

## Edwards

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Sept. 16. He concentrated on poverty, the economy and civil rights, showing signs of tailoring words to fit the racial dynamics of the S.C. primary. Experts have said that black South Carolinians might make up 50 percent of the voters on Tuesday.

Edwards was not the only Democratic candidate to use popular concert artists in his campaign. Gen. Wesley Clark's campaign had planned a free concert

with the band Blues Traveler at Jillian's on Jan. 27, but it was canceled because of the ice storm that had hit Columbia two days before. Sen. John Kerry's campaign was a little luckier and was able to pull off a free event on Saturday featuring singer Carole King at the Sterling Garden Center in Columbia.

Hootie and the Blowfish endorsed Edwards at the end of December, releasing a statement that explained why the band was supporting the North Carolina senator.

"We believe John Edwards represents everything that is great about America," the statement

read. "A first-generation college student, born in a small mill town, who went to public schools, public colleges and with hard work has become the epitome of the American success story. Even with his great success, he has never forgotten where he came from."

The band also mentioned that it had first met Sen. Edwards at a "Rock the Vote" event in Winston-Salem, N.C. in 2000 and has attended events with him across the country.

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## Township

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Gen. Wesley Clark, in answer to a sobbing woman's story of her family's hard health care times, said he would go after insurance companies for profiteering and put money back into health care.

"We're going to get health care for the American people," Clark said. "That is my promise."

The Democratic candidates appeared individually in front of the crowd and a panel of about 13 grassroots leaders from around the country, four of whom from South Carolina. The candidates gave 45-second speeches and then answered questions from those in the forum.

Of the many people in attendance, graduate student of social work Lisa Moore said education and health care in America were the most pressing issues for her in the up-

coming primary and the general election in November.

"It seems like we focus on military and other countries other than our own," Moore said.

The Presidential Dialogue with America's Families was one of two major chances for South Carolina voters to hear the Democratic candidates before the state votes in the primary on Feb. 3.

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Sen. John Kerry, Massachusetts, speaks in the Russell House Ballroom Friday morning. Kerry received support from S.C. Congressmen and veterans.

## Kerry

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down on corporations that take jobs overseas.

A question-and-answer session followed Kerry's speech, during

which the senator covered topics including defense spending, fair trade issues, alternative energy and agriculture safety.

Kerry left South Carolina after appearing at a Presidential Dialogue at the Township Auditorium Thursday to campaign in Missouri and Oklahoma,

two of six states holding primaries this week.

A victory for Kerry in South Carolina Tuesday would virtually guarantee his nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Boston this summer.

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## Declare

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The Declare Yourself event will also feature a 14-minute film, produced by Lear and Rob Reiner. The film, a theatrical reading of the Declaration of Independence hosted by Morgan Freeman, includes recitations from Mel Gibson, Renee Zellweger and Whoopi Goldberg, among others.

"I had read a book by a professor at Berkeley about how Jefferson wrote the document to be read aloud," Lear said. "I wanted to get great stars to read it aloud."

Students will also be able to

hear the powerful sentiments of the Declaration of Independence spoken aloud during the event's spoken word and music show featuring slam poets Steve Connell, Sekou (tha misfit), Gina Loring and Marty McConnell, along with DJ J. Period.

"We use history to make history," said Connell, the 2003 L.A. Grand Slam Poetry champion. "The document that started the country was a spoken word document, and we use spoken word to connect to the audience."

Connell said a spoken word show is a hybrid of many art forms.

"At it's best, it's a combination of poetry, stand-up comedy and hip-hop," he said. "It fuses the

three to create a dynamic, explosive show."

Students can also register to vote at the event and practice using electronic voting booths while voting on three different issues with regards to this year's presidential candidates.

USC is one of 18 stops the Declare Yourself is making across the country.

For more information about Declare Yourself, students can visit DeclareYourself.com. Students can also register to vote, register for an absentee ballot and find their polling places on the Web site.

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1. The Gamecock is published 3 times a week. Out of the last 3 issues of the Gamecock, how many issues have you read?  
a. all 3 b. 2 c. 1 d. none

2. Please tell us if you have looked through or read a copy of the following publications during the past month:  
a. Free Times b. The State  
c. ZipSheet d. Star Reporter

3. What source do you generally use to find out about campus events?  
a. The Gamecock  
b. Flyers  
c. USC home page  
d. E-mails from campus groups

4. Do you use Gamecock classified ads when looking for a job?  
a. Yes b. No

4a. Travel information?  
a. Yes b. No

4b. Roommates?  
a. Yes b. No

4c. Off-Campus housing?  
a. Yes b. No

4d. Automobiles?  
a. Yes b. No

5. Since August 2003, how much money have you spent on casual clothing, such as school clothes, sweats, jeans & sweaters, etc.?

