was stolen from a parking lot at 211 Church Street, along with \$40.

The car later was found by the Durham County Sheriff's Department, said Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

Cousins said reports state that Durham authorities apprehended and arrested two passengers of the vehicle on unspecified charges but that the driver escaped on foot.

■ A Chapel Hill resident reported damage to a vehicle Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The victim reported a 1994 Saturn parked on Ashley Forest Drive damaged at 9:45 p.m., reports state.

According to reports, three win-

dows on the vehicle, valued at \$1,700 total, were damaged by a pellet gun.

■ Two students were arrested Sunday at Pantana Bob's, at 305 W. Rosemary St., according to Chapel Hill police reports.

James William Johnston, a student at N.C. State University, and UNC sophomore Stephanie Amanda Kokenes were arrested Sunday morning on charges of fraudulent use of an ID, reports state. Johnston was arrested at 12:42 a.m. and Kokenes at 1:08 a.m.

Both are scheduled to appear Nov. 29 in district criminal court in Chapel Hill, reports state.

■ A junior at Miami University of Ohio reported a simple assault at 2:40 a.m. Saturday on West Rosemary Street, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The victim reported that he was punched in the face by the suspects for no discernible reason.

■ According to Chapel Hill police reports, an assault with a deadly weapon was reported at 1:58 p.m. Friday.

A suspect attempted to break into a car and hold a pistol to a person's head on Pinegate Circle, according to reports.

■ A store on South Elliott Road reported a breaking and entering Saturday, Chapel Hill police reports state.

According to reports, the front window of Holistic Health, at 77 S. Elliott Road, was broken by an unknown object and the suspect might have entered the store.

■ A woman found her car window broken in at the Bowles Parking Lot on Saturday, University police reports state.

After arriving at work at 6 a.m. she noticed the damages, valued at \$200. There were no reported damages to the car's interior.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ The Association for India's Development will hold an Indian food sale today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pit. Proceeds will benefit earthquake relief in South Asia.

■ Smith Middle School will host Global Connections Performances from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in the school's auditorium. The program will feature performances from students and teachers.

■ The documentary "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price" will be shown at 7 p.m. today in Murphey 304 and also at 7 p.m. at Captain John's Dockside restaurant off U.S. 15-501. The film documents the effects families feel as a result of the corporation's practices. Admission is free.

■ The Chapel Hill Solar Roof Committee in partnership with the N.C. Solar Center and the Surge network will host a solar meet-up beginning at 7 p.m. today at Alpine Bagel Café in the Student Union. Students from the renewable energy special projects committee will

be presenting. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss solar projects at UNC as well as at other colleges and universities across the country.

■ The Carolina Union Activities Board will host the opening of "Antarctica: Art and Music by The Never" at 7 p.m. today in the Union art gallery.

■ The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in Town Hall to discuss proposed changes to commercial zoning in the northern transition area and the speed limit on Greensboro Street, among other items.

■ Relay For Life, the biggest fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, is having a general interest meeting at 7:30 p.m. today in Murphey 116. Students are encouraged to form a team, raise money, and join in the fight against cancer.

To learn more visit www.unc.edu/relay or e-mail caitybg@email.unc.edu.

■ The UNC Dance Marathon, benefiting the N.C. Children's Hospital, is holding a date auction at 10 p.m. at The Sandbar. Campus personalities, senior marshals and UNC athletes are for sale. The event is sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi and Kappa Delta.

■ The "Identities in Contemporary European Cinema Conference" begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Kresge Foundation Common Room (039) of Graham Memorial. The event runs until 4 p.m. and is free to the public.

■ "We Are All Different, We Are All the Same," photographic essays on people in the community with physical disabilities, is on display at the Carrboro Branch Library through Jan. 17.

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INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, November 15th, 2:00 pm
Wednesday, November 16th, 3:30 pm

Conference Room
223 East Franklin Street
(directly across from the Planetarium)

Seeking funding to study less commonly taught languages and area studies? The National Resource Centers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University hold a Foreign Language Area Studies competition for graduate students (and with approval, faculty) to pursue foreign language and area studies for professional purposes. FLAS funds are from the US Department of Education and are intended to support second language acquisition among US professionals. FLAS funds are non-service awards providing fellows with a stipend of ~\$14,500 plus tuition and fees for academic year awards or \$2400 plus tuition and fees (up to \$3,600) for summer awards.

Grants are administered by the Carolina Asia Center, Center for European Studies, Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies, Institute of Latin American Studies, and the University Center for International Studies.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an information session before contacting the appropriate Center for more information. Funding is dependent upon grant funding from the Department of Education and is not guaranteed at this time.

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