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"I am here as John Edwards' running mate," he said. "John gave me advice before I came here: Just remember to call everyone ma'am and sir."

Ron Eckstein, spokesman for the N.C. Kerry-Edwards campaign, said the candidate is here to win the state's 15 electoral votes. The last time a Democrat won the state was in 1976, when Jimmy Carter captured the White House.

"Al Gore basically conceded North Carolina in 2000 before the election," Eckstein said. "Gore only had two staffers here, and Kerry has a full staff here. John Kerry looks to win here."

Joan Fulton, a lifelong Democrat from Greensboro, said that she is skeptical that Kerry can win over the conservative electorate in North Carolina but that she is committed to mobilizing the state's Democrats.

"It is hard to tell about North Carolina," she said. "And any state

that kept electing Senator Jesse Helms. I don't know if there is much hope."

But Enola Mixon of Greensboro said people are looking for a change in leadership and should not believe Kerry's critics.

"I think a lot of the talk is political propaganda," she said. "Something is wrong with the way the current administration is running the country."

Kerry deflected criticism in August for being too stagnant on the campaign trail. His detractors also have criticized his Senate voting record.

Eckstein added that Republicans are telling lies to voters about Kerry's military record. "If you repeat lies often enough, people start to believe them," he said.

But in the end, James Park of Winston-Salem said, it's Bush's failed policies — not criticism of Kerry — that will resonate with voters.

"North Carolina's economy has been devastated," Park said. "If you are looking for religious beliefs, look

in the churches. The Republicans are trying to legislate morality."

Kerry said he shares the same values that many North Carolinians believe in, with truth being high on the list.

He added that the "W" in Bush's name stands for "wrong" and that he thinks it is crucial this year to elect new leaders.

"The race for the presidency comes down to one question: Do you want four more years of moving in the wrong direction?" Kerry asked. "I am going to make the choice clear."

After detailing his policies, Kerry peeled off his blazer to create a more informal atmosphere and took questions from the crowd.

But the first audience member did not have a question for Kerry. She said that she was excited to see him, adding, "I think you are hot."

Kerry responded, "At my age, that sounds good — and I will be sure to tell (my wife) Teresa."

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BASKETBALL
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Clemson's Oliver Purnell.

Despite the impressive collection of coaches, the U.S. team did not claim the gold medal for the first time since NBA players were allowed on the roster in 1992.

"The fact of the matter is, it's not our divine right to win a gold medal anymore because we're not head and shoulders above other people," Williams said. "With the nature of our game, the coaches and the team are never going to have the kind of time together as other teams. And we're never going to have the passion that those other countries have for the Olympics."

"The days of having clear superior talent are gone and will never come back."

Although the Dream Team's failure to win gold has been well-documented, the dominance displayed by the Young Men's team went largely unnoticed.

The team went 5-0 in the tournament held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and won every game by double digits.

May scored a team-high 18 points in the United States' 97-86 victory in the gold-medal game against Puerto Rico.

Although May's squad, composed of players selected from colleges around the country, overwhelmed its competition, the team Williams coached was never able to gel as a cohesive unit.

The U.S. team will always have to deal with the inherent disadvantage of having the least amount of practice time, but Williams said the United States would be able to build a better team if the players had to attend tryouts instead of simply being handed invitations.

"You can put enough adversity (in the trials) so you can find out how seriously everybody really

"It was a fantastic experience, and in a lot of ways one of the most gratifying and sensational experiences I've ever had."

ROY WILLIAMS, UNC MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

does want to be there," Williams said. "You can create a situation where they can gain more passion for being on the team."

But May, who attended trials to earn his spot on the team, said it wouldn't work for NBA players.

"Our egos weren't as big," May said. "We had some problems together, but when you have guys making \$40 million, they're not going to want to sit on the bench. Some of those guys didn't have time to adjust to it; we were happy just to have the opportunity to play."

May had the chance to play for his country — something he said he would not hesitate to do again if asked — but Williams had the unique opportunity of actually being at the Olympics.

Williams said he spent every free moment he had attending other events, rarely leaving the Olympic complex.

"One of the greatest thrills for me is seeing youngsters have to come through with their absolute best at a certain specific time and do it," Williams said. "It's not like going out and shooting a 59 in a practice round, it's shooting a 59 in the final round of the Masters — but that's what we had."

May began to reach that personal best this summer, finishing in the top 10 in scoring and pacing

the tournament field in rebounding.

After a season in Chapel Hill during which he constantly heard gripes about his fitness, May claims that he is in much better shape now thanks to the additional competition and training.

"I really put in a lot of work and effort for it," May said. "I knew it would help me for my teammates and my team this year."

Williams said he couldn't help but learn from his experience in Athens, but even he is not sure whether those lessons will be as noticeable as May's physical improvements once the season begins.

"If I go coach a summer league back up in the mountains of North Carolina, I think I can pick up something from it," Williams said.

"But the fact that you've got Larry Brown, Oliver Purnell and Gregg Popovich there who have been very successful and can share some things, I think that really helps."

"In coaching you're always learning, you're always getting better. Now, I think I learned a great deal. Whether I can get it across to my team, get them to do it, we'll just have to wait and see."

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KEYES
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race relations.

"We're not out to cause trouble," Rutledge said. "He (Keyes) specifically can address, in a scholarly manner, federalist issues."

Members of the Federalist Society wanted to bring Keyes to campus to expose the community to his conservative viewpoints, ones they say often are overshadowed at UNC.

At the meeting, Rutledge praised committee members for "getting speakers in that push the envelope or might cause a stir."

He said the group wanted to bring someone with name recognition to campus so it can spur debate about judicial activism.

"The climate is better for discourse after an event like this," Rutledge said.

Last year, the Federalist Society brought conservative commentator Ann Coulter to campus with the help of \$6,747.50 appropriated from student fees.

Furr said the Finance Committee evaluates each organization's request to fund a speaker on a case-by-case basis.

"We take into account whether

a speaker will bring about intellectual debate," she said.

Furr said that in Ann Coulter's case, the group raised a majority of the money it needed to meet her honorarium of \$25,000. Without Student Congress' allocation, the group's fund raising would have been to no avail.

"For some groups, funding (from Student Congress) is a last resort," Furr said.

The Federalist Society has negotiated an \$8,000 honorarium with Keyes.

In addition to funding the speaker fees for the Federalist Society, the committee also approved \$1,400 in speaker fees to the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship to bring award-winning author Becky Freeman to campus Dec. 2.

The committee also allocated \$500 to the Carolina Society of Future Leaders to bring in former Mississippi Gov. William Winter on Nov. 16.

The Finance Committee's budget for the semester is approximately \$44,000, or about 20 percent of student fees.

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mittee, said he is not going into the meetings with a specific agenda but instead is looking to be proactive in researching different scenarios.

But trustees underscored that they, not the task force, have the final say on tuition. "The board has the ultimate responsibility to make this decision and forward it to the Board of Governors," Schwab said.

"So we are looking for valuable input and guidance and information from this task force, but the board ultimately has to make this decision."

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