- a. Less than \$100
- b. \$100-199
- c. \$200-399
- d. \$400-599
- e. \$600-899
- f. \$900+

6. What percentage of casual clothing purchases would you estimate you made in the Columbia area?

- a. 100% (All)
- b. 75%-99% (Almost all or most)
- c. 51%-74% (Majority)
- d. 50% (Half)
- e. 20%-49% (Under Half)
- f. 1-19% (Very Little)
- g. 0% (none)

7. Of those purchases of casual clothing made outside of the Columbia area, would you make such purchases in the Columbia area if you knew of clothing stores which offered comparable quality, selection and pricing?

- a. Yes b. No

8. Since August 2003, have you visited the following locations (for shopping)? Please estimate number of times visited in space provided.

- Dutch Square \_\_\_\_\_
- Columbia Place (formerly Columbia Mall) \_\_\_\_\_
- Columbiana Centre (Harbison area) \_\_\_\_\_
- Richland Mall \_\_\_\_\_
- Five Points \_\_\_\_\_
- The Vista \_\_\_\_\_

9. In a typical week, how many dinners do you...  
Eat on campus \_\_\_\_\_  
Eat out at local restaurant \_\_\_\_\_  
Prepare in your or another persons residence \_\_\_\_\_?

10. In a typical week, approximately how much do you spend on supermarket/convenience store purchases?

- a. \$25 b. \$25-49 c. \$50-74
- d. \$75-99 e. \$100-149 f. \$150+

11. In a typical week, how much money do you spend on food-burgers, pizza, sandwiches etc.--either eat out or delivered?

- a. <10 b. \$10-19 c. \$20-34 d. \$35-49 e. \$50+

12. How much did you spend on the following activities in the past month?

12a. Movies  
a. less than \$10 b. \$10-19 c. \$20-29 d. \$30+

12b. Concerts  
a. less than \$15 b. \$15-29 c. \$30-44 d. \$45+

12c. Theater productions  
a. \$15 b. \$15-29 c. \$30-44 d. \$45+

12d. Bars/nightclubs  
a. less than \$20 b. \$20-39 c. \$40-59 d. \$60+

13. How much did you spend on the following products or services in the past 12 months?

13a. Computer related products  
a. less than \$25 b. \$25-74 c. \$75-149  
d. \$150-499 e. \$500+

13b. Cameras and photo equipment  
a. less than \$25 b. \$25-74 c. \$75-149 d. \$150-499  
e. \$500+

13c. Furniture/Home Furnishing  
a. less than \$50 b. \$50-99 c. \$100-249  
d. \$250-499 e. \$500+

13d. Shoes  
a. less than \$50 b. \$50-99 c. \$100-199  
d. \$200-499 e. \$500+

13e. Vision Services  
a. less than \$50 b. \$50-99 c. \$100-249  
d. \$250-499 e. \$500+

13f. Jewelry & Watches  
a. less than \$25 b. \$25-49 c. \$50-99  
d. \$100-199 e. \$200+

14. Approximately how much money have you spent in the past 30 days for:

14a. Toiletries, cosmetics, or other health and beauty aids  
a. less than \$25 b. \$25-49  
c. \$50-74 d. \$75+

14b. Video Rentals  
a. less than \$5 b. \$5-9 c. \$10-14 d. \$15-24  
e. \$25+16

14c. Salon services such as hair cuts, manicures and pedicures?  
a. less than \$15 b. \$15-24 c. \$25-34  
d. \$35-49 e. \$50-74 f. \$75+

15. Are you a member of a health club that is not related to the university?  
a. Yes b. No

Almost Done...

16. Have you used the services of a tanning salon in the past 12 months?  
a. Yes b. No

If yes, approximately how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Do you plan to live in Columbia this summer?  
a. Yes b. No

18. Do you have access to a car while at school?  
a. Yes b. No

19. What is your age?

20. What type of residence do you live in?  
a. Residence hall b. Fraternity or sorority house  
c. House or apartment d. Off campus with parents or relative

21. What is your classification?  
a. First year b. Second year c. Third year d. Fourth year or more e. Graduate Student

22. Are you...  
a. Faculty b. Staff c. Student d. Other (Please describe)

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