

POVERTY

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Wisconsin at Madison, learned of Edwards' new duties at a research institute, he was not troubled by the politician's past.

"To me it seemed like a useful thing — someone who could command public attention and who wanted to talk about poverty and establish a research institute," Kaplan said. "Even if he himself is a known partisan, at least the researchers are not."

A coalition of the willing

In the wake of the celebration marking his addition to the University, Edwards worked with his colleagues at the UNC School of Law to build a coalition of experts who could drive the center to its goals.

The center's staff is composed of five individuals including Edwards, and 20 faculty members from 12 areas of study across the University were recruited to form the center's advisory board.

Although political affiliation is not a criterion for holding a position at the center, 19 of the 25 staff and advisory board members are

registered Democrats, according to voter registration records. None are registered Republicans.

It is difficult to pigeonhole personal ideologies when studying emotional topics such as poverty, said Arne Kalleberg, an advisory board member. And he is not surprised that mostly Democrats make up the center's foundations.

"I think that it's fair to say that people are drawn to the topic of poverty because of some belief that this is a problem in society," said Kalleberg, a senior associate dean for arts and sciences at UNC. "And I think Democrats are more likely to do that than Republicans."

It is unfortunate that poverty has become a partisan topic, said Jesse White, director of the UNC Office of Economic and Business Development and an advisory board member.

"I think we do live in an era when it's become too polarized, which is too bad," he said. "And I don't think that it's possible to completely disengage your personal ideologies from the work you do."

Kalleberg added that he and other advisory board members have made an honest effort to create balanced programming.

"I think we've gone to great

pains in the center to try to represent different perspectives on this issue," he said.

Balancing the scale

When the center first was conceived, it was Edwards' name that fueled its startup momentum.

But the outspoken Democrat's celebrity has had perks and drawbacks for the center during its first formative year, Deputy Director Marion Crain said.

"It's a double-edge sword having Senator Edwards associated with the center — but it is clearly a much sharper positive edge," Crain said. "His name is the reason, clearly, for us being able to attract these great speakers."

The center's staff works to show the public that the center is not connected to Edwards' political work.

"We are not an activist center; we do not have a political affiliation; we are not partisan; and we are not part of any campaigning that may have gone on in the past or go on in the future," Crain said. "That part of it, I think, is a bit of a struggle because people don't know."

Nick Tennyson, executive vice president of the Home Builders

Association of Durham, Orange and Chatham Counties, was a panelist at the center's conference in March. He said the center recruited voices that represent all types of ideologies.

"It was not a single point-of-view discussion," said Tennyson, a registered Republican. "It certainly seemed like a debate as opposed to choir practice."

Bill Rohe, director of the Center for Urban and Regional Studies at UNC, was the advisory board member charged with assembling the panel discussion that Tennyson participated in.

"I know I've bent over backwards ... to put together a balanced program," he said.

During meetings, Rohe said, the center's leaders discuss the importance of negating the partisan image that some people have perceived.

But Sanders said the center's approach to poverty is not different from what many liberal politicians do.

Sanders said he has not seen newer, more innovative tactics designed to alleviate poverty come out of the center's programs — something he expected when the center opened.

"They're still talking about minimum wage. ... That's neither new nor innovative," he said.

Although he enjoyed his experience with the poverty center, Tennyson said he still remains curious as to Edwards' sabbatical from politics and jump into academia.

"I think Senator Edwards' partisan political profile certainly hasn't gone down," he said. "I don't fault anybody involved in it for the decision, but it's a little disingenuous."

Edwards, who spoke of the two Americas during his bid for a presidential nomination in 2004, said the troubles facing America's poor should be addressed seriously by all citizens.

"It ultimately is about patriotism," he said. "It's about whether you really believe in your country. If you want your country to be bigger, stronger and more secure, then one of the critical parts of that is for all Americans to feel like they have opportunity."

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EARLY VOTING

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is assigned.

Seats in the U.S. House, N.C. House and Senate and Superior Court judgeships, among others, are up for grabs.

When the polls closed Monday, 472 people had voted early in Orange County. In Chapel Hill, 135 people voted Monday.

"That's an outstanding day I think," said Barry Garner, director of the Orange County Board of Elections.

Garner said he was only expecting about 50 people per day to vote during the first few days. He said the number of one-stop voters tends to pick up during the last week.

So far Garner said he has heard of no major problems.

Voters in Chapel Hill on Monday said they came out early for a variety of reasons.

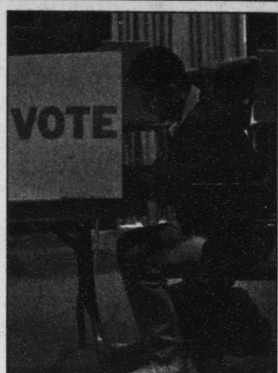
Senior geography major Logan Yonavjak, who has voted early before, said she felt it was her civic duty to vote.

"I'm early voting because it's more convenient on campus and because I wanted to beat the rush," she said.

Chapel Hill residents Jean and Michael Bernholz also are veteran early voters.

"We've come every year to vote here because we can do it at our convenience," Jean Bernholz said.

Poll workers at the planetarium seemed pleased with their first day



Josh Drucker fills out his ballot at Morehead Planetarium on Monday during the first day of early voting in Chapel Hill.

in business.

Chapel Hill resident Karen Tinker started volunteering at the polls two years ago. She said at first it was more difficult to get people to vote early because people didn't realize you could be registered in any precinct.

Voters who show up at the wrong precinct on Election Day have to fill out a transfer form and then go to a different location to cast a ballot.

Early voting helps eliminate the need for transfers.

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enue is near last year's \$9.8 million. Saturday was the most successful day of the 2006 fair, drawing a record-setting crowd of about 145,000.

Saturday was totally jammed — food, rides, everything," said Charlie Belknap, director of marketing and public relations for Powers Great American Midways, the which handled the fair's rides.

Biodiesel, a developing technology in North Carolina, was used to fuel the rides.

Belknap said a total of 60,000 to 70,000 gallons of biofuel was used during the 10 days of the fair. It was the company's first use of biodiesel, which worked very well

with the ride engines, he said. Safety is the No. 1 concern, he said, and North Carolina's ride safety regulations are stringent.

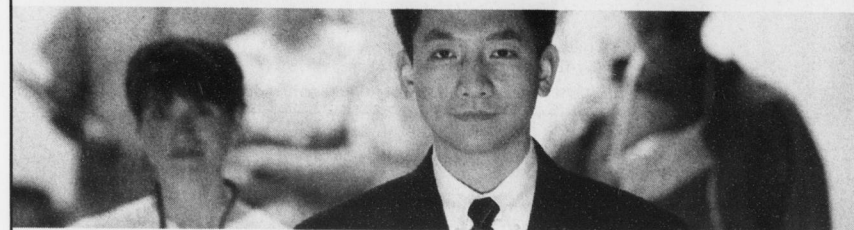
Long said the fair ran without any major problems, and that fair-goers praised the safe environment provided by Wake County police.

Potential problems such as petty theft and drug dealing were deterred by the force of 150 uniformed and undercover police, he said.

Philip Shelton, a UNC sophomore from Greenville, who went to the fair twice, said the crowd on Saturday was kept under control. "It didn't get too unruly. It was a real family affair."

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