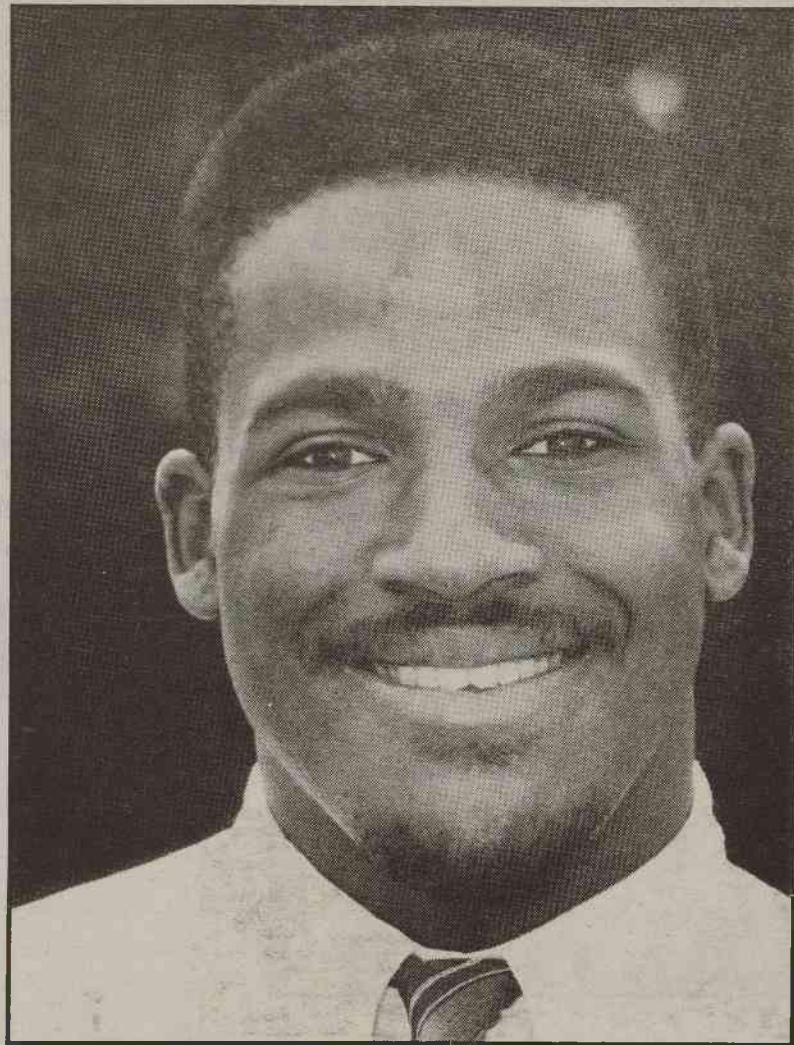


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I feel that I am qualified to be the Black Student Movement President because I possess the diverse leadership skills that the Black Student Movement needs. Perhaps I haven't held every position that there is to be held on the Central Committee, however, I have been recognized as a leader on this campus.

We all know that holding a position doesn't necessarily mean that one has lead. I am prepared to devote all my energy and effort to fulfilling the goal of making the BSM the support group for African-Americans on this campus. If there is to be change in the BSM, we must expand upon the successes of the past year and create successes of our own. This will take a Central Committee that has solid credentials as leaders, a Central Committee that is appointed by the General Body.

I cannot stress the importance of proven leadership when it comes to developing and accomplishing an agenda. In order to implement a set of goals one cannot simply work alone. We need a BSM President who has lead a staff of people, has worked with group dynamics, and knows how to involve others in the decision making process. I have lead a staff of 25-30 people, I have set goals and accomplished them. In the Office of Minority and Women's Affairs, I have put together a comprehensive packet to be presented to the Chancellor that will present a solid argument that the administration has been

ineffective on producing a Native-American professor and increasing the amount of African-American professors. I have helped continue the development of a recruitment program (Tarheel Target) with the Office of University Affairs and two hard working staff members who have taken up leadership. I have written legislation and advised Student Congress members on legislation that affected the African American community. I have meant with administrators, not just in a committee structure but one-on-one to challenge them on African-American concerns.

I am cognizant of the issues, I don't aspire to lofty goals that I cannot accomplish and have not shown the leadership ability to fulfill. I have realistic, concrete plans for the BSM. In voting for me, one is making a vote for substance.

I plan to increase the amount of African-American professors by instituting my Faculty Recruitment Plan, I am presently organizing the process to change the Office of Student Counseling to the Minority Affairs Department, I am involved in efforts to make courses on the ethnic makeup of this country a mandatory requirement. If elected, I would support the Retention Programs on this campus at the same level that we support the Recruitment Programs and make sure that they are equally funded. I will increase through networking, the amount of African-Americans involved in other

organizations to insure that our voice is heard and cannot be ignored. I will sponsor monthly dinners with African-American professors to develop the support group and mentor network that we need. I will increase the funding for Sub-Groups (Gospel Choir, Ebony Readers) by making sure that their dues directly benefit them and develop fundraisers to help alleviate some of their costs. I will be an accessible BSM President, I will hold bi-monthly Chase or Pit sits so that I may keep in tune with the voice of the African-American community. These are just some of my platform issues.

I invite those of you who are becoming members around election time, to think twice about the vote you make. I invite those of you who became members at the beginning of the year to examine what you are looking for in the BSM. Are you going to vote for the status quo or are you going to vote for a change? I have gained the leadership skills that we need and am eager to give them back to the community. As a rising junior, I am dedicated and possess the time to do what you want and provide what you need. On March 8th, Please vote for Dana Lumsden and Put the Movement Back in Motion.

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B S M Elect

Vote, Vote,

Last year in the Black Student Presidential elections only 72 votes were cast to decide the winner. Considering this, imagine just how many blacks voted for student body president, or even for president of the United States in the most recent elections.

Looking back on American history, blacks have only recently been allowed to vote and to enter the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, yet we have already forgotten the pains and the struggles of our predecessors. Many people have died and many have sweat blood in order to give blacks the right to vote.

We must use our right to vote to make our voice on this campus and



Dana Lumsden (left) and Sabnna Evans (right) discuss their platforms at the Alpha Kappa Alpha Candidates Forum on Monday