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## N.C. son joins race

### Edwards could aid state turnout

BY ALLISON NICHOLS  
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Having N.C. native and former U.S. Sen. John Edwards as a presidential candidate in 2008 could influence voters in the state, perhaps increasing turnout and helping Democratic candidates statewide.

Local political leaders say the name recognition brought by Edwards could make voters in the Tar Heel State more interested than usual in elections.

The UNC Law School graduate chose an unusual approach for his Dec. 28 announcement, speaking in shirt-sleeves from the Ninth Ward — a New Orleans neighborhood devastated by Katrina.

Since running on the 2004 Democratic ticket with Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, Edwards founded the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at UNC and served as the center's director for two years.

Jesse White, director of the UNC Office of Economic and Business Development and a Poverty Center advisory board member, said the former senator has developed credibility on poverty from both an academic and a political standpoint. "Sen. Edwards is the most important voice speaking nationally about poverty since Robert Kennedy," he said. "I can't think of a better person to bring these issues to the table."

University of Iowa political science professor Peverill Squire said Edwards' consistent focus on issues relating to poverty will help voters associate him with those themes.

"I think building on his 'Two Americas' theme from the last campaign is a good way to distinguish himself from his competitors."

Squire said that Edwards made a strong showing in the Iowa caucus in 2004, where he finished just behind eventual presidential candidate John Kerry, and that he has positioned himself well to build on

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## RETURNING RESOLUTE



Senior Marlon Sequeira works on his upper body Tuesday at the Student Recreation Center. He has resolved to work out more often in 2007. "I have a little less difficult schedule this year, so I might be able to keep it up better as opposed to other years," he said.

BY KATIE HOFFMANN AND CLINT JOHNSON, SENIOR WRITERS

For many students the new year means a clean slate — an opportunity to improve their lives. But, despite bold talk and initial dedication, one word seems to characterize the New Year's resolution. Failure. The overcrowded gyms will revert back to normal in mere weeks, students predicted; old habits will win out. The Daily Tar Heel chose four students to follow. In two weeks we will check back with them to see if they have stayed true to their resolutions.

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**Nikki Pratt**  
Year: Freshman  
Major: Music and English

**Nikki Pratt:**

**New Year's resolution:** To floss every day and only have one dessert per week.

**Reason:** "I just got my wisdom teeth out over break, and usually the dentists yell at me for having bad gums." With regard to dessert, "They have the soft-serve machine in the dining hall, and it's really easy to just grab it."

**Normally make resolutions?:** Yes. However, she doesn't normally keep them. "I get lazy and too busy and I don't think about it."

**Comment:** "I got tired of just giving in."



**Caroline Mack**  
Year: Freshman  
Major: Education

**Caroline Mack:**

**New Year's resolution:** To read the Bible.

**Reason:** "I've tried (to read the Bible) before and failed miserably."

**Normally make resolutions?:** Yes. "I don't normally keep them," Mack said. "I guess I just get caught up doing everyday stuff."

**Comment:** Mack said she is uniquely committed to her resolution this year. "I want to read the Bible now. Before I read it because I thought I should."



**David Campbell**  
Year: Junior  
Major: Environmental Studies

**David Campbell:**

**New Year's resolution:** To not drink soda for a year.

**Reason:** "My oldest brother's doing it, and he needs moral support."

**Normally make resolutions?:** No.

**Comment:** Campbell quit drinking soda in sixth grade for year but not as a New Year's resolution.



**Ashleigh Jackson**  
Year: Junior  
Major: Psychology and Sexuality Studies

**Ashleigh Jackson:**

**New Year's resolution:** Run 60 miles in January. As an incentive, she will bleach her hair blonde if she doesn't reach her goal.

**Reason:** She normally runs three to five times a week and wants to see if she can achieve the goal. She's logging her miles at nikeplus.com.

**Normally make resolutions?:** Usually.

**Comment:** Last year Jackson decided to stop swearing. "But, yeah, that didn't happen," she said. "Cussing is fun for me."

**Top 10 resolutions**

1. Lose weight/get in better physical shape
  2. Stick to a budget
  3. Debt reduction
  4. Enjoy more quality time with family and friends
  5. Find my soul mate
  6. Quit smoking
  7. Find a better job
  8. Learn something new
  9. Volunteer and help others
  10. Get organized
- Source: goalsguy.com

## Bush set to outline plan

### Plans to ask for increased troops

WATCH THE SPEECH

Time: 9 p.m. today  
Channel: All major news networks

BY LINDSEY NAYLOR

ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR  
President Bush has reserved air time tonight to appeal to the public and present his new plan for Iraq.

