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# Edwards speaks out for Kerry

*The vice-presidential candidate touts Kerry's vision and military service*

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BOSTON — John Edwards, the upbeat Southern populist on John Kerry's ticket, accused Republicans on Wednesday of trying to "take this campaign for the highest office in the land down the lowest possible road."

In a speech to convention delegates poised to make him their vice presidential nominee, the North Carolina senator asked Americans to "reject the tired, old, hateful, negative politics of the past" and embrace a Democratic team he said was full of promise and possibilities.

"We choose hope over despair, possibilities over problems, optimism over cynicism," Edwards said in a text prepared for his address. "What John Kerry and I believe is that you should never look down on anybody, that we should lift people up. We don't believe in tearing people apart. We believe in bringing people together. What we believe — what I believe — is that the family you're born into and the color of

your skin in our America should never control your destiny."

Edwards revived the "two Americas" theme he used in his failed presidential bid, saying the privileged have access to good schools, health care options and economic opportunities that others don't.

"It doesn't have to be that way," he said.

Edwards outlined Kerry's tax, health care and education policies before promising a Democratic ticket that will protect America. With the third anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks approaching, he said, "We will do whatever it takes, for as long as it takes, to make sure that never happens again, not in our America."

A former rival of Kerry's who fashioned a sunny, optimistic message during the primary fight, Edwards made no mention of President Bush or Vice President Dick Cheney in his address.

But, in advance excerpts, he made no secret of his differences with the Republican ticket, and sought to bolster Kerry against criticism that he's not ready to be commander in chief.

Following in the steps of a parade of speakers before him, Edwards pointed to Kerry's valorous service in

the Vietnam War more than 30 years ago as evidence of the candidate's fitness to serve in the White House. Earlier Wednesday, Kerry arrived to the convention city aboard a water taxi with crewmates from his Vietnam swiftboat.

Those crewmates "saw up close what he's made of," Edwards said. "They saw him reach down and pull one of his men from the river and save his life. And in the heat of battle, they saw him decide in an instant to turn his boat around, drive it straight through an enemy position and chase down the enemy to save his crew."

"Decisive. Strong," Edwards said. "Aren't these the traits you want in a commander in chief?"

The many injured U.S. soldiers in Iraq "deserve a president who understands on the most personal level what they have gone through," Edwards said. Kerry won three Purple Hearts in combat.

Edwards was being introduced by his wife, Elizabeth, who said in a text of her address: "We deserve leaders who allow their faith and moral core, our faiths and moral core, to draw us closer together, not drive us farther apart. We deserve leaders who believe in each of us."

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program was easier to handle administratively. The program has proved popular, prompting officials to spin it off as an independent major, Bayless said.

Bayless said the primary difference students will see immediately is that their transcripts will show their major as "medieval studies" rather than "humanities with an emphasis on medieval studies." Bayless said this is important, because the former designation led to of confusion from graduate schools and possible employers.

An independent Medieval Studies Program will also have a higher national profile than the previous designation, which will likely attract more students from a wider variety of places, Bayless said. This will attract better faculty, which will attract more funding, which will allow the University to build

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— Suzanne Wise

Sophomore, anthropology

an even better program, she added.

Nicols said that at present, medieval studies majors fall into one of two groups. Some are straight humanities majors with an emphasis in medieval studies, but many are double-majors, often in English or history.

"It's pretty typical for humanities students to double-major," said Nicols.

Medieval studies majors study many aspects of history and culture from the period 500 to 1500 A.D. Focuses include literature, art history, religion and music.

Bayless said the University's program is unusual in that students are not restricted to the study of Europe. Students can also take classes on

medieval China and Japan, as well as other cultures.

Sophomore anthropology major Suzanne Wise said she is happy to see medieval studies become its own major. Wise also said the program will be a boon to students not majoring in medieval studies, because it will provide the opportunity to take a broader range of history and culture classes.

"It's really great for those people who want to follow that course of study," she said.

At present, there are no plans for a doctoral program for medieval studies, but the University does offer a "Structured Emphasis in the Medieval Period" doctoral program through the English department that has attracted many students, Bayless said. Students can also earn an interdisciplinary master of arts in the medieval periods.

"We offer quite a lot of options after the B.A.," Bayless said.

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