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Edwards: Wife's cancer has returned

Pundits debate effect on presidential run

BY ERIN FRANCE
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Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards announced Thursday that he will not be leaving the race, despite a recurrence of his wife's cancer.

"The results of all the tests are that her cancer is back," Edwards said during a press conference at The Carolina Inn. "It's no longer curable."

Test results from UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center confirmed Wednesday that Elizabeth Edwards' metastatic breast cancer has returned as a tumor in her rib.

Her cancer is stage four, which is incurable, but treatments such as hormones or chemotherapy can stop growth or decrease its size.

The public reaction to the Edwards' family announcement is hard to gauge at the moment, say political pundits.

"The truth is, I don't think any of us know how voters are going to react,"

said Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Public Life.

"Both of them have a really deep commitment to running this presidential campaign — so deep that Elizabeth's health won't stand in the way."

With his wife due to undergo treatment after reviewing a final set of tests, voters could see the Edwards family two different ways.

"The question now is do they admire them for doing this, or do they wonder why he's still running," Guillory said.

John Edwards said the possibility of dropping out was not considered for very long after a diagnosis was made.

"This is the most extremely unselfish person I've ever met," he said in reference to his wife. "All she wanted to talk about ... was her children, me and the country."

With the first caucus in Iowa on Jan. 14, 2008, Iowa voters will be an early indicator for how the rest of the country might respond.

"She was quite popular here the last time John Edwards ran for president," said Dianne Bystrom, director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University. "(It) actu-

ally could provide a connection with voters on a key issue ... that is health care."

But Steffen Schmidt, an Iowa State political science professor, said the majority of people he's spoken with are unsure whether John Edwards' decision to stay in the race is sound.

"This is going to be the most brutal season of raising money and campaigning in recent history, and maybe ever," he said. "Invariably, that's going to take a huge toll on his family."

Edwards is in fourth place or lower in recent Iowa polls, making the pressure to campaign even greater, Schmidt said.

He added that, in polling people, he found a minority of Iowans who admire the Edwardses for their decision.

"The other opinion is: This guy has a huge amount of courage if he can make a decision like this."

The Edwards family has been through a similar experience before. Elizabeth Edwards' breast cancer was first diagnosed the day after the 2004 election.

The recurrence was first detected last week after she experienced pain in her



Presidential candidate John Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, host a press conference at the Carolina Inn to tell the public that her cancer has returned but that the campaign will go on.

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Carson taps diverse bunch for Cabinet

BY WHITNEY KISLING
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Student Body President-elect Eve Carson is trying to fill her Cabinet with students ranging from insiders to those who never have worked for student government.

Carson picked five Cabinet members from a list submitted by a selection committee. Three of those members must be approved by Student Congress.

Juniors Mike Tarrant and Jordan Myers were selected to be student body vice president and treasurer, respectively.

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Those three students must be approved by a two-thirds majority of Congress on Tuesday. They were recommended for approval at Thursday's rules and judiciary committee meeting.

Sophomore Katie Sue Zellner and junior Christie Cunningham have been appointed as chief of staff and senior adviser, respectively.

"The applicants really stood out because of the combination of their skill sets, their personal qualities, their dedication to hard work and commitment to solving problems," Carson said.

The Cabinet is a mix of leaders — Myers served as vice chairman of Congress' finance committee,



Student Body President-elect Eve Carson formed a staff of people from different backgrounds.

Mollison was a senior writer at The Daily Tar Heel and Cunningham is Student Body President James Allred's chief of staff.

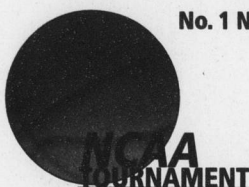
Zellner is the only officer to come from within Carson's campaign staff — an uncommon move, as many student body presidents have selected several workers for top positions. Three of Allred's officers worked on his campaign.

"As a team, we very much complement each other," Carson said, adding that the mix reflects larger plans. "That was a goal of my campaign, and that will continue to be a goal throughout the year — bringing people together from different backgrounds."

The Student Code states that a selection committee of three student government officials and a representative of the student body president-elect review the applications. The Student Supreme Court chief justice serves as chairman.

The student body president-elect does not serve on the committee to ensure all applicants are considered fairly.

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No. 1 North Carolina vs. No. 5 USC

WINNER WILL PLAY Georgetown/Vanderbilt on Sunday

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HEELS FACE A REBUILT TROY

BY BRIANA GORMAN
SENIOR WRITER

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Two seasons ago, the Southern California basketball program was a mess.

Coach Henry Bibby was fired four games into the 2004-05 season, after eight years with the school that included only two seasons with at least 20 wins. His assistant, Jim Saia, served as interim coach as the Trojans finished the year 12-17 and last in the Pac-10.

The program then took a much-needed positive turn when it hired veteran coach Rick Majerus. But less than a week later, Majerus backed out of the job.

Enter Tim Floyd.
Floyd, fresh off unsuccessful NBA head

coaching stints with the Chicago Bulls and New Orleans Hornets, had been interested in the USC position before Majerus was hired but got the job only after the former Utah coach changed his mind.