In a speech with tremendous implications, he's expected to call for an increased deployment of up to 20,000 troops, along with objectives for the Iraqi government.

With Democratic leaders poised to rebut requests not to their liking, some experts worry the political noise could

drown out productive discussion of feasible military solutions.

"There'll be a lot of headlines and a lot of talk and opposition," UNC history professor Richard Kohn said. "But in the end I think the Democrats will cave in and give him what he wants because they don't have any other choice politically."

Congress' most effective weapon against the president's requests is its ability to withhold funding, but any refusal of money to the military could be spun by the White House as an anti-troop gesture.

Cori Dauber, a UNC professor and research fellow at the Triangle Institute for Security Studies, said political handling and press coverage of a troop increase overshadow the reasoning behind the surge.

After the 2003 fall of Saddam Hussein's statue in Baghdad, she said, the war in Iraq became less conventional and more about fighting insurgents and terrorists.

But only recently have U.S. forces shifted their tactics. A counterinsurgency war, Dauber said, should win over citizens by providing and maintaining security. "They've been doing that," she said. "They have not been doing it successfully."

"They fight a successful battle in one area, they pull out and the insurgents move back in."

Dauber said a surge of newly

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## Chapel Hill searching for new police chief

BY JESSICA SCHONBERG  
SENIOR WRITER

Chapel Hill is asking for the public's help finding the perfect new police chief, but so far, mum's the word.

Only two people spoke at a focus group designed to garner resident input Tuesday night.

Chief Gregg Jarvies announced in December that he will retire April 1 after 31 years of service and seven leading the force.

Town Manager Roger Stancil said he'd like to have the new chief hired in time for Jarvies' farewell.

"My goal is to have Chief Jarvies one day and Chief 'blank' the next day," he said.

**Chief input**

Community members are invited to share their input about what qualities Chapel Hill's new police chief should have at the following focus group meetings:  
 > 7 p.m. Thursday at the Chapel Hill Public Library at 100 Library Drive  
 > 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at Hargraves Community Center at 216 N. Roberson St.

Stancil, with help from the N.C. League of Municipalities, is conducting focus groups with the pub-

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## Global arena high on 2007 agenda

BY ERIN ZUREICK  
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When Chancellor James Moeser arrived at UNC in 2000, he declared that the University must increase its international focus if it is to succeed as a top-notch institution.

Shortly after his appointment to the chancellor position, he pinpointed three areas in which UNC could improve in the global arena:

- Increasing the number of undergraduates who study abroad
- Establishing relationships with international institutions in cooperative research and service
- Improving the global atmosphere on campus.

More than six years after Moeser delivered this mission statement, UNC has made progress in all three areas, helping

the school stay competitive in an increasingly globalized world, campus officials say.

The year 2007 also has been set aside for international initiatives to help mark UNC's progress.

"When I first came here, not so many North Carolina students had international experience," said Diana Levy, assistant director for programs at the Office of International Student and Scholar Services and a UNC employee since 1989. "Now we see a great diversity of travel experience."

In 2000 UNC sent about 800 students abroad, placing it seventh among large universities.

Compare that to 2006 when 1,324 students studied abroad.

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Dr. Linna Hao exchanges gifts with Chancellor James Moeser during his recent trip to China for a conference on global health care.

announcement

**NEW SPORTS PAGE**

Check out the debut of our redesigned sports page that features more quick-hitting information on some of UNC's lesser-known sports.

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**WELCOME TO THE O.C.** Dec. tourism in Orange County is up from past years

**CLEANING UP** Mebane residents worry about biosolid use as fertilizer

**SPORTS BLOG** Editors talk about why they reshaped the back-page format



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**MOVING ON**

Pepper's Pizza on Franklin Street is moving to a new, bigger location a few doors down and has plans to open a liquor bar in the future.

this day in history

**JAN. 10, 1999 ...**

The School of Medicine begins a three-year project studying ethical concerns in genetic discoveries. The project is funded by the National Human Genome Research Institute.

weather

Sunny  
H 48, L 24

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