



*What are your opinions on Affirmative Action?*

I want to communicate to the whole student body that affirmative action is important. We have some barriers because of state caps regarding out-of-state students as well as many students of color coming from less advantaged areas, but we need to work hard on increasing the number of students of color here at Carolina.

*How do you feel that students can take action upon themselves to work toward diversity?*

I do not think that people should forget the power of individual personal relationships. We should relate to people one-on-one, not as part of a group. I encourage more interactions between students of all sorts of differing backgrounds. Whether they come from a small town in Georgia, North Carolina, Hong Kong or New York City, they should all feel at home at this University.

*Please elaborate on the professional relationship between your office and the Office of Minority Affairs.*

I asked Dr. Ervin to put together a community advisory board so we can have good contacts with the minority community in Chapel Hill. It

is helpful to have a network to advise me on how to handle possible situations.

*In the past, the Chancellor's Office and the Black Student Movement have alternatively worked together and against each other in matters regarding campus diversity. What measures are you willing to take to increase the positive relationship with the BSM?*

I would listen. The Chancellor's Office needs to know about its performance. We cannot provide resources or correct problems unless people tell us about them. We encourage the BSM to continue to tell us what we are doing wrong and what we can do to fix these problems.

*Do you believe that minority students (as well as the mainstream population) will be advanced during your administration?*

I do. I hope people will say, "It's better now than it was five years ago."

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