And now, in only his second season with the Trojans, Floyd has led USC to its first postseason appearance since 2002 and the school's second Sweet 16 since the tournament went to 64 teams.

The Trojans also finished the regular season tied for third place in the Pac-10 with a 21-10 record — quite improvement from 17-13 a season ago.
So far, every-

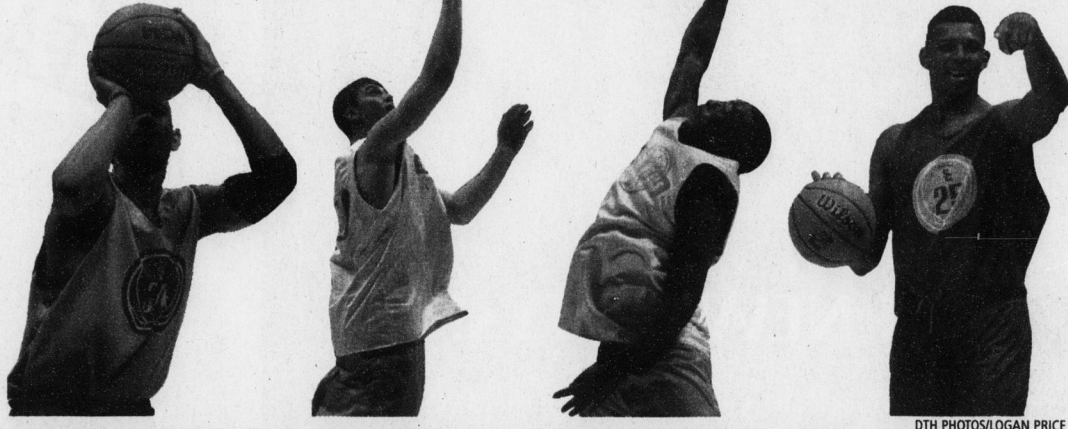
thing is going according to Floyd's plan — creating a winning basketball program at a football-minded school.

"Our kids forever have been leaving and going to the East Coast to play," Floyd said. "Kids that should be at USC."

Recruiting has been the key for Floyd so far, as is evident by two freshmen — Daniel Hackett and Taj Gibson — who helped the Trojans pull off an improbable upset against Kevin Durant and Texas last weekend. USC also boasts the No. 2 recruiting class, headlined by arguably the top player in the country, O.J. Mayo.

Floyd credits a lot of his recruiting success to the newly constructed 10,258-seat Galen

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THE UNC WOMEN PLAY GWU AT 9:30 P.M. SUNDAY. CHECK ONLINE SATURDAY FOR A PREVIEW.



Student dancers perform to the piece, "You Are (You Are Wherever Your Thoughts Are)" during the Modernextension performance Thursday.

UNC dance group celebrates 20 years

BY ALEXANDRIA SHEALY
STAFF WRITER

Members of the student dance troupe Modernextension brought a palette of modern dance performances to the Memorial Hall stage Thursday night in celebration of the group's 20th anniversary.

They are slated to perform again in Memorial Hall today at 8 p.m.

Modernextension dancers were accompanied by UNC faculty member Marian Turner Hopkins and a renowned professional dancer Shain Stodt.

In addition to the impressive collection of student pieces, the group opened its performance with

Stodt's rendition of the dances of Isadora Duncan, a pioneer of modern dance.

"At the turn of the century, Isadora's movements were considered very new and risqué," said senior Alison Grimme, president of Modernextension.

"They aren't at this point, but modern dance has evolved a lot."

Modernextension chose to intersperse Stodt's pieces with excerpts from Duncan's autobiography, which allowed audience members to understand the artist's inspirations for her movements.

Kara Schoo, a junior who takes

a beginning modern dance class, said she attended the performance to see the end result of the craft.

"The performance was so expressive," she said.

"The way she used her arms and the space was really different."

But the focus of Modernextension's performance was the 11 student pieces, collective efforts of 20 student members.

"It's taken all year to put these together with our own sweat and hard work," Grimme said.

Modernextension members are required to enroll in at least one dance course each semester to continue membership.

ATTEND THE PERFORMANCE

Time: 8 p.m. today
Location: Memorial Hall
Info: www.carolinaperformingarts.org

The annual concert at Memorial Hall has been the fruit of their yearlong efforts for 20 years, ever since Turner Hopkins created the group.

"Marian started this group, and it's been a labor of love for her," Grimme said.

"Not many groups can say they've been around for 20 years."

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CLARIFICATION

Thursday's front-page story "Vista switch pushed back" states that Microsoft Office 2007 is a feature of Windows Vista. Microsoft Office is a separate program and will be offered with CCI laptops featuring Windows XP. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes.

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BUSINESS IS GOOD Pepper's has seen increased business since moving spots

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH Arts columnist touts the merits of "Starman"

YOU'RE HIRED Former "Apprentice" star talks about success after graduation



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BRINGING BOLTON

Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton will speak in Charlotte about reform to the international organization.

this day in history

MARCH 23, 1977 ...

The cheerleading squad announces a pep rally to ease the pain of students not winning a ticket to the men's basketball NCAA Tournament game.